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The Law School's student governing body opposed the proposed changes to the Honor Committee Tuesday — changes that include informed retraction and jury reform.

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Honor changes draw critics

Law School student bar association questions proposed amendments to system

By Andrew D'Amato
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

The Law School's student governing body, the Student Bar Association, said in a meeting Monday it will consider passing a resolution to urge students to reject the proposed changes to the University's Honor system.

The reforms, proposed by the Honor Committee Jan. 21, come in two parts. The first, informed retraction, would allow a student accused of an honor violation to confess and be suspended from the University for one year rather than face a trial and possible expulsion.

The second change involves eliminating random juror selec-

tion and replacing it with an jury of elected student honor representatives — a return to a policy the Committee held for the majority of its existence.

"In 1990, random student juries replaced the traditional elected student representative jurors," the Committee said in a graphic introducing their proposal. "The Honor Committee hopes that this plan will encourage honorable behavior, restore faith in the system and strengthen the Community of Trust."

But the proposed changes met fierce opposition when Law School students received a letter from the Law School's Honor Committee representa-

tives detailing the proposed changes.

Second-year Law student Ron Fisher, who voiced his concerns to the association Monday, said though he thinks informed retraction may encourage cheating, elected jurors are a much more troubling proposition.

"They call them jurors, but in law you would never call this a jury," said Fisher. "In law this is called an inquisition. This is not a jury, and that's our main point. It's going to create a body that is more likely to convict than a normal elected jury."

Fisher also expressed concern about the voting procedure for

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Virginia seeks more offense

Team aims to improve inconsistent scoring, end season strong to bolster NCAA Tournament prospects

By Fritz Metzinger
Cavalier Daily Sports Editor

At certain points this season, such as the first half of its 66-60 loss to Georgia Tech last Sunday, the Virginia men's basketball team has resembled an ACC juggernaut. Implementing coach Tony Bennett's renowned man coverage scheme on defense to a tee, the Cavaliers have occasionally complemented their defensive dominance with a solid, if unspectacular, inside-out offense. When the Cavaliers produce at the offensive end, they end up in the win column more often than not, even against top-flight competition.

In other moments, however, Virginia has sputtered against lackluster competition. From scoring 15 points in the first half of a home loss to Delaware, to mustering four points against lowly Old Dominion during a pivotal seven-minute stretch late in the contest, to

managing only one field goal in the final 9:46 against Georgia Tech Sunday, the Cavaliers have vanished offensively so often this season their NCAA Tournament resume remains markedly flawed and far from guaranteed to punch Virginia's second straight ticket to the Big Dance.

"We played well enough to come away with a win at Georgia Tech," Bennett said. "But the last six or seven minutes had too many empty possessions because of missed shots, a turnover or breakdown that really cost us in that game."

As has come to be expected under Bennett, Virginia is excelling defensively, holding opponents to a scant 52 points per game on 37.3 percent shooting. But the offense, despite shooting a respectable 45.4 percent from the field, averages just 62.5 points, thanks to the Cavaliers' preference for using as much of the shot clock

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Junior guard Joe Harris, Virginia's leading scorer at 15.3 points per game, accounts for nearly 25 percent of his team's points this season.

Courtney Timms
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Senior forward Telia McCall has started all 20 games in which she has appeared this season after playing exclusively in a reserve role in her first three seasons. She is averaging 8.4 points and eight rebounds per game.



Marshall Bronfin
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McCall shines as starter

Senior forward blooms late, scores career-high 28 points against Georgia Tech

By Michael Eilbacher
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With less than two minutes left in the second half of Sunday's game, senior forward Telia McCall hit a free throw. It capped a personal 8-0 run for McCall and gave the Cavaliers a slim 3-point lead. The lead would not hold, but the impact would remain — a lone bright spot in a disappointing game for the Virginia women's basketball team.

Sunday's game marked another stellar performance in what has become an impressive senior season for McCall. Against Georgia Tech, she almost single-handedly kept Virginia in the game, scoring 28 points and going 16-for-17 from the free-throw line, while playing the entire 40 minutes. When it appeared the Cavalier offense had all but completely stalled against a brutally physical Yellow Jacket team, McCall managed to force her way inside and make the tough baskets. It was certainly an eye-opening individual performance to most observers, but for McCall it was just business as usual.

"I felt very relaxed," McCall said. "Coach [Joanne Boyle] already told me how they were playing me before, so I was already prepared to capitalize on what I needed to do."

McCall's ability to seize opportunities has been a vital attribute for one of Virginia's breakout contributors of the year. Earning the starting spot for the Cavaliers for the first time in her career at the start of this season, McCall was excited to step into a bigger role. Utilizing the added pressure as motivation during summer workouts, McCall built herself up as a force in the paint on both sides of the ball.

"[My teammates] pulled me off the to the sides in the summer and said, 'T, you're unstoppable. I hate playing against you, because you always score,'" McCall said. "They were right there, keeping my confidence up. They were like, 'We have confidence in you. Take the shot. Get the rebound.'"

McCall showed her strength from early in the season, landing 14 points and eight rebounds in the team's Nov. 12 win against Penn. She has been a consistent scoring option for the Cavaliers ever since, averaging 8.4 points per game. Her interior offense is an important option for Boyle, who has used her to give the opposing defense different looks. McCall has responded to Boyle's recent strategic adjustments, scoring in double digits in five of the team's last seven games.

"It's not rocket science — if someone's hot, you've got to give her the ball," Boyle said. "We just try to put her in a position to get a good shot off, and she's really converted."

On the defensive end, McCall has been Virginia's primary ball hawk in the paint, leading the team in rebounding in 10 of the team's 21 games. Her eight rebounds per game are good enough to put her among the top 10 rebounders in the ACC.

McCall has invested considerable time and energy training to be a tough post presence, but Boyle also sees an innate ability for rebounding in the rugged forward.

"She's just got a knack for being around the ball," Boyle said. "She's got a great confidence with her post partner in [senior center] Simone [Egwu]. She's a quick twitch player, which means she can get off the ground really easily, and so she's got a knack and a sense for where the ball's coming off."

The Cavaliers currently sit in fifth place in the ACC, and with matchups against punishing teams such as Duke and Maryland still looming ahead, McCall's presence in the post is going to be crucial. For Virginia

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Although he faces a surprising lack of opposition in the election, McDaniel will still work to gather signatures from students on grounds and endorsements from different student organizations to secure the Student Council presidency for next term.



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By Kelly Kaler
Cavalier Daily News Editor

According to the newly released ballot from the University Board of Elections, third-year College student Eric McDaniel will be running unopposed for Student

Council president, marking the first time in at least 10 years the position has gone uncontested. McDaniel must still collect 300 signatures to run, but with the Monday deadline for candidate registration having past, no other candidates can put their name in

McDaniel to run uncontested

Current Student Council representative faces no opposition for next year’s presidency

for the race. Though running uncontested, McDaniel still hopes to speak with students about his plan, as well as to participate in endorsement interviews. He has already held meetings with representatives from the Minority Rights Council and the Inter-Fraternity Council to gather input from student organizations on what they would like to see from Council in the coming term. McDaniel said that no other candidates publicly expressed serious interest in running for the position. “There were information sessions [about the position] and there were always rumors — in students leadership circles people always speculate — but it’s not always based on fact,” he said. “I don’t feel comfortable speculating on why it happened.” It’s unusual for a University-wide position to be uncontested,

said elections board Chair Jessica Hassanzadeh, a fourth-year College student. “Last year the StudCo Presidential race was closely contested, with five students running,” Hassanzadeh said in an email. “Both the current [Vice President for Organizations] and [Vice President of Administration] races have at least three candidates vying for the position, which is more on trend with years past.” Though he is now comfortably sitting as the de facto president-elect, McDaniel said he recognized the benefits of a contested election. “I wouldn’t have minded going through with the whole campaign,” he said. “Would I have preferred that this be a contested election? Yes. That being said, every student at the University had the opportunity to sign up for this race and none but myself chose to do so.”

Neil Branch, previously rumored as a potential candidate for president, is seeking re-election as vice president for organizations in a contested race. “A lot of people have asked me [why I’m not running for president] and I think it’s a justified question,” Branch said. “At the end of the day, you need to look at where you can best serve the students, and I think the VPO needs to be there for two years to observe the process and see where changes need to be made.” Branch speculated the uncontested race for president may raise questions among students about Council operations, but still thought elections would cause debate. “I don’t have an explanation for why [the presidential race] is uncontested, but it will increase attention on the VP race and hopefully draw greater scrutiny to what their platforms are,” he said.

Assembly tightens voter identification standards

New regulations remove utility bills, bank statements, government checks, paychecks as acceptable IDs by 2014

By Jordan Bower and Christopher Green
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The Virginia Senate and the House of Delegates both passed a bill Tuesday that would limit the number of acceptable voter identification materials. The measure eliminates utility bills, bank statements, government checks and paychecks as acceptable forms of identification at the voting booth. Under the legislation, introduced by Sen. Richard Black, R-Leesburg, in December, the

only acceptable forms of identification are employee or university student ID cards, driver’s licenses, voter registration cards, concealed handgun permits and other forms of government-issued identification. “The primary purpose of the bill was to solidify and strengthen the voting process here in Virginia,” Black’s legislative aide Chris Lore said. “Frankly, some of these things are so easy to forge, the fear was that the voting process wouldn’t be secure.” The Senate approved a Demo-

crat-backed amendment to the bill Monday which delays the bill’s implementation until July 2014, following Lieut. Gov. Bill Bolling’s controversial tiebreaking vote. Sen. Donald McEachin, D-Henrico, who first proposed the amendment, warned that this bill might ultimately disenfranchise potential voters, and wanted at least to ensure enough time to educate voters on what forms of identification would be acceptable under the new law. “Voting is the most basic right

in a democracy,” McEachin said in an e-mail. “I am very disappointed that my Republican colleagues insist on putting up needless obstacles and hurdles.” Opponents to voter identification laws often suggest these types of legislative initiatives disproportionately affect subsets of the voting population. “It’s a relatively well-known fact that low-income, minority and elderly voters are less likely to have some of the identification options that are permitted by this bill,” Center for Politics

spokesperson Geoff Skelley said. “So it’s possible that there may be some voters in the future who have difficulty voting on Election Day due to the increasingly stringent requirements featured in this bill.” Supporters of the bill say such concerns were unwarranted. “One of the primary pieces of identification that you can use is your voter identification card,” Lore said. “When you register to vote, that card is mailed directly to you at no cost ... It’s just a matter of people keeping track of what is given to them.”

Hurd speaks out against Board legislation

Virginia legislature considers changing student Board of Visitors member selection process, requiring faculty member for body

By Abby Meredith
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Board of Visitors student representative Hillary Hurd spoke out at Tuesday’s Student Council meeting against a Virginia House of Delegates bill that would require all student Board representatives to be elected. Currently, any eligible student interested in serving as a representative to the Board submits an application that is then reviewed by a panel of

elected student leaders. Finalists are then interviewed by the Board’s executive committee. Hurd, a fourth-year College student, raised concerns about allowing students to campaign for the position rather than keeping to the current three-step selection process. “I believe it is really important to represent the students ... But I don’t think it’s a good idea for there to be a general election,” Hurd said. “So much of running for election is

part of articulating an agenda. Applying to the Board of Visitors is not having an agenda.” The current application process ensures the student understands the Board’s role at the University, Hurd said. Fourth-year College student Johnny Vroom, Council president, said most students are not intimately familiar with the Board’s operations and proceedings. Vroom said the multistep selection process allows the Board to create a relationship and build trust

with the student representative which is crucial for the position. “Mandating one selection method makes me a little uncomfortable,” he said. Some Council members questioned the legitimacy of the position, however, when students are not elected. “[Electing the representative would be] adding legitimacy and confirming the representative nature,” said second-year Engineering student Jalen Ross, a Council engineering representative.

Council also addressed the section of the bill that would require a faculty representative to the Board, a measure that Hurd said the Board was already considering. Several Council members added that this requirement is “relatively noncontroversial” but the discussion should be left to members of the Faculty Senate. Council agreed to discuss the bill further at next week’s meeting.

Honor | Hollander: elected jury would ‘affect all students’

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these changes, because both measures are coming to a vote at the same time. Much of the University Judiciary Committee’s discussions of the proposal has focused on its merits, said second-year Law

student Kyle Mathews, a representative on that committee, so he requested Fisher speak at the body’s meeting to voice the pervasive concerns within the Law School. The bar association will meet next Monday to discuss the merits of passing the resolution,

as well as whether to criticize the Committee for coupling the provisions. “We feel almost obligated to grab people’s attention,” said Drew Hollander, second-year bar association representative. “We want to students to know, including undergraduate stu-

dents, because these changes will affect all students.” The proposed changes go against the principles of a community of trust, Fisher said. “We elect jurors for all criminal cases in the U.S.,” he said. “Literally anyone in a society can be put on the jury. What

Honor is claiming is that the jury pool of the University of Virginia, even though we have one of the most intelligent jury pools in the country, thinks that we are not capable of understanding trial procedure. If no one hears these are bad ideas, no one will confront them.”

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Small scale research yields big results

University researchers combine processes, discover new method for mapping DNA, protein expression

By Alexander Russell
Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

After more than a year of research and control analysis, researchers at the Medical School had a paper published January in the research journal Nature Methods. Their research — which has the potential to help doctors better understand atherosclerosis — describes a new way to identify distinctive characteristics of DNA modification in the smooth muscle cells of mice by combining two preexisting procedures.

The laboratory members working under Dr. Gary Owens, professor of molecular biological physics, examined epigenetic mechanisms in smooth muscle cells — the alteration in specific gene locations of proteins which help package strands of DNA for gene expression. The researchers also devised new methods to visualize what differentiates one individual cell from another.

Epigenetics, or the study of gene expression and cellular phenotype, provides ways of detailing how cells become varied and specialized within an organism. “Every cell contains the same DNA, [but] what makes a brain cell different from a muscle cell is epigenetics,” said Ahn T. Nguyen, researcher on the project and post-doctoral fellow.

For their epigenetic research, the University researchers focused on histones, proteins that add structure to DNA molecules. Unique patterns of histone modification are present within each type of cell. The goal for researchers and doctors is to be able to distinguish cell type based on epigenetic marks.

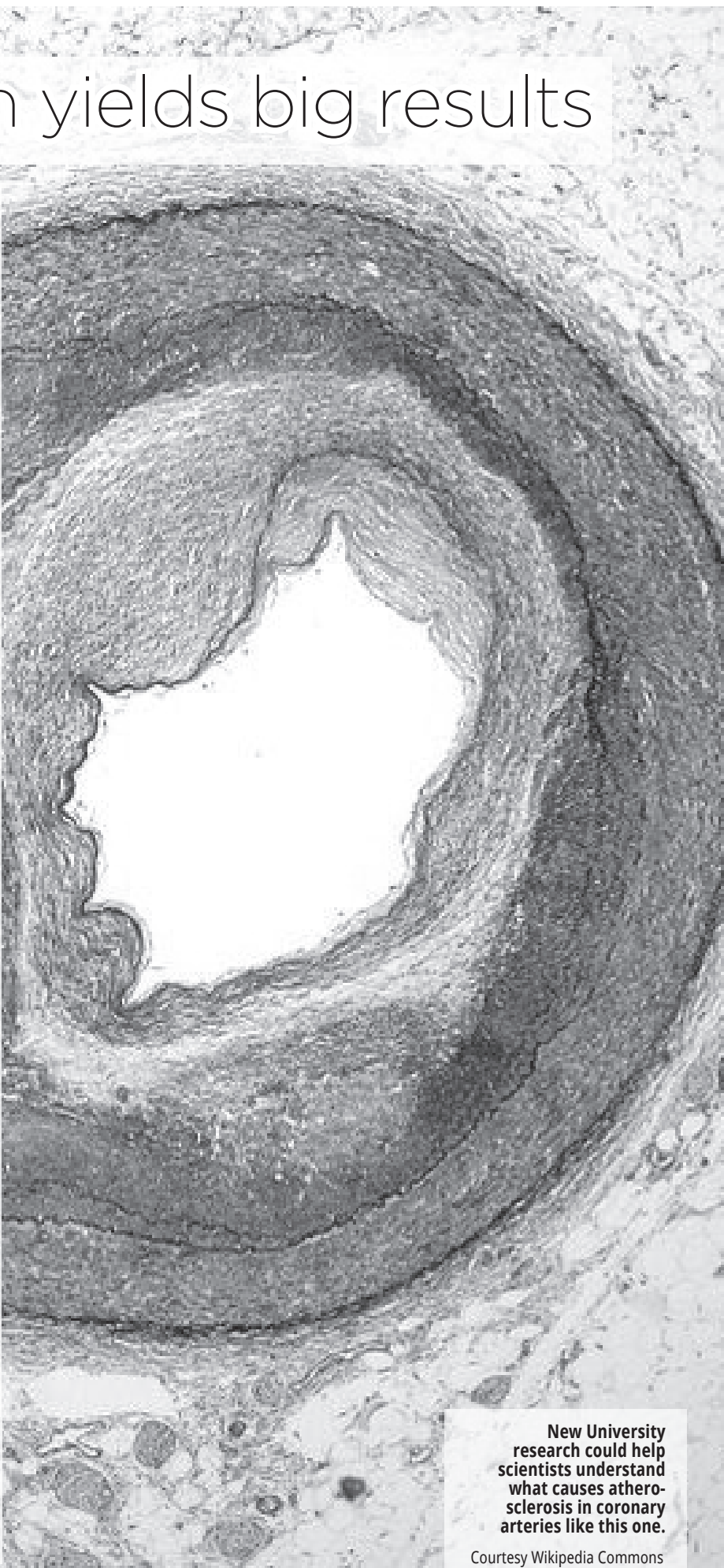
Nguyen said this new research looks at a smaller-than-normal sample size to better understand why some cells behave differently than others. Researchers

labeled “good” cells, which were functioning properly, to distinguish them from “bad” cells in the mice.

Since good cells behave normally, the team was able to identify them and study how their histones acted compared to the histones in the bad cells. “Previously, the only way to identify histone modification was with at least 1,000 cells,” Nguyen said. “[Our] method looks at histone modification in only one cell ... [This] helps us see which individual cells have [the labels].”

Before the University researchers developed their new method of studying protein and DNA interaction, scientists used a process called chromatin immunoprecipitation in which researchers bonded the DNA and protein together, cut the bonded sections off and extracted specific DNA sequences from the combination. While ChIP requires sorting through an epigenetic analysis of thousands of cells, the University researchers’ improved method uses fewer cells and yields more precise results to more easily identify cell type. This new method combines labeling DNA sequences and detecting protein interactions to allow researchers to look at the process regulating the expression of genes in individual cells.

The applications of the new recognition technique are expansive. Because it serves as a more efficient and clear method to analyze an individual cell’s epigenetic markers, the researchers predict that the technique will help scientists develop their understanding of atherosclerosis — a common disorder that occurs when fat and cholesterol build up in arteries and block blood flow — by allowing them to pinpoint smooth muscle cells’ role in the process.



New University research could help scientists understand what causes atherosclerosis in coronary arteries like this one.

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An apple a day?

Improved diet, increased activity level may benefit type 2 diabetes patients

By Monika Fallon
Cavalier Daily Health and Science Co-editor

A group of researchers from a slew of different departments within the University are conducting a type 2 diabetes study investigating whether lifestyle changes can be more effective at treating the disease than the medication.

The program — Glycemic Load, Exercise and Blood Glucose — differs from other studies in that it focuses on four main principles: safety, simplicity, satisfaction and sustainability, Nursing Prof. Ann Gill Taylor said in an email.

“[This is] an approach that we believe can avoid spikes in their blood glucose level and improve the use of insulin in their bodies,” Taylor said. “The focus of the study is education — informing the participants about healthy and safe lifelong lifestyle changes.”

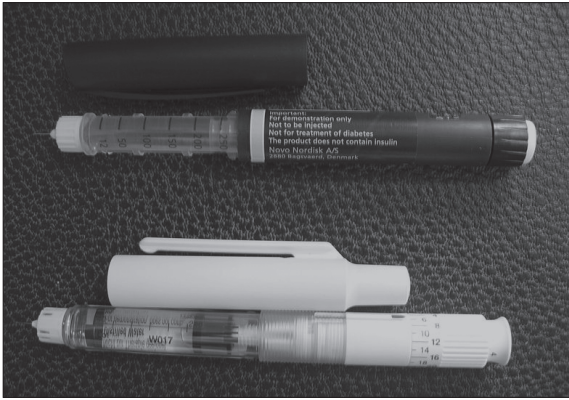
While the current pool of participants is relatively small, the researchers hope to expand the number of participants to 50 soon. Participants must be between the ages of 24 and 70, have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes in the past year, cannot be currently taking any medication.

Initial screening takes place in-person or by phone, followed by a secondary screening conducted in the Behavioral Medicine Center. Psychiatry Prof. Dr. Daniel Cox, the director of the Center for Behavioral Medicine Research, said participants receive free diabetes care supplies for the 15 weeks they are monitored, comprehensive blood test analyses and \$100 at the end of the study.

Once the participants are admitted into the study, they are assigned randomly to the “behavior modification” group or the “usual care” group. They will then go through a physical exam, a number of blood tests and periodical questionnaires in order to complete the process. “Participants in the behavioral modification

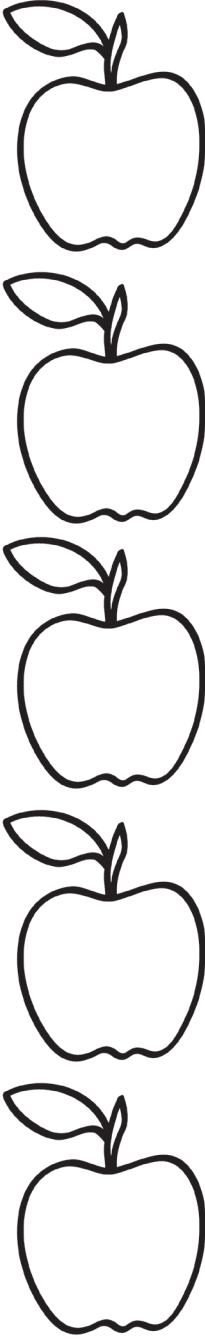
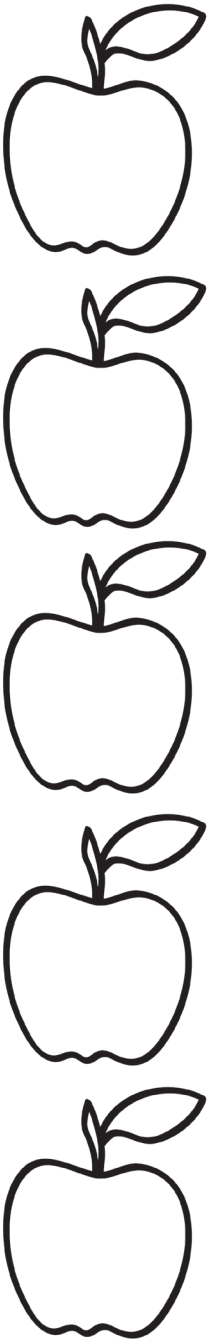
group will learn about their disease and its management, be motivated through what they are learning to reduce their sedentary behaviors and increase their activity to a moderate level,” Taylor said. “All with the goal of managing their type 2 diabetes mellitus without medication.”

McCall said the study has been running for about a month so far and the process will take a number of years.



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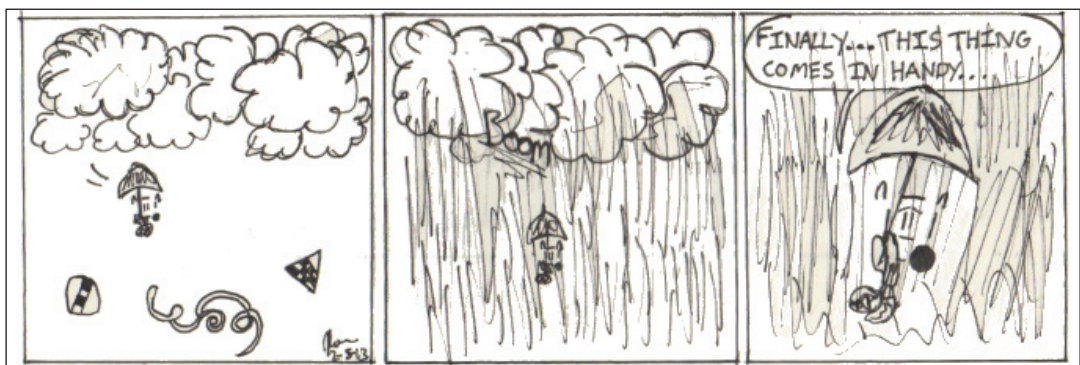
Attention to diet and exercise may be just as useful to type 2 diabetes patients as medications with insulin.



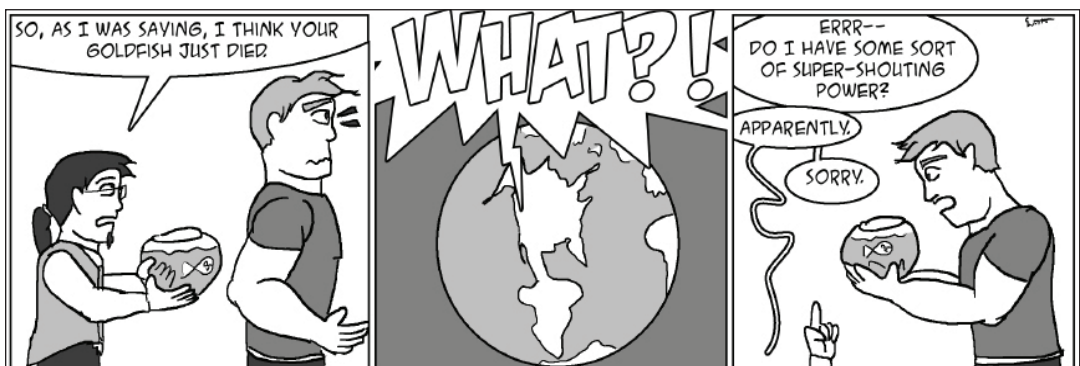
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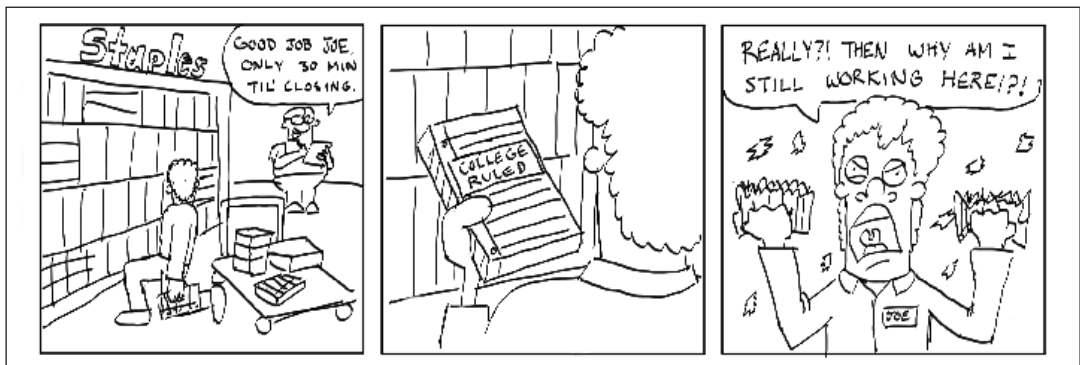
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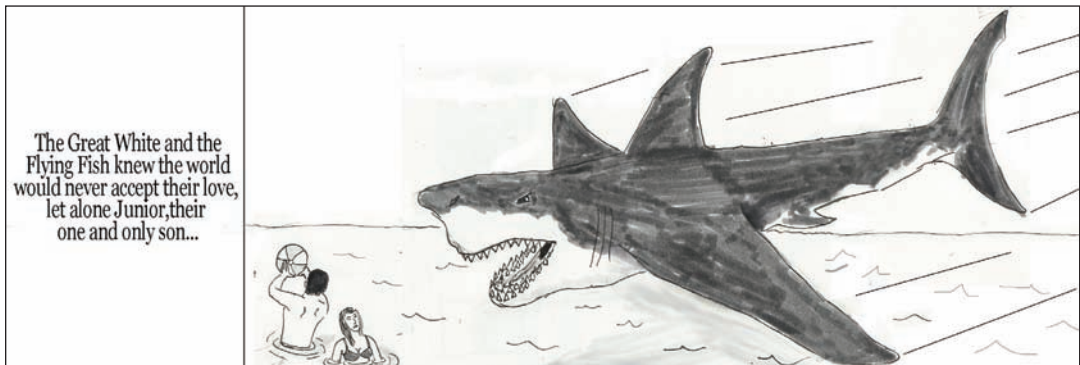
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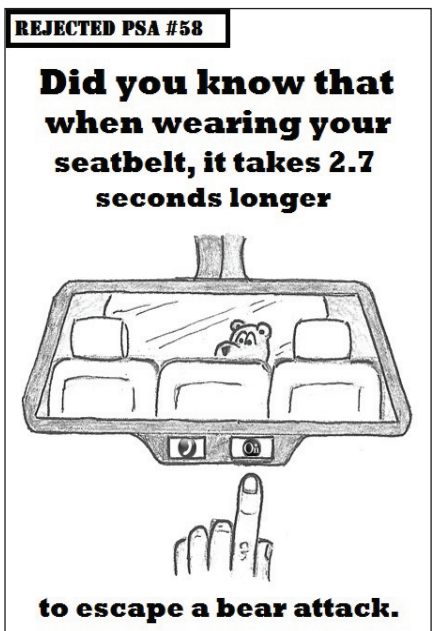
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Youth is sweet. You're hanging around in that sweetness, regardless of your age, because your curious attitude keeps you fresh. Tonight is interesting because of the questions you ask.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The best way to show your might is by remaining flexible. A willingness to cooperate and reach a workable compromise serves you well. Gentle persistence wins the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because the numbers add up doesn't mean the figures are right. It's not often that your intuition leads you astray. Believe what your higher sense is telling you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a fine line between doing well unto others and stretching yourself too thin. Beware of taking on too many responsibilities. Saying no is sometimes the most loving thing you can do.

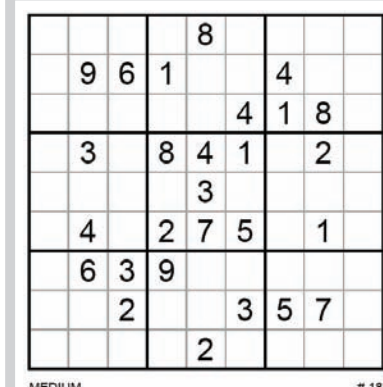
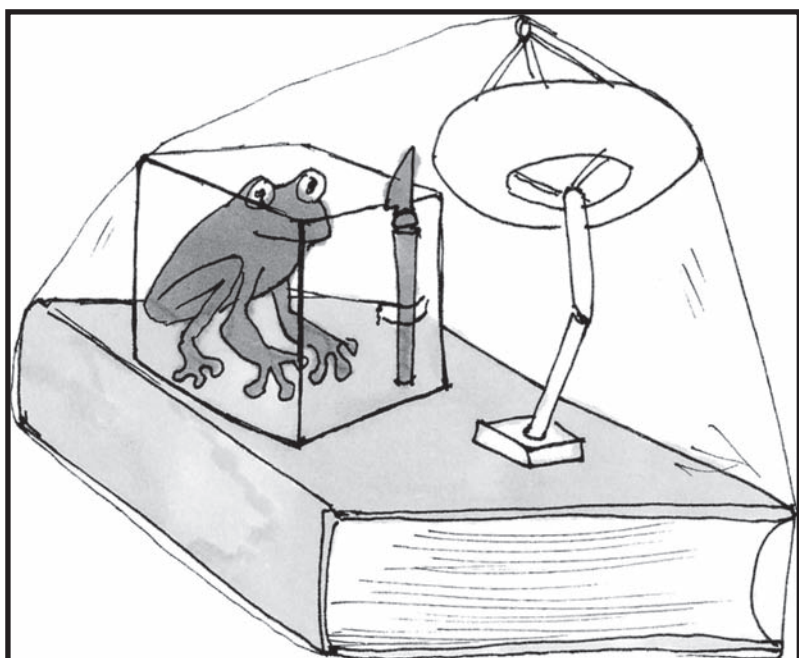
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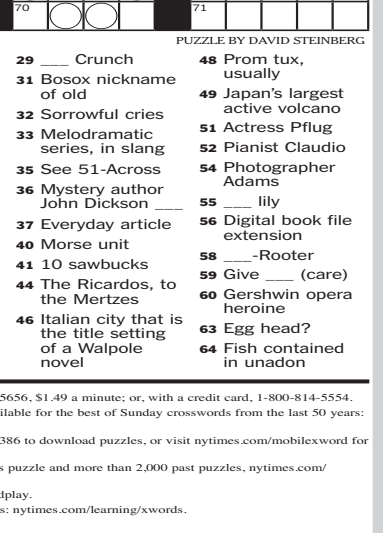
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 - 16 ___ avis
 - 17 Midwest hub
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 - 20 Mark down for a sale, say
 - 22 Model's path
 - 24 "Lawrence of Arabia" figure
 - 27 Spotted
 - 28 Angel dust, briefly
 - 30 Ore tester
 - 32 "Amo, amas, I love ___"
 - 34 Cut crosswise
 - 38 Slangy affirmative
 - 39 Make scents of?
 - 42 Cry of derision
 - 43 Hot desert wind
 - 45 Yankees manager before Girardi
 - 47 F.D.A.-banned diet pill ingredient
 - 50 Thrice, on an Rx
 - 51 With 35-Down, fictional heroine who says "I am no bird; and no net ensnares me"
 - 53 Augustus ___
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 - 66 Swarm member
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- DOWN**
- 1 Dona ___ (1976 Sonia Braga role)
 - 2 Architect Mies van der
 - 3 Like much folklore
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 - 5 Billy Blanks fitness system
 - 6 Small hills
 - 7 Tail movement
 - 8 Talking with one's hands: Abbr.
 - 9 Roman road
 - 10 Laundry staff
 - 11 Request for group permission
 - 12 Jones once of the Stones
 - 13 Oodles
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 - 29 ___ Crunch
 - 31 Bosox nickname of old
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—Thomas Jefferson

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McDaniel's uncontested candidacy suggests waning interest in Student Council

Chalk on the ground Tuesday morning announced the start of the University's student election season. Candidates, not permitted to begin campaigning until Monday at 5 p.m., scurried out in droves Monday night to leave their marks.

For many University students, the chalk they see as they walk to class will be the extent of their interactions with the student leaders they elect. Many students will not bother to vote. In last year's University-wide election, 45 percent of students in the College cast ballots, according to the University Board of Elections. And the College's turnout was the highest of all the University's schools.

Voter apathy is one thing. Apathy among potential student leaders is more serious.

Election results will not be announced until March 1, but we know one thing already. Third-year College student Eric McDaniel will be our next Student Council president. We know this because he's running unopposed.

Registration for the student ballot closed Monday, so no latecomers can declare candidacy. Once McDaniel turns in the 300 petition signatures he needs to appear on the ballot, the presidency is as good as his.

McDaniel is an undeniably impressive candidate, and we applaud his plans to increase Council's transparency and engagement with the student body. But it is troubling that no one else sought the position. Running for Student Council president is a way to present a vision of what student life at the University can be, and no single vision can represent the needs of all students. McDaniel's uncontested election suggests waning interest in the University's ideal of student self-governance and diminishing faith in the possibilities of what Council can accomplish.

Contested elections are valuable for several reasons. The competitive campaign trail forces candidates to think carefully about their positions and goals. Students get the chance to vet would-be leaders as candidates debate, defend their platforms and reach out to constitu-

ents through campaign efforts. Though McDaniel has said he will go through the formal endorsement process to meet various organizations, he no longer has an external incentive to campaign, publicize his platform or attract a wide swath of supporters.

And competitive races are about more than quality control. Some candidates may be equally gifted and equally suited to a particular position, but one may better represent a group or set of interests. When it comes to electing representative leaders, choice is valuable.

So why was McDaniel the only student to file candidacy? It is possible that in internal Council discussions McDaniel emerged as an heir apparent, and other contenders shied away. They are free to do so. But was there really no other student with a compelling set of ideas for how to improve the University through Council?

The lack of opposition could also suggest the top leadership positions in Council have become more closed to outsiders. Council is a large organization, and experience specific to the institution would help any presidential hopeful. Still, effective Council presidents can come from multiple areas of the organization, not just the executive board. Committee members who've demonstrated innovative thinking and dedication to Council could make a strong bid for the position — and in the past, they have. Mati Wondwosen, for example, finished second in Council's presidential race last year, running as a member of the Diversity Initiatives Committee.

Alternatively, the uncontested race might signify skepticism with student government or with Council's reach and abilities. If students don't believe they can use Council to make a difference, why would they run?

We tip our hats to McDaniel for being the only student to take the plunge. And we hope other students will do more than look at chalk this month. After all, Council's vice presidential races are hotly contested. Though McDaniel called off his chalking Tuesday, he'll need a good team in place to make his mark — on Grounds, if not on the ground.

Featured online reader comment

"As a former Honor support officer and, more importantly, someone who is proud to have "worn the honors of Honor," I strongly endorse the content of this letter. The disparate impact the proposed "informed retraction" would have on students of different backgrounds is, in my mind, unconscionable. And further, it is difficult to conceive how removing an element so fundamental as the option of a jury of one's peers would possibly benefit students. Honor is not a perfect system, but it is a system worth protecting. It is a system worth doing right. These proposals are not the answer. "

"Lucy Partain," responding to Charles Harris' Feb. 4 guest submission, "A flawed proposal"

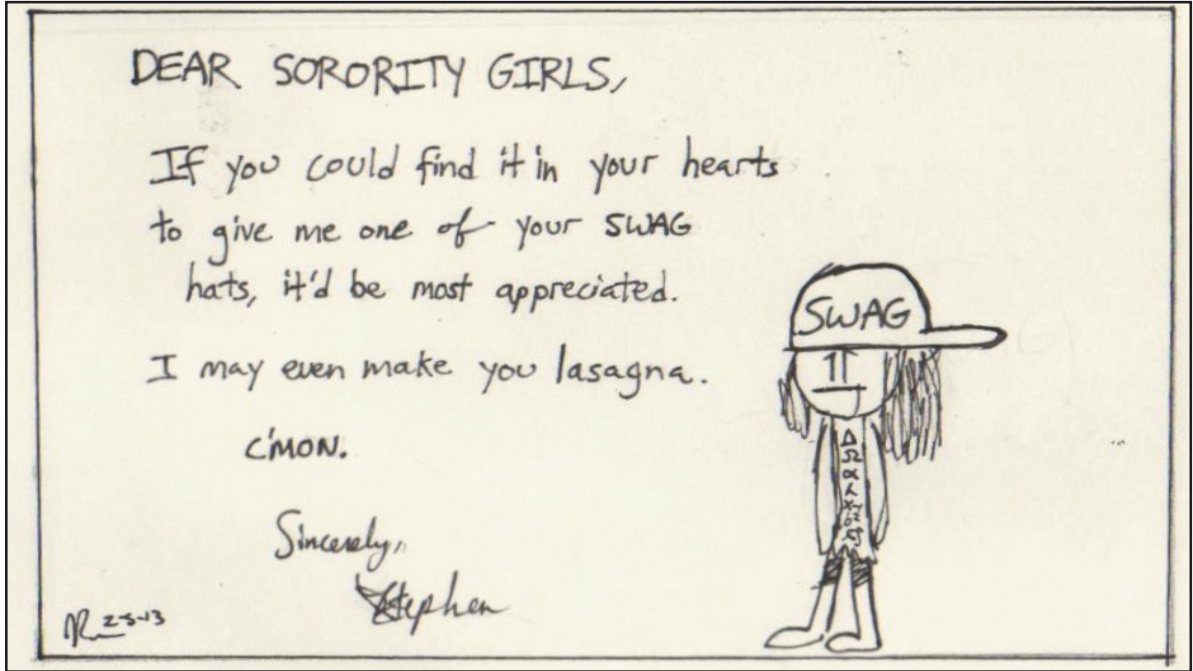
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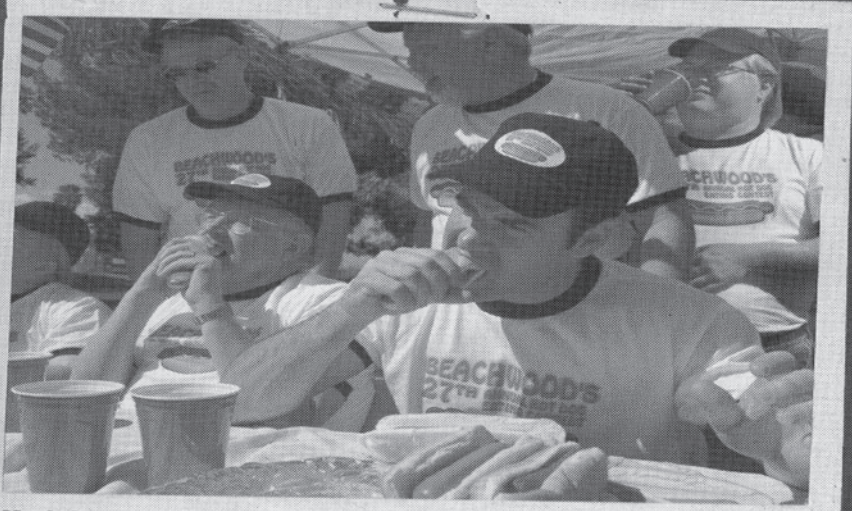
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Fed up

The Agriculture Department’s regulations strengthening nutritional standards for school lunches are necessary and beneficial

WHEN it comes to reforming American schools, the debate rightly focuses most consistently on improving academics. Yet our school system needs more than just improvements in academic quality. Another movement, the war against unhealthy eating in schools, pops up occasionally in the media and deserves more coverage in its own right. This is especially true because of how severely America is struggling with obesity. Fortunately, progress in school dining may be imminent, thanks to new regulations passed by the U.S. Agriculture Department.

The Agriculture Department recently publicized a series of new standards, which would create regulations in nearly all schools regarding nutritional categories such as sodium, fat, sugar and calories. As a result, schools would be forced to provide healthier food to students. That would be a welcome step in the right direction, as middle and high schools have often come under fire for their poor-quality lunches. Perhaps the main benefit of these regulations is that they will result

in schools offering alternative dining opportunities for students. Unlike in college, high school students are generally not able to seek an array of food choices during their time in school. They are confined to what their school offers, which may well be unhealthy items. Schools, if they care about their students’ well-being, should have already recognized this. But if they have not started offering better food choices, governmental intervention to stimulate improvements in cafeterias can be nothing but beneficial. Students can choose whatever food they consume when they are at home. While in school, they should not be forced to choose between a range of equally unhealthy options.

Granted, my support of these new standards may be strongly biased by my own high school dining experiences. My school — as great as it was in other respects — consistently served lunches of abysmal nutritional value. And despite the fact we were assured several times that the school was offering nothing but balanced meals to students, the “healthy” parts of

the lunches would often consist of a small scoop of carrots to accompany an Arby’s sandwich or another less than desirable main course. Nevertheless, I know my school was not an exception. There have been previous efforts to bring the poor nutritional quality of school food to the public’s attention. Perhaps most notably, several news sources wrote stories last year on the “pink slime” used in processed meats found in many school lunches. Additionally, professional chef Jamie Oliver has worked to improve awareness of the quality of school lunches. His show, “Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution,” was short-lived but provides strong context and background information about poor-quality food in schools.

I hope the Agriculture Department’s regulations will not be met with much opposition. Critics of the government policing school dining options voice concerns about students not

getting enough to eat. Most students will realistically not eat as much food now, they argue, because kids are often averse to vegetables and healthier foods. As a result, more children will go through school hungry. The lunches now may not be the healthiest, but at least students agree to eat them. Some critics may also try to draw parallels between those regulations and the ban on large soft drinks imposed in New York City last summer. Opponents of the ban proposed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg objected to the government attempting to control people’s food choices.

Such arguments, however, are weak. The rules about food and drinks in schools should not be that contentious. The limits only refer to items offered by the school during school hours. Events such as bake sales or concessions at sporting events will not be covered. Students are free to eat however they want on their own time. The

food schools may offer will be different, but it will in no way be the fault of schools if their students refuse to eat it. It seems nothing but reasonable to expect schools to provide students with meals of higher nutritional content, and the students should be able to adapt accordingly. If anything, presenting students with different, more beneficial foods may instigate a shift in thought. If more children become less averse to healthier eating at school, they can carry that trend into their personal lives.

The U.S. struggles immensely with childhood obesity, so these new regulations should be met with open arms. We need to teach kids early on about the benefits of choosing the right foods. Children eat many of their weekday meals in school, so schools can play a critical part of creating a shift in eating choices. If even a small proportion of students began to eat more healthily because of their school’s altered menu, then the regulations will have been a success.

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In America

The U.S. should offer undocumented immigrants amnesty to maintain working-age population

PRESIDENT Barack Obama has decided to make immigration reform a priority for his second term. Illegal immigration has been tackled several times at the state level, but unsuccessfully. For example, Arizona’s Senate Bill 1070 legislation led to a decrease in overall state revenue, according to research by the Center for American Progress. Many argue the U.S. needs to deport illegal immigrants rather than provide amnesty. But rather than deporting illegal immigrants, it would be better economically to integrate illegal immigrants into the U.S. by extending amnesty and giving legal immigrants greater flexibility in obtaining citizenship status.

Such a move would allow the U.S. to sustain its working-age demographic position, according to Reuters. Without a sufficient workforce, we will not have enough of the appropriate people to work in different industries. A continuous influx of people is necessary

for innovation, development and economic growth.. For example, the National Science Board has found that a large number of people in the science and technology sectors will be retiring soon, which illustrates the need for greater people in that sector. Many immigrants have scientific or technological backgrounds.

At the moment, the birth rate in the U.S. is at its lowest in 90 years according to the Pew Research Center, and it declined 8 percent between 2007 and 2010. As the baby boomer generation ages, immigration could help ensure that the working-age demographic remains more constant. But economic advisor George Magnus at UBS Financial Services notes that for the immigration population to level the declining birth rate and aging boomer generation, it would not have to merely increase but double, which indicates the extent of the United States’ demographic problem.

Other countries such as China are facing similar prob-

lems. In China, the one-child policy caused a decline in the population — as was intended — but may cause ruptures in a nation that derives strength from its large workforce. A large workforce provides cheap labor, which in turn provides cheap goods. Insufficient labor will change this dynamic. Unlike China, the U.S. has a solution to the problem in form of immigration and better immigration policies. Immigration offers us an avenue to ensure that we have a sufficiently large workforce.

Moreover, immigrants — both legal and illegal — contribute \$37 billion a year to the economy, according to research by the Council of Economic Advisers, an agency that advises the president on economic matters. CNN reports from last year indicate that immigrants were “twice as likely to start a new business when compared to those born in the United States.”

Additionally, The Huffington Post reports that in 2008, immigrant-owned businesses generated \$67 billion of the country’s total business revenue of \$577 billion. In 2010, 41 percent of Fortune 500 companies, including Google and Yahoo, had at

least one founder who had an immigrant background. Such statistics suggest that immigrants contribute significantly to American economic success. Independent businesses not only provide employment but can also serve as platforms for innovation. Current policies constraining both legal and illegal immigrants, however, make such endeavors difficult. Various politicians and members of the working class contend that providing amnesty is wrong. They say illegal immigrants do not pay taxes yet still work and live in the U.S. But some illegal immigrants do pay taxes. To work in the U.S., illegal immigrants pay taxes

through taxpayer identification numbers and employer identification numbers. In 2010, California made \$2.7 billion and Texas made \$1.6 billion in tax revenue from illegal immigrants. According to Policy Mic, immigrants pay about \$6 billion a year in social security and also make payments to Medicare and unemployment insurance. Unauthorized immigrants receive none of the benefits of these services.

By better integrating illegal immigrants into our legal system, not only do we benefit them by giving them legal status, but we also benefit our nation’s economy.

For the past few years Americans have been discussing how to improve our economy. Reforming our immigration system is one way to do that. The effect of granting amnesty remains to be seen — but it will most likely be a positive one.

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Class action

We should embrace massive open online courses as markers of a higher-education revolution

IF I ASKED you to picture a lecture in your head, it would probably look like this: 200 of your closest friends in a hall somewhere on Grounds, all listening — or, at least, pretending to listen — to a professor as he gesticulates wildly. In a brief survey of the people sitting nearby, you see that the girl beside you is taking notes very intensely; the guy in front has his head down; the girl next to him is on Tumblr. You are tempted to calculate exactly how much tuition money Dopey and Tumblr girl are wasting. Fifty minutes go by, and class is dismissed.

Now picture this for a lecture: Somewhere in France an elderly lady in a nursing home is watching a video on her computer. The video is of a professor from the University of Pennsylvania. In India, a family man is watching the same video after the kids have gone to bed. The French lady and Indian man, despite never having met in person, are grading each other’s essays on Emily Dickinson. They, along with thousands of other people around the world, are taking a course on American poetry for free — but not for credit. Forget YOLO; MOOC is probably the most

important acronym coined last year. For those not in the know, it stands for “massive open online course” — and it is going to single-handedly revolutionize education.

The concept is simple. Take a regular university course, preferably from a big-name institution, and put it online for free. In light of huge fallout caused by skyrocketing tuition and student debt, MOOCs have garnered great attention in higher-education circles. The University’s own Board of Visitors cited a lack of initiative toward online learning as part of the reason for its attempted ouster of University President Teresa Sullivan last summer.

The University, along with 32 other institutions, in July announced a partnership with Coursera, the leading company hosting MOOCs, to create several online courses. Offerings include the perennial favorite “How Things Work” taught by Physics Prof. Lou Bloomfield and “Know Thyself” by Philosophy Prof. Mitch Green. Some are understandably tenuous in giving approval to this brave new world of MOOCs. How will teaching change when it is transplanted from a lecture hall to the tubes of the internet?

How will professors prevent online students from cheating? How will work be graded for thousands upon thousands of students? The MOOC craze only started in 2011, when Sebastian Thrun of Stanford posted an artificial intelligence class online, so the field is currently in its infancy. There are no clear answers. Everything is up in the air. But instead of shying away from this great experiment, we should embrace the opportunity to participate. By releasing courses from the ivory towers of elite universities to the general public, MOOCs are democratizing knowledge. That should be enough to say they are transformative agents of good, as history has shown us that technology that increases access to knowledge greatly benefits society. It might be too early to liken Thrun’s AI course to the Gutenberg Bible, but it is easy to imagine the same air of revolution that is brewing today back in 15th-century Germany.

Any talk of the future of MOOCs is pure speculation at this point. But I do not think the rise of

online education means the death of the university. MOOCs will not be the end-all-be-all of education. Some courses are just incompatible with the online model: I imagine having to take a chemistry or physics lab in front of your laptop. There’s also the fact that universities

do not just teach students. A large part of their function is to conduct research. Being a student at a university gives you access to experts of many diverse fields and allows you to participate in research projects, which is impossible to do with MOOCs.

Because MOOCs are well-suited for non-traditional students (i.e., those who are not attending college right after high school), they seem to be suitable competitors against for-profit colleges — which is a good thing, since many for-profit colleges are predatory and are in business not to educate but rather to make as much money as possible. Once the kinks have been worked out, it seems plausible that working adults would rather take a MOOC and get certification

from a brand-name university cheaply to advance their career than to take out absurd amounts of loans to attend for-profit colleges, as is the case presently.

Traditional universities today are facing an existential crisis, as future students try to justify accruing massive amounts of debt to attend college when it is apparent that many recent graduates are not finding adequate employment. There is talk of a student debt bubble analogous to the housing bubble. Add MOOCs into the mix, and it becomes clear that higher education is at a crossroads. Revolution is in the air, and substantial change to the way we as a society educate our citizens is almost inevitable. Because of this inevitability, reticence is not the adequate response; instead, we should embrace change, because it will come whether we like it or not. Embracing change includes being open to all possibilities — with MOOCs offering great solutions to the hard problems in education that we face today, there is no reason to not invest in them.

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NEWCOMB'S NEW LOOK

After its semester-long facelift, dining facility returns with fresh new features

By MICHELLE CHO | CAVALIER DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the greenhouse-turned-dining-hall N2 no longer obscuring Peabody Hall, a mass exodus back into the second floor of Newcomb Hall has begun. The newly unveiled renovation, which took more than a semester to complete, expanded the dining hall's seating capacity by more than 400 seats, bringing the facility's capacity to 1,200, University Dining Director Brent Beringer said in an email.

The "new Newcomb" includes eight new food stations, tables of all shapes and sizes, shiny new countertops and a massive television screen to greet diners entering the revamped space.

Students also welcomed N2GO, the reintroduction of a separate to-go dining hall. The renovated facility is now more able to reduce traffic in the main cafeteria during peak dining-hall hours and makes grabbing food on the go much less hectic. N2GO also brings late-night meal swipe options to central Grounds, allowing students to grab food until 10 p.m. on weekdays.

The pinnacle of Newcomb's upgrade comes in the gourmet noodle bar named — in true tongue-in-cheek fashion — "In the Nood." Four recent McIntire graduates, with the help of Asst. Prof. Janette Martin, developed the idea and helped launch the upscale dining option together with U.Va. Dining.

Though they do in fact require their customers to be clothed, In The Nood allows students greater dining flexibility, staying open until 9

p.m. on weekdays.

But students aren't the only ones excited about the new opportunities Newcomb provides. Prep Chef Kathy Brown called the facility "off-the-chain nice," and said her favorite part about the new system is that it allows for the food to come hot, fresh and made ready-to-order. Because of N2's poor insulation, Brown said the food was rarely able to be served at the appropriate temperature.

Although the University may have dubbed this latest upgrade "The Fresh Food Company," U.Va. Dining has kept the same food vendor throughout the transition.

The "fresh" aspect, then, comes from the revamped dining experience. Students can watch the food being prepared at most stations, including several grill installments that supply students with freshly cooked meals and ready entertainment. The facility's open floor plan sits in stark contrast to the chefs and cooks at Observatory Hill and Runk Dining Halls who work behind closed doors.

"I feel like because you can see the food being made right behind the counter where you pick it up, you're more sure about the quality," first-year College student Allison Wang said. "[I know] a lot of people [who would] rather come here than O-Hill now."

The dining hall's larger floor plan has also allowed it to expand its offerings of specialty food items, with 60 percent of entrees served now available as a gluten-free option.



Jenna Truong | Cavalier Daily

A Fairy Tale ... of sorts

I've come to terms with having a complete mental breakdown roughly three times a semester. It's practically a ritual now, where everything suddenly piles up and engulfs me, dragging me to the bottom of a lake of self-pity.

To the general annoyance of my friends and neighbors, I find myself holed up in my room, eating tubs of raw cookie dough and watching reruns of television shows, attempting to convince myself that by not doing anything, I am, in fact, helping myself. It's all very healthy.

When my most recent wave of melancholy swept over me, I proceeded according to plan. The junk food emerged, and I watched everyone around me roll their eyes at each other as I let out yet another whine. I was shocked, though, when even this didn't actually cheer me up.

This pathetic display eventually made it back to my poor

mother, who, after an attempt at sympathy, kicked my butt out the door à la Calvin and Hobbes, insisting that I not come back until I did something — any-

Reality Check



EMILY CHURCHILL

thing — with my life.

In an irrational move, I shoved my exceptionally agreeable boyfriend in the car and started driving. "To where? Nowhere. Everywhere. It doesn't matter.

We're just driving. Shut up and find a radio station!"

We drove in awkward silence until we spotted a cheery town sign. Sure, place I've never heard of ... I'd love to visit you!

The town turned out to be smaller than my car, and just as decrepit. I didn't see any people, but there were a lot of empty houses with broken windows and piles of chairs next to the road. We drove on.

For a hopeful few minutes, we thought we were conveniently on track to visit the Natural Bridge. We followed the directions, which ended in a straight shot up Route 66. We drove past cement dinosaur statues, a zoo advertising a wild manner of safari critters in the safety of the Blue Ridge, even "Foamhenge." I kept expecting to see signs for the World's Biggest Ball of String.

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Nobody wants to write 50 pages: A Manifesto

I'm making a calendar today. A calendar of events, in which I map out my remaining months, weeks, days and hours — time I will spend at the coffee shop or the library or the small wicker desk pushed up against the wall in my oblong bedroom.

I almost had a miniature panic attack last night as I lay in bed thinking about what my calendar would look like, but then I remembered that panic attacks wouldn't fit into my weekly event lineup, so I quelled the urge to scream.

I'm attempting to write something, during all of these carefully mapped out hours, that — fingers crossed — will

end up resembling a thesis by early April. "Thesis" is a loaded word, a scary word, a word that will probably haunt

Trial and Error



MARY SCOTT HARDAWAY

me and hundreds of my peers until the day we graduate.

You hope that as an English major, your minimum 50-page argument will be as solid and convincing as your two-page abstract. You hope that you will be able to tackle a project of this magnitude after three years of facing comparably minute challenges. Mostly, though, you hope it matters.

I talked to a friend and fellow English major last semester about how our literary and scholarly pursuits fit in with

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BLOOMING BOHEMIAN

meredith clapp

Name: Meredith Clapp

Year: Third

Major: English and Modern Studies

How would you describe your personal style?

A combination of urban, bohemian and classy.

What is your favorite item in your closet?

Right now I love my leather boots with lace trim because they are sturdy and masculine, but have a touch of femininity.

Who is your style icon? I love seeing what people who work for The Declaration wear because it encourages me to take chances on something I might have initially thought would be too weird.

Where are your favorite places to shop?

Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie and the J.Crew outlet in Lynchburg.

What are you wearing in this picture? Dress —

Urban Outfitters, Purple sweater — J. Crew outlet, Leggings — Under Armour, Necklace — Francesca's, Boots — Steve Madden

—compiled by Kristin Ulmer

Churchill | Failed road trip prompts new discoveries

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Our excitement grew as the miles ticked down on the luridly colored ads for Natural Bridge and we learned admission also included a tour of the local wax museum. When we eventually found the entrance, it was closed. After a brief but frantic attempt to see the bridge over the side of the road, we conceded defeat.

Yet never fear, the spirit of adventure was in us now. We

headed out, determined that this trip was not — I repeat, was not — going to be a complete waste of time.

With no other ideas, we decided to do what we do best: eat and figure the rest out later. We passed by a number of promising roadside eateries, but we repeatedly missed them, mostly as a result of my poor driving. Finally, one place stood out — mostly because I actually managed to turn off in time.

I was expecting something

totally mediocre. Nothing unusual or fun, just someplace where tired truckers and stressed parents with screaming babies could go to break up long trips.

We pulled into the parking lot, which was delicately lit with fairy lights. Getting out of the car, we were greeted by a precious, meowing kitty, falling over itself as it desperately called for attention. Entering the restaurant was like stepping right into the plot of Hansel and

Gretel — sans the part with the crazy old woman.

We gorged ourselves on an endless feast of German food. They kept bringing us more rolls — without asking. Could it be heaven? A gent sporting suspenders and knee-high socks serenaded us with accordion music, which I complacently listened to, my cheeks bulging with bread. The wait staff was delightfully friendly, the epitome of southern charm. We got dessert, too — cake, despite

being full.

Getting into the car to drive back to Charlottesville was a breath of fresh air. I was revived, happy, laughing and, more than anything else, full. I was ready to take on my pile of work, realizing that, in fact, my life was not as dreadful as it seemed.

And with that, I'm back. Thanks, Mom. You were right.

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Hardaway | Diligence, hard work yield different happiness

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the rest of the world's. We threw around the word "happy" a lot, as in this is what makes us happy, what makes us get up in the morning, what takes us to the fifth floor of Cabell every Tuesday evening for a two-and-a-half-hour thesis workshop. There are 18 of us in my thesis workshop. Last class, we edited each other's rough drafts, recommended works to read and listened to graduate students' advice. We all smiled and nodded, made plans with our peers to remind each other to work, and to work well. But by the time my Tuesday evening class came to an end, I did not have any desire to work. Somehow, pint night always tops my list of priorities. I left my thesis sitting, gathering dust, as I went to find out where all the happiness was hiding.

It's easier to talk in circles around and about happiness than it is to simply be in happy-

ness. Pint night usually makes me happy; sitting dull-eyed, slack-jawed and inspirationless at my computer at one in the morning usually does not. I could go on for hours, given enough caffeine, explaining why being an English major and graduating and living the life of a starving artist/waitress in Charleston, S.C. will help me achieve happiness. But I couldn't honestly say that the hours I devote to my thesis make me happy. Because, as someone who is constantly seeking, explaining and believing in happiness, I know that this pursuit leaves me anything but.

In theory, my literary and scholarly pursuits make me happy; I love nothing more than to dissect a beautiful sentence, to paint it on my wall, to quote it to my friends when I'm feeling pretentious or pseudo-poetic. I love words.

But in reality, I know my happiness hinges on more than a

love of words. There is the unrealistic part of me that screams, "Words are all you need!" Then there is the other part of me, the part that doesn't know what to do with a sentence, the part that can't fathom the work behind creating 50-plus pages of meaningful words. The part that knows sometimes the theoretical happiness cannot match up with the reality.

My junior year of high school, my sister and I joined two of my friends in starting a debate team. We were a powerful foursome, and by the spring of my senior year I was debating at the state level. Looking back now, I think I must have imagined the debater Mary Scott — the girl who was so confident and indefatigable for 45 minutes at a time.

She doesn't seem real, especially not compared to the collegiate Mary Scott — the uncertain, the fatigued, the hopeless happiness-seeker. But she was very real, and the

whole time she was debating she was very scared and very terrified of losing, of falling short. I loathed debating just as much as I loved it. I couldn't eat the entire day of competition; I couldn't sleep the night before. I was never happy as I wrote out my case, doing meticulous research, coming up with random, abstract, yet somehow convincing arguments. I was anxious and worried and then, finally, certain. And afterward I was elated.

I'd never worked so hard, thought in so many different ways, as I did those two years of high school debate. And when I returned home with a medal, I felt like I'd just won the whole world.

So it's time now, I realize, to be honest with myself. I'm not happily tapping away at my keyboard as the clock ticks and the due date for my thesis nears; I'm a nervous wreck. I'm losing sleep, my eating habits are out of whack and I'm miss-

ing most of my pint nights. I'm terrified of losing, of falling short. I've smashed my rose-colored glasses and replaced them with prescription lenses.

Because this is a different kind of happy. It's the kind of happy where you work and get confused, then have a breakthrough, then lose 10 pages of work but start over again and figure it out. You empty yourself out and then refuel two days later. You paint sentences on the wall when you're stressed and quote lines from your first chapter to your sister. And you miss all the things you wish you could fit in on your calendar.

But then you finish, and you embrace this new happy, this elation. Because when you're through, you'll feel like you've won the whole world.

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Hall of Fame Misconduct

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of watching a Harbaugh lose the Super Bowl and witnessing Ray Lewis finally call it quits. But my greatest disappointment surprisingly was not “Father” Lewis going out with another “God-willed” championship.

In what came as no surprise to many, Charles Haley was again passed over for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame when the Class of 2013 was announced Saturday. After spending 2010 and 2011 stuck as one of the Hall’s 15 finalists for induction — unable to survive when the list of candidates was whittled down to 10 — he made it through the 2012 and 2013 cuts up until voters settled on the five “Modern Era” players who would be approved for induction.

What distinguishes Haley from the other candidates for Hall of Fame enshrinement? He’s the only person ever to win five Super Bowl rings as a player. Not one bust currently in the Hall of Fame can claim that same achievement.

I’m no NFL insider, but isn’t winning a Super Bowl supposedly the greatest accomplishment in any NFL player’s career? Wasn’t that why Ray Lewis was crying Sunday night after the game? Trick question — the insufferable televangelist is always crying. But when you hear comparisons of great players, the discussion usually

centers on championships, of which Haley won more than any other player ever.

Barry Sanders left the game because he couldn’t hoist the Lombardi trophy and the Lions wouldn’t deal him to another team to pursue his dreams elsewhere. Dan Marino has said he still thinks about having never won a ring. Both men are still in the Hall of Fame.

Clearly Sanders and Marino are two of the greatest players in NFL history and deserve to be in the Hall of Fame regardless of how many championships passed them by. But Haley has stats too. He’s one of 29 members of the 100 sacks club, squeaking by with a modest 100.5 sacks in his career, albeit one-half sack more than 2008 Hall inductee Andre Tippett.

Also notable, Haley forced 26 fumbles during his 169-game career, good for No. 32 all-time. The imposing defensive end and linebacker also produced eight fumble recoveries, two interceptions, one defensive touchdown and one safety. The five-time Pro Bowl selection recorded 10 or more sacks in six different seasons and was named first-team All Pro twice.

So if he has the numbers and the championships, why isn’t he in?

All signs point to Haley’s reputation as a depraved jerk and generally crazy person during his time in the NFL. He sexually

harassed his teammates, coaching staff, team officials and media members, among others. He exposed himself to a female reporter and would reportedly masturbate everywhere, including locker rooms and film sessions. Haley berated even Hall of Fame teammate Steve Young and allegedly threw a punch at 49ers coach George Seifert. He could be verbally abusive, insubordinate and downright hateful. Not the kind of guy I’d be overjoyed about having in my locker room.

But he was one of the best players on the great 49ers and Cowboys teams of the late ‘80s and early ‘90s — I laugh as I write that the Cowboys were once a great team — and played a big part in those two franchises’ dynasties. Even taking his seemingly awful personal side into account, I believe Haley’s career warrants acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

This is my main problem with the Pro Football Hall of Fame: Voters don’t follow their own rules. Is being a jerk a sufficient reason to keep a great player out of the Hall of Fame? Should a player’s personal life come into consideration when deciding who gets the call and who doesn’t? Supposedly the bylaws say these issues should have no bearing on the voting, but some voters have admitted they often do.

The wildcard factor with Haley you won’t find on his Wikipedia page, which refers to him as “a volatile and unpredictable

yet exceptionally talented and hardworking player,” is that he has bipolar disorder. Haley was a hulking 6-foot-5, 250-pound man with undiagnosed bipolar disorder in one of the world’s most aggressive and adrenaline-filled jobs. Sounds like a lovely recipe for a little tomfoolery.

I met Mr. Haley once in Harrisonburg when we were both in town for homecoming weekend at James Madison, where he was a two-time All-American and still is the all-time leading tackler. It was more than five years ago now, but I remember a kind man who let my friend and I try on his five Super Bowl rings, any one of which probably could have fit around my wrist at the time. He wasn’t an evil person, but rather a victim battling a mental illness.

I’m not saying that Haley’s disorder excuses his actions, but it certainly sheds light on some of the most erratic behavior the NFL has ever seen. He’s reportedly reached out to former teammates and NFL greats such as the late Bill Walsh, Troy Aikman, Larry Allen and Jimmy Johnson. Many of the same people Haley plagued with his off-field conduct have since voiced their opinions in favor of Haley’s entry into the Hall.

If the voters choose to omit Haley because of his past actions off the gridiron, a violation of their own precious bylaws, I would ask them to take into account two other considerations: Haley’s previously undiagnosed bipolar disorder and

the backgrounds of a few other recently inducted Hall of Fame members.

The late Reggie White, one of the greatest NFL players of all time, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2006 despite being an unapologetically outspoken homophobe. To put that in perspective, 49ers cornerback Chris Culliver created a media firestorm last week when he stated he would not welcome a gay teammate. So did White get a pass because his play outweighed his prejudice?

Michael Irvin, inducted in 2007, had a well-known penchant for cocaine and sleeping with women who were not his wife. And according to Jeff Pearlman’s book “Boys Will Be Boys,” Irvin allegedly cut Dallas guard Everett McIver’s neck dangerously close to his carotid artery with a pair of scissors in a dispute and then paid his teammate off to avoid jail time, as he was currently on probation.

I guess what I’m asking the Hall of Fame for is some semblance of consistency. Either stick to the bylaws and only consider on-field performance, or change the rules to take off-field behavior into consideration. Voters paying lip service to the bylaws and judging the behavior of some players, while letting others slide, is inexcusable.

Haley had a colorful career to say the least, but his play and his unparalleled five shiny rings speak louder than words. Bring the man home to Canton.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Redshirt sophomore Joe Spisak earned ACC Co-Wrestler of the Week honors following his pin of Maryland sophomore Shane Arechiga to open the Cavaliers’ victory against the Terrapins Friday. Spisak’s bonus points proved key in a 21-19 Virginia win. He extended his personal winning streak to 14 matches...

The women’s lacrosse coaches’ poll released its first

set of rankings for the 2013 season Tuesday, with Virginia checking in at No. 8, closely behind ACC rivals No. 4 Maryland, No. 5 North Carolina and No. 7 Duke. The quartet is joined by No. 20 Boston College to round out the conference’s strong contingent in the IWLCA national rankings. The Cavaliers, who will finish preparations for the season with three scrimmages this week-

end at the Penn Spring Fling in Philadelphia, will also start off with the No. 118 ranking in the deBeer women’s media poll...

Sophomore swimmer Ellen Williamson earned a spot on the U.S. squad for this summer’s World University Games Tuesday. The reigning ACC Freshman of the Year will compete in the 200m backstroke.

—compiled by Ian Rappaport



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Redshirt sophomore Joe Spisak earned ACC Co-Wrestler of the Week honors for his pin of Maryland sophomore Shane Arechiga Friday.

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as possible and their tendency to deteriorate offensively for minutes at a time. Even though the Cavalier defense shouldered some responsibility for the team’s loss Sunday, yielding more than 60 points for the first time in ACC play this season, the offense’s sloppiness and inability to generate any output down the stretch ultimately doomed Virginia’s chances.

“It was a few of the empty possessions in the last six, seven minutes that [contributed to] a couple of breakdowns defensively,” Bennett said. “We missed some good looks that cost us.”

The flashes of offensive competence the Cavaliers occasionally demonstrate only further frustrate Bennett and Virginia fans. The team’s offensive rating, which accounts for its excruciatingly slow pace by measuring the number of points per 100 possessions, actually ranks above average among Division I teams. Meanwhile, the combination of junior forward Akil Mitchell and junior guard Joe Harris has terrorized defenses attempting to protect the post while also

harassing Virginia’s perimeter shooters. Sunday, Harris and Mitchell spearheaded a 20-8 run during which the squad drilled its last seven shots to close the first half.

For all the Cavaliers’ indications of adequacy at the opponent’s end of the court, though, stagnancy still afflicts Bennett’s squad more frequently than it should for a tournament hopeful. After freshman Justin Anderson sunk two free throws to push the lead to 57-48, Virginia allowed Georgia Tech to bully its way to an outcome-deciding 18-3 surge by becoming uncharacteristically lethargic with its ball control and rebounding. Sheer poor shooting crippled the Cavaliers, as well. Of the six games in which Virginia has shot 40 percent from the field or less, the Cavaliers have won only one — against Tennessee Dec. 5.

“Certainly the inconsistencies of dealing with those things I think can sometimes affect younger players more,” Bennett said. “But there’s a lot of young players out on the floor on both teams, so you just try to work through that, and it’s not always

the young guys.”

In all likelihood, no Virginia team under Bennett will ever lead the traditionally high-powered ACC in scoring. Since he arrived in 2009, Bennett’s squads have never averaged more than 65.5 points, due in large part to a scheme that rewards tenacious defense and long possessions. Still, the Cavaliers are craving a little more consistency on the offensive end before they enter the stretch run of their conference schedule.

“I just think you keep looking at quality of shots and try not to have empty possessions, and empty possessions are, again, a forced shot, a silly turnover or the wrong kind of guy shooting it at the wrong place,” Bennett said. “Those are the ones that you try to eliminate.”

Senior point guard Jontel Evans believes the Cavaliers’ commitment to Bennett’s scheme has and will continue to benefit Virginia.

“All the guys have bought into the system and are playing their roles at a very high level,” Evans said. “As coach Bennett says, we have to be hungry and we have to be humble.”

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We just have to box out and get the rebound. It’s easier said than done, of course. We’ve got to be mindful of not rebounding in the same area. A couple of times we had two people who were taking the ball from each other. Be smart, box out, get the rebound.”

—Women’s basketball coach Joanne Boyle after her team was out-rebounded 44-34 against Georgia Tech Sunday

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to make the NCAA tournament, the team needs to rack up more wins against top conference teams, and Boyle will be relying on strong performances from all of her players.

“We’re a little short-handed in [the post], so we need 40 minutes of their best basketball on both ends of the floor,” Boyle said. “That’s the great thing about Telia. For the most part she’s been able to keep herself out of

foul trouble, and she’s in great shape, so she can play that 35 to 40 minutes for us.”

The task ahead is a tall one, but McCall has a quiet confidence. She embraces her role as the Cavaliers’ go-to player in the post, knowing full well that her teammates are relying on her consistent play. After three years of learning and training, she is relishing her time to shine.

“It feels great,” McCall said. “I’m glad that it’s finally coming through for me.”

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