

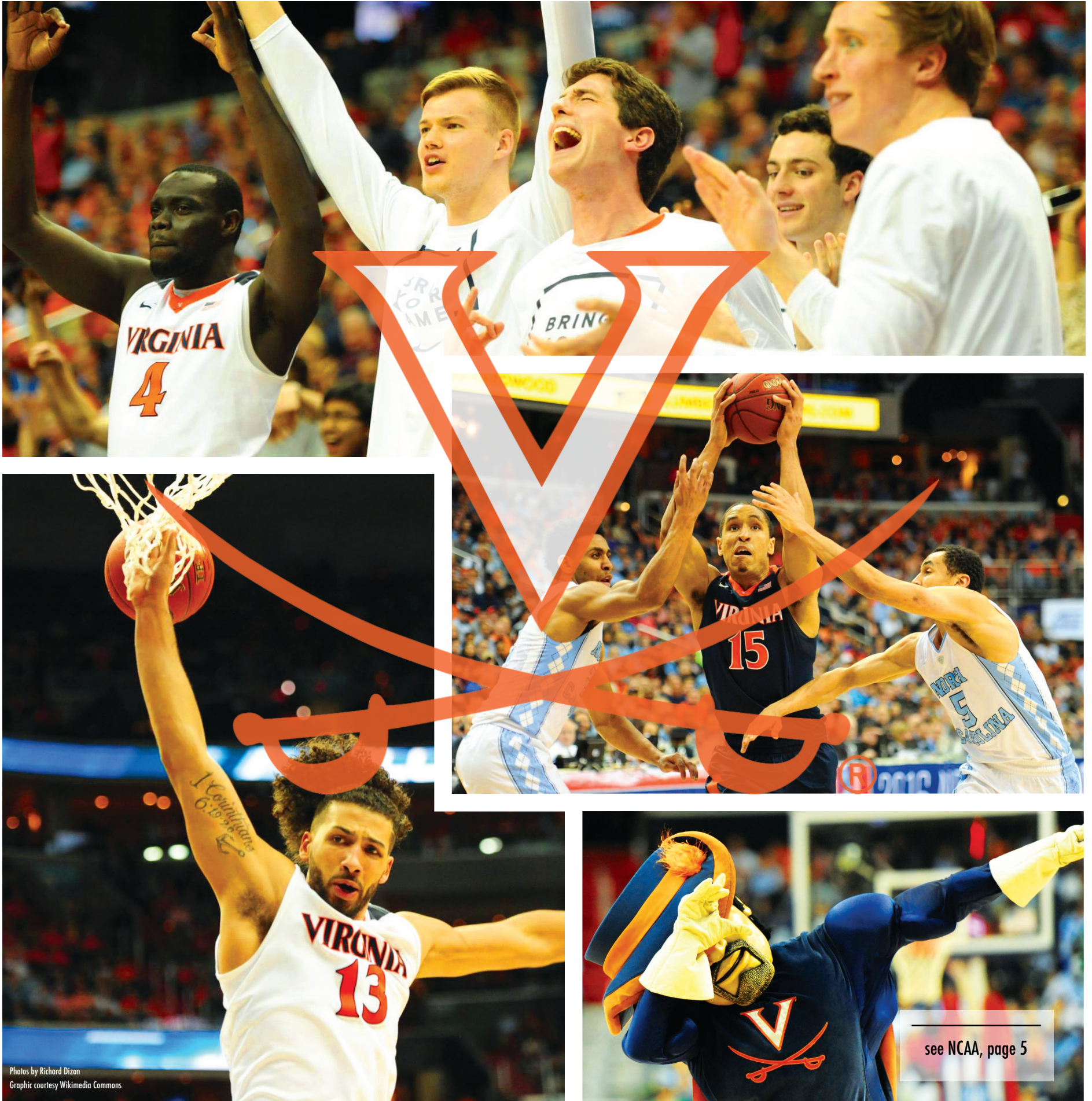
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All parties in a lawsuit concerning allegations of hazing against former members of the University swim team have reached a settlement date.

Allegations in former University student Anthony Marcantonio's suit include assault, battery, false imprisonment, tortious interference with contractual relations, hazing and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Hazing lawsuit to reach settlement

Marcantonio, swim team members to reach agreement

Marcantonio said he received emails from a manufactured persona named "Mr. Mean," allegedly drafted by the five defendants, asking him to come to the "Swim House" in August of 2014 to "bond" with fellow teammates during "Welcome Week." Marcantonio was a first-year student at the time.

The email states whatever Mr. Mean says "goes" and threatens to commit violent acts against first-year swim team members if they were to "tell a soul" about the events which would take place at the Swim House that night.

Marcantonio alleges upperclassmen forced him to grab his peers'

genitals in an "elephant walk," eat live goldfish, drink large amounts of alcohol, milk and prune juice and wear a bucket on his head while having liquids poured on him.

Marcantonio transferred to Northwestern University after reporting the hazing and being "ostracized" from the team.

All five of the alleged conspirators — defendants Kyle Dudzinski, Luke Papendick, Charles Rommel, David Ingraham and Jacob Pearce — motioned to dismiss portions of the case, stating Marcantonio failed to state a claim.

The defendants said it was Marcantonio's desire to fit in that drove

him to go to the Swim House voluntarily and claim he was not forced into any alleged activities.

Judge Norman K. Moon concluded their motion to dismiss would be "granted in part and denied in part" based on the analysis of each of the plaintiff's allegations.

Moon referred the case for mediation, or a settlement conference, March 4, upon the request of all parties involved in the suit.

The settlement conference order, filed March 9, sets the settlement date for March 28 at the U.S. District Court in Charlottesville.

"All parties and their lead counsel are required to appear at the settle-

ment conference ... for the purpose of conducting discussions, in good faith, towards a compromise resolution of this case," Moon wrote in the order.

At the conference, the parties will present the factual and legal aspects of the case and then meet with the magistrate judge.

Moon ordered each party to submit a brief of their legal positions and said the parties should work to negotiate their agreement prior to the conference.

The settlement negotiations at the conference will be confidential, Moon wrote.

Professor, former detainees discuss North Korea

Providing historic context, personal experiences in DPRK

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Third-year Commerce student Otto Warmbier has been detained in North Korea for over two months following his arrest for an alleged "hostile act" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In a press conference Feb. 28, Warmbier confessed to attempting to steal a political banner from the Yanggakdo International Hotel in Pyongyang.

Warmbier said in his confession he was tasked to steal the banner with support from Friendship Methodist Church in Wyoming, Ohio, the Z Society and the U.S. government. The groups in question have not confirmed their involvement.

Historic context of U.S.-North Korea relations

Associate History Prof. Emeritus Ronald Dimberg said the current situation is unsurprising given the current and historic tensions between North Korea and the United States.

People need to consider American-North Korean relations from Pyongyang's point of view regardless of their personal opinions, Dimberg said.

"Is this behavior justifiable? No. Is it rational? I would argue yes because of the way Pyongyang perceives themselves in the world right now," Dimberg said.

Dimberg said North Korea has been isolated in the international community since the collapse of the Soviet Union and has felt threatened by the United States since the Korean War.

"During the Korean War, the U.N. — effectively the U.S. — carpet

bombed North Korea, perhaps justifiably," Dimberg said. "But we did destroy many, many cities and towns and hamlets and lives with bombing. The North Koreans have never forgotten and the North Korean leaders will not let ... the North Koreans forget that."

Following the war, the United States built up a significant military presence south of the Korean Demilitarized Zone in South Korea and eventually introduced nuclear weapons to the Korean peninsula, Dimberg said.

Dimberg said North Korea has felt threatened by this military presence as well as rhetoric from American leaders, including former President George Bush's 2002 "axis of evil" speech which labeled Iran, Iraq and North Korea as enemies of the United States and further heightened tensions between North Korea and the United States.

"We had already invaded one of the countries, we were threatening to invade another one. And what's left? The third — North Korea," Dimberg said. "We showed ourselves capable of invading, threatening to invade. We were not threatening to invade North Korea at that point, but [North Korean leaders thought], 'we're next on the list.'"

Former detainees' experiences

Former American detainees held in North Korea have said they were isolated by the government during their detainment.

Journalist Euna Lee was held in the DPRK for about 6 months in 2009 after she was caught alongside Laura Ling on the border between China and North Korea. Lee was arrested for entering the country illegally.

Jeffrey Fowle was held for about

6 months in 2014 after he left a Christian Bible in a nightclub.

Both Lee and Fowle were eventually released and currently live in the U.S.

"Looking back, I was treated fairly during my detainment in the sense that they provided me with a simple Korean meal three times a day and I was able to see a doctor when I was sick," Lee said in an email statement.

Lee said the interrogation process was tough, although she said she was never physically threatened.

"The difficulty was that I had no access to any information besides what the [North] Korean officers brought to me," Lee said.

After his arrest in April 2014, Fowle was held in the Yanggakdo Hotel in Pyongyang for three and half weeks and was eventually transferred to a "guest house."

"I was treated reasonably well at both places," Fowle said. "[I was] never physically abused, [and was given] three meals a day."

Although Fowle was held in isolation, he said he was brought meals by women at the guest house and was allowed to interact with an interpreter for 30-45 minutes a day.

Like Lee, Fowle said he was also limited in his access to media.

Domestic prisoners are held in separate conditions than foreign detainees in North Korea, Lee said.

"We've heard about the unbelievable stories about the [North Korean] labor camps from [North] Korean defectors about how the prisoners live in a below human level," Lee said. "Compared to those stories, foreign detainees have definitely been in a fairer conditions. But a prisoner is a prisoner."

Lee said she was under constant surveillance by guards.

"Having no visitors and no freedom, no access to the outside news will be hard for anyone who is detained in a country like [North Korea]," she said.

Fowle said the differences between the treatment of foreign and domestic detainees are "like night and day."

Some families are placed in North Korean prisons and camps "for generations," Fowle said.

Fowle said the North Korean government keeps foreign detainees in separate facilities because foreigners are eventually released and share information about their conditions.

"They want to keep [the prisoners] in isolation so they can completely control the conditions that they're immersed in and come back and relay this information — they were not beat, they were not starved, they were not treated badly," Fowle said.

While Dimberg said the North Korean government is not irrational, he does not deny they can be extremely cruel and he understands that the current situation is dangerous.

"It is encouraging to me that no one has come out immediately and made some hawkish statement about [Warmbier's detainment]. Let's see how it plays out," Dimberg said. "Now, in the meantime this poor young man is suffering, his family is suffering, his friends here are suffering. I won't deny that, but I think it's important not to overreact to this."

Current U.S. approach to North Korea

The United States does not have formal diplomatic relations with the North Korean government. The Swedish Embassy in Pyongyang acts

as the "Protecting Power" for U.S. citizens in North Korea.

According to the State Department, Warmbier was visited by a Swedish official March 2.

Tensions with the North Korean government have risen in recent months with President Barack Obama's administration and United Nations approving new sanctions against the DPRK in response to North Korean missile tests and developments in its nuclear capabilities.

Dimberg said leaders who advocate for military force against North Korea need to consider the long-term implications of military aggression.

"I accept the argument that you can't be concerned only about today, you have to be concerned about tomorrow as well," Dimberg said. "Overthrowing the North Korean regime is not the way to behave."

The Chinese government would rather have a nuclear North Korea than a collapsed state, Dimberg said, because of the millions of refugees who would enter China in the event of the North Korean government collapsing.

An ideal American policy towards North Korea would consider their perspectives on international issues and encourage policies of "loosening up" with regards to markets, Dimberg said. It also would encourage "trust politics" between North and South Korea, with each side making compromises with one another.

"I regret that so few American leaders and policymakers even try to understand North Korean behavior from the perspective of Pyongyang," Dimberg said.

Laws passed to combat sexual violence on campuses

Gov. McAuliffe's task force's recommendations codified

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The Virginia General Assembly passed four bills March 8 to codify recommendations from Gov. Terry McAuliffe's Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence. The task force created 21 recommendations to reform the way Virginia prevents and responds to sexual violence on college campuses.

Each recommendation is categorized under one of five themes: engaging our campuses and communities in comprehensive prevention, minimizing barriers to reporting, cultivating a coordinated and trauma-informed response, sustaining and improving campus policies and ensuring compliance and institutionalizing the work of the task force and fostering ongoing collaborations.

In the final report to McAuliffe, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, chair of the task force, said the recommendations will "prevent campus sexual assault, to make cer-



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Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring chaired the governor's Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence.

tain that victims feel safe and are willing to report the crime, to ensure a survivor-centered response and to make certain that we properly seek justice against offenders."

Out of the 21 recommendations submitted, four were incorporated

into the bills passed by the General Assembly. All four recommendations amended Virginia law.

The first bill — HB1016 — requires public and private higher education institutions to establish Sexual Assault Response Teams. The task force found a previous Virginia law was insufficient because the law did not require SARTs to be in localities or higher education institutions.

SARTs will include members of student affairs, counseling and human resources offices and security personnel. Under the new law, SART records will be exempt from Freedom of Information Act requests.

The second bill, HB1015, deals with memorandums of understanding, which set "forth the roles and responsibilities of the parties with respect to the prevention and investigation of crimes occurring on campus and involving students in the locality."

The bill requires public and private institutions of higher learning to have a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement agencies or Virginia State Police. The

MOUs with local law enforcement will be used to address the prevention of and response to sexual assault.

Virginia Del. Jimmie Massie (R-Henrico County) said the new law will bring about more collaboration in addressing sexual assault on campuses around the Commonwealth.

"Local law enforcement, campus police and school administrations all have a role to play in preventing and responding to reports of sexual violence," Massie said in a press release. "These bills are very important for promoting cooperation between these groups and helping them all meet their responsibilities and the campus safety needs of our students."

The third bill requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to provide a curriculum and training on trauma-informed sexual assault investigation. This law applies to all who are likely to be involved in a sexual assault investigation such as local law enforcement, campus security and campus police departments.

In the final report, the task force said "with a better understanding of

the parameters of each process, Title IX and law enforcement/judicial professionals can work collaboratively to be more effective."

The task force also said this recommendation will lead to the reduction of duplications in effort and in investigatory overlap.

The fourth bill passed — HB489 — requires the collection and storage of Physical Evidence Recovery Kits in blind reporting cases. The new law also requires PERKs to be stored indefinitely for felony sexual assault cases. Elements of HB489 were incorporated in HB1160, a bill relating to PERKs.

University officials and alumni were involved in the task force. University alumna Emily Renda is the subcommittee chair of prevention and Dean of Students Allen Groves is a member of the Response Committee. University Police Chief Michael Gibson and Charlottesville Police Department Chief Timothy Longo also contributed to the task force.

City Council revises public comment policy

Rutherford Institute says changes violate First Amendment

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Charlottesville City Council recently revised its Council meeting procedures for public comments, but the Rutherford Institute has said these changes may violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Community members who wish to speak before a City Council meeting are now required to sign up to speak in advance, and up to 12 speakers are allowed to speak for three minutes each before a meeting. Anyone is allowed to speak after each meeting.

Those who wish to speak before the meeting must sign up by phone, through email or in person at City Hall. If more than 12 people sign up, the names are placed in a random number sequencer that chooses the speakers and places the rest on a wait-list.

Speakers are prohibited from making "improper comments," including interrupting other speakers, campaigning for public office, using profanity or vulgar language, threatening violence or making defamatory attacks on individuals or groups.

Rutherford Institute President

John Whitehead said he believes this new policy is vague and will threaten free speech by discouraging community members to share their opinions.

"It's so limiting that people cannot say certain improper comments," Whitehead said. "Free speech is the right to assemble or express your opinion. That's even if the government officials don't like what you're saying."

Speakers should be able to speak freely as long as they do not threaten violence, Whitehead said.

"People have a right to tell the government to go to hell — that's not improper speech in a public meeting," Whitehead said. "They shouldn't be thrown out or put at the end of the meeting. Public officials are there to hear our complaints, not our praises."

Whitehead said he does not believe allowing anyone to speak after meetings justifies requiring people to sign up to speak before meetings because all speech is equal and there might not be time at the end of the meeting for public comments.

"The answer to America's problems is people going down to City Council meetings," Whitehead said. "This will chill anybody getting involved in local

government."

City Attorney Craig Brown said the city has considered the Rutherford Institute's concerns, but said the procedures do not violate the First Amendment.

"There is no debate that local governments have an affirmative obligation to protect the exercise of First Amendment freedoms during meetings of the governing body," Brown said in an email statement. "At the same time, courts have repeatedly held that such operating procedures ensure an environment that is free from disruption and disorder, so that local governments can do the people's business."

The procedures preserve order and citizens' free speech rights, Brown said.

"From our perspective these Procedures, many of which have been in effect since 2013, strike a careful balance between those two interests, by encouraging a robust and engaged exchange of ideas in a meeting that will be conducted efficiently and effectively," Brown said.

Maevie Curtin, student liaison between the University and City Council and a second-year College student, said recording speakers' names and the subject about which they are concerned

allows policymakers to work closely with citizens.

"It's great because I've been able to reach out to people and have meetings with people about certain issues that they care about," Curtin said.

While Curtin acknowledged the concerns some citizens have about the new policy, she said there are different ways for community members to express their opinions, including Mayor Mike Signer's weekly office hours or emailing individual council members.

"If students or community members are interested in specific policy issues, they're always welcome to attend meetings to hone their interests and learn more about the community," Curtin said.

Law Prof. Leslie Kendrick said the system of requiring speakers to sign up to speak in advance does not violate the First Amendment.

Because it is impossible for every community member to speak for an unlimited time at a public meeting, public officials are allowed to place certain rules on speakers in order to maintain order, she said.

"When you have a space or time period in which only a

few people can speak, then the First Amendment requires that the mechanism for who gets to speak be a neutral mechanism," Kendrick said. "The thing about this policy that works is that it's a neutral method of providing access."

Kendrick said the policy of allowing speakers to sign up by phone, through email or in person and the method of selecting speakers by a random number sequencer is a neutral mechanism.

"They have provided three different forms of access, and are trying their best to make this accessible to people," Kendrick said.

However, Kendrick said the policy's rules about improper comments and the ban on profanity and vulgarity may possibly present a legal issue.

"It seems to me that these standards cut into speech that's otherwise protected by the First Amendment — profanity and vulgar language," Kendrick said. "Some types of defamation are protected by the First Amendment. This policy is requiring people to be on better behavior than the First Amendment generally requires them to be, which could be a potential problem."

ASB serves communities around nation, world

Alternative Spring Break grows in popularity among students

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Instead of spending their spring breaks relaxing on a beach, many University students spent their weeks volunteering throughout the country and abroad as part of Alternative Spring Break.

Started in 1992, ASB is a student-run organization with the original purpose of conducting service projects during spring break as an alternative to the normal college experience.

ASB now breaks away from a one-week commitment and emphasizes a year-round experience where participants learn to become leaders in their community and make a meaningful impact, according to its

website.

“We get people interested in not only helping the community but devoting their time to the community after our trips are completed,” third-year Commerce student and ASB site leader Conner Healy said. “The goal is to show them that this is something you could do for the other 51 weeks and not just one week out of the year.”

Second-year College student Care Shoaibi said ASB trips are a great way for students to easily get involved in service.

“I think a lot of college students want to give back in some way, but sometimes they don’t know how, or maybe don’t have the time, or something along those lines. And I really think ASB is a wonderful solution,” Shoaibi said.

Shoaibi participated in an ASB

trip in New Orleans this year with the St. Bernard’s Project, which assists with post-Hurricane Katrina reconstruction and recovery efforts.

In addition to the spring break trips, ASB hosts Alternative Fall Break, a program which helps local Charlottesville organizations over the four-day weekend.

Each year, ASB chooses its sites based on a variety of factors and vary in what their goals are to achieve in their set community. Trips are decided a year in advance and are chosen in one of three ways, third-year College student and ASB President John Connolly said.

“The first is where we go back to sites that we like and have a relationship with,” Connolly said. “The second is where site leaders have a relationship with a non-profit and they will connect us with that organiza-

tion. The third is where nonprofits occasionally reach out to ASB and ask that we send them volunteers.”

Third-year Batten student Adam Ghazzawi said trip leaders are responsible for planning the trip, from coordinating with nonprofits to organizing housing.

This year, Ghazzawi and his co-site leader, third-year College student Helen Phillips, organized their trip to Austin, Texas.

“You get a lot of freedom with how you plan your trip, so we decided to work with five organizations over five days and kind of just get a taste of what it’s like to work in these different types of environments over the course of one week,” Ghazzawi said.

ASB currently offers 34 programs with eight to 10 site workers for each site. Students interested in partici-

pating submit applications during the fall semester. When completing the application, students rank their top five trip choices.

The number of applications often exceeds the number of available spots, Connolly said.

“We are constantly seeking to expand our trip offerings in order to open the ASB experience to more students,” Connolly said.

ASB’s popularity stems from student’s desire to volunteer in a reasonable way for college students, Shoaibi said.

“Students want to participate because, in addition to participating in meaningful service, you get to travel to a cool place and become genuinely close friends with other U.Va. students — students whom you probably wouldn’t cross paths with otherwise,” Shoaibi said.

General Assembly elects new Supreme Court justice

Stephen R. McCullough selected for state’s high court

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The Virginia General Assembly elected Judge Stephen R. McCullough to the Virginia Supreme Court March 10. McCullough was previously a judge in the State Court of Appeals.

A vacancy was left on the Supreme Court when Justice LeRoy Millette Jr. retired in July 2015.

Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe appointed Justice Jane Roush to an interim appointment on the court and sought her election from the Republican-controlled General Assembly for a full 12 year term on the court.

Republican leaders said the recess appointment was outside of McAuliffe’s powers because the appointment was made while the House of Delegates was in session. Recess appointments require the state legislature to be adjourned.

When Roush’s appointment expired Feb. 12, the court seat remained vacant until McCullough’s appointment.

Republican leaders opposed Roush’s appointment and initially supported the appointment of State Court of Appeals Judge Rossie Alston Jr.

“Since last August, the House has maintained that Judge Alston is the most qualified

choice for the current vacancy,” House Speaker William Howell (R-Stafford) said in a January press release. “He is a widely respected and experienced Court of Appeals Judge who earned the endorsement of every major bar association in the Commonwealth.”

Ultimately, Alston was not confirmed in the Senate, and Howell said he was “deeply disappointed.”

The Senate Courts of Justice Committee — which recommends potential nominees — also considered former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli to fill the vacant seat.

Cuccinelli said he was humbled to be considered for the position.

“I have been approached to consider an appointment to the Virginia Supreme Court,” Cuccinelli said in a Facebook post March 8. “I am humbled and honored to be considered for such a position, but it is not something that my wife and I have previously contemplated.”

This choice was met with opposition, including from Lieutenant Gov. Ralph Northam, who called the decision an “embarrassment and affront to the people of Virginia and the judicial process.”

“Ken Cuccinelli has spent his career as an activist trying to outlaw abortion and birth control, denying science and

climate change and aggressively denigrating and denying our LGBT community of basic rights,” Northam said in a press release.

Cuccinelli withdrew his name from the process March 9, and McCullough was elected by the General Assembly the following day.

Some members of the General Assembly considered the process to be rushed. Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Donald McEachin (D-Henrico) said lawmakers and citizens had no time to review his record before the final vote.

“He was certified in a last-minute meeting that ordinary Virginians had no chance to attend,” McEachin said in a press release. “Every aspect of this process has been rushed and opaque — unworthy of our Court and our Commonwealth.”

Despite some Democrats’ belief that there was not ample time to review McCullough’s credentials, those who support the decision said they are confident he is the right person for the position.

Dave Albo (R-West Springfield), chairman of the House Courts of Justice Committee, said McCullough is an experienced judge who will make significant contributions to the court.

“From his time in the Attorney General’s office as Solicitor

General and an Assistant Attorney General to his current tenure on the Court of Appeals, Judge McCullough has gained wide respect from his peers,” Albo said in a press release.

House Speaker William Howell said McCullough is an “eminently qualified jurist” and that he would make “an outstanding addition to Virginia’s highest court.”

Following the conclusion of the 2016 legislative session March 12, McAuliffe’s letter to the General Assembly called the appointment an opportuni-

ty “lost this year to disorder and acrimony.”

“The firing of a highly qualified Supreme Court Justice and the haphazard process for replacing her was an unprecedented political affront to the independence of our judiciary, the branch of government we depend on to apply calm and deliberative thought to our Commonwealth’s thorniest disputes,” McAuliffe wrote.

McCullough will serve on the Virginia Supreme Court through 2027.



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A vacancy was left on the Virginia Supreme Court when Justice LeRoy Millette Jr. retired in July 2015.



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A day after suffering a defeat in the ACC championship against North Carolina, Virginia is likely feeling better about itself. Not only did the loss come against an NCAA No. 1 seed, but the Cavaliers earned a No. 1 seed themselves.

The NCAA selection committee announced Sunday evening that Virginia earned the third-overall seed in the NCAA tournament, behind Kansas and North Carolina, respectively. Oregon, who trounced Utah, 88-57, Saturday for the Pac-12 title, earned the tournament's fourth No. 1 seed.

The Cavaliers (26-7) will begin play Thursday against Hampton (21-10) in Raleigh, N.C. at PNC Arena, home of the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes and conference rival North Carolina State men's basketball team. Tipoff is scheduled for 20 minutes

Virginia earns No. 1 seed for tourney

Cavaliers begin action Thursday against No. 16 Hampton

following the Butler-Texas Tech matchup, which begins at 12:40pm.

The Cavaliers were one of seven ACC teams to make the big dance.

Despite earning a No. 1 seed, Virginia coach Tony Bennett is wary of the challenges that lie ahead for his team, which must earn six wins to earn a national championship, especially given the parity in college basketball this season.

"It's just that way now," Bennett said. "You gotta be playing good basketball coming into this because no one is untouchable."

Michigan State, despite defeating Purdue Sunday for the Big-10 championship and its 29-5 record, was bumped out by Oregon for the tournament's No. 1 seed. The Spartans were put as the No. 2 seed in Virginia's Midwest-region bracket.

Michigan State has defeated Virginia two consecutive seasons in the NCAA tournament. In 2014, the top-seeded Cavaliers lost to the fourth-seeded Spartans, 61-59, in the

Sweet 16.

Last season, Michigan State — a No. 7 seed — topped second-seeded Virginia, 60-54, in the round-of-32. Now-senior forward Anthony Gill led Virginia with 11 points, while then-senior forward Darion Atkins added 10 points and 14 rebounds. The Cavaliers shot just 29.8 percent from the floor, including a 2-of-17 effort from three.

Still, Virginia is cautious to look too far ahead to the potential Elite-Eight matchup.

"You just hope you're fortunate enough and you're playing well enough to get to that game," Bennett said. "That's all you can hope for. You'd be foolish to look too far ahead."

Virginia, which is third in the RPI rankings, was likely rewarded for boasting the nation's strongest schedule. Nine Cavalier opponents made the tournament, including out of conference foes Villanova, West Virginia and California — No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 seeds, respectively.

Additionally, North Carolina, Miami, Duke, Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Syracuse made the tournament. The Cavaliers defeated all nine of these opponents at least once, with the exception of Duke.

A No. 1 seed has never lost its first round game against a No. 16 seed, although Hampton is a different squad than most 16th-seed.

The Pirates, which earned an automatic bid with an 81-69 win against South Carolina State Saturday in the MEAC championship, won its NCAA tournament play-in game last year against Manhattan before falling to then-undefeated Kentucky.

Five of Hampton's top six leading scorers are seniors, with guard Reginald Johnson, Jr. leading the team with 18.3 points per game. Guard Quinton Chievous, who played with Virginia sophomore guard Darius Thompson at Tennessee, scores 17 points per game and grabs a team-high 11 rebounds per contest.

"You learn quickly that seeding

does not matter whatsoever," senior forward Evan Nolte said after the North Carolina game Saturday.

Virginia earned its second No. 1 seed in three years and its fifth in program history. The Cavaliers are making their third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance for the first time since 1993-95.

After several years of mediocrity throughout the Pete Gillen and Dave Leitao eras, Virginia is thankful to be in its position today.

"When Mike Tobey was on our radio show a couple weeks ago, they asked him what's changed from your first year to now," Bennett said. "He said, and I thought it was well said, our first year, we were watching bracketology, and are we on the bubble? Are we the last four in, last four out? Where are we at? Now, we're wondering whether we're going to be a one or two seed. That is appreciative to be in that spot."

Breaking down Virginia's Midwest tourney path

Matthew Morris
Sports Columnist

As 5:30 p.m. drew near on Selection Sunday, my roommate and I had to ask, could Virginia end up in Michigan State's region again? After two hours of banter from Charles Barkley, Ernie Johnson and Co., we have our answer — and the answer is yes.

Is Virginia-Michigan State the new Yankees-Red Sox? The new UNC-Duke?

Our Cavaliers, recipients of the No. 1 seed in the Midwest, could play Denzel Valentine and the Spartans in late March at Chicago's TBD United Center, home of the Chicago Bulls. But first, coach Tony Bennett's bunch must win a few games — and we can say the same of Sparty.

As Virginia fans, we know that scoring March W's is no easy task, and in this season of parity, every team seems to have a chance. Aside from Virginia and MSU, the Midwest features Utah, Purdue — both top-15 teams in the latest AP poll — and Iowa State, whose star forward Georges Niang racked up a combined 53 points in recent loss to Oklahoma and win to Kansas.

That's not to mention Big East tourney champ Seton Hall, which toppled Xavier and Villanova last Friday and Saturday night, respectively.

Or Butler, the last team to defeat the Pirates.

Virginia and coach Tom Izzo's group, in short, haven't punched their tickets to the Elite Eight just yet. But I've got to say, I'll be disappointed if the Cavaliers don't take another swing at Sparty.

Let's take a closer look at Virginia's possible March Madness path.

Four days after enduring a late-game letdown against North Carolina — the No. 1 seed in the East — our Cavaliers draw Hampton at PNC Arena in Raleigh, N.C. The MEAC champion Pirates fell by 35-plus points against SMU and Colorado — both tournament-caliber teams — in December road affairs, but they have surpassed 80-points in three consecutive games.

I don't think they'll make it four.

A win earns Virginia a date with the Texas Tech-Butler winner. The Big 12's Raiders surged in mid-February, when they posted five consecutive wins — downing Iowa State, Baylor and Oklahoma — but have wobbled as of late. Butler, meanwhile, boasts Roosevelt Jones, who's averaging 14 points, 6.6 boards and 4.7 assists and picked up All-Big East Second Team honors earlier this month.

Butler topped Purdue in December, but the Bulldogs finished a combined 0-7 against Big East heavyweights Villanova, Xavier and Providence. I don't see Butler or Texas Tech

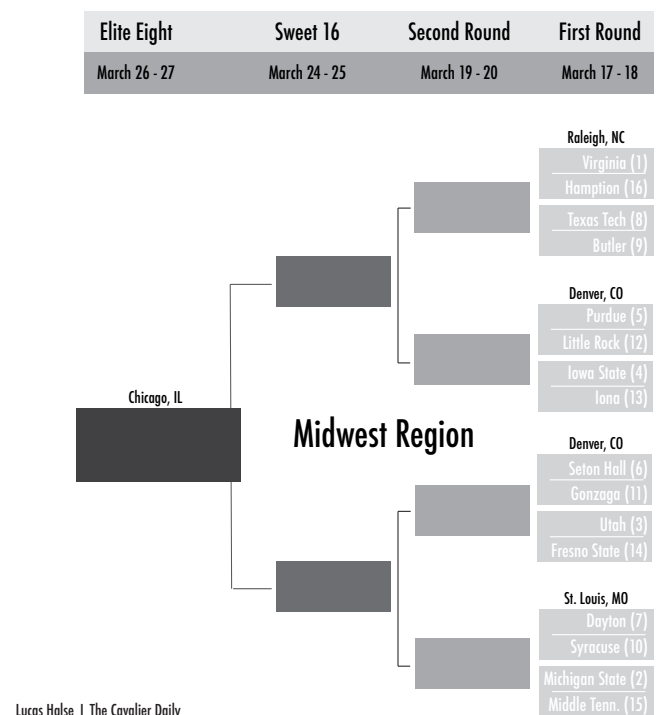
taking down a team led by Brogdon, Anthony Gill and London Perrantes.

Our Cavaliers have never advanced beyond the Sweet 16 under Bennett, and both Purdue and Iowa State present real challenges. Let's be honest — a game against the Cyclones could be very fun to watch. Iowa State scores 81.8 points per game — 15th best in college hoops — and plays with pace. I'd love to see Virginia slow them down.

The Boilermakers, meanwhile, clean the glass better than anyone except for Michigan State, who edged coach Matt Painter's team by four in Sunday's Big Ten title game, came in ranked No. 2 in the AP poll and somehow whiffed on a No. 1 seed.

A.J. Hammons put up 14.9 points, eight rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game for Purdue this season and even made six of his 11 three-points attempts. If the Cavaliers meet the Boilermakers with an Elite Eight berth on the line, can Gill — or Virginia's own seven-footer, Mike Tobey — make Hammons uncomfortable?

The Spartans stack up favorably against just about anyone, but they're in line to face talented teams as well. I'm particularly interested in the Seton Hall-Gonzaga matchup, because Hall is hot and the Bulldogs have Kyle Wiltjer, whom media outlets pegged as a National Player of the Year candidate in the preseason. The Zags also trot out 6-foot-11 Doman-



tas Sabonis and Eric McClellan, the WCC Defensive Player of the Year.

Still, it's hard to forget Utah, who had won nine consecutive games before Saturday's 31-point loss against Oregon in the Pac-12 championship. The Utes lost eight games this year — three against the Ducks. Austrian big guy Jakob Poeltl paces his team in both scoring and rebounding — and he's an ambassador for hoops.

All that said, if I've got to make

picks right now — which we all do, right? — I'm taking Virginia and Michigan State. This is the matchup of destiny, and who doesn't want to watch Brogdon face off against Valentine, the country's biggest triple-double threat?

Between Sparty and the Cavs, who'll win the Midwest? I'm taking Virginia. And if you want analysis, I apologize. It's what I'm feeling in my heart.

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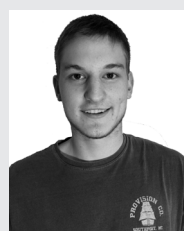
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**ROBERT ELDER**
Sports Editor

When clicking, UNC is the most dangerous team in the nation. Just ask Virginia. The only other team I'd pick over them is Kansas, but it's dagum tough to beat a team — Oklahoma — three times in a season. Advantage, Oklahoma. As for MSU over Virginia, I'll believe it when I see it.

**MATT WURZBURGER**
Sports Editor

Let me begin by saying this was the most difficult bracket I've ever encountered — very few teams stand out. Many of my selections came down to the team I doubted the least. The South and West regionals are wide open for the taking — I don't trust Kansas, Oregon and Villanova.

**GRANT GOSSAGE**
Senior Associate Editor

No. 1 overall Kansas finds itself in perhaps the toughest region, with Villanova, Miami, California, Maryland and Arizona lurking in the South. However, led by coach Bill Self and senior Perry Ellis, the talented and deep Jayhawks will win six straight, and the rowdiest of Anthony Pitts Jr. celebrations will ensue.

**MATT MORRIS**
Sports Columnist

Carolina is stacked inside, and senior Marcus Paige heated up over the weekend. Virginia is taking down Michigan State because the third time's the charm. Senior Buddy Hield torched opposing defenses all year, and Oklahoma's no one-man team. And I'm convinced Maryland's playing the long con. If our Cavs top MSU, no one's stopping them.

**MATT COMEY**
Sports Columnist

There are many possible reasonable outcomes in this year's field that I'm just going to hedge my bets and pick the one seeds to reach the Final Four. Virginia beats Michigan State and UNC in a pair of revenge games, but the magic runs out against top overall seed Kansas in the championship.

North Carolina outlasts Virginia for ACC title

Cavaliers shoot a season-low 36.5 percent from the field, including 33.3 percent in the second half

Robert Elder
Sports Editor

On a Saturday filled with top-tier college matchups, the Virginia-North Carolina showdown took the cake as the most anticipated. In a battle of potential NCAA No. 1 seeds, the game pitted the ACC's top-two teams against each other.

The first half had all the makings of a classic. With ongoing conference expansion, the local crowd showed its pleasure seeing the ACC championship decided in another rendition of the South's oldest rivalry.

But in the second half, North Carolina's demolition of Notre Dame the night before might have proved the difference. Virginia, which fought a full 40 minutes against Miami Friday night to advance to the finals, fell victim to a 15-2 Tar Heel run from the 9:39 mark until senior guard Malcolm Brogdon hit a three with 1:39 to play.

The Cavaliers shot a season low 36.5 percent from the field, including a mere 33.3 percent in the second half. Brogdon connected on just 6-of-22 field goals for 15 points, while junior guard London Perrantes managed only a 3-of-14 performance from the floor. The duo went a combined 4-of-17 from deep.

"[It] seems like we were getting good shots," senior forward Anthony Gill said. "We just didn't convert on them. A lot of guys had wide open shots that just weren't falling for us tonight."



Richard Dizon | The Cavalier Daily

Virginia held a narrow second half lead before North Carolina used a 15-2 run to pull away from the Cavaliers and earn the ACC title.

The Cavaliers led to start the second half until North Carolina junior guard Marcus Paige, who finished with 13 points, made his seventh consecutive point for the Tar Heels on a jumper to put North Carolina up, 40-39, with 12:11 remaining.

After Virginia scored the next five points, the 15-2 Tar Heel run began, putting North Carolina up by nine with 1:45 to play.

The Cavaliers had plenty of open looks, especially from deep — nor-

mally a good sign for Perrantes and Brogdon, who are 49.3 percent and 41.9 percent three-point shooters, respectively. However, perhaps due to fatigue, Virginia simply could not connect.

"Absolutely fatigue is a part of it for both teams," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "We looked a little tired, but that's not an excuse. It was just one of those games."

Still, Virginia held strong through the first half, going toe-to-toe with

the Tar Heels to the tune of eight lead changes through the opening 20 minutes.

The Cavaliers stayed competitive by taking advantage of North Carolina's eight first-half turnovers, while getting contributions from role players such as sophomore guards Devon Hall, who had seven first-half points, and Marial Shayok, who had four, including an electric baseline drive and dunk.

North Carolina senior forward Brice Johnson, who had 12 points and a team-high 9 rebounds, put in a layup with 27 seconds left to even the game at 28 at halftime.

The second half proved the opposite for Virginia, though. Brogdon had just five second half points, while neither Hall nor Shayok added to their point total. The Cavaliers also committed six turnovers to North Carolina's two.

Gill was the lone bright spot, scoring 11 of his 13 points in the second stanza.

Due to North Carolina's on-ball pressure that extended well-beyond the three-point arc, Virginia was forced to run different offensive sets than it did against Georgia Tech and Miami, Gill said.

The Cavaliers struggled to find rhythm from the outside, while also getting outscored in the paint, 34-28.

"That's a team that makes it tough to get inside and get layups," Brogdon said. "I drive a lot. I get a lot of baskets inside, but they have big challenge shots. You have to pick your shots differently. Today I had a

lot of open shots. I just missed a lot of shots."

Brogdon and Gill earned first-team All-Tournament, while Perrantes nagged a spot on the second team. Paige, Johnson and sophomore guard Joel Berry II, who scored a game-high 19 points Saturday, represented North Carolina on the All-Tournament first team, with Berry taking home MVP honors.

The Cavaliers left disappointed they could not keep up as North Carolina pulled away.

"They definitely played extremely well on both sides of the ball, but we had a lot of open shots we usually make," Perrantes said. "That's the most frustrating part about tonight."

Virginia will await its NCAA tournament seeding Sunday evening. The team will watch the selection show together, senior forward Evan Nolte said. The Cavaliers are projected as a one-seed in ESPN analyst Joe Lunardi's most recent bracket, although it remains uncertain how Saturday's loss will play into the committee's seeding decision.

Gill does not believe Virginia's ACC title loss should affect the team's seeding, especially given that the Tar Heels will likely earn one of the tournament's four No. 1 seeds.

"I think two of the better teams in the nation played tonight," Gill said.

Added North Carolina coach Roy Williams when asked about the Tar Heels earning a No. 1 seed: "I think Virginia deserves one as well. I really do."

WURZBURGER: No shame for Cavaliers in defeat

Saturday night's ACC Tournament championship game seemed to be a matchup made in heaven — the top-two teams in the nation's premier league slugging it out with conference dominance on the line. The dream slowly devolved into a nightmare for second-seeded Virginia.

The Cavaliers (26-7, 13-5 ACC) set the rules of engagement in the first half but could not pull away from top-seeded North Carolina. Then, Virginia lost all of their steam. The gassed Cavaliers simply could not buy a basket.

The Tar Heels (28-6, 14-4 ACC) capitalized on their opponent's offensive misfortunes and escaped the Verizon Center with their 18th ACC tournament title.

While a 21-13 North Carolina run over the game's final 9:51 was instrumental in crowning a champion, 10 minutes of basketball should not alter the way fans, the media and other teams view the Cavaliers. The Tar Heels deserve credit for their perfor-

mance, but no one should think less of Virginia after Saturday night.

"Two teams playing their hearts out," coach Tony Bennett said. "Carolina deserved it."

To put it bluntly, North Carolina simply was the better team on Saturday night. Although the Tar Heels had their ups and downs over the regular season, they remain one of the most talented and dangerous teams in the nation — a team that opened the season at the head of the AP Top 25. A legitimate title contender.

Senior guard Malcolm Brogdon — the heart and soul of the Cavaliers — had a most forgettable night on the offensive end. The ACC Player of the Year ended the first half with 10 points on 4-of-13 shooting. Brogdon could not break out the funk and finished the game with 15 points on 6-of-22.

"Your confidence doesn't really waiver," Brogdon said. "You just have to keep shooting, even on tough

shooting nights. You have to believe the next shot is going in."

The Atlanta, Ga. native was on an all-world tier entering into Saturday night. Brogdon appeared to show the physical wear of being his team's go-to option, but the Tar Heels also worked their tails off to make every look difficult.

To borrow from one of Bennett's favorite adages, North Carolina made Brogdon earn.

"I wanted to make everything tough and contested," senior guard Marcus Paige said. "I did a pretty good job of using my quickness."

But Brogdon was not the only Cavalier to slump. Junior guard London Perrantes missed 11 of his 14 shot attempts and was only two-of-eight from deep.

The Tar Heels' commitment to defense has been questioned throughout the season, but in fact North Carolina is second in the ACC in field goal percentage defense — limiting teams to 41.1 percent shooting. In the championship game, Virginia shot only 36.5 percent.

MATT WURZBURGER
Sports Editor

Baseball takes two of three in Durham

Playing in the Durham Bulls Athletic Park over the weekend, No. 10 Virginia won two out of three in an ACC series against Duke. Cavalier junior ace Connor Jones tossed eight scoreless frames and picked up his third victory as Virginia defeated the Blue Devils, 6-0, Friday.

The Cavaliers stranded three runners in scoring position before finally plating their first run in the fourth inning. Freshman designated hitter Nate Eikhoff drove in junior catcher Matt Thaiss, who'd reached on a walk and advanced on a wild pitch, with a single into right field.

Virginia scratched across three more runs in the fifth on a mammoth Thaiss home run that gained instant attention on social media. Jones continued to deal, producing yet another 1-2-3 effort in the bottom of the inning. Freshman right fielder Doak Dozier's sacrifice fly in the sixth drove in the sixth Cavalier run.

Coach Brian O'Connor called upon senior pitcher Kevin Doherty in the ninth. The Laytonsville, Md. native allowed a one-out double to left, but preserved the shutout by recording a strikeout

and inducing a routine fly ball.

O'Connor handed the ball Saturday to freshman pitcher Daniel Lynch, a talented lefty already drawing comparisons to Virginia alum and Seattle Mariner Danny Hultzen. Lynch struggled over his three innings of work, allowing four runs, three earned, on four hits.

The Cavaliers trailed 4-1 after four innings. Sophomore center fielder Adam Haseley's single had followed up a leadoff walk and two productive groundouts in the third to plate Virginia's lone run. The Cavaliers tied it up in the fifth.

Sophomore second baseman Ernie Clement singled home sophomore third baseman Justin Novak, and Thaiss continued his hot streak, slapping a two-run double to right. Junior pitcher Tyler Shambora, who had struggled on the mound in 2016, put up three zeros in relief of Lynch.

Virginia loaded the bases in the seventh, and two Blue Devil mistakes enabled the Cavaliers to take the lead. Clement scored and Thaiss advanced to third on a wild pitch. Sophomore short-stop Daniel Pinero took third on

a throwing error following Doherty's sacrifice fly to right. Freshman infielder Ryan Karstetter made Duke pay with a two-out RBI single that likely wouldn't have plated Pinero had he stood on second.

Junior pitcher Alec Bettinger struggled to close things out in the ninth, surrendering a two-run home run that cut Virginia's lead to 7-6. Refocused, Bettinger struck out the next batter he faced and then induced a grounder to end the threat.

Duke spoiled a Cavalier sweep Saturday, thanks in large part to senior starting pitcher Brian McAfee. The former first team All-Ivy member hurled a complete game shutout. Meanwhile, Virginia sophomore pitcher Tommy Doyle gave up two runs on two hits and a passed ball in the first inning. He responded, matching his counterpart for the next five innings, but allowed a final run on two hits in the seventh. Set down in short order again in the ninth, the Cavaliers could only tip their caps to McAfee.

—compiled by Grant Gossage



Paul Burke | The Cavalier Daily

Junior ace Connor Jones tossed eight scoreless frames as Virginia defeated the Blue Devils, 6-0, Friday.

Stanger ties for first, golf finishes second at General Hackler

Junior Jimmy Stanger tied for first as the Virginia men's golf placed second at the General Hackler Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C. this weekend.

It was the first career first-place finish for the Tampa, Fla. native, who shot 9-under 207 in the two-day tournament — the best singular performance from a player on the team thus far this season. Stanger tied for first with South Carolina senior Matthew NeSmith.

Virginia started its two-round day Saturday with a modest 1-under 287 in its morning round, but the team made good work of the day's second round. The Cavaliers shot 12-under 276 thanks in large part to Stanger's 6-under 66 round, which put the Cavaliers three shots behind the Gamecocks for first place. However, the team slowed in Saturday's round, posting 3-under 285 for a weekend total of 16-under 848 — four shots behind South Carolina, who won the tournament.

General Hackler was the second straight runner-up finish for Virginia, who also placed second at the Palmetto Intercollegiate last week, a tournament which South Carolina also won. Virginia has recorded top-five finishes in all three of its spring tournaments.

Outside of Stanger, sophomore Danny Walker placed ninth with a tournament score of 3-under 213 for his second top-ten finish of the spring season. The remaining Virginia starters — freshman Thomas Walsh, junior Derek Bard (1-over 217), senior Kyle Kochevar (8-over 224) and freshman Ashton Poole (13-over 229) — all finished outside of the top-25.

Virginia is off for a week until the Linger Longer Invitational in Lake Oconee, Ga., which begins March 20.

—compiled by Grayson Kemper



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Junior Jimmy Stanger nothed his first career first-place finish at the General Hackler Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C. after shooting 9-under 207.

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Softball goes 2-9 over an 11-game stretch

The Virginia softball team had a rough start to the month of March, going 2-9 over an 11-game stretch.

The Cavaliers (8-18, 0-3 ACC) started off the month against UNC-Wilmington and Radford, dropping both games against UNCW (14-9, 0-0 CAA), 2-1 and 8-7, respectively. The 8-7 defeat came on a walk-off base hit in the 12th inning.

Virginia split its two-game series with Radford (12-6, 0-0 BSC), dropping the first game 6-3, but winning a close fought contest their second time around, 3-2. In the second game, the Cavaliers were aided by a strong, complete game effort from freshman pitcher Erika Osherow.

Virginia dropped both of their games against Towson (16-4, 0-0 CAA), 10-2 and 6-3, respectively, but bounced back quickly with a 4-3 victory against

George Washington. Virginia's offense, led by sophomore infielder Lauren Heintzelman's three-run homer, helped put the Colonials (9-8, 0-0 A-10) away.

In the second game against George Washington, two key errors proved costly for Virginia as the Cavaliers lost 5-2.

Virginia came home to Charlottesville for the first time all spring to take on ACC rival Notre Dame this past weekend. The No. 20 Fighting Irish (21-3, 3-0 ACC), however, proved to be too much for the Cavaliers as they swept the weekend series, winning 9-2, 7-3 and 16-3, respectively.

Virginia will look to bounce back this weekend, as the team takes on Louisville for a three game series in Charlottesville.

—compiled by Rahul Shah



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Sophomore infielder Lauren Heintzelman's three-run homer helped lead Virginia to a 4-3 win against George Washington.

Men finish eighth at NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships

Competing in four events at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Ala. — the men's mile, distance medley relay and shot put along with the women's mile — the Cavaliers produced a champion and a runner-up at the conclusion of the meet on March 12, leading the Virginia men to a program-best eighth place finish.

Junior Henry Wynne, the 2016 ACC champion in the men's mile, caught fire at the right time. Wynne edged out Oregon sophomore Blake Haney by .08 seconds, and captured the title for the men's mile with a time of 4:06.63. With this victory, Wynne claimed the program's sixth NCAA individual event championship, and became only the third Cavalier to ever win an NCAA title.

Additionally, junior Filip Mihaljevic took second in men's shot put with a throw of 20.47 meters. This second-place finish marked the best finish ever for the Virginia men in an indoor field event at nationals.

With the conclusion of the indoor track and field season, Virginia will switch over to the outdoor season starting next week on March 19 at Lannigan Field as it hosts the Virginia Cup.

—compiled by Ben Tobin



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Henry Wynne, the 2016 ACC champion in the men's mile, won the men's mile with a time of 4:06.33 to claim the program's sixth NCAA individual event championship.



LEAD EDITORIAL

For accurate poverty rates, exclude college students

An adjusted statistic would better reflect the needs of our population

Comment of the day

“There are criminal penalties for rape and other sexual abuse. The remedy is not to let the victim avoid a heavily negotiated contract, especially when Sony agreed to involve a different producer. Trigger warnings belong in the college playpen, not the real, working world.”

“rufus” in response to Nora Wall’s March 2 article, “Kesha is just the tip of the iceberg.”

The federal poverty rate is a measure that helps legislators address poverty through targeted initiatives in areas with the greatest needs. Researchers in the University’s Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service’s Demographics Research Group recently found that college students living off-campus skew poverty rates as they often earn little to no income and are included in the poverty rate calculation. Since college students don’t have the same needs as non-college students, including them in poverty rate calculations may result in misplaced anti-poverty initiatives. While college students should not be excluded from local census data, a poverty rate calculation that excludes them should be reported alongside the overall poverty rate to create a better picture of where persistent poverty affects Americans.

Poverty rate skewness is more pronounced in smaller towns, according to the findings. For example, in Charlottesville, the overall poverty rate is 27.5 per-

cent, while the non-postsecondary student rate is just 14.8 percent. In larger cities where removing students from the poverty rate calculation has a smaller impact, the two poverty measures are not as disparate. Richmond, which has a population nearly five times that of Charlottesville, has an overall poverty rate of 25.5 percent and a non-postsecondary student rate of 22.6 percent.

The census brief also emphasized that income does not reflect the resources to which different population segments have access. It states, “we recognize that college or graduate student ‘poverty’ means something different than poverty among the unemployed, families with children, or the persistently needy.” Charlottesville’s poverty rate is inflated by the presence of University students who often do not experience the same intergenerational poverty that non-college students do. This is not to say undergraduate or graduate students do not struggle, as many support their own educations — rather, their

poverty is often temporary.

It’s also worth noting that the poverty rate does not take into account those living in dormitories, but does include college students who live off-campus. As a result, the poverty rate is also skewed by each college’s on- and off-campus housing rates. Here at the University, all first-year students are required to live on Grounds; after their first year, a significant number move to apartments and other off-Grounds options. Since the state uses the poverty rate to determine where to direct anti-poverty initiatives, it does not seem reasonable to make the poverty rate dependent on college housing policies.

Like most statistics, the overall poverty rate does not tell the whole story — it’s hard to imagine a statistic that could do so for an issue as complicated as poverty. But since we rely on statistics to guide policy decisions, we should try to make these statistics as reflective of the population’s needs as possible.

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Keep affirmative action

A “What’s the Word” column

Southern Strategy was a way for Republicans to win over the Southern white vote in the 1970s. The rhetoric rang of coded racial words like “forced busing” and “affirmative action,” but the message was clear: newly enfranchised black Americans had gotten a bit too big for their britches, and they were taking that which belonged to law-abiding, tax-paying white Americans. Today, a large part of our national conversation still revolves around taxes and jobs and university seats being taken by some undeserving “other,” and the recent death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia makes the fight for the future of affirmative action even more contentious.

Arguments against affirmative action primarily revolve around questions of preparedness for college and the fairness of the policy. Justice Scalia himself had recently proclaimed that perhaps black students simply belonged in “slower track” schools, where they would have a better chance of achieving than at highly selective colleges and universities. This argument is one I will not directly debunk in this article, but that, quite frankly, rings of a harrowingly dark eugenicist thought process that has and contin-

ues to fuel some of the most horrific crimes against humanity the world has ever seen, both inside and out of the United States. On the question of fairness, many people are skeptical. As will be argued before the Supreme Court in the case *Texas v. Fisher*, some believe affirmative action gives black and Latino students an unfair and unconstitutional advantage in the increasingly competitive college admissions process. To truly get at the heart of who has benefited most from affirmative action, though, it is important to look at the program’s history and the history of this country.

Affirmative action was first mentioned by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 and came to fruition under President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965. It was recognized as the proper measure to make up for centuries of discrimination — discrimination that built the wealth of the United States on the backs of a stolen and exploited people. (To put this into perspective, black bodies were worth more than the entire rest of the U.S. economy combined during the Civil War). While white America got rich, black America was trapped in an intentionally cyclical system of poverty, imprison-

ment, disenfranchisement, subpar education and exclusion. From 1619 to 1865, legalized slavery kept blacks in physical bondage, in which they had no legal rights, were purposely kept uneducated and often separated from their families; in this time their labor provided the economic foundation for an infant country. From the end of Reconstruction in 1877 until the 1960s, convict leasing, Black Codes, sharecropping, Jim Crow laws, literacy tests, poll taxes and redlining were just some of the ways in which African-Americans

ty, job discrimination and the targeting of black families for faulty loans leading up to the 2008 recession.

Affirmative action was supposed to accelerate the speed at which blacks in the United States could come back from centuries of intentional oppression — it was a policy with good intentions that began to be stripped bare a mere 12 years after its inception with the 1978 *Bakke v. California Supreme Court* decision.

It is not just ignorance of the history of affirmative action or the oppression of black people that reveal white supremacy and entitlement on these grounds, but the audacity with which many denounce 50 years of affirmative action meant to benefit blacks without ever questioning the centuries of affirmative action that created the strength of white America.

Unless one wants to disavow the Homestead Act and the GI Bill and the literal and intentional creation of the suburbs in the mid-20th century to build a white middle class which blacks were systematically excluded

from accessing, then do not question whether I deserve to be educated at the university level. Unless one devalues the degrees of their fathers and grandfathers who did not have to compete with *anywhere close* to the entirety of the population to get into schools or graduate from them, then do not devalue the work of people who look like me. Unless one wonders what the SAT scores were of their white legacy counterparts at the University when my father would have likely been barred from attending U.Va. when he turned 18 in 1963, then do not wonder what my test scores were.

There is surely an inequity in the affirmative action that has been given out in this country, and that inequity is that while whites were being given land and mortgages and competing only amongst themselves for centuries, my family was shut out of those opportunities. If you don’t feel undeserving of your affirmative action, or you’re not willing to give up the many generational and quantifiable perks of it, then don’t tell me to give up mine.

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were politically silenced and taken advantage of economically. Current manifestations of the cycle are present in mass incarceration, inequitable drug policies, de facto segregated schools and housing, police brutality

Change introductory statistics

The University should offer Commerce and non-Commerce majors different introductory statistics courses

It is important to learn statistics during one’s college career. At the University, however, many students may be dissuaded from registering for the Introduction to Statistics class due to its perception as a weed-out course for potential McIntire applicants. For this reason, the University should establish a statistics class specifically for Commerce students and offer another introductory class for all non-Commerce students who are still interested in the subject.

The Introduction to Statistics class at the University has a reputation for being extremely difficult, particularly for an introductory class. On the website The Course Forum, where students at the University rate their experiences in different courses, STAT 2120, the introductory course, has inspired an overall rating of just over two out of five. Student commenters have also stated the class is difficult because it is the weed-out course for the Commerce school and that oth-

er students should not enroll in the course unless they absolutely have to.

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Viewpoint Writer

Making a change to the program of study in the Statistics department is important because taking a statistics class is an educational opportunity college students should not miss. Dr. Jessica Johnson even went so far as to refer to statistics in a USA Today article as “the most useful class of [her] college career.”

Johnson goes on to explain that every college student should make the biggest possible effort to take a statistics class. She writes, “It’s likely that statistics will prove an asset for any student pursuing any career. For example, statistical science is used in business to make all types of decisions, such as whether to pursue a strategic acquisition or to enter a new market. Advertisers and marketers rely on it more and more to decide which customers to target. Technology companies use it to make smarter software applications. Even philanthropic organizations are us-

ing data analysis to decide which projects to fund and how to rate their success.”

Statistics classes not only make students more competitive job applicants but also teach them skills they can use for a multitude of careers, according to Johnson. Based on this assessment, many students at the University are missing out by not taking at least an introductory statistics course.

Creating a separate statistics



Creating a separate statistics course for Commerce students would help to eliminate the stigma associated with Introduction to Statistics.

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the Commerce school would encourage more students to register for what could be the most important class they take at the University.

Additionally, creating a statistics class just for commerce and pre-commerce majors would ultimately be a more efficient way for the University to teach the subject because pre-commerce students could learn statistics with a business focus. They could learn examples in class that would be suited specifically to business, to give students a deeper knowledge of their field of interest and prepare them to apply the subject in their future careers.

For students who are not Commerce majors, the University could continue to offer a broad introduction to the subject, similar to what is available to students now. This would give students who are undecided on their program

of study the opportunity to learn statistics from a broad perspective that could suit any field they may decide to enter.

The University already offers a similarly program-specific class, Introduction to Biostatistics, which teaches statistics through the lens of biology and medicine. Many medical school programs require knowledge of statistics and the University recently made Introduction to Biostatistics a requirement for all biology majors. A business focused introductory class would benefit students in the same positive way that a biology focused statistics class does, because more program-related specificity can only help students.

Offering a specific statistics class for Commerce majors would benefit both Commerce and non-Commerce majors, by ultimately creating a better and more efficiently educated student body, which would also benefit the University in the long run.

Grades are great

Strong grading systems help students learn from failure

Last week Mark Oppenheimer wrote an opinion piece for The Washington Post arguing the benefits of grade inflation. Oppenheimer claims grade inflation has continually become more prominent in the last few decades and is impossible to reverse. His overall conclusion is that grades do not matter and that grade inflation actually helps by ending the centrality of grades in higher education. While I am sympathetic to many of Oppenheimer's points, grade inflation is not only avoidable but also counterproductive.

It is not impossible to stop grade inflation. Oppenheimer argues when the number of high grades given out is limited, students are less happy and much less likely to take a class. He cites a policy at Wellesley that mandated class averages stay below a B-plus in certain introductory and intermediate courses. This made it 30 percent less

likely for students to major in one of these courses. From this perspective it seems clear grade inflation is something professors will be inevitably forced to do.

What Oppenheimer fails to mention in his article is the conclusion of the researchers of the study, which directly contradicts his argument. The researchers argue grade inflation was leading some students to enter the humanities because they thought they could get better grades. We always could use more STEM majors, even as a liberal arts degree is valued more and more. But it's not just about what type of degree is more important. As an Economist article on the study concludes, "Universities should take note and encourage their students to study what they find intrinsically rewarding; not what will give them bloated grades." So grade inflation can be stopped as long as a school doesn't mind challenging stu-

dents.

Grades remain a strong way to motivate students and benchmark their knowledge. They are not a perfect instrument, and they can be very blunt at times (as Oppenheimer points out), but no one has been able to come up with a better system. Grade inflation takes away one of the strongest aspects of grades: fail-

time again failure and adversity, in small doses, have been shown to have strong positive effects on people. Grade inflation shelters students from this needed failure and essentially forestalls teaching students about failure until they are in the professional world.

In his article, Oppenheimer references some schools that have gone "grade free." All of these schools are small, liberal colleges with a very low teacher-student ratio. Oppenheimer acknowledges that larger, less expensive schools cannot do this right now but thinks this will slowly change just like the pervasive

need for SAT scores to get into a college is changing. This is a weak analogy at best. Colleges can afford to ignore SAT scores because they are still given a

great deal of other information about applicants, including their GPA. This is a change that cost nothing to institute and has a great deal of backing.

Oppenheimer ends his article musing about how ending grades will make students happier and colleges more democratic. His vision is attractive, one where teachers give students feedback in the form of written evaluations instead of faceless grades. Yet for the vast majority of us, even students at elite institutions such as our own, this is only a pipe dream. It would be nice not to have to worry about grades, or have them matter. But the truth is our struggles with grades make us better, and as long as we care about improving ourselves, we will need grades.

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ure. Failure doesn't have to be an F, but everyone has experienced a grade that has felt like a failure to them. It is tough to fail, but it is also very important. Time and

The Cavalier Daily's precarious position

The paper's reporting on sexual assault highlights its sensitive relationship with the student body

In the current age, freedom of information access remains a large question for the common citizen. The ability to educate oneself with reported facts from a variety of sources is a hallmark of an open democracy. But should there be accountability when it comes to what should be disclosed and what shouldn't?

One article published this week in The Cavalier Daily presents arguments for and against the censorship of information. This week, The Washington Post obtained a copy of a letter from the federal government, lambasting the for its handling of various sexual assault cases. This came after a lengthy investigation of the University by the Department of Education. It also resulted in a less severe copy of the official response after "weeks of feverish maneuvering behind the scenes" by state and federal legislators on behalf of the

University. The Cavalier Daily reprocessed these findings, providing examples with several cases that "were removed in the summary and conclusion of the revised letter."

This example shows how censoring information might work for better and for worse. Both The Washington Post and The Cavalier Daily have done what any journalistic outlet should do: expose and distribute private information that the public would want to know. A topic as controversial as sexual assault at the University imperatively requires caution with the open disclosure of data. The Cavalier Daily, following in the footsteps of The Washington Post, chose to report neutrally, only on factual evidence: that two letters had been sent, the latter generalizing what the former covered. Access to both, in this case, is a solid example

of eliminating the censorship of information, clarifying further the University's actions on a relevant problem.

But let's play devil's advocate for a moment. Though extra transparency on such a contentious issue seems right, what ex-

meant to elucidate the larger sexual assault problem at U.S. universities, or is it meant to chide the University for trying to whitewash statistics and details about its own cases?

It depends — and after all, who really knows the motivations? Of course, The Washington Post is a national news outlet that can and should cover significant topics like sexual assault. But should The Cavalier Daily take such initiatives as well — to fight for information that will benefit its

readers? It's difficult to answer, but it perhaps depends on what information The Cavalier Daily thinks is best for its readership, especially with a pressing matter like sexual assault so prevalent at the University. Censoring negligible details unnecessary to

the reportable facts is one thing. Censoring the subject outright is another.

The Cavalier Daily, then, operates precariously in-between both points, having to choose what is suitable for readers to know, and what isn't. In this sense, avoiding censorship is somewhat impossible. There will always be something unreported and something left unsaid. But we shouldn't be quick to blame our publications for such omissions. In an age awash with so much information, there's always something left to learn. Our news outlets can provide what they will, but it's up to us to freely find and complete what's missing.

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actly are the motivations behind accessing such information? In other words, why would The Washington Post want to exercise its rights to see the private letters, and why would The Cavalier Daily want to republish its findings? Is such an article

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

By Sam Ezersky

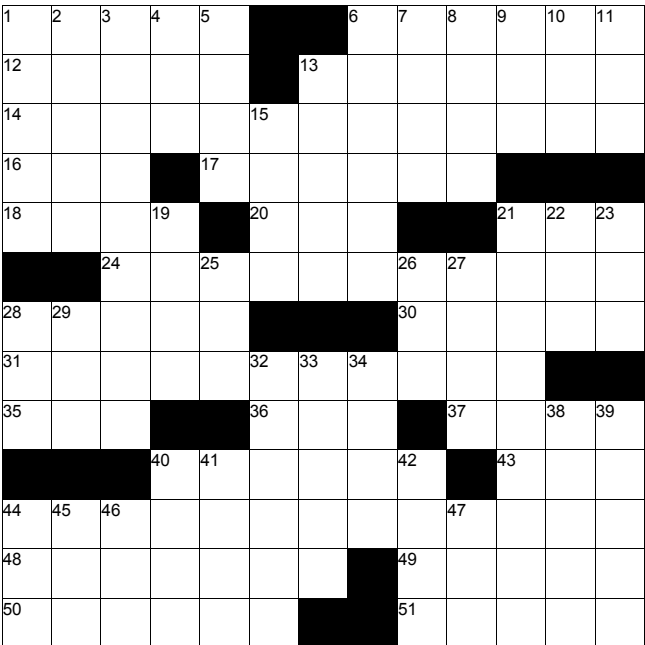
The Cavalier Daily Crossword Puzzle by Sam Ezersky, Class of 2017

ACROSS

- 1. Valuable cards in the game ERS
- 6. Auction-winning declaration: 2 wds.
- 12. HS English class once taken by many a UVA attendee: 2 wds.
- 13. Tiled art arrangements
- 14. Setting of something plain to see: 2 wds.
- 16. Scoreboard letters for the Red Sox and Celtics
- 17. Wild West hangout
- 18. All over again
- 20. Shook hands with
- 21. Electric guitar accessory
- 24. Bank account accumulation from over the years: 2 wds.
- 28. Rear end, in slang
- 30. Molten volcanic material
- 31. 1998 Semisonic hit with the lyric "I know who I want to take me home": 2 wds.
- 35. "I just saw a mouse!"
- 36. A praying mantis only has one, interestingly enough
- 37. Crunchy Bodo's orders, briefly
- 40. Nintendo game that comes with a Balance Board: 2 wds.
- 43. Bent garden tool
- 44. Phrase for remembering how to set one's clock when 11-Down begins: 2 wds.
- 48. Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase: 3 wds.
- 49. Modern party announcement
- 50. Groups of eight
- 51. More certain

DOWN

- 1. ___ the Hutt ("Star Wars" character)
- 2. Cook's attire
- 3. More than just a glance: 2 wds.



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- 4. Maker of Optima and Rio cars
- 5. Bad things to get from hooking up: Abbr.
- 6. Maker of Corolla and Camry cars
- 7. Capital of Norway
- 8. "No ____, no gain"
- 9. Ginormous
- 10. I, in German
- 11. Observance beginning 3/13/16, as hinted at by the ends of 14-, 24-, and 31-Across: Abbr.
- 13. Ones with Y chromosomes
- 15. Notre ____
- 19. Smarts
- 21. Skinny pasta type: 2 wds.
- 22. Movie studio with a lion mascot
- 23. "Just so ya know," briefly
- 25. "Just so ya know," briefly
- 26. ROTC school in Lexington
- 27. Two-syllable poetic unit
- 28. Pre-A.D. year inits.
- 29. Cheer at a soccer match
- 32. Sounds from a stallion
- 33. Social faux pas
- 34. Group of three
- 38. Rich dessert cake
- 39. Passover meal with hard-boiled eggs
- 40. Ductile circuit board component
- 41. The I of MIT: Abbr.
- 42. Uno, dos, ____
- 44. "Fo ____!" ("Def, dude!")
- 45. Muscle strengthened through bench pressing, familiarly
- 46. Go bad
- 47. The Mountaineers' sch.

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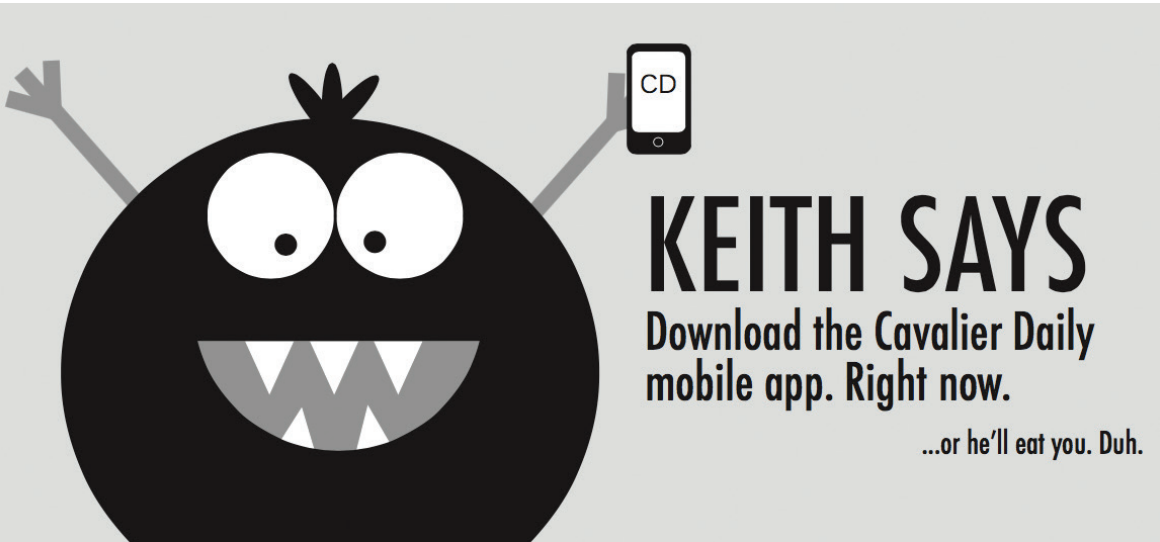
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Annie Mester
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Top 10 ways to pick the perfect bracket

How to keep your bracket from going bust during March Madness

1. Pick teams with the prettiest colors

Considering beauty is in the eye of the beholder, this is a completely subjective category — which makes it fun, because then you won't have to share your winnings with anyone else! Things to keep in mind: Carolina blue is ugly, Michigan State green is also ugly and please don't pick anyone with royal blue like Duke or Kentucky. But don't let those rules limit you — colors like navy blue and orange are still incredibly valid colors to pick.

2. Pick teams with the best mascots

A dirty foot is not a good mascot, and neither is a Blue Devil or a Spartan or a Hokie either. Virginia Tech won't make the tournament, but I threw that last one in there for good measure. Can you tell I'm still bitter about the ACC Tournament? Regardless, there's a real life mascot contest where mascots compete against each other for costumed glory. Unfortunately, according to the website, this contest is being "revamped," but I should

follow Capital One on Facebook and Twitter in the meantime. Follow your heart and what you love at the zoo. It's like the movie "Madagascar." "Madagascar: Real Life," with big felt suits.

3. Always pick the underdog

While it has been said it's a dog-eat-dog world, I am not referring to the literal smaller dog in a playful scuffle between two puppies. I mean the lower-seeded team, the team that most likely should not have been in the tournament at all but won a conference no one knew existed. See MEAC, Missouri Valley and SWAC. The pros to picking the underdog are if they win, you'll have bragging rights and people will be impressed with your basketball prowess forever. The cons are that it is a very unlikely chance that all the underdogs win.

4. Always pick the favored team

If my last bit of advice turned you off, consider doing exactly the opposite. Who says this article can't be bipartisan? Statistically, there is a much better chance of the higher seeded team winning, as the reason they earned that higher seed is because they won a lot more games than the lower seeded teams. Though there tends to be a Cinderella team each year, why take the chance in guessing the fairy tale with 1 in 64 odds? That's

a lot of effort, and it's highly unlikely any D1-level basketball player will be losing his shoe anytime soon.

5. Talk to a bracket consultant

Do you mean there are people whose actual, paying jobs are to act as consultants for picking the winning bracket? Why is it March and I'm still unemployed? If I wasn't full of March Madness before, I definitely am now. For a hefty sum, one can have her choices analyzed and optimized for greatest monetary success. Supposedly this is legal, and it is quickly becoming my fastest route to post-graduate financial success, considering I've made it to the end of this paragraph and am still unemployed.

6. Go with your gut

This advice does not apply to my friend, who thought halftime was called a "semester break." A slightly-less-questionable idea for those like my father, who is still basing his picks off what the NCAA was like when he was at U.Va. in the 80s. This is, however, a stellar idea for those who camped out for College Gameday and consider March Madness a better time to be alive than Christmas or Foxfield. Considering my gut is screaming "ice cream!" nine times out of 10, I fall closer to the questionable end of the spectrum.

7. Close your eyes and point to things

The odds of this working are slim, but consider the odds of picking a perfect bracket. According to research done by real life statisticians, you have a 1 in 9,223,372,036,854,775,808 chance in winning. For those not fluent in numbers and/or feasible probability, that is one in 9.2 quintillion. Raise your hand if you thought that quintillion was a made up number! Your odds are better to get killed by a falling coconut, naturally have quintuplets or have to visit the ER for a pogo stick related injury. May the odds be ever in your favor.

8. Fill out as many as possible

Aforementioned odds seem daunting? Double, triple, quadruple, or quintillionple — a number I may have made up because I am a media studies major — them by filling out a lot of brackets. In most places, it's free — the only thing you'll be losing is some time and possibly your sanity, as it's a lot easier to get worked up and eventually let down when you have a lot of things to be emotionally attached to. Don't pick the same team to win in each bracket, because if that team loses, it will really be a one-two-quintillion punch to your chances of fame and fortune.

9. Do a blind swap

Do you have a really big team? Do they need some really nice rings? Prove it by having your most basketball-inclined homies fill out your bracket for you. If they trust you, offer to fill out their brackets as well. Not only will the eventual winner of the NCAA Tournament that your friend picked have some really nice rings, but the sweet, sweet sound of victory will have a great ring to it as well. Remember to tell everyone you were the one who picked your bracket, and if your friend wins, tell everyone you picked that bracket too. It's every man for themselves — we're not talkin' teams.

10. Predict Virginia wins everything

Hoos don't lose! True Hoos don't choose anyone but the Hoos! True Hoos know Hoos Hoo in the tournament! I'll spare you more Hoo puns, but considering we have an actual shot — I didn't say anything about sparing basketball puns — to make it pretty far this year, this actually isn't the worst idea. We've only lost one game by more than five points and the basic fact that both Tony Bennett and Malcolm Brogdon exist, so I'd say we're poised to make a pretty good run at the Final Four. It's the trHOOTH. Sorry.

U.Va. student crowned Miss Charlottesville

Second-year Nursing student Lauren Birkett gives back to community in new role

Sarah Ashman
Feature Writer

Lauren Birkett, a second-year Nursing student and former first runner-up, recently assumed the title of Miss Charlottesville 2016.

After first hearing about the pageant through social media, Birkett felt inspired to compete because of the pageant's positive impact on the Charlottesville community. When the previous winner had to step down after a few months, Birkett was excited to take her place as Miss Charlottesville.

"I wanted to become Miss Charlottesville because after being so close and after coming to Charlottesville so much, and now living in Charlottesville for college, Charlottesville was my home," Birkett said. "I saw how the position gives so much back to community, and I've done various types of community service before, and I thought I could really broaden my horizons with Miss Charlottesville."

Birkett has been competing in pageants for seven years. Though she has always participated as a way

to give back to the community, she enjoyed the process and experienced personal growth as competing has helped her find her passion.

"I've been pre-teen miss Madison, junior miss Madison, and several other types from surrounding counties ... I loved being on stage and I loved meeting new girls," Birkett said. "The interview process really helped with interviewing for jobs and finding what I wanted in life."

In the Miss Charlottesville 2016 pageant, Birkett expressed her passion for encouraging college education through her platform.

"I chose that because my mom has only an associate degree, and she taught me the importance of getting a college education because the world is changing and we are looking for more highly skilled people," Birkett said. "I wanted to encourage others to go to college and follow their dreams."

Birkett currently demonstrates her dedication to education as she pursues her Bachelor's in the Nursing School.

"I definitely want to practice nursing, then after a couple of years

get my master's, then practice as a nurse practitioner," Birkett said. "Then I want to eventually get my Ph.D. so I can use my prior experience to help educate new nurses."

Along with her mom, Birkett was supported and inspired throughout the Miss Charlottesville pageant by a former winner.

"The previous Miss Charlottesville, Cassie Richards, was a great role model for me. I thought she was a great Miss Charlottesville ... her year of service was so dedicated to the community," Birkett said. "She helped me use my talents and platforms to do well in the Miss Charlottesville pageant."

Birkett and Richards first met while competing at the Miss Albemarle County Fair in July. After quickly becoming friends, Richards recognized Birkett's potential to be a great Miss Charlottesville and encouraged her to participate in the pageant.

"From the moment I met Lauren I knew that she was a genuine, good-hearted person," Richards said. "She wasn't there just to win a sash and crown. She was passionate about her platform, volunteering

within the community, and a great role model for today's youth."

Birkett has already begun to serve the community in a variety of ways as she fulfills her duties as Miss Charlottesville.

"It's very community oriented. I've gone to a steak dinner for the junior league of Charlottesville, and all the money from the dinner went to the club so they can do service," Birkett said. "We did a food drive, we're planning a coat drive and we're about to do a pageant ... we also recently served Vietnam veterans."

Richards feels confident Birkett's great start is just the beginning of an impactful year of service.

"When crowning a successor one can only hope that the new title holder will make the most out of their year," Richards said. "There has not been one moment of doubt since crowning Lauren. Not only is she the definition of grace and beauty, but she has a caring soul and a kind heart. The Charlottesville community is lucky to have her as a representative."



Courtesy Miss Charlottesville Pageant

Birkett was crowned Miss Charlottesville 2016 by the former Miss Charlottesville, Cassie Richards.

Jerry Reid cheers on 'Hoos at age 71

Graduate “good luck charm” of Hoo Crew student section invited back for future games

Julie Bond
Feature Writer

If someone were to look over at the student section at John Paul Jones arena during the past few years, they might have seen something a little unusual. In the middle of one of the front rows, packed in between students decked out in orange gear, stood Jerry Reid, a 71-year-old alumnus who graduated just two years ago.

Reid left the University with a packed resume. He walked the Lawn in 2014, graduating with a degree in Creative Writing from the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program in the School of Continuing Professional Studies. A member of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, winner of two intramural football championships and initiated brother of the Chi Phi Fraternity, Reid found his home at the University.

“I wanted to sample everything on Grounds,” Reid said. “I was willing to sample everything even if it kept me up until all hours of the night studying.”

However, Reid did not become a part of Hoo Crew — the official student section for the Cavalier’s athletic

teams — until his last year as a student.

Members of Reid’s academic program are charged the regular activities fee and must opt in to pay the sports activities fee traditionally part of the average undergraduate student’s tuition. However, Reid said when he went to do so, there was no path to make payment, so he lobbied the student ticket office and was eventually allowed to purchase tickets to sit in the student section.

From there, a few of his undergraduate friends invited him into section 102 to officially sit with Hoo Crew in 2014.

“He’s just like one of us,” second-year College student and Hoo Crew member Ryan Zimmerman said. “He comes to every game, dresses up. He usually brings an orange wig and hands it out to someone in the crowd. He makes them keep it on the whole game.”

Hoo Crew decided to name Reid an Emeritus fan and extend him an invitation to do a “victory lap” in the 2015 season. Reid plans on rounding out four years of cheering alongside Hoo Crew. The 2016-17 basketball season will be his last on active, every game status.

“It’s like graduating from Hoo Crew after graduating from U.Va.,” Reid said. “They thought I might be a good luck charm or something.”

After securing student tickets for SCPS members, Reid continued to push for more integration with the regular undergraduate population.

“We got UJC seats awarded to us because I pushed it,” Reid said. “I became one of [SCPS’s] first ever reps on Committee. I got the CIO rules adjusted to give us full-status as U.Va. students.”

The 71-year-old fan’s outfit has morphed over time, but it now includes an orange Hoo Crew t-shirt layered over a blue and orange plaid shirt, V-sabre eye black patches and an orange hard hat over a variety of lucky wigs. He hands out hats and wigs at part of his pre-game preparation.

“I think his biggest contribution is his energy,” Zimmerman said. “It’s inspiring to all of us to see how passionate he is about U.Va. basketball. I just hope when I’m 70 I can still be jumping and screaming like him.”

He has also made up his own cheer, “‘Hoos! That’s ‘Hoo, and now you know ‘Hoo!”

“The noise, the experience of be-

ing in that section during a game, not even just a game like the Carolina game but every ACC game, it’s something that I participated in in high school,” Reid said. “I was always there, in the gym, cheering my team on.”

Reid played baseball while in high school and went on to play semi-pro baseball in Richmond. Reid said he even drove racecars at a point in his life.

Along with a love for watching and playing sports, Reid enjoyed writing about them. He eventually became the sports editor of his high school newspaper and moved on to cover college sports in the Richmond area. Reid now writes for the Crozet Gazette.

After dropping out of high school in 1962, he became more and more connected with the University.

“Since ‘63, I knew all about the athletic programs and every time I got a chance I’d come up to Charlottesville to see a football game,” Reid said.

After the 2017 season Reid no longer plans on attending every game; however, he will still support Hoo Crew. In the future, he hopes to write for the Virginia Athletic Foun-

dation to remain connected with his love for Cavalier athletics and the University.

“I think [what he’s doing] is important for school spirit,” Zimmerman said. “A lot of people will just be at U.Va. for four years and that’s it, but I think Jerry really shows that it’s a lifelong connection and commitment to the school.”

While Reid is cheering on a team he considers famous, he has become slightly famous himself, attracting a media following of his own through his late pursuit of higher education and the complete college experience.

“They love what I represent in real diversity and what I represent in the belief that your life is always in front of you and that age is just a number,” Reid said. “I’m humbled by the fact that they consider me to be inspirational and none of this would have happened if not for the University of Virginia and the opportunities I’ve been given to be a full, complete Wahoo.”

While the Cavaliers did win every home game this year in the regular season, it is not yet certain whether Reid is really a good luck charm for the Cavaliers. Reid has one more year with the team to find out.



Anthony Skaff
Staff Writer

This semester, a new class called Neuroscience Research for Non-Majors is being offered. Biology professor George Bloom is the program director for this course and is intended for students conducting research in neuroscience who are not neuroscience majors.

Only a few students enroll in the class each semester, which is capped at 20 spots. In fact, this semester, only two students are currently enrolled in the course.

“The research ranges from purely behavioral to cellular, molecular, genetic and/or biochemical aspects of the brain,” Bloom said in an email statement.

One of the two students currently enrolled in the course is second-year College student Atisha Amin. Currently on the pre-med track, she is leaning toward a major in the sciences. Her motivation to pursue neuroscience research

stems from an experience she had before coming to the University.

“I conducted a small brain cancer research project in high school and the topic deeply fascinated me,” Amin said in an email statement. “Therefore, I wanted to learn more about each of the fields individually.”

Neuroscience research at the University spans a wide range of basic and translational areas. Sensory systems, behavior, neurodegeneration, memory loss, addiction and motor systems are examples of areas within neuroscience that researchers at the University are involved in, according to the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program site.

Amin conducts research about the effects of activated hippocampus neurons on epileptic seizures. Her interest in epilepsy and common brain diseases grew into a desire to also learn about the techniques used to study them. This combination was a major factor in deciding which lab to join.

“I chose this lab because along with Neurology, they have a

large emphasis on biotechnology through imaging and quantification,” Amin said. “It allows me to explore several various biomedical fields as well.”

For Amin, her experience thus far has taught her about the value of being involved in research, and has given her a unique perspective on active learning.

“I have learned so much about using state-of-the-art imaging technology to image each of the sliced brains and observe neurons with the help of my lab mentors,” Amin said. “Research can provide a very hands-on way of learning what may seem like a mundane concept on paper, and is extremely valuable in expanding one’s learning horizons.”

Furthermore, Amin’s involvement in research has guided her path of study at the University.

“I believe that joining this lab has helped me clarify and get a better sense of what major to choose — it has given me a path to reach my destination,” Amin said.

Neuroscience research for non-majors

Second-year student studies epileptic seizures



Courtesy Atisha Amin

Second-year College student Atisha Amin is one of two students currently enrolled in a new class offered this semester, Neuroscience Research for Non-Majors.

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