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BOV prepares to elect new student member

Phoebe Willis to step down at end of academic year

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The University's Board of Visitors began interviewing candidates Wednesday for the next student member of the Board to replace current student member and Law and Darden graduate student Phoebe Willis, who has held the position for the past academic year.

The Board is expected to elect the incoming student member Thursday. This new student member's term will begin June 1.

The student member of the Board is not a voting position, but the member serves as a source of information for the Board on issues that affect students and actively assesses and predicts the general student reaction to Board decisions.

Applications for the student member were due Feb. 8. In order to be eligible, undergraduates must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, full-time student status and be entering their final year of undergraduate study at the University.

For graduate students to be eligible, they must also have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and full-time student status. In addition, graduate students must either be in their second year of study or have previously attended the University as an undergraduate.

Willis said in an email to The Cavalier Daily that her main priority for the past year has been to increase channels of communication between the student body and the Board.

Willis said the Council was composed of a group of students which met with her on Thursdays to discuss student issues, recent BOV decisions and outreach ideas.

"The group began meeting in November and was a new initiative of mine that I really hope the next student member can make even better." Willis said. "The rationale behind the group was to try and involve more students in the activities of the stu-

Outgoing Student Council President and fourth-year Batten student Emily Lodge said in an email statement that Willis maintained regular contact with Student Council to better incorporate student opinions, and Student Council plans on further developing this relationship with Willis' successor.

"Student concerns have a lot of overlap between the two areas so there was a lot of room for collaboration," Lodge said. "The future Student Council administration plans on continuing a strong relationship with the next BOV Student Member."

As the Board prepares to select the next student member, Willis said she thinks the Board is looking for a proactive, outgoing individual who would be comfortable interacting with members of the University community.

"I believe the BOV looks for a student who is open-minded, articulate and respectful of others," Willis said. "The student member position is one that interacts with people at all levels of the University, and the Board needs to feel confident that the student they select can fulfil that role."

Although the newly-selected student member will start their term this summer, Willis plans to facilitate a smooth transition by imparting experienced advice.

"I am currently working on a handbook that I plan to give to the next student member with the details and benchmarks of my efforts this past year," Willis said. "I would advise the new student member to get engaged with all stakeholders. Work collaboratively, not combatively, with all people because at the end of the day, everyone just wants to make U.Va. better."



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Interviews for the student member of the Board of Visitors were conducted Wednesday

UDems hosts BOV member Elizabeth Cranwell

Alumna talks about personal experience at U.Va., Bicentennial Scholars Fund

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University Board of Visitors member Élizabeth Cranwell spoke to the University Democrats at their meeting Wednesday night, where she discussed different funds the Board has set up as well as her personal experience as a former University stu-

Cranwell is a University alumna and a former University Democrats member. She was appointed to the Board by Gov. Terry McAuliffe for a four-year term that began July 1, 2016.

University Democrats President and third-year Curry student Brett Curtis said the organization reached out to a Board member because they felt it was time to have one present at one of their meetings.

'We felt that it was time to reach out to a member of the Board of Visitors and Mrs. Cranwell was very receptive to come and talk to us about what is going on in the community," Curtis

Cranwell said she is working on getting more in touch with the University community so she can be a proactive board member.

"I am trying very hard to get my hands around all of the things happening at [the University]," Cranwell said. "If it affects student life we want to know about

Cranwell also addressed the University Democrats "First 100 Days" initiative and encouraged students — regardless of political affiliation — to write letters to the Board so that they can make informed decisions.

"It's something we had spread far and wide and it can be something as simple as reading the DNC or RNC platform or third party platform, reading a book by a former politician, donating or participating in a march or cause or something that you agree with," Curtis said in an interview. "So that's something clearly that even the Board of Visitors took note of which is very exciting to see that they were getting involved in the things going on around Grounds."

The conversation largely centered around funding at the University. Cranwell cited the creation of the Bicentennial Scholars Fund as one specific effort the University has undertaken to support financial aid.

The Bicentennial Scholars Fund was created by the Board of Visitors in December and is an endowment to support AccessUVA. The Strategic Investment Fund matches \$1 for every \$2 donated to the fund on donations of \$100,000 and more and a dollar-for-dollar match on donations \$1 million and more.

Cranwell also brought up the Board of Visitors meeting being held Thursday, during which the Board plans to elect the next student member of the Board.

"We are meeting today with finalists and will vote tomorrow late afternoon about [the] student member," Cranwell said. That's something to keep an eye

At the end of the meeting, Cranwell spoke directly to the women of University Democrats and called for more women in political leadership roles. She is also a board member of Emerge VA, an organization which focuses on training and encouraging women to run for public

"I hope you think about running. Step up," Cranwell said. "We need women in leadership. We're over half the population. We need to be running for of-

Exhibit celebrates JFK's 100th birthday

Nearly 80 previously-unreleased photos of Kennedy displayed

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The University Center for Politics hosted a photo exhibit Wednesday evening unveiling nearly 80 previously unreleased photos of former President John F. Kennedy as part of their "JFK100" series of events to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday on May 29.

Politics Prof. Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics, opened the exhibit with a panel discussion in front of a large audience in Minor Hall. The panel featured Sabato, photo donor Lana Sherrard and Kennedy historian John T. Shaw.

"It's hard to imagine JFK at 100," Sabato said. "He's frozen in time at age 46."

Sabato, Sherrard and Shaw presented photos of Kennedy, family and colleagues on a projector, and discussed what was happening in each photo. The panel also took questions from the audience.

The panel shared anecdotes about Kennedy's life, like his chronic health problems, his



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The exhibit showcases nearly 80 previously-unreleased photos of JFK.

friendship with former Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater and his consistently messy desk.

"Kennedy is still the most admired president of the modern era," Sabato said. "He was able to inspire many young people to go into politics or join the Peace Corps, and to do lots of things domestically and internationally."

Sabato currently teaches a pol-

itics course called "The Kennedy Half Century" and has been interested in the president since age seven, when he campaigned doorto-door for then-Senator Kennedy.

"That's why I always encourage young people to get involved in politics and to go places when you are young and mobile and you've got the time and energy to do it," Sabato said. "It can change your

Shaw is the author of "JFK in the Senate: Pathway to the Presidency," which documents Kennedy's role as the junior senator from Massachusetts from 1953 to 1960.

"I was surprised there wasn't a book just on Kennedy's career," Shaw said. "Kennedy was part of a huge group of people trying to find their way in the Senate."

Sherrard said she became interested in Kennedy after completing a report on the Vietnam War in high school. Kennedy was president during the beginning of the Vietnam War, before Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated him in Dallas

"I find sellers, and then I buy [the photos]," Sherrard said. "I just try my best to try to preserve JFK's

After the panel, attendees walked around the exhibit, which featured nearly 80 photos and additional artifacts. Sherrard loaned 60 of the photos for the exhibit and another 20 of them were donated

to the center from a private collec-

Glenn Crossman, director of programs at the Center of Politics, described a series of seven events that will follow this kickoff of the IFK100 series.

"This fall, we will do Kennedy and the Space Era legacy," Crossman said. "We are bringing in U.Va. alumni who have been astronauts, which should be fun."

The program will partner with the Media Studies department for the next event in the series, which will cover Kennedy and the media. Other events include a re-examination of the Kennedy administration and a civics education camp for K-6 students on Kennedy.

"Many will say that in two and a half years, he wasn't able to do that much," Sabato said. "That's true to a certain degree, but he remains in the memory of Americans who lived in that time, as well as younger Americans who have studied $him\ in\ school\ ...\ a\ president\ who$ inspires."

Panel explores media, technology, citizenship

Charlottesville mayor, media studies professor among speakers

MAGGIE SNOW | STAFF WRITER

The Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures hosted a panel Wednesday on media, technology, and citizenship.

Four panelists participated in the "Media, Technology, and Citizenship Forum," which was arranged by Austin Hetrick, an English doctoral candidate and graduate intern for the IHGC.

Hetrick opened the event by commenting on the varied expertise of the panelists — Media Studies Prof. Siva Vaidhyanathan, Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer, English doctoral candidate Jap-Nanak Makkar and first-year Education student Emma Call.

Vaidhyanathan began by focusing on the willingness of individuals to trust what they find online, especially as online advertising becomes more and more geared toward the specific individual it serves.

'Can we think our way through our problems? Can we engage openly, respectfully ... Toward an end that can benefit all of us?" Vaidhyanathan asked. "Trust in institutions across the board has been falling consistently for 20 years ... [Yet there is] remarkably high faith in the results of Google searches ... That's the one thing we trust."

His sentiments were echoed by Makkar, who discussed both the increasing amount and commercialization of information. She, like her fellow panelists, noted the media's role is multifaceted. To illustrate her point she noted common misconceptions.

"My question would always be is the internet really all that different from other ways we have of communicating?" Makkar said. "[In reality], all of the inequalities we experience in everyday life are replicated on the

"I took a class with Jap-Nanak Makkar ... It was Gender and New Media," Call said. "One of the essays I wrote was on the presidential debate and the portrayal of gender in that and [Makar] thought that would be a good fit for the talk."

Call's opening statements centered on a childhood event that sparked her awareness of this graphic, "macho" language, often minimized as "boys being boys." Like many children, Call first heard vulgar language from her friends and discussed its impact on her as an adult.

"Now rather than hearing it at a game I hear it and see it every day," Call said.

Call said she voiced concerns of the average college student which were supported by the opinions of experts alongside her on the panel. During his presentation, Signer described the influence of media on his daily life as an elected official.

"[Social media is] collapsing the personal and the public in a way that's very disorienting," Signer said.

Signer, like his fellow panelists, said it is ultimately the role of all citizens to ensure active conversations occur to promote change.

"There's a ton of work to be done," Signer said in an interview following the event. "I think what this highlighted is the need for depth, debate, deliberation, range, listening, complexity [and] new facts."



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Panelists Siva Vaidhyanathan (left), Jap-Nanak Makkar (middle-left), Emma Call (middle-right) and Mike Signer (right)



Accessibility issues affect students on Grounds

Some students with disabilities report difficulties with traveling to classes, finding parking

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Despite the University's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, there are many students with disabilities or chronic illnesses who feel as if accessibility issues hinder their movement across Grounds and prevents them from getting equal access to education.

"There's always those little things that can make a really big difference in someone with a disability's life but would be a pretty easy oversight for someone who wasn't really engaged with the disabled community to miss," fourthyear College student Taylor Marrow said.

Issues with Accessibility

For students with injuries or illnesses that limit their mobility, it can be a challenge just to get to

"These buildings were built a long time ago when handicap accessibility wasn't such a concern," said fourth-year Engineering student Eric McDonald, who has a recurring knee injury that requires him to use crutches. "Getting around Rice Hall is 100 times easier than getting around Olson Hall or the [Mechanical Engineering] building."

"The Chemistry building is the worst building on Grounds to try to go through when you're on crutches," McDonald continued. "It's hellish. And when I had a class there, and pretty much the whole semester the elevators - which were absolutely ancient - were broken and I had to crutch up all those stairs. I actually fell and hurt myself one time."

An additional barrier is that many buildings on Grounds are classified as World Heritage Sites or National Historic Landmarks, which have to balance accessibility options with the historic significance of the architecture. For some older buildings this means that there are areas where students unable to take stairs can't access.

Even navigating between classes can be a challenge for some students with the way the University itself was designed.

To get from the bookstore to Ruffner the other day I had to take an elevator down, cross the street, go up a ramp, take an elevator and then get into Ruffner - instead of just going across the footbridge like everyone else, because the footbridge doesn't have a ramp," said Lucy Trieshmann, a fourth-year College student who uses a mobility aid to get around Grounds due to her illness. "It ends up taking a lot longer to get places, and trying to cross the

street, sometimes there aren't curb cutouts — so I can't get my mobility aid up on the curb."

Getting to Grounds can be one of the biggest challenges for students with disabilities. If a student can't walk to Grounds and doesn't have a car, their options are limited to the bus system or the Demand and Response Transportation free taxi service.

Many of the buses come equipped with a hydraulic lift system to aid students boarding the bus, but there are older buses still in service lacking this feature.

"It's kind of hard to get on and pretty time consuming, especially when there are a lot of people getting on and off the bus," McDonald

The DART system is helpful to many students, but it is far from a perfect solution.

"Under the law they do have an hour window to pick us up. I could miss all or most of my class and they would still be following the regulations that are set for them," Trieshmann said. "That doesn't mean I'm getting equal access to classes if I'm missing my class due to transportation issues."

The Fight for Parking

Even for students who do have a car, driving to Grounds is not always a reliable option for students with disabilities.

To begin with, it is not free for students with disabilities to park on Grounds. While the handicap pass itself is free, students must still pay around \$200 for a student parking pass. Even once the pass is paid for, there's no guarantee that a student will be able to find an open handicap parking spot near their

"Parking is one particular thing that's been an issue lately. There's the ADA required number of parking spots, but there are more students who need to use the disabled parking spots than the number of spots," said Trieshmann. "There are students who always end up missing class or getting parking tickets because they can't park close enough to their build-

Recently a group of students have been trying to work with the University Parking and Transportation Department in order to fix this issue, but it has not been going the way they hoped.

Parking and Transportation also reduced the total number of spots available for students with handicap parking passes by no longer allowing them to park in the service vehicles spots.

"I think this has to do more with a parking policy that has been this way for a very long time. The policy can make sense on paper, but only if they had enough spots for handicapped people in general," Marrow said. "If you can't provide enough spots for the amount of permits you have, you're directly profiting off your disabled stu-

Although there is still a significant yet to be made, there are numerous groups on Grounds working to improve accessibility.

"I have witnessed so many wonderful strides in the area of accessibility at U.Va.: Grounds improvement, training and digital accessibility efforts, just to name a few," Director of the Student Disability Access Center Barbara Zunder said in an email to The Cavalier Daily.

'We are so lucky that at U.Va. we have a lot of good people who want to do the right thing.

Cavaliers Inspiring Support

One of the reasons why this is being addressed now is because of a new community for students with disabilities that showed students there were many others facing the same issues.

Cavaliers Inspiring Support and Hope — previously known as Chronically Ill Cavs — was formed almost two years ago and is currently working towards CIO

CISH's mission is to "promote support, hope, fellowship, outreach and education to the community of disabled and chronically ill individuals," said Ashe Allende,a third-year Engineering student and CISH vice president.

"All of us have issues with keeping up with courses, fatigue, not getting enough sleep [and] trying to keep up with extracurricular activities," Allende said. "Regardless of what disability you have, whether it's physical, mental, or in terms of a chronic physical illness, there are certain common problems that everyone faces and sometimes it's nice just to hear it from other people, sometimes it's nice to vent,

sometimes it's nice to ask questions to other people who have been in a similar situation and get their advice."

By creating a community where previously there was none, CISH helps to show students with disabilities that they're not alone.

"The group serves as a very unique outlet at the University," said Scott Miller, a third-year College student and CISH president. "We have a lot of resources down here but I don't think there's any student-led group quite like this that caters to those people who don't really have any other outlet."

"Our central goal is just to continue to serve as an outlet and a place that a student can come and talk; they might not have the solution to a problem, but the biggest thing is knowing that there are others within the group that share the struggles," Miller said. "That's our main goal."



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Buildings without a ramp or elevator can be a challenge for some students to access.



No. 12 baseball hosts weekend round robin

Virginia attempts to remain unbeaten over weekend

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It did not take long for the No. 12 Virginia baseball team to catch fire this season. With an undefeated start, primed for another stellar season under the reign of coach Brian O'Connor. Their next test comes at home in round robin play — they will face Niagara University (3-3) and La Salle University (0-7) twice each this weekend.

The last time the Cavaliers took the field, they avenged their fatal loss of last year's NCAA Tournament, routing the College of William and Mary 11-3 Tuesday. The Tribe was the latest victim of Virginia's explosive offense that has been unleashed late in most games. The Cavaliers are a threat to put up big innings, as their offensive output tends to come in large bunches. William and Mary was able to stop the bleeding in the bottom of the seventh inning as Virginia played seven runs to take the lead and cement another win.

Virginia tends to start out slow on offense, not scoring much in the first few innings. But, patience has led to better output from the Cavalier hitters as games progress. This was no different against William and Mary Virginia only mustered one run before the seventh inning outburst.

"I told our position players after the game that I was really proud of them because a few of them did not have great approaches in their first couple of at bats... but they came back in their last two at-bats and really put some quality at-bats up for our team, and that was good to see," O'Connor said.

Virginia's offense has relied thus far on its upperclassmen power hitters to provide big hits in key situations to get the team on a rally. Junior outfielder Adam Haseley is Virginia's best all-around threat at the plate he leads the team with four home runs to go with 11 RBIs and has hit a stellar .438. Junior first baseman Pavin Smith has collected his fair share of big hits, amounting to a team-leading 15 RBIs. Senior catcher Robbie Coman caught fire in last weekend's series against Rutgers, hitting three home runs during the sweep, and



Senior catcher Robbie Coman leads Virginia with a .467 batting average. The senior hit three home runs in last weekend's series against Rutgers.

leads Virginia with a .467 batting average as he tries to fill the shoes of the great Matt Thaiss behind the plate.

To complement the power numbers, the Cavaliers have shown solid speed on the base paths to set up run-scoring opportunities. Sophomore outfielder Jake McCarthy is a perfect 7-7 in stolen bases — the most any Cavalier had in the entire season last year was six. Versatile junior second baseman Ernie Clement is also a perfect 3-3 in stealing attempts thus far.

Virginia will be favored against both of its opponents this weekend.

The more threatening team to the Cavaliers' perfect season will most likely be Niagara, who is riding a three-game winning streak into Charlottesville. The Purple Eagles started the season getting swept by Baylor in a three-game set, with the last game being a 6-21 blowout at the hands of the Bears. The team looked very sharp in its second series against Norfolk State, however, only allowing one run the entire series. La Salle comes to Charlottesville still looking for its first win after starting its season a dismal 0-7. Niagara and La Salle will kick off the round robin with a game at 11 a.m. at Davenport Field Friday.

Virginia's first game of the round robin will be on Friday at 4 p.m. against Niagara after the Purple Eagles' match against the Explorers. The Cavaliers will then have a doubleheader on Saturday, taking on La Salle at noon and Niagara at 3 p.m., before wrapping up the weekend with a 2:30 p.m. match against La Salle Sunday.

No. 23 men's basketball faces Pittsburgh for Senior Day

Virginia looks for strong finish to regular season following two-straight wins

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After a huge win against top ACC team No. 5 North Carolina, the No. 23 Virginia men's basketball team will close out the season at home versus Pittsburgh Saturday.

Monday, the Cavaliers (20-9, 10-7 ACC) grabbed arguably their biggest win of the season, beating the Tar Heels (25-6, 13-4 ACC), 53-43. Virginia looked nothing like the team from two weeks ago that lost to the same team by over 20 points.

Coach Tony Bennett changed the rotation up, starting freshman guards Ty Jerome and Kyle Guy and going with a smaller line-up for much of the game.

Virginia got off to a slow start going down by seven before scoring their first bucket. However, the Cavaliers' defense maintained pressure on the Tar Heels. This defense led to offense, as Virginia scored 18 firsthalf points off 12 North Carolina turnovers to secure a four point halftime lead. The Cavaliers were able to maintain their lead throughout the second half, holding off a few Tar Heel attempts to regain the lead.

North Carolina's 43-point total is the lowest under coach Roy Williams over 14 years. Despite having four players on the roster who average double digits, only one Tar Heel — junior guard Joel Berry II scored more than eight points, with 12 on the game.

Offensively, both Guy and senior guard London Perrantes seem to have found their rhythm over the last couple games. Guy led Virginia in scoring with 17 points, including five three-pointers, six rebounds and four assists. Perrantes knocked

down three from behind the arc and finished with 13 points and four assists. Junior guard Devon Hall added 11 points and five assists in the win as well.

The team's next matchup against Pittsburgh (15-15, 4-13 ACC) is the last regular season game for the

The Panthers are coming off

their third-consecutive loss, with the most recent at Georgia Tech. In the 52-61 loss, three Pittsburgh players scored in double-digits senior forwards Michael Young and Jamel Artis and sophomore guard Cameron Johnson. Young leads the team in scoring with 20.1 points per game, followed by Artis with 18.9 and Johnson with 11.9.

Pittsburgh is currently tied for second-to-last in the ACC. However, the last time the Panthers and Cavaliers faced off, Pittsburgh edged out an 88-76 victory in over-

Five Cavaliers scored in double digits in the loss, but Virginia struggled both defensively and on the board. Four of the Panthers' five starters put up huge numbers, both in points and rebounds. Pittsburgh shot 53.7 percent from the field and sank 13 of 21 attempts from the three point line. The Panthers also outrebounded the Cavaliers 42-24, which included 12 offensive rebounds that led to 21 second-chance points for Pittsburgh.

Following four-consecutive losses, Virginia has picked up steam after winning its last two games. If the Cavaliers can keep up the defensive pressure they are best known for and stay in the offensive rhythm they have seemed to regain, the team should have no problem finishing out the regular season with

Tipoff is set for noon Saturday at John Paul Jones Arena. The ACC Tournament, which begins Tuesday, March 7, will follow regular season



Senior point guard London Perrantes will play at John Paul Jones Arena for the last time Saturday when Virginia faces Pittsburgh.

No. 9 men's lacrosse beats High Point to improve to 4-1

Virginia bounces back after tough loss, wins 18-12

RAHUL SHAH | SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 9 Virginia men's lacrosse team earned a major 18-12 victory over High Point Wednesday night, bouncing back after a tough loss to No. 8 Penn this past weekend.

"It feels great to come off this win, bouncing back from that loss from Penn," freshman attackman Michael Kraus said.

The Cavaliers (4-1) responded with a high-energy effort that coach Lars Tiffany lauded.

"What I'm really happy about was the energy we played with tonight," Tiffany said. "We flew around, we played really fast and we were aggressive and we created a tempo that we were hoping for."

Freshman midfielder Dox Aitken said having a midweek matchup as opposed to waiting a whole week before the team's next game turned out to be a positive for Virginia.

'It was good to have a game midweek, so we didn't have a week to kind of sit on the loss," Aitken said.

Kraus said the focus on Wednesday's match against High Point (2-3) allowed Virginia to put the loss behind them.

'You can't harp or dwell on the mistakes that we made because you have to focus for the next game," Kraus said. "So I think that kind of gives us an advantage to get over it quick and move on."

Virginia came out of the gates on fire, especially dominating in the second period where they scored seven goals and allowed none. The Cavaliers took an 11-3 lead into halftime, and it looked as if they were going to run away with the match.

However, High Point came out of the intermission and put up a good performance in the third period, outscoring Virginia 6-3.

Aitken talked about how Virginia made some mistakes in the third quarter that allowed High Point to go on the run that they did. He said these mistakes could have possibly come from too much aggressiveness.

"In the third quarter a little bit ... we gave them a little run, we made some mistakes, but they were aggressive mistakes," Aitken said.

However, Virginia was able to bounce back with a solid fourth period and finished the match on a high note and a win.

"I think in the fourth quarter, we kind of cleaned it up a little bit and played smart and aggressive as well," Aitken said.

Virginia ended the game with 28 turnovers to High Point's 23. The number of turnovers was high. Tiffany said that the high number arose because of the system that Virginia runs and the fast style of play that they run. 'We don't usually work about turnovers," Tiffany said. "Twenty eight might be an all-time high, but it's part of this system."

After the match, Aitken talked about the resiliency Virginia showed in coming out and playing the way that they did against High Point.

"I think we're a very resilient team," Aitken said. "I think we can attack you in a lot of ways."

After last weekend's loss to Pennsylvania, Tiffany told his team to continue to work and practice hard in addition to letting go of the loss. Now after a win, Tiffany said he is excited to continue to work with the team and see how they continue to practice and compete.

"I'm eager to keep working with this team," Tiffany said. "I'm eager to see how hard we work the next two days of practice after a win."

The Cavaliers will now get ready for their first ACC match of the season as they travel to No. 12 Syracuse this weekend to take on the Orange. That match is scheduled for Sunday at 12 p.m. at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y.



Junior attackman Mike D'Amario scored four goals in the first half to help Virginia jump out in the lead over High Point.

DEFENSE CAN ONLY TAKE MEN'S HOOPS SO FAR

Losing was not an option for the No. 23 Virginia men's basketball team against No. 5 North Carolina. Having lost the previous four of five games, the Cavaliers were in dire straits and desperately needed a win. So, they did what they do best — play suffocating defense.

Holding the Tar Heels to 43 points on 17-48 shooting, the Cavaliers controlled the rival. Considering North Carolina has put up 85 points per game this season making it the No. 11 best scoring offense in the country — Virginia's play is no small feat. If that weren't impressive enough, nobody has held the Tar Heels to this low of a scoring total since 1979.

'We made a commitment about three weeks ago or two weeks ago that we're just going to be a better defensive team by the end of the year," coach Tony Bennett said following the team's major win. "We just have to be.'

Bennett is not kidding. Although Virginia has the No. 1 scoring defense in the nation — holding opponents to 55.3 points per game — the defensive play has not been nearly as strong in the team's nine losses of the season. In all but one of these defeats, the Cavaliers failed

to hold teams under 60 points.

Considering only three teams have held opponents to less than 60 points per game on average throughout this season, it is perfectly reasonable for the Cavaliers to slip here and there. However, the fact that the Cavaliers have lost games where opponents have hardly put up over 60 points demonstrates the team's biggest flaw — they simply do not have the talent to score.

Take the North Carolina game, for example. While Virginia's stellar defensive play carried the team to victory, its offense struggled - shooting a putrid 32.2 percent from the field. Despite scoring a combined total of 24 points, senior guard London Perrantes and junior guard Devon Hall could only convert on eight of a whopping 26 attempts. With 53 points overall, the team had its third-worst scoring performance of the season.

Virginia fans would be completely misguided to have hope at the moment. While the old adage goes that "defense wins championships," without consistent offensive productivity, the Cavaliers won't make it past the Sweet 16.

Things are bleak for the Cav-

alier faithful. Currently, Virginia is tied for No. 310 scoring offense in the nation with 66.6 points per game. Perrantes leads the team in scoring with 12.4 points per game, and nobody else is on the team is averaging in double digits. When compared to a Virginia squad that was averaging 71 points per game and had three players scoring in double digits last season, this team does not even come close.

To be sure, the pack line defense will be crucial in helping Virginia win games come March. But, it's too much to expect that defense to completely shut down teams as it did the Tar Heels.

Across the nation, 40 teams currently average 80 or more points per game. While Virginia's defense is certainly remarkable, all it takes is one or two opposing players getting hot and it's game over.

Think a few weeks back to the Cavaliers' frustrating loss against Duke. In the first half, Virginia executed its gameplan to perfection, holding the Blue Devils to a meek 21 points. Yet, even while running a similar defense in the second half, the Cavaliers could not stop the freak athlete that is Duke's freshman forward Jayson Tatum. Outmuscling Virginia and making video game-like shots, Tatum scored 21 of his 28 points in the second half and led Duke to a 65-55 victory

If Virginia goes up against one Tatum-like performance in the NCAA Tournament, its season will end. One need not look far back in the history of Virginia men's basketball to know this as fact. In



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Duke freshman forward Jayson Tatum scored 28 points against Virginia

their Elite Eight matchup against Syracuse last season, the Cavaliers stifled the Orange offense, holding them to 21 points in the first half. The Cavaliers were up by 14 points, and it really looked like they had the game in the bag.

However, Syracuse's then-freshman Malachi Richardson had a different agenda. Sensationally putting up 21 of his 23 points in the second half on a succession of unbelievable plays, Richardson led his team to a 68-62 victory and single-handedly bounced Virginia from the tournament. The bottom line is Virginia cannot keep up with teams who break open its defense.

Virginia's lack of offensive talent will be its downfall come March. Though stellar on the other side of the ball, defense can only take men's hoops so far.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 27 edition of The Cavalier Daily, in the article "Dance Marathon aims to surpass fundraising goals," Elizabeth Girvan misstated the total funds raised for 2015 and 2016. The actual amounts raised were \$54,000 in 2015 and \$70,000 in 2016.

LEAD EDITORIAL

'Sanctuary campuses' are counterproductive

Undocumented students should be protected with substantive policy, not symbolic labels

The Trump administration's ambiguous stance on the federal policy Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, has undocumented students across the country grappling with uncertainty. Many of these undocumented students fear President Donald Trump will end the program. As a result, students have called for the establishment of "sanctuary campuses," a term which does not translate directly into policy. Although administrations must do everything they can to protect students from federal deportation, adopting the label of "sanctuary campus" could in fact endanger undocumented students.

During his campaign, Trump repeatedly called for the deportation of about 4 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. He also vowed to overturn the DACA program. Should Trump keep these campaign promises, they could affect tens of thousands of undocumented college students at American colleges and universities. The threat faced by over 728,000 "dreamers" of being deported is real and requires effective responses from college administrators, which has been the case at the University, so far.

The "sanctuary campus" label has been self-declared by 28 campuses around the country for its supposed value in protecting undocumented students from anti-immigration policies. However, deeming a college campus a "sanctuary" is largely symbolic. Since the term lacks both legal significance and a clear definition, it offers no actual protection. Moreover, using the term brings special and unnecessary attention to the presence of undocumented students, putting them at greater risk. "Sanctuary campuses" offer a false and misleading assurance for those who feel threatened by the Trump administration.

Recent efforts by the University demonstrate how administrations could ensure students' unconditional protection. In an email to the University community last month, University President Teresa Sullivan assured students of the administration's intention to continue protecting and keeping confidential the immigration status of students who may be affected by anti-immigration policies. In another email sent out yesterday, this commitment was reiterated. While the University has undertaken efforts to support students in recent weeks, it could improve them by hosting immigration experts and organizing conferences to educate the student body about the fears of undocumented students. All of these efforts are far more substantive than taking up a purely symbolic label.

The use of the term "sanctuary campus" presents more risks than assurances. The legal gray area of the term's definition makes it a risky tactic for protecting undocumented students. The University should continue distancing itself from the #sanctuarycampus movement while bolstering its efforts to protect students from the threat of deportation.

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U.VA. IS NOT DOING ENOUGH FOR TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

Despite minor progress, U.Va. policy lacks specific, concrete measures to ensure safety of transgender students on Grounds

President Trump rescinded the Obama administration's statements of policy and guidance Feb. 22 that ensured transgender students' access to bathrooms which match their gender identity. In their "Dear Colleague" letter, the U.S. Justice and Education Departments stated "there must be due regard for the primary role of the States and local school districts in establishing educational policy." As part of a longstanding tradition in American history, the letter's citation of states' rights as justification for this action is an ugly, cynical attempt to veil the Trump administration's bigotry. In response, University President Teresa Sullivan released a statement which reiterated the University's commitment to diversity and intolerance of "discrimination or harassment toward LGBTQ faculty, staff, or students" and the inclusion of gender identity and sexual orientation in its existing non-discrimination policy. This, however, does not go far enough.

The University must take concrete steps to increase its support for transgender members of the community. First, they should issue a statement denouncing the transphobia of the Trump administrations action. Second, an amendment should be made to the University's sexual and gender-based harassment policy

that explicitly ensures transgender students' right to access the facilities that corresponds with their gender identity. And finally, a more forceful push should be made to expand the availability of gender-neutral bathBut both of these pillars are either compromised or subject to change. The interpretation of Title IX to include protections for gender identity has been revoked by the Trump administration and the Governor's

All of us who do not identify as transgender should make an effort to reach out to the transgender community and make our voices heard so it may join theirs in a chorus of opposition and validation.

rooms on Grounds. The University must take immediate measures to assure transgender members of the community that they are welcome and valued, and the full institutional force of the University will be mobilized on their behalf when their rights are threatened.

To be clear, Sullivan's message was an important first step for the University. Our non-discrimination policy cites explicit compliance with Title IX's and the Governor's Executive Order Number One's requirements, two respectively federal and state legal pillars on which the University bases its policies. Sullivan's message reasserts the University's inclusion of gender identity in its non-discrimination policy.

executive order can just as easily be rescinded. In light of the frailty of existing provisions, there is a pressing and clear need for the University to go beyond the language of its current policy and its ad hoc assurances of good faith to the transgender community. The University must provide an explicit guarantee of transgender students' access to the correct facilities in its policies. This is the best and most direct way for Sullivan to give substance to her statement and institutionalize its promise.

This amendment should be accompanied by a denunciation of the Trump administration's blatant transphobia. Having the University come out strongly against President Trump's action would send a pow-

erful signal to the White House and to the nation that we do not tolerate the erasure of the transgender experience.

Furthermore, the rescinding of these statements of policy and guidance should provide the University with an impetus to rededicate itself to a more equitable, accessible and welcoming University environment. There are currently far too many facilities on Grounds which do not have gender-neutral bathrooms, according to the web map created by the LGBTQ Center. These include the Chemistry Building, Nau / Gibson Halls, Monroe Hall and others. The designation of one gender-neutral bathroom on the West Lawn is a baby step in the right direction. The University's centers of learning should never force its transgender community members to have to scour to find a bathroom where they feel safe. Nor should our buildings make transgender individuals feel unwelcome by the fact that a building's design simply does not take into account their existence.

Each of these individual steps would be an important yet insufficient measure in response to the Trump administration's action, either individually or in concert. The President yet again has demonstrated the fragility of those rights and of

our duty as citizens to remind those who occupy high office of their oaths to the Constitution. Transgender Americans are arguably the most discriminated against minority in the U.S., who often find themselves voiceless in the face of overwhelming opposition to their very existence, at home and in public. The University should strive to be a haven for those struggling to determine who they are, or those who can say with confidence, if not with total security, that their lives and experiences matter. I unfortunately do not believe the University is succeeding in this endeavor today. All of us who do not identify as transgender should make an effort to reach out to the transgender community and make our voices heard so it may join theirs in a chorus of opposition and validation. Amidst this national retreat into the darkness, we must all do our part to create pockets of light which will outlast and eventually overpower the harm being done to those bonds of common purpose which make us American. We must resist and we must thrive. Anything less is a moral failure.

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DELVING DEEPER INTO CAMPAIGN AGAINST KELSEY KILGORE

This year's Student Council presidential election invited unprecedented hostility

irst, let's recap the insanity that was the 2017 Student Council President election this year:

The Cavalier Daily's implicit portrayal and many others' open narrative went something like this: Kelsey Kilgore, a rich, privileged, daddy-funded, oblivious, mini Tomi Lahren, Tri Delt and former athlete, attempted to take on the Student Council, University Democrats and anti-Greek conglomerate favorite, Sarah Kenny, by buying votes with pizza and Red Bull.

She wouldn't have won regardless of how many coffees she bought, but just to be sure:

In their initial profile, The Cavalier Daily conveniently left out the fact Kilgore was also a Batten student and a fellow of the Meriwether Lewis Leadership Institute at the University, preferring her more superficial and less intellectual identities. In all the subsequent articles I saw, they also never mentioned the fact that Kenny is a sister of the Alpha Phi sorority and thus also involved in greek life. This may not seem significant but it was part of a larger underlying message that Kilgore was the rich inexperienced bimbo who wanted to buy her position, in contrast to Kenny, the humble long-term public servant, champion of all.

Then the Minority Rights Coali-

tion decided to hold a town hall for students to ask questions of the two candidates, despite the fact that they had already endorsed Kenny, which they excused by their use of an 'independent and unbiased' moderator. Somehow, according to Kilgore's campaign, both candidates were supposed to receive their questions 48 hours in advance and although they only had to send said questions to two people, Kilgore did not

Finally, on the day or so before the campaign, The Cavalier Daily posted a cartoon that made Kilgore look like a gremlin, wearing her sorority shirt and perched on a soccer ball and bags of money. Next to her was Kenny (who, I should note, also looked pretty bad — though not nearly as bad as Kilgore — because the drawing itself was simply not well done) who only had her actual experience to prop her

This year's race was unprecedentedly nasty for what is ultimately such an inconsequential position.

receive said questions until later. In their recap of the event on their Facebook page, the MRC reiterated their endorsement of Kenny once again, sure to reach anyone who many have still been undecided who wanted to watch the stream of the event.

Oh, and let's not forget that an anonymous letter began to circulate all over Grounds from "Concerned Students at U.Va." which stated Kilgore's candidacy was "detrimental to the rights of minority students" and "threatens progress," with no support other than her apparent private preference for President Donald Trump.

This year's race was unprecedentedly nasty for what is ultimately such an inconsequential position. Before the backlash comes in, I challenge the reader to name this past year's Student Council President, and, if they can, to name one positive or negative policy she put into place that was unique to her individual leadership.

If you read the Facebook commentary and hysteria surrounding Kilgore's candidacy like the anonymous letter, you'd think we were voting on the President of the United States, not who presides over important discussions like the ACC recycling and composting challenge and whether the chairs should be in a circle when the meetings get too crowded (as per the public Student Council minutes from Feb. 21).

Don't get me wrong: Kenny was the more qualified candidate and had better ideas, and that was clear at the Town Hall. The amount of Kilgore's expenditures on her campaign was questionable. Kenny certainly deserved to win, but her victory was more of a reward for her dedication and hard work via a semblance of power and an added paragraph to her resume than reflective of the false perception that the University would really be any different under her leadership than Kilgore's.

I understand that especially after the 2016 elections, where real issues were at stake, people want to engage in some grassroots activism and fight for the things important to them.

This wasn't the place to do it. Sure, all University students should be encouraged to vote in the student elections and to speak to our representatives. But what was so unnecessary and what made this race so absurd was that a large fraction of the student body chose Kilgore as a surrogate for their anger and frustrations towards Trump and the results of the 2016 election.

So congratulations to all those

who campaigned so viciously against Kilgore. You pegged one of your fellow students as a racist at worst and oblivious to the concerns of minorities at best. She lost, badly, with Kenny receiving almost five times as many votes as her. You did it! You saved the University.

But this wasn't a victory on your part. The only way Kenny would have lost to Kilgore would be if she proposed tearing down the Rotunda to make access to the Corner easier or abolishing "Pint Night" at Mellow Mushroom to promote studying on Tuesdays. If anything, the negative publicity against Kilgore gave her more name recognition, more sympathy and more votes.

This should go without saying, but let's put it out there anyway: Kilgore isn't Trump. You thought you slayed Goliath, but in reality, he beat the crap out of you and you decided to make yourself feel better by kicking his puppy. Hopefully we learn to pick better battles by 2020.

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EVENTS

Thursday 3/2

University Libertarians Present: Signature Rally with Pizza, 12-2pm, Amphitheater

Baseball vs. Niagara, 4pm, Davenport Field Softball vs. Virginia Tech, 5pm, The Park

Baseball vs. La Salle, 12pm, Davenport Field Men's Basketball vs. Pittsburgh, 12pm, John Paul Jones Arena

Softball vs. Virginia Tech, 1pm, The Park Baseball vs. Niagara, 3pm, Davenport Field

Women's Tennis vs. Virginia Tech, 12pm, Snyder

Softball vs. Virginia Tech, 12pm, The Park Baseball vs. La Salle, 2:30pm, Davenport Field

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'Les Misérables' composers share experinces

Artists behind musical enjoy second residence at U.Va.

ANNA MORGAN | SENIOR WRITER

Last week, the University welcomed back Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil, the creators of the award-winning musical version of "Les Misérables," for their second residency Feb. 22-24.

The artists visited classes and gave advice to students, attended the University Singers' concert tribute to their shows and participated in a subsequent conversation in which audience members could ask questions.

Schönberg and Boublil engaged with each audience member and provided their thoughts on the state of the world and their shows. Their passion for their work was evident and their responses were genuine, which led to emotive reactions from the audience — laughter, outcries or something in between.

'We are both immigrants, immigrants of the world," Boublil said at the start of the conversation with the audience.

They coined the term "citizens of the world" to describe how their differences have an impact on various cultures. They embrace the distinctions between

people and places, drawing inspiration from all over the world.

The artists went on to explain a large amount of their success occurred by chance and as a result of their passion. They acted on what inspired them - a lesson that many people likely took away from their conversation. For example, Boublil saw the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" and at 3 a.m. the next morning felt inspired to imitate the style, while focusing instead on the French Revolution.

The "Les Mis" musical known today is almost a fluke in history replaced by a rock opera. Fate later led Boublil to see the musical "Oliver," which precipitated thoughts of Victor Hugo's novel. Schönberg was immediately on board — thus giving birth to "Les

Schönberg and Boublil discussed the tragic yet inspirig nature of the show.

"This show is about redemption ... becoming a better person," Boublil said.

"Les Mis" offers stories of love, war, hardship, grief and reunion, weaving them together in a poetic fashion. Going beyond a production to talk about morals and reality does not always occur with talks such as these, so hearing the artists delve into such thought-provoking topics was refreshing and empowering. The divide between the author's intention and the audience's interpretation is a dilemma that every artist must resolve.

Seeing Schönberg and Boublil on stage together was inspiring in itself — two creators that simply let fate lead the way, recognizing opportunities and running with them. More impressive than their accomplishments, however, was the level of companionship between the two men. They created such amazing collaborations and spent so much time together. They understand each other and are on the same wavelength about what they like and appre-

"All wives stick together," Schönberg said. "I trust him. He'll do what he says."

Schönberg was more talkative overall, but Boublil had plenty to say when prompted or if a thought suddenly grazed his mind. The two built off of one another, emphasizing their pow-

By the end of the final discussion Friday, Schönberg and Boublil left several distinguished themes for each audience member to ponder — following pas-

sion and inspiration, remaining optimistic and acknowledging everyone's differences.



Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil were artists-in-residence in late February.

From local bars to possible summer tour

Boomer and Moose create new sounds, fun times

VIRGINIA SPEIDEL | SENIOR WRITER

After a long dynasty of bands on Grounds - from SGGL to Parachute to local household names like Kendall Street Company and Fenton it's hard to make a splash at the University as a musical group. However, Boomer and Moose — a group of second- and third-year Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi and Beta Theta Pi men seeks to swim in the local music waters through redefining their stage presence and sound.

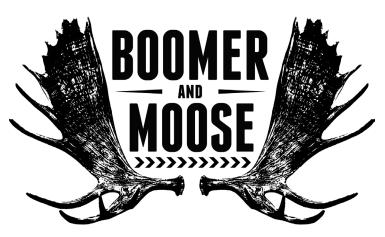
Lead singer Andrew Norman, third-year College student, said his history of playing at bars with different musicians in bands like Kendall Street allowed him to meet the future members of Boomer and Moose drummer Sam Sobell and keyboard player Andrew King, second-year College students, bassist Will Finn, second-year Engineering student and guitarist Andrew Harrington, Piedmont Virginia Community College student.

While the band started by simply messing around, jamming and playing at venues like Coupe's and Boylan, it's trying to de-structure their shows and play songs its members are passionate about.

With a potential summer tour in sight, the guys want to redefine their sound and wiggle out of the pressures of playing at local bars.

"We're really just trying to get more gigs where we can play stuff we want to play," Finn said. "We're looser. We've wiggled out of the choppiness."

Listening to this band practice on a rainy afternoon at the Kappa Alpha fraternity house is a breath of fresh air — a cluttered room filled with instruments, pedals and regular college guys hanging out, ready to play some



COURTESY BOOMER AND MOOSE

Group of University students showcase engages southern rock all across campus.

music. Jazzy keyboard parts King set the tone for a casual jam session as funky, rhythmic sounds echoed and bounced off the walls. On Saturday night, the band took these sounds and rhythms to Boylan Heights to play a groovy set for a willing crowd.

Finn started out with a funky solo bassline, which prompted other instruments to join in — King coming up with riffs on the keys, Harrington playing some guitar notes reminiscent of '60s funk. As soon as the band started playing, students flocked towards them and began to sway and dance. Within minutes, students were up front, smiling at the band and singing along.

With Sobell pounding expertly on the drums, it was rare to see someone in the crowd who wasn't tapping their foot or bobbing their head to the beat. The setlist led into some covers, but not the typical "Don't Stop Believin" or "Wonderwall" — one cover was John Mayer, a song from an early record, sung confidently by Norman. Harrington's electric guitar and pedal board added a professional flair that

made the gig something more than just a ragtag group of fraternity guys trying to make it.

The show reinforced the band's presence on Grounds and allowed people to begin to see them at their core not only as musicians, but also as songwriters and performers. Every member of the group individually writes music, bringing pieces that they've been working on to fellow members and coming up with ideas together. They want to continue exploring those songs and creating their own signature sound without facing the pressure of sounding a certain way to accommodate intoxicated students at bars.

In terms of growing as a band, the only thing that seems to be holding them back is the lack of a signature sound. But, they're taking it one step

"We just make stuff and like, it's been coming out of us," Finn said. "We don't know what it is, but we like

Good times roll at The Southern

The Vegabonds perform with funk, style

VIRGINIA SPEIDEL | SENIOR WRITER

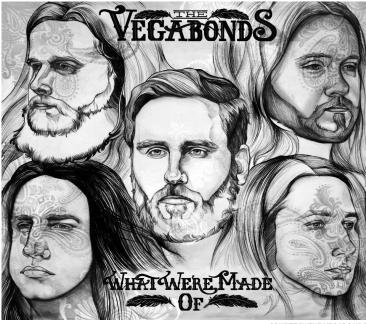
The Vegabonds began preparing the stage for their set at about 11 p.m. last Friday. Most of the crowd had dispersed by that point, having only come for the local Will Overman Band. Yet, the band's true fans — an eclectic crowd of college students, young adults and couples - stuck around with the effects of a long Friday night of partying having set in. These fans were in it for the long haul, and there's no better band than The Vegabonds to close out the night.

The Vegabonds are a five-man group from Nashville, Tenn. that in the words of lead singer Daniel Allen — "always wanna have a good time" and "lighten the mood of the day." The band's influences vary from rock group Kings of Leon to country artists Sturgill Simpson and Chris Stapleton to singer-songwriters like Jason Isbell — incorporating elements of southern rock, funk and rocking jams into their music.

"I hope people listen, but I understand that's not always the case," Allen said. "But I mean, the lyrics are a message of hope. It's real life stuff, but the music lends itself more to more of a good time party-type stuff. So it's a cool mixture when you have a lot of

truth and a lot of good times behind

Friday's show at The Southern was nothing short of a good time. The band opened with an explosive, inspiring performance of "Where We Used To Go," which included a funky piano riff and pleasing instrumental melodies. The band incorporated many different musical elements into their live performance. These included intense electric guitar so-



The Vegabonds rocked The Southern last weekend

los by guitarist Richard Forehand, pounding bass sections from Paul Bruens and tantalizing riffs and patterns from Beau Cooper on the keys. Each band member got a chance to perform something individually in each song, yet the group stayed tight and consistent, working together to create an atmosphere of happy times and perpetual foot-stomping.

The Vegabonds incorporated some southern rock into the show with songs like "Cruise On" which included more improvised jamming and lots of thrashing. Similarly, in songs like "American Eyes," Forehand brought out the dobro to incorporate more country elements.

Lyrically, the band's songs used simple repetition to provide catchy choruses and pleasing messages. During the performance of their newest single, "Oh My Lord," the crowd jumped in and sang with the band, repeating the chorus with ease and happiness. The group is invested in its fans, smiling and laughing with them as they all collectively jammed together. It was an atmosphere of camaraderie that is not seen enough in local venues.

To close out the night, the group played some covers of country artists such as Charlie Daniels and the Allman Brothers and ended with an encore performance of The Band's "Atlantic City." The latter portion of the setlist really allowed the band to bring out their southern rock and country influence, ending with covers that eventually led to 10-minute songs full of rhythm and style that never seemed to end.

The show was one for dancing, swaying and head bopping. By the time of the encore, only true fans were left, singing "Atlantic City" with the band and reveling in the personal closeness that the group provided to their followers.

The Vegabonds brought rock, funk and personality to The Southern. Leaving the venue, fans had a sense of personal satisfaction and fulfillment as they all smiled and stumbled home, still drunk on the pounding southern rock beats of the Nashville group.

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EPA attorney speaks on TSCA

Environmental science department hosts seminar on toxic chemical regulations

TOMOYA KANNO | STAFF WRITER

The environmental science department hosted a talk Feb. 28 on the Toxic Substance Control Act given by Mark Garvey, attorney at the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Enforcement. This seminar was part of the EVSC 4002 lecture series hosted every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 108.

The seminar focused on the role of the TSCA from its inception to the present. The talk began with a discussion on chemicals in general and why the TSCA arose in 1976.

We had some events going on in the '60s and '70s that really energized the environmental movement," Garvey said. "A lot of it was around chemicals ... being found in foods, in schools. Do you think about what this school is made of? When you think about the chemicals that are in the carpet, the table, the paint,

the dyes ... what are these chemicals? Are they safe?"

Garvey said the TSCA exercises authority over more organic or inorganic chemicals and the aim of the TSCA is to identify any risky chemicals before they make it onto the market.

'We're not going to wait until the PCBs are in our food the mercury is affecting the children," Garvey said. "We're not going to wait until things are so contaminated that everybody on earth has perfluorinated chemicals in them — which is a manmade chemical — and it's at a level in which you'd expect some sort of health effect.

Garvey said the risk of chemicals is dependent on toxicity and exposure. He used the company DuPont's infamous toxic chemical PFOA as an example of a Persistent Biomagnifying and Toxic chem-

Garvey said biomagnification is the most dangerous aspect of PBTs.

"A chemical is designated as a PBT if — at such a small - even a child crawling around picks up enough of a

dose and accumulates enough [of the it] that it becomes a problem," Garvey said. "[At that point] we say this chemical cannot be in imported goods."

Garvey also said the EPA's



The Toxic Substance Control Act identifies and regulates dangerous chemicals.

work with the chemical PFOA which started in the 1990s has resulted in a 41 percent decline of the compound in people's blood.

Regarding the continued presence of other chemicals widely considered as risky such as PCBs, mercury and asbestos — Garvey said the TSCA was required to take a route of "least burden" to the manufacturer when reviewing chemicals already on the mar-

However, he concluded the seminar by explaining recent changes to the TSCA - which was overhauled last year and expanded its authority - that have allowed it to tackle these problems. Among the changes was the abandonment of the least burdensome requirement for chemical review. This was a result of a push for the EPA to incorporate harsher independent regulations put forth by some states.

U.Va. offers variety of mental health resources

Students can look to several places on Grounds if they need help

ANISHA KUMAR | STAFF WRITER



volunteers

that students go somewhere more

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professional."

HELPLine

Mental health resources on Grounds include CAPS, the Mary Ainsworth Psychological Training Clinic, the Curry School and the Women's

Around Grounds, regardless of the semester or year, students experience stress due to midterms, papers and even social relationships. When it comes to seeking counseling for mental health, there are a variety of options available locally. Students should educate themselves on these resources and choose which center they ultimately wish to go to based on what they intend to gain from the experience.

CAPS

To get started with CAPS, students can call to make an appointment. After calling, students are scheduled for a brief phone call screening within one to two business days. During this phone call, a CAPS clinician will have a 15-20 minute conversation with a student in which they generally inquire about their needs and current state of well-being.

Based on this discussion, a clinician provides students with a recommendation that could include coming to CAPS for a same-day emergency appointment, an urgent intake within one to three days, the next available standard intake or a referral to other offices on Grounds, a Charlottesville Community provider or a referral to online help options.

However, if a student cannot wait for a screening appointment because they feel they will hurt someone else or themselves, they can ask to speak with the emergency consult clinician.

CAPS did not return request for comment.

The Women's Center

The Women's Center is another resource that students can seek for their mental health needs. Despite the name, the Women's Center offers counseling for all people regardless of their gender as well as for couples.

After students call the counseling office, a clinician gathers basic information from students and asks them to schedule an appointment. The first appointment, called an "intake appointment," is scheduled for one hour in which students can talk to a counselor about their needs and goals for counseling. Based on this information, counselors help students determine the best kind of counseling for their needs, such as individual or group counseling, and help them set up a follow-up appointment. In cases where counselors believe a student's needs would be better served elsewhere, they help students make necessary arrangements with another agency or service provider.

The Women's Center did not return request for comment.

HELPLine

HELPLine is another resource for students who want help. HELP-Line program director Kennedy Couch said HELPLine is an anonymous, confidential, non-judgmental and non-directive telephone service that serves students on Grounds and in the Charlottesville community.

The phone service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with the exception of student breaks. The service allows students to discuss issues with who Couch characterized as a "non-judgemental listener."

Frequently, students call into HELPLine to discuss assault and abuse, empathy, mental health and stress and suicide ideation.

"HELPLine's mission has always been a short term service since we are not trained professionals," Couch said. "Ultimately, the goal is

ious mental health disorders. Additionally, HELPLine works with CAPS to generate training manuals to ensure their volunteers act in a professional manner. However, HELPLine does not

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diagnose anyone, and conversations can be as long as possible, as there is no time limit to the length of conversations.

Mary Ainsworth Psychological Training Clinic

The Mary Ainsworth Psychological Training Clinic is sponsored by the Psychology department's Clinical Training Program located in Gilmer Hall.

One important fact that students should note is the the clinic is primarily a training clinic for the Psychology department's clinical graduate students. All sessions, whether therapy or testings sessions, are videotaped so graduate students' supervisors can watch the tape later with the graduate students, said Patricia Llewellyn, Director of the Mary Ainsworth Training Clinic, in an email to The Cavalier Daily.

However, tapes are deleted once the supervisor has watched them with the graduate students, Llewellyn said.

In addition, since they are a training clinic for graduate students who are unavailable during the summer, most of their clients are seen during the academic year. The clinic also has limited availability, since graduate students provide most of their services, Llewellyn said.

"The best times for people to call our clinic for therapy is late summer to early January," Llewellyn said. "After January, we are often full and unable to accommodate any further therapy requests until the next fall

The department offers both short- and long-term counseling and therapy, as well as assessment services for a wide array of academic and psychological issues. Like CAPS, a phone intake screening is the first step within this clinic. However, they are unable to take walk-ins and emergencies. While the clinic is free currently, it has a two-vear wait.

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