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Students react to DREAMers CIO vote

StudCo currently working with group to form joint statement, Lodge says

A student organization called DREAMers, representing undocumented students at the University, failed to receive approval of CIO status following a vote by Student Council last Tuesday. In response, the group released a change.org petition Sunday listing several demands for Student Council.

"DREAMers on Grounds is a newly founded organization, at the University of Virginia, with a mission to create a more inclusive environment and an overall safe space for the undocumented community and its Allies at U.Va. through education and advocacy," according to the petition.

The group's application for CIO status was voted on by the Student Council representatives, Student Council President Emily Lodge, a third-year Batten student, said. Of the 12 members who voted, six approved the application while the other six did not vote. No representatives voted to deny the organization CIO status.

"Some Representatives had some questions about the organization and six abstained from voting while six approved," Lodge said in an email statement. "Since it did not have the majority we could not officially approve them."

However, allies and members of the group feel the denial of CIO status to the group invalidates the represented students on Grounds, first-year College student Rawda Fawaz, an ally of the group, said Wednesday, prior to the circulation of the group's petition.

"The sentiments that I and many others currently hold in light of this decision is that our Student Council representatives let personal and political biases get in the way of their decision to grant the group CIO status based on the standard criteria," Fawaz said.

Representative Body Chair Brett Curtis, a second-year College student, said the group failed to receive approval because representatives had some questions as to the organization's mission and operation on Grounds.

"This was due to a number of questions ... which some representatives did not believe were sufficiently answered in their application, thus they chose to abstain," Curtis said.

The CIO approval process involves submitting an online application detailing the applying group's mission statement, financial plans, membership and non-discrimination clause, Vice President of Or-

ganizations MacKenzie Hodgson, a third-year Engineering student, said. Following submission, the VPO and CIO Consultants review the application and communicate with the group about potential issues with CIO rules.

"[Then] the new CIO's exec comes in for a meeting to discuss the mission of the group," Hodgson said.

According to the petition released by DREAMers, the group contacted Lodge after not hearing from her initially. Lodge initially oversaw the group's application while she was VPO, prior to her election to president. The group was not subsequently contacted after expressing its unavailability for the meeting time Lodge proposed, according to its petition.

Before the representative body votes on the bill, the VPO drafts a CIO bill listing all of the potential new CIOs with recommendations for either approving or reject the new groups and reasons why groups may not be in compliance.

"I discuss[ed] applications with Student Activities to see if there is any reason why they should not be approved," Lodge said. "We did not find any so I recommended that they be approved on the CIO Bill."

Curtis said as chair, he will reach out to DREAMers on Grounds and ask them to speak at the next meeting of the body.

"I will be reintroducing the bill and calling for a vote again at that time," he said.

Fawaz's concerns were shared by other DREAMers allies, including members of the Minority Rights Coalition, the Latino Student Alliance and the Black Student Alliance. These groups, among others, shared the DREAMers' petition on social media.

"This abstention was not only a failure of these elected representatives to do their duty and cast a vote, but it was also a cowardly way to reject the DREAMers on Grounds request without being on record as having voting in opposition to DREAMers on Grounds," the BSA said in a public email statement Sunday.

The DREAMers' petition "demands that [Student Council] be held accountable for the mistakes that were made during this process."

The petition cited a Facebook post made by second-year Law student Erich Reimer, a Student Council representative. Reimer has since removed the post, but according to the petition it read, "U.Va. Student Council news: bill approving a student group to support illegal immigrants at U.Va. has been defeated! #conservative."

Given this post, the petition demands an ad-hoc administration committee to conduct an external



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Student groups have been vocal in response to some representatives comments following the denial of DREAMers' CIO application.

review of Student Council and all representatives and better transparency via full, public transcripts of every meeting — rather than meeting minutes.

"[Student Council] further marginalize(s) an already oppressed group of students by failing to properly represent and grant us opportunities," the petition reads.

The petition also demands public apologies from Student Council and Reimer, as well as Reimer's immediate removal as Student Council representative.

"Erich Reimer openly disrespectfully displayed his joy through Facebook when DREAMers was denied CIO status an hour after voting — even before we were officially notified," the petition reads.

On Friday, Reimer emailed second-year College student Paola Sanchez Valdez, a member of DREAMers, and formally apologized, according to an online statement from Student Council. He said his comment was inappropriate and implied his vote was solely based on

his political views.

"Student Council should not be affected by partisan biases rather than what is good and right for the students at the University as a whole," Reimer said. "In the future, my work for the Law School community and the greater University community will reflect this."

According to the DREAMers' petition, his apology did not reassure the organization. Reimer said he had no further comment on the matter.

On Sunday, Student Council posted a public statement on its website, which promised to update its website and work toward more transparency in the future.

"We contacted DREAMers leadership last week to follow up on the vote, explaining that it's not abnormal for CIOs to be delayed approval to allow for questions to be asked about the proposed constitution or membership of the applicant," the statement reads. "There were failures in communication leading up to the vote on March 22, but we have done our best to remedy those in the

past week."

The statement also referenced Reimer's statement, calling it "insensitive and polarizing."

"We do not believe that one view, hastily written in partisan fueled enthusiasm, is reflective of our organization or of the general student body," the statement reads. "Let this not divide us but rather unite us towards a common goal: a more inclusive, more diverse, and more welcoming University."

The DREAMers said they were "nothing less than disappointed in this response," according to a post on its Facebook page.

Lodge said Student Council is currently working together with DREAMers to release a joint statement, following a meeting between the two groups Sunday night.

DREAMers' CIO status is expected to be re-voted on at the representative meeting next Tuesday, which Student Council has invited the organization's leaders to attend.

Safety concerns abroad manifest after attacks

U.Va.'s emergency plan includes evacuation assistance if necessary

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With around 2,000 University students studying abroad each year, threats of terrorist attacks present a growing cause for concern.

The University has a comprehensive emergency and communication plan which includes the services of an evacuation assistance provider and security intelligence services which furnish the University with regular and emergency updates, Dudley Doane, director of the International Studies Office, said in an email statement.

Responses to the attacks in France in November and the recent attacks in Brussels were guided by this plan.

Despite the attacks last fall, participation in January term education abroad programs actually increased, Doane said.

Third-year College student Margaret Mester studied abroad during the Fall 2015 semester in Lyon, France, through the U.Va. in Lyon program.

"U.Va. provided us with on-site program directors that acted as intermediaries between the University and Lyon throughout the whole process. Their support during and after the Paris terror attacks was comforting and made

the situation feel less foreign," Mester said. "They were extremely accommodating and made it clear that they would arrange for any students who did not feel safe to return to the U.S. to finish classes."

Doane said the host university or provider has the first layer of responsibility for crisis management and is students' first point of contact.

"Like U.Va., they have an emergency and communication plan. These organizations monitor local and regional health, safety and security conditions. Outside programs seek input from the home schools of the students they host, from expert sources, and from the U.S. Department of State," Doane said. "U.Va. students who join outside programs must have health and emergency assistance insurance which includes evacuation."

Procedures for removing students from their host country vary according to local conditions, government directives and the evacuation service, Doane said.

Third-year College student Price Gillock studied abroad in Brussels, Belgium, for the Fall 2015 semester.

"I never felt threatened enough to leave Belgium after the attacks in Paris and the lockdown — the

precautions taken by the Belgian police and the army were very thorough and reassuring," Gillock said. "I was already 75 percent through my stay and wanted to finish it out."

After Brussels went on lockdown, friends in his program left, but life continued as usual and he grew close to Belgian friends, Gillock said.

Third-year College student Bridget Inglima studied abroad in Paris, France, during the Fall 2015 semester.

"I ultimately decided to leave because I knew that I wouldn't feel safe doing simple things like taking the metro anymore. My parents also factored into my decision, because I knew that if I stayed they would be worried sick for a month straight," Inglima said. "Their relieved faces when I landed in America certainly made my departure worth it."

Doane said the International Studies Office spoke with about five families following the attacks in Paris last year.

"Safety is addressed throughout the advising process and in Pre-Departure Orientation," Doane said. "Students and their families have access to a range of resources."

Gillock, Inglima and other students who were abroad at the time still spoke highly of their overall

experience and recommended studying abroad to their peers.

"Speaking personally, studying abroad in the foreign country in which the attacks occurred was uncomfortable. I was viewing the situation from a sort of surreal middle ground as an American living in France," Mester said. "By that point I had already developed an appreciation for the French culture and felt comfortable living in and amongst it. If anything, grieving both with and for the country following the attacks deepened my sense of connectedness to the French people."

Third-year Commerce student Caroline Meyer is currently studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain, for the Spring 2016 semester.

Meyer said she didn't think about terrorist attacks until the events in Brussels earlier this week, leaving her to wonder how safe Barcelona is.

"You can't live in fear, you have to keep traveling and living your life. It's sad but it's just the world we live in today, and it's a part of studying abroad you have to realize is a factor," Meyer said.



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The Office of International Studies, located in Minor Hall, reported 2,262 undergraduate and graduate students studied abroad in the 2013-14 academic year.

College Council launches TA lunch program

Take Your TA to Lunch designed to develop mentoring relationships

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College Council is launching its Take Your TA To Lunch program, an expansion of its Take Your Professor To Lunch program.

The Take Your TA To Lunch program is aimed at developing mentorship relationships between undergraduate and graduate students.

In the past, students have used the Take Your Professor To Lunch program to get to know and develop relationships with professors by taking them out to lunch on Grounds.

"Essentially you're able to go to Monroe Hall, room 101, and pick up a dining card," outgoing College Council President Henry Reynolds, a fourth-year College student, said. "And with that card you're able to treat a professor to

lunch — you can go anywhere on Grounds."

Reynolds said the Take Your TA to Lunch program will essentially be the same as Take Your Professor to Lunch, including using a dining card attached to College Council funds to pay for the meal, with a \$15-per-person limit.

College Council aims to make it easier for undergraduate and graduate students to connect, Reynolds said, as graduate students can offer valuable advising to undergraduates.

"We're focusing more on graduate student TAs because we really want to focus on mentorship," Reynolds said.

Associate Dean of Students Aaron Laushway has supported College Council in reaching out to graduate students to develop this new program and said graduate students can be treasured advisors to undergraduate students.

"[Undergraduates] take them to lunch, get to know them better and continue the good conversations they have, and strengthen their mentoring relationships," Laushway said.

Additionally, College Council aims to reinforce the University's advising network with the new program.

"We are hoping that this will tie into the University's greater advising initiatives," Reynolds said.

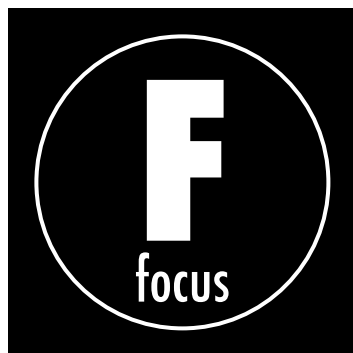
Laushway said he hopes this program will provide an opportunity for undergraduates to recognize and express gratitude towards graduate students who have proven to be mentors.

"I think it's a recognition that our graduate students are students but they're also teachers and guides and mentors," Laushway said. "I hope it becomes a tradition."



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Reynolds said students are able to take their TAs to any dining location on Grounds.



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With events ranging from Derby Days to races and carnivals, Greek organizations at the University are bustling this spring to fundraise for causes near and dear to their respective groups. The brothers of Sigma Chi have restructured their national Derby Days fundraiser, while members of Zeta Tau Alpha are preparing for another pink-filled 5k race. The sisters in Sigma Delta Tau have revamped their fundraising strategy completely, holding the first ever “It’s Great to be a Kid” Carnival. Aside from raising awareness, these Greek organizations are looking to impact their respective philanthropies by raising money to help the organizations progress and better the lives of hundreds of people.

Philanthropy spotlights

For many years, Sigma Chi fraternity has partnered with the Children’s Miracle Network to raise money for the University’s Children’s Hospital. Each year, Sigma Chi hosts Derby Days, a national fundraiser in which sororities partake in competitions — such as a coin drops and scavenger hunts — in the hopes of co-signing the check donated to the hospital. Since not all individuals participate in Greek life, the brothers have also found other ways to facilitate the fundraising process. The organization has created an online donation page, in which donations go directly to the Children’s Miracle Network, and the brothers also sell merchandise. This year, Sigma Chi is rallying around their miracle kid David, who was born with Down Syndrome and diagnosed with a Stage IV Wilms’ Tumor in 2011.

With the arrival of spring, many sororities are beginning to fundraise for their philanthropies as well. Every year, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha organize a 5k race around Grounds to promote breast cancer awareness as well as raise funds for further breast cancer education and awareness. Many students, faculty and community members attend the annual “Run for Life” to help with the cause. The race benefits both the local University Breast Care Center and the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation. The race costs \$15 for University

Greek organization	Fundraising goal for 2016	Philanthropic affiliation
$\Sigma\Delta T$	\$3,000	PCAA
ΣX	\$25,000	Children’s Miracle Network
ZTA	>\$30,000	ZTA Foundation and University Breast Care Center

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Greek organizations on Grounds are hoping to beat their previous fundraising efforts as they hold spring philanthropies for a variety of causes.

students and \$20 for non-University students, and all of the proceeds are split between both organizations.

This year, the sisters of Sigma Delta Tau are hosting their first 90s-themed carnival, and all of the proceeds are given to their national philanthropy, Prevent Child Abuse America. The PCAA supports women and children across all 50 states by providing them with financial security and education. By hosting this fundraiser for the first time, the sisters are hoping to better align themselves with the mission of their organization as well as enhance engagement with the student community.

Are these organizations making a difference?

For the Sigma Chi brothers, the goal of Derby Days is raising money to be used by the Children’s Hospital in any way possible. This year, the brothers have made an effort to refocus the event around the charity to garner even more support.

Many programs the hospital runs are impossible without donations like those from Sigma Chi, Jory Segal, fourth-year Commerce student and philanthropy chair, said.

“When we were touring the hospital, we were actually able to see how our donations are

being used,” Segal said. “There is an art therapy room and a small school for kids who have to leave school for a long time. They rely on donations for these programs. For this reason, we feel like we are really making a difference.”

While Sigma Chi’s philanthropy has a local impact, the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation has established partnerships with national organizations such as the American Cancer Society. The money raised by the sisters at the University is donated to the foundation and used to ensure early breast cancer detection and prevention. However, money also goes to the Breast Care Center, which serves the same purpose at the local level.

“I think all of us hope that we are making an impact both locally and nationally because we’re very passionate about this cause,” Greer Goss, a third-year College student and race chair, said.

At the same time, the sisters of Sigma Delta Tau are working to benefit a national philanthropy through their carnival. With all chapters across the nation combined, Sigma Delta Tau has become one of the PCAA’s highest donors.

“That is the good thing of plugging into a national philan-

thropy: we are making a huge difference together,” Philanthropy Chair Michaela Brown, a second-year College student, said.

Monetary impact

Last year, the brothers of Sigma Chi donated \$23,300 to the Children’s Miracle Network, and their goal this year is to raise \$25,000. All the brothers undertake efforts to raise awareness as well as money for the organization, and all proceeds go to the Children’s Miracle Network.

In addition, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha raised over \$30,000 to benefit both the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation as well as the University Breast Care Center last year. This year, the sisters hope to raise even more.

Last year, the Sigma Delta Tau sisters raised \$2,500 through spring philanthropy, and this year they are hoping to raise \$3,000 in the carnival. All of the proceeds from this event will be given to the PCAA. Last year, as a national sorority, Sigma Delta Tau raised \$325,000 for the PCAA.

Outside of philanthropy season

Last year, Sigma Chi partnered with Dance Marathon — a group which also raises money for the Children’s Miracle Network. The brothers have also tried to get more involved with

the “Miracle Kids” by visiting the Children’s Hospital.

“There will be a few children [from the hospital] at the Dance Marathon, and all the brothers of Sigma Chi go,” Segal said. “First semester, half of our brotherhood was able to tour the children’s hospital, so we can actually personally see what we are doing. We are still partnered with Dance Marathon and we’re excited to raise more money than ever for the kids.”

Segal — along with fellow philanthropy chair Blake Anderson, a third-year Engineering student — said he wants to make Derby Days more than just a one-week fundraiser in March, and both believe they have laid the groundwork for future extension.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha carry on their breast cancer awareness efforts throughout the year. In the fall, the sisters have Pink Week, in which they pass out ribbons at a University football game to educate others about breast cancer. While the sisters also raise money during this week, the focus of the week is promoting awareness.

“It’s important to make community aware [of breast cancer] because it’s a major part of many people’s lives,” Greer said. “We pass out ribbons so everyone can wear it to the game, and that’s a very nice thing to see.”

While all proceeds from Sigma Delta Tau’s carnival fundraiser support the PCAA, the sisters work year-round to promote awareness and advocacy for a local philanthropy, the Jewish Women International, an organization that aims to empower women through financial literacy, community safety and leadership training. Obstacles prevent sisters from working directly with children affected by abuse, but they sell OPI nail polish in the fall and all proceeds benefit the local group.

“At the end of the day, certain people are going to be connected to different causes, and if you are really passionate about a certain cause, then I promote that culture of philanthropy and giving back,” Brown said. “Our sorority wants you to get involved in whatever you feel most passionate about. As great as it is to raise money for PCAA, I am proud that my sisters are also raising money for these other amazing [local] organizations.”



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Sports Editor

The Cavalier faithful have experienced their fair share of heartbreaks over the years, but few will sting more than Virginia's 68-62 loss Sunday night against Syracuse. On a team loaded with four scholarship seniors — including the ACC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year — coach Tony Bennett's team only needed to defeat the Orange to secure the program's first Final Four berth since 1984.

Through the first half and into the second, all seemed well for top-seeded Virginia (29-8). With a 35-21 halftime advantage, a dunk by senior forward Anthony Gill gave Virginia a 16-point lead — its largest of the game — just seconds into the second half.

However, trailing 54-39 with 9:33 to play, Syracuse (23-13) implemented a full-court press to disrupt Virginia's rhythm. The result proved to be the game's turning point, as the Orange took advantage of an out-of-sync Cavalier squad to explode on a 25-4 run, including 15-consecutive points.

Freshman guard Malachi Richardson scored 21 of his team-high 23-points in the second half. Junior guard Tyler Roberson scored 10-points while grabbing eight-rebounds.

Syracuse scored 15 points off of 13 Virginia turnovers. The

Orange went 20-25 from the free-throw line, while the Cavaliers only had 12 attempts. Syracuse out-rebounded Virginia, 36-34.

The Cavaliers were out-scored, 47-27, in the second half.

Virginia shot 42 percent from the field, compared to 37 percent for the Orange. Junior guard London Perrantes scored a team-high 18-points by shooting 6-of-10 from three. Senior guard Malcolm Brogdon ended his career with a 12-point, 7-rebound performance. Gill and senior center Mike Tobey both added 10-points.

The Cavaliers went on a 19-2 first half run, but tenth-seeded Syracuse chip its way back. The Orange are only the fourth double-digit seed to make the Final Four.

Brogdon finished his illustrious Virginia career with 1,809 points — good for ninth on the program's all-time list.

The team's 89 wins over the past three seasons were the most in a three-year stretch, surpassing the 88 wins achieved from 1981-83. The 112 wins by Virginia's seniors matched the total of the 1983 squad, which featured Ralph Sampson — a three-time All-American and ACC Player of the Year.

Virginia's run ends in Elite Eight



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Sunday marked the end of Malcolm Brogdon's illustrious career. He finished with 1,809 points, placing him ninth on the program's all time scoring list.

The one that got away

Top-seeded Virginia got a taste of its own medicine Sunday night, and boy it sure was bitter. The Cavaliers (29-8) led No. 10 seed Syracuse 35-21 at the half, but the Orange (23-13) unleashed a torrid 25-4 run to win 68-62 and reach the Final Four.

Normally, it is Virginia who displays the huge, second-half surges, the demoralizing "Cavalanches". But on Sunday the Cavaliers were outscored 47-27 after intermission.

First, credit Syracuse. The Orange fought their way from the bubble all the way to Houston, Texas. Coach Jim Boheim demonstrated why he is a Naismith Hall of Famer with a sav-

vy switch to full court pressure that made the Cavaliers uncomfortable and helped drive that decisive 25-4 spurt.

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Also, kudos go out to freshman guard Malachi Richardson, who scored 21 of his 23 in the second half.

Now, time for the negative. Virginia simply did not take care of business. They didn't play Cavalier basketball, and they paid the price.

Virginia did not take care of the ball — they turned it over on 20.7 percent of their possessions. They lost the battle on the glass — Syracuse rebounded a whopping 31.6 percent of their own misses. All in all, it was not basketball of which coach Tony

Bennett could approve.

Which leads us to the big picture question. What does Sunday night mean for the program? It was the one that got away. Virginia had a chance to return to the Final Four for the first time in 32 years, and it slipped through their hands.

I am not attempting to disparage this season or the careers of Malcolm Brogdon, Anthony Gill, Mike Tobey and Evan Nolte. The 2015-16 season was a very good one for Virginia, and this class finishes with a record 89 wins in a three-year span and share of the record for wins by a senior class with 112.

But I think when Bennett, the players and the fans look back on this season, whether it be five

years, 10 years or 15 years down the road, it will be difficult to suppress feelings of disappointment because this very well could have been the year.

A trip to the championship game was beginning to feel like destiny for Virginia, who had its heart broken by Michigan State in back-to-back years. The Cavaliers were deep, talented and experienced. They overcame adversity in in early February to earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament — a much deserved No. 1 seed at that.

Instead, the dream ended one weekend early in Chicago, Ill. with a trip to the Elite Eight that frankly feels a little bit hollow at the moment when you consider all Virginia had to do was get

past a good but not great, albeit a streaking, Orange team.

Now begins a transition phase for Virginia. Next winter Brogdon will be playing in the NBA, Gill will be happily married, and Nolte and Tobey will be onto their professional lives.

The Cavaliers return important contributors, have a talented crop of incoming recruits and gain the services of Austin Nichols and Mamadi Diakite, but Virginia fans know all too well that deep tournament runs can come few and far between.

One window closed Sunday night. No one knows how long it will be until the window to contend will reopen.

Cavaliers outwork Blue Jays in overtime thriller

D'Amario scores game-winner after Coholan sends game to overtime

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Sophomore attackman Mike D'Amario chipped in the game-winning goal for the Virginia men's lacrosse team as they outlasted No. 8 Johns Hopkins in an overtime showdown at Klöckner Stadium. Senior attackman James Pannell and senior midfielder Greg Coholan added three goals each to lift the Cavaliers to victory on Easter Sunday.

The first three quarters of the game were a pendulum of momentum for both teams, each going on long scoring runs. The Blue Jays came off the bus hot, scoring the game's first four goals in the first quarter. The Cavaliers looked flat-footed and dazed, moving little off the ball and ball-watching on defense as Hopkins sent cutting midfielders to the crease. Cavalier coach Dom Starsia called a timeout after the fourth goal to regroup with his team.

"I thought we played about 50 minutes today," Starsia said. "We were standing around on defense early on, and offensively we threw the ball away a few times."

The Cavaliers hit their stride after the timeout, with Pannell burying the team's first goal to close the half. The team broke out to a 5-0 run in the second quarter, capitalized by

an underhand goal by sophomore face-off man Jason Murphy after winning the draw. Defensively, the Cavaliers tightened up, holding Hopkins scoreless for roughly 12 minutes into the quarter.

"We told the guys to pay more attention to the men they were guarding," Starsia said. "After we tightened that up, they stopped banging the ball around and went more for individual play, and we found more success in defending that."

The large run did not phase the Blue Jays, however, as momentum began to swing back to their end in the third quarter. Down 8-6 with a few minutes left in the quarter, Hopkins scored three goals in 32 seconds to take a one-score lead heading into the final quarter.

Much of the Blue Jays' run can be attributed to their senior face-off man Craig Madarasz, who after struggling against Murphy for most of the day won a few key face-offs to lead the comeback effort, chipping in a goal of his own. Hopkins' coach Dave Pietramala confused the Cavalier defense by placing two long-sticks on the goal, leading to a rare long-stick goal by freshman defenseman Patrick Foley that invigorated the Hopkins bench.

Unlike the first three quarters, the fourth quarter was a shootout, with each team trading goals throughout

the quarter. Junior goalie Matt Barrett stepped up with a few key saves as the Virginia defense continued to play well. After a timeout by Starsia in the last minute, Coholan buried a goal from straight away to knot the game at 12 before time expired.

Overtime ended almost as quickly as it began. Virginia was given possession due to a Hopkins face-off violation, its third of the game, and D'Amario dove for the game-winning scored just 19 seconds into the period. The Virginia bench flooded the field in celebration after the final whistle.

"I saw a short stick on me and decided it was time to go," D'Amario said. "I had never been at the bottom of a dogpile in college, so that was awesome. It was just really great to get the win at the end of the day."

Virginia won the game through hard work and resilience, coming out as the more aggressive team. The Cavaliers picked up 46 ground balls compared to the Blue Jays' 24, giving them many more opportunities on offense to score. Virginia also won the face-off battle, 18-10, with Hopkins' three face-off violations proving to be costly.

The Cavaliers won the Doyle Smith Cup for their victory, the annual prize given to the winner of their classic matchup against Johns Hopkins. While Starsia was honored



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Sophomore attackman Mike D'Amario capped off a back-and-forth second half with a diving goal in overtime, giving Virginia the upset win.

to receive the award, he was naturally more elated with such a crucial victory.

"Doyle was a special guy here — the Cup adds even more significance to a rivalry that doesn't need a lot more significance," Starsia said.

Though the Cavaliers secured the Cup last year from the Blue Jays, the teams met again in what was a rough loss for the Cavaliers in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Starsia, however, was more concerned about the present state of his team than avenging last year's loss.

"I don't think a lot about those

things," Starsia said. "We're most concerned about this team, where we are at this moment. We've been working awfully hard, but we needed a result against a good team."

With a couple of heartbreaking, one-score losses on their record, the Cavaliers were in need of a signature win. Starsia coached his team to a monumental victory that he hopes will set the tone for the rest of its season. Hopkins drops to 4-3 with the loss, while Virginia rises to 4-5.

The Cavaliers will look to get to .500 when they take on VMI at home Tuesday night.

Men's tennis makes quick of Notre Dame, Boston College

Cavaliers defeat the Irish, 6-1, and Eagles, 7-0

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The Cavaliers had a busy weekend with two ACC opponents coming down to Charlottesville for matches Friday and Saturday. Friday, the No. 2 Cavaliers (16-2, 6-0 ACC) took on Notre Dame (10-10, 4-4 ACC) at the Snyder Tennis Center and Saturday, Boston College (3-12, 0-7 ACC) visited the Cavaliers at Snyder. Virginia took care of business in both matches, defeating Notre Dame, 6-1, and sweeping Boston College, 7-0.

To start the match off against the Irish, the Cavaliers captured the doubles point when No. 2 ranked doubles team of junior Luca Corinteli and senior Ryan Shane quickly won their match 6-2, and the team of sophomore Collin Altamirano and junior J.C. Aragone won 6-4.

In singles, the Cavaliers won five out of six matches. Impressive performances by sophomore Altamirano and junior Thai-Son Kwiatkowski

highlighted the Cavaliers' great day.

Playing at number three in the ladder, Kwiatkowski defeated Notre Dame junior Josh Hagar, 6-3, 6-4. Then, to clinch the match, Altamirano defeated junior Eddy Covalschi 6-4, 6-2. The only loss on the day for the Cavaliers was Shane's third-set tiebreak defeat, which came after the match was already decided. Shane fell to senior Quentin Monaghan 6-7, 7-5, 1-0.

The following day against Boston College, the Cavaliers knew they would be heavily favored against a team winless in ACC play. Coach Brian Boland decided to rest a couple of starters and play some of his utility players. Despite this, the Cavaliers cruised to a 7-0 sweep.

The match began with two quick 6-1 victories to secure the doubles point. Then, two quick victories 6-0, 6-1 wins by Corinteli and Altamirano set the Cavaliers on the path to victory. The match was clinched when junior utility player Harrison Richmond defeated Boston College

freshman Peter Campana 6-1, 6-1 in a dominant performance at number six on the ladder. Another notable match was Shane's 7-5, 6-2 win against junior Aidan McNulty, as it was nice to see Shane bounce back from the loss against Notre Dame in the final match of the day.

Boland was especially pleased with Shane's performance Saturday.

"I was really impressed with how the team played overall, but most importantly I was impressed with how Ryan Shane bounced back from yesterday where he didn't play his best tennis," he said. "I thought he came out with a great deal of focus and just managed the match well and worked his way through tough conditions."

Altamirano put in two dominant performances this weekend, and is playing high-level tennis right now at the number two spot in the Cavaliers' singles ladder.

"We knew what we were up against, and I think everybody brought it," Altamirano said. "It was good energy out here. It was a lot



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Sophomore Collin Altamirano easily won both of his singles matches over the weekend.

of fun and I was happy with what I did and I know most of the guys are happy with what they did, especially looking at the scores, so overall it was a good job."

Altamirano was effusive in his praise for his coaches and team staff.

"Our coach, and our staff ... they do a terrific job, just keeping us ready for every match and making sure we

are prepared," he said.

Despite being second to North Carolina in the overall national rankings, Virginia currently sits atop the ACC standings. However, with a Friday match against the Tar Heels looming, the Cavaliers need to be prepared to play their best tennis in order to reclaim the No. 1 ranking.

Slow start costs women's lacrosse against Duke

A slow start doomed the No. 13 Virginia women's lacrosse team as the team fell to No. 15 Duke, 11-8, Saturday in Durham, NC.

Junior attacker Posey Valis and sophomore midfielder Kasey Behr both scored three goals for the Cavaliers, who trailed 8-2 at halftime. Senior midfielder Mary Alati and freshman midfielder Maggie Jackson also netted a goal a piece.

Virginia (5-6) outshot Duke (8-4), 22-17, but had a tough time scoring on Blue Devil senior goalie Kelsey Duryea. Duryea, the ACC leader in saves per game at 8.73, stopped 12 Cavalier shots Saturday.

Virginia held the advantage in draw controls, 14-7, and ground balls, 17-13.

Duke opened the game with two goals in the first five minutes to go up

2-0. After Behr put the Cavaliers on the board at the 23:34 minute mark from an assist from senior attacker Kelly Boyd, Duke proceeded to score five straight to extend the lead to 7-1.

Behr scored again to break Duke's goal streak with 4:36 left in the first half, but the Blue Devils got another goal shortly after to make the half-time score 8-2.

Virginia came out strong in the

second half, as two goals by Valis and one by Jackson on an Alati assist cut Duke's lead to 8-5 with 21:53 left in the game. The Blue Devils responded with a goal minutes later, but Valis scored her third goal of the day to close Duke's lead back to three, 9-6, with 16:45 left to play.

However, Duke scored back-to-back goals to give the team a comfortable 11-6 lead with 11:09 to play.

Behr and Alati each scored a goal in the final 10 minutes, but it wasn't enough to bring the Cavaliers back into the game.

Virginia will next play against No. 12 Boston College (6-4) this Saturday at Klöckner Stadium. The game will be the Cavalier's final home contest of the season.

—compiled by Jack Gallagher

No. 7 Cardinals take series against Virginia

Virginia baseball handed No. 7 Louisville its first home loss of the season with a 6-3 victory Friday night. Senior workhorse Connor Jones tossed 112 pitches over seven strong innings, allowing three runs — two earned — on five hits.

The Chesapeake, Va. native is making an early case for ACC Pitcher of the Year, as Jones improved his record to 5-0 in 2016.

The Cardinals scratched across the game's first run in the bottom of the second inning. After consecutive walks and Louisville's effective sacrifice bunt, Jones fell behind 3-0 to sophomore shortstop Devin Hairston, whose bloop single to right plated a run. The No. 9 Cavaliers escaped further damage, though, thanks to an inning-ending 5-4-3 double play.

Trailing 1-0, Virginia responded in the top of the third. His teammates taking their one-out leads off first and second base, junior catcher Matt Thaiss awaited a 3-0 delivery. Third base coach Kevin McMullan gave the preseason All-American the green light, and Thaiss hammered a three-run home run over the wall in right center. The Cavaliers jumped ahead, 3-1.

A two-bagger off the bat of Louisville junior left fielder Corey Ray made it a one-run ballgame in the fifth, but Virginia answered back in a big way two innings later. This time, with men on the corners and two outs, sophomore first baseman Pavin Smith attacked an inside, belt-high pitch. His three-run homer to right provided the insurance Jones would need.

The Cardinals scored their third run in the bottom of the seventh. Junior right fielder Logan Taylor reached on a bunt single, stole second base and advanced to third on a Thaiss throwing error. Ray, who produced against Cavalier pitching all weekend, then poked an RBI grounder to second base.

The back of the Virginia bull-

pen held onto this 6-3 lead, after Jones' one-out exit in the top of the eighth. Senior reliever Kevin Doherty retired each of the two batters he faced in that frame, and junior closer Alec Bettinger recorded his seventh save in the ninth. The Cavaliers had gotten the better of Louisville in game one, but games two and three both proved to be different stories.

The Cardinals knocked out Virginia freshman pitcher Daniel Lynch in the second inning Saturday. The lefty had surrendered five runs on four hits — including Ray and sophomore catcher Colby Fitch's back-to-back solo home runs — one walk and a hit by pitch.

The Cavaliers saw their 2-0 lead, which they'd assumed on three hits, a wild pitch and an error in the first, vanish by the bottom of that inning.

Louisville's offense took advantage of a vulnerable Virginia bullpen the rest of the way. Junior reliever Tyler Shambora, a transfer from St. Petersburg College, walked in the Cardinal's sixth run on five pitches in the third. Louisville sophomore starting pitcher Brendan McKay, who had mowed down the Cavaliers since his shaky start, smacked a big fly off Shambora in the fourth to help his own cause and make it 7-2.

Sophomore reliever Bennett Sousa entered for Shambora in the fifth and continued his struggles. Slapping a one-out single through the left side, the speedy Ray stole second before Fitch's triple plated Louisville's eighth unanswered run. At the top of the Cardinal lineup, the 1-2 punch of Ray and Fitch combined for five hits in nine trips, six RBIs, four runs and two walks Saturday.

Louisville went on to win 11-4 Saturday. McKay earned his fifth victory of the season to match Jones for tops in the ACC. The talented lefty struck out nine batters over eight innings, allowing three runs — just one

earned — on eight hits and zero walks. By contrast, Cavalier arms walked nine batters, three times without an open base.

After that collapse Saturday, coach Brian O'Connor and his Virginia players regrouped ahead of the rubber match. A series win was still possible, and this was reason enough for those in the orange and blue to be confident. Even when they found themselves down 4-0 in the fourth Sunday, the Cavaliers believed in a comeback.

Unfortunately, Virginia totally unraveled in the fifth inning Sunday. Three different pitchers — sophomore starter Tommy Doyle, senior reliever David Rosenberger and sophomore reliever Jack Roberts — surrendered a total of 10 runs on nine hits and an error.

Louisville junior pitcher Drew Harrington dominated Cavalier batters over seven innings en route to a 15-0 shutout. Virginia had trouble squaring up Harrington's pitches, tallying

four hits, none for extra bases. While again, the Cardinal 1-2 punch of Ray and, on this day, freshman second baseman Devin Mann punished Cavalier pitching.

The duo combined for four hits, four runs and six RBIs in Louisville's statement win over the Cavaliers.

—compiled by Grant Gossage

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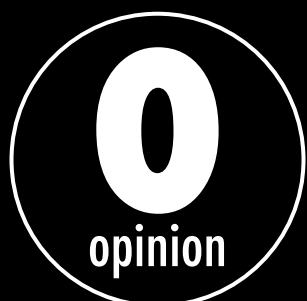
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Comment of the day

“You say that because UVA community members are discussing challenging and troubling aspects of Jefferson, and Wilson, ‘it is reasonable’ to ‘commemorate these former presidents while still criticizing them.’ But that justification could handily be applied to any commemoration: we simply need to find ways to ‘criticize’ the challenging and troubling aspects of the persons’ lives, deeds, words, and impacts...”

by “galatians328” in response to the Editorial Board’s March 24 editorial, “Take Robert E. Lee off his pedestal”

Despite a tough loss last night, the Cavaliers’ Friday win is still cause for celebration; it gave Virginia its first Elite Eight appearance since 1995. This win was so major that coach Tony Bennett earned a \$250,000 bonus for it, on top of his previous \$300,000 in bonuses this season. What’s more staggering is the over \$1 billion in yearly ad revenue that March Madness generates, which eclipses the NFL playoff ad revenue totals, including the Super Bowl. And it’s not just coaches and ads: even the ladder used in the net cutting ceremony after the championship has an official sponsor. Those who profit from college athletics do so at the expense of individuals who have limited freedoms in their academic lives. While there are valid arguments against paying college athletes, both supporters and opponents of amateurism should be able to agree it is unreasonable for student-athletes to be as restricted as they are in their pursuit of an education — especially under

the pretense that college students are not paid in order for them to obtain a quality educational experience.

The tendency for college athletes to “cluster” in a few majors suggests student-athletes have limited academic freedom in order to accommodate their intensive sports schedules. Criticism of clustering emerged in 2008 after a USA Today report found that athletes on hundreds of teams are overrepresented in one major at their colleges. A 2014 probe into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s athletic department found that for more than 18 years, school academic advisors encouraged student-athletes to take “sham classes” in order to inflate their grades and maintain their athletic eligibilities. And in 2014, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette found that communications and administration of justice accounted for 64.7 percent of the University of Pittsburgh’s football team’s majors. Whether student-athletes are explicitly steered to a

few majors by coaches and advisors or whether their commitment to athletics make them select lighter majors, it is clear that for many of these individuals, athletics drives academics and not the other way around.

This information is particularly concerning given that very few student-athletes end up in professional sports leagues. A 2014 survey of more than 600 student-athletes at Big Ten Conference and Mid-American Conference universities found that 29.9 percent of the athletes did not have majors aligned with their future aspirations. For example, one student-athlete reported majoring in history but wanting to work in finance. Another studied healthcare service administration with the intention to return “back to school and get a degree in a field I’m actually interested in.” These anecdotes are representative of roughly one third of student-athletes. Though fifth-year Batten student Malcolm Brogdon excels on and off the court,

there’s a reason his success is so widely publicized.

In this case, the NCAA is to blame — its strict rules punishing schools which do not have high student-athlete retention and graduation rates have arguably worsened educational quality. The NCAA should reform its rules so that student-athletes can graduate in six rather than five years while still remaining eligible for four years of athletics, as University of Tennessee Prof. Robin Hardin has previously argued. This change would allow student-athletes with heavy athletic commitments to better distribute their course load in fields in which they are actually interested and that may serve them better later in life.

If student-athletes are first and foremost students, then the NCAA and participating colleges should treat them as such. Education should not be peripheral to athletic performance, especially when it’s the main form of compensation for student-athletes’ hard work.

LEAD EDITORIAL

In the NCAA it’s athletes first, students second

Student-athletes should be given more academic freedom

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Don't sell fiction short in the classroom

Fiction reading and creative writing benefit students in ways nonfiction does not

It is fair to say nonfiction has the upper hand in the classroom, as it is seen as the more truthful and realistic form of writing. Nonfiction does present the facts of the real world, but fiction has its own valid methods of seeking truth, while digging more deeply into that newly found truth.

LUCY SIEGEL
Viewpoint Writer

It seems to me young adults have been convinced nonfiction reading and writing will serve them better later on in life, as most jobs lean heavily on exposing the truth through analytical writing and research. In a sense, we are encouraged in high school to write in a style that is formulaic and static, teaching students to operate like machines and hide from their imaginations. Now more than ever, I think a stronger focus on creative writing and fiction in schools is imperative, as we are surrounded by people and outlets who validate what we want to hear. Further, our minds must be challenged so that we may better understand ourselves.

Rivka Galchen explains that techniques of fiction are especially constructive now because “it’s possible that we as a culture suffer from a particularly debilitating case of thinking we know much more than we know.” This confirmation bias worsens our false sense of knowing, for “we inhabit fanciful castles of facts.” It is comfortable just to read the nonfiction that supports what we think; it does not make us question our beliefs. But it does create a perception that we know everything we need to know and that which we know is the truth, the undeniable truth. Reality has a way of concealing the truth and fiction has a way of uncovering these hidden truths. Galchen argues we have an inability to fully grasp what fiction is “saying,” causing us to be “less preemptively defended against it or biased in its favor.” She writes: “We are inclined to let it past our fortifications. [Fiction is] merely a court jester, there to amuse us. We let in the

brazen liar and his hidden, difficult truths.” We shy away from the unknown. We are afraid of fiction’s ambiguity so we deem what we do not understand as insignificant. Yet, we should celebrate this mystery, rejoice in its complexity and contemplate our own inadequacies in the process.



Creative writing demands introspection and self-reflection, both of which are absolutely imperative for personal growth and self-acceptance.”

There is no doubt fundamental English classes lay a strong foundation for the language. Nonfiction has a critical place in the existing curriculum, as it is imperative for students to be able to read a complex nonfiction text or write a research pa-

per. Assembling factual evidence requires practice and is a crucial skill for life. Yet, we must use fictional reading and creative writing as a way to challenge our minds and reference our imaginations from time to time. Psychologist Jenni Ogden asserts in her article on the link between

brain and creating writing that “creative writing is one of the best exercises we can do for the aging brain.” Steven Pinker goes on to say, “Fictional narratives supply us with a mental catalogue of the fatal conundrums we might face someday and the outcome of strategies we could

deploy in them,” suggesting that creative writing can help the mind grow and prepare us for what life has to throw at us.

Creative writing demands introspection and self-reflection, both of which are absolutely imperative for personal growth

and self-acceptance. We seek new perspectives when we write creatively, for we come across questions about ourselves that we may not be able to answer. We slowly unearth who we are, who we are not and who we may want to be. In the words of Tom Schulman, screenwriter for “Dead Poet’s Society,” “We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for.”

Creative writing allows us to tap into this passion and imagination we all possess, even if it resides in our deepest recesses. It unleashes beauty and truth and validates the power of the English language.

A contingency plan for the Olympic Games

The Olympic Games should be moved or canceled should the Zika virus worsen

Much of the American public has been following major news outlets for information on the spread of Zika virus. It has run rampant, particularly in South American countries such as Brazil and Colombia, whose tropical climates lend themselves to the proliferation of mosquitoes and, therefore, the spread of the disease. Brazil is scheduled to hold the Olympic games this summer; many — including New York University bioethicist Art Caplan — have called for the cancellation of the games due to the Zika outbreak, but the International Olympic Committee has stated that it does not plan to cancel the event. Given the prevalence of both Zika virus and dengue fever, the only safe course of action is to cancel or relocate the sporting event. At the very least, a contingency plan is necessary in the event the Zika outbreak worsens.

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Viewpoint Writer

The U.S. Olympic Committee has given athletes the right to choose for themselves whether to attend the games, and some have already expressed concerns about the rampancy and dan-

ger of the disease. Hope Solo, the goalie of the U.S. women’s national soccer team, stated in a February interview that if the Olympics were held, she would not attend due to the threat of infection from Zika virus. Additionally, she explained that circumstances could change as the games draw closer but, as of the time of the interview, she remained firm in her decision. Since the interview, Solo has not mentioned a change in her position on the issue.

Rio de Janeiro is expected to play host to 16,000 athletes and 60,000 fans for the Olympics, according to CNN. Participants should not have to choose between health and career success. Additionally, the World Health Organization stated that Zika poses a significant threat to women of childbearing age, due to the disease’s connection to birth defects in children born from infected mothers.

Zika spreads most commonly through mosquitoes, but cases of sexually transmitted Zika have also been reported. The disease’s sexual transmission

poses another dangerous risk. If the games are not cancelled, there will be a major risk of Zika transmitting around the world through infected fans and athletes, and the epidemic will only grow in scale.

Critics may argue Zika is not a problem for the Olympic athletes because a pregnant woman



...The International Olympic Committee is essentially asking women who run the risk of becoming pregnant and their male partners to choose between having successful careers and safely having children, which is a decision that no woman or man should have to make.”

would not be able to compete at such a high level. In 2012, though, Kerri Walsh Jennings won a gold medal in Olympic beach volleyball when she was five weeks pregnant. It is not

impossible that an athlete competes while newly pregnant and she should not have to risk the safety of her unborn child by competing in an unsafe location. By not canceling or relocating the games, the International Olympic Committee is essentially asking women who run the risk of becoming pregnant and their male partners to choose between having successful careers and safely having children, which is a decision that no woman or man should have to make.

Critics of this plan will also state that it is impractical to cancel or relocate a worldwide sporting event that has been planned for years. At this point, however, the costs outweigh the benefits. In the past, large-scale sporting events have been relocated when there was a risk to public health. For example, in 2003, the FIFA Women’s World Cup was successfully relocated

from China to the United States, due to an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

While it is a tall order to cancel or relocate the entire event, some sort of a contingency plan needs to be made in the case that the outbreak gets worse. Scott Blackmun, chief executive of the United States Olympic Committee, said: “I am unequivocally telling you that there is no Plan B, that I’m aware of. It’s just too big an event.”

It is nice to hear this confidence but it is impractical to assume that the outbreak will not get worse. Mosquitoes thrive in warm, humid climates, and summer in Brazil will be ideal for the growth of the insect population. Additionally, there is currently no vaccine for the Zika virus, so athletes cannot use that as an extra precaution. Each of the previously listed concerns about cancellation is valid, but the safety of athletes, fans and workers, both from America and abroad, is far more important than money, sport or entertainment.

New reader recruitment starts now

Maintaining its fearlessness is the Cavalier Daily's best strategy for attracting new readers

The “Days on the Lawn” are upon us. Thousands of high school students have begun to swarm Grounds with parents in tow. These aspiring pupils at Thomas Jefferson's school will be peppered with tours and talks concerning the unique “experience” this institution provides. Such is the nature of collegiate admissions, after all. It is a time to make the life-changing decision to pursue higher education.

In the background, though, those blue Cavalier Daily boxes will lurk along the endless promenades they'll take. What will they represent to these possibly admitted parties? Beyond being mentioned as the daily student newspaper here, it's difficult to formulate a consensus. Everyone, of course, has a different opinion of the job this journal plays here. Seeing a Cavalier Daily issue, or entering in its URL into a web browser, is a fresh experience for those uninitiated.

What typically isn't talked

about is the precarious position the college newspaper worker occupies. I don't mean to toot my own horn, or pump the tires of my fellow scribes and editors. But consider the glut of information that satiates the average student's day, from social networks to newsfeeds. There's a lot to sift through. And for an incoming pupil at this University, The Cavalier Daily and other publications face the challenge of wedging their ways into such foundations of news. They must become relevant to the new reader.

The task is not simple, as I've mused in a past column. With each incoming student class, the new stacks of information upon our lives or the new technological advents emerging every second, novel challenges to appeal to readership arise. What responsibility does the collegiate newspaper possess within all this chaos? Quite a few. I've argued before that our school's

media outlets can foster the diverse voices on Grounds and bridge the gap between the University and greater community. The Cavalier Daily, in particular, has performed those tasks, and then some. Its greatest strength is to realize the panoptic position it has above the routines of student life. It thusly has the power to pinpoint aspects of it worth the insightful exposure

new and old readers? Are there established benchmarks it must meet because of our other expectations from mass media? And should the University's primary paper follow such trends?

Answers lie on both ends. There are advantages to both paper and pixelated journalism, no doubt, and The Cavalier Daily has taken them. It now has a constant online presence to complement the gravitas of its tabloid counterpart. But those changes have not accelerated or altered the rate of reporting entirely. Stories run each week on issues local or global, bonded by the common viewpoint of the student. While that privilege can be limited to a few participants in The Cavalier Daily's production, it should not inhibit the critical viewpoints that can be found in between them,

as well.

With this new readership forming on Grounds this week, I call upon The Cavalier Daily to merely remember the place it can occupy within it. It should not represent itself in ways unbecoming of its democratic position. Rather, it should not be afraid to criticize the community it exists in and exhibit such scrutiny openly. It has done so in past and present, and should continue to do so. If there is an ideal for the paper to abide by, let it be the maintenance and sustenance of openness and fearlessness in student-based journalism. Such an impression is proper for new pupils to see, and perhaps propagate themselves, at a university that can always use more of both.

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and criticism.

Is the question, then, what The Cavalier Daily should and will impress upon the minds of

Brussels is safe

Despite recent terror attacks, the city remains relatively safe for travel

Last week Brussels was shaken by a terrible terrorist attack. The city airport and metro were both bombed, killing at least 31 people and injuring more than 260. The reaction to this terror attack has been what we can unfortunately call routine: outpouring support for the victims, renewed discussion on the refugees streaming into Europe and the place Islam had in motivating these attacks. One of the major differences with the conversation surrounding this attack is the amount of people that suddenly question whether Brussels is a safe city. Brussels is, in fact, a safe city, and it's counterproductive for people to fear-monger about the threat people in the city are under.

Before this attack, Brussels already had a reputation for being a base for terrorism. Only days before the attacks, the Belgian police shot and arrested Salah Abdeslam, a man connected with the Paris attacks. The city is full of immigrants and refugees, making it a fertile recruiting ground for radical preachers. Adding to this reputation are articles on major news sites that

lambast how dangerous Brussels is. CNN published an article last week titled “Why Belgium is Europe's front line in the war on terror” that played right into this narrative.

Arguments that Brussels has a problem with terrorism and radicalization are not wrong — Belgium has the highest number of foreign fighters in Syria per capita of any country in Europe. This is in part because Belgium has a 6 percent Muslim population, second only to France in Europe. Add to that the fact that Belgian Muslims deal with a disproportionate amount of poverty and crime, and it's not difficult to see why fundamentalist messages take hold. But this does not mean Brussels, or any other city in Belgium, is not safe. Though tragic and too deadly, this recent attack has been preceded by only one other Islamic terrorist attack. More major attacks have occurred in France and England in the last 10 years, yet the narrative about how dangerous Brussels is persists.

Notably, official agencies have not given in to the fear many news sites link to Brussels.

The U.K. and U.S. governments have released warnings about the attacks in Brussels but have not felt the need to restrict travel to the city. As far as I can find, no Western country has restricted travel to anywhere in Belgium. If the threat were really as great as some headlines say, governments would make it harder for their citizens to travel there. The Schengen Zone in Europe theoretically makes it impossible to restrict travel between

would recommend citizens not visit the city, if not forbid them from going altogether. However, the threat to residents and tourists in Brussels from terrorism is not significant.

One of the biggest reasons not to fear Brussels is that a fear of being killed by a terrorist in the city is fairly irrational. Including this most recent attack there have been 37 people killed by terrorist in Brussels in the last five years. Belgium hosted over 7.6 million tourists in 2013 alone. Even if all the terrorist attacks happened in only one year, the odds you would be killed by one is .000461 percent. There are much higher odds of a car hitting you in the street in Brussels than being killed in a terrorist attack. Brussels also has a very active and effective security force. Only last year they were able to detect and apprehend terrorist actively planning an attack.

I was actually in Brussels almost two weeks ago — I flew in

the airport and used the train station that was bombed. It is surreal and slightly scary to see the scenes of destruction right where I had been standing. Despite this natural feeling of fear, I still would go back to Brussels in a heartbeat. The terrorist attack was deadly and tragic, but I never felt unsafe while I was in the city. The city hasn't suddenly changed because of this terrorist attack, and saying so gives the terrorists way too much credit. Brussels has to deal with this problem, but the problem does not define the city. As the host for the headquarters of the EU and NATO, Brussels should be seen as an example of cooperation and global unity. Don't give into the narrative of fear recent events have reignited; be strong enough to look at Brussels as a safe city.

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European countries, but the recent refugee crisis has shown that this ideal can bend when placed under pressure. If there were a real threat in Brussels, I have no doubt governments

WEEKLY CROSSWORD By Sam Ezersky

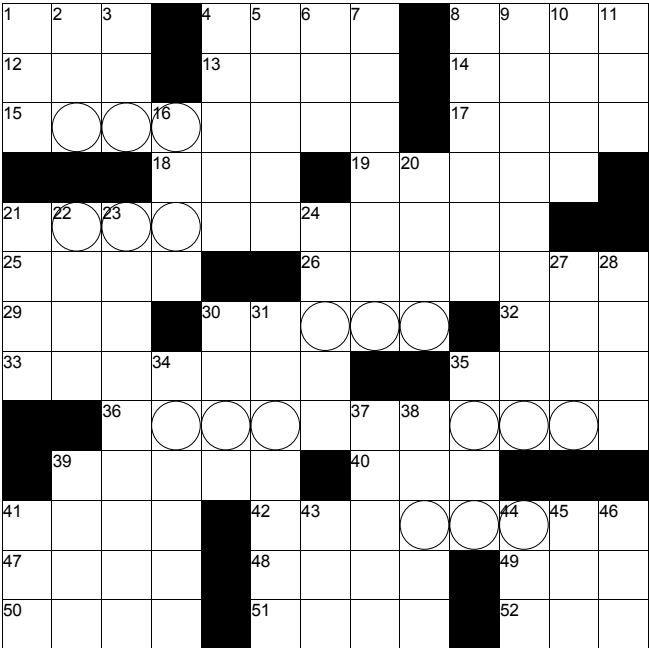
The Cavalier Daily Crossword Puzzle by Sam Ezersky, Class of 2017

ACROSS

- 1. Short boxing punch
- 4. "Fifty Shades of Grey" practices, briefly
- 8. Cover for a wound
- 12. MacBook variety
- 13. Party with tiki torches and ukuleles
- 14. "That's...not right": 2 wds.
- 15. Skintight pants that appear to be made of denim
- 17. Bridge on Rugby
- 18. "Monsters, ____" (Pixar film)
- 19. Stuns with a gun
- 21. Animated TV series in which certain foods convey Christian morals: 2 wds.
- 25. Word of lament
- 26. Company in "Office Space"
- 29. "Nothing but ____!" (proud hoopster's cry)
- 30. Website that provides online homework help
- 32. Gehrig or Brock
- 33. Take care of business: 3 wds.
- 35. Product bought at Kulture
- 36. Frozen waffles brand slogan: 3 wds.
- 39. Strict, as a grader
- 40. MacBook variety
- 41. Memo
- 42. Musical progression using the first, third, fifth and eighth tones of a scale
- 47. Rainbow trajectories
- 48. Cast, as dice
- 49. ____ Kippur
- 50. "That's funny!"
- 51. Three-____ sloth
- 52. Coffee cup

DOWN

- 1. ESPN College Gameday venue that saw half-court shots made in both 2015 and 2016, informally
- 2. "____ you for real?"
- 3. Marshy wetland



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- 4. Russian pancakes served with sour cream
- 5. Schoolroom fool
- 6. Wear low, as pants
- 7. Sporty Ford
- 8. Group within a group
- 9. Oblong Christmas appetizer served with crackers: 2 wds.
- 10. Colony members?
- 11. ____ constrictor (snake)
- 16. Stops on a band's tour
- 20. Sacha Baron Cohen alter ego: 2 wds.
- 21. Shoes worn by Daniel in the "Damn, Daniel!" memes
- 22. The Confederacy's Robert ____: 2 wds.
- 23. Locking mechanism near a backyard fence: 2 wds.
- 24. Make a connection with: 2 wds.
- 27. Viet ____ ('70s guerrilla group)
- 28. Victor who wrote "Les Miserables"
- 30. Gear teeth
- 31. Intellectually stimulating creative output: 2 wds.
- 34. Woman's name that is an anagram of the holiday suggested by this puzzle's theme
- 35. Sinker of the Titanic
- 37. Syrup type
- 38. Triangular traffic sign word
- 39. Circular Jewish dance
- 41. "I'm good, but thanks"
- 43. Kanga's kid
- 44. AFC or Slaughter
- 45. Letters on a debtor's slip
- 46. "U CANT B SRS!!111"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3/28
UPC Presents: Teeny Tiny Zoo, 3-5pm, Amphitheater
Chamber Music Series, 8-10pm, Old Cabell Hall
"Girl Rising" Movie Screening and Panel Discussion, 6-9pm, Open Grounds
Career Center Presents: Are You LinkedIn? Workshop, 5-6pm, Newcomb 182
College Council College Hour, 9-11am, Colonnade Club
Delta Zeta Presents: Mr. DZirable, 7pm, Newcomb Theater

Tuesday 3/29
Baseball vs. Old Dominion, 4pm, Davenport Field
Softball vs. Radford, 5pm, The Park
Men's Lacrosse vs. VMI, 7pm, Klockner Stadium

Wednesday 3/30
Softball vs. James Madison, 4pm, The Park
Softball vs. James Madison, 6pm, The Park
Business for All Majors, 5:30-6:30pm, Monroe 130
Career Center Presents: Are You LinkedIn? Workshop, 1-2pm, Newcomb 182
Career Center Presents: Resumes, Cover Letters, and References Workshop, 11am-12pm, Newcomb 182

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LOVE CONNECTION:

ZANE & JULIANA



ZANE

Courtesy Zane

Year: First
Major: Economics
U.Va. Involvement: First Year Council, Alpha Kappa Psi, TEDxUVA, Salsa Club
Hometown: Oakton, Va.
Ideal date personality: Humorous, enjoys fist bumps
Ideal date activity: Making dinner that the two of us eat
Dealbreakers?: None
Hobbies: Rock climbing, working out, listening to music, Spanish dance, making food
What makes you a good catch?: I give killer high fives, tell good jokes, make awesome eye contact and love to dance in public. Also, I dress well.
What makes you a less-than-perfect catch?: Shorter than your average sexy man, prone to using phrases such as "dude" and "word"
What is your spirit animal?: Peacock or a kiwi (fruit), tan and hairy on the outside, sweet on the inside
What is your favorite pick-up line?: Hey, we aren't friends yet but what's your name?
Describe yourself in one sentence: Stop it, that's my tickle spot.

Councils collide for a blind date

Eric Dotterer
 Love Guru

Zane and Juliana met on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and went to The Virginian

Zane: [I signed up for Love Connection because] I saw that one of the articles was trending on Facebook among my friends and I thought it was a funny idea and cool and quirky. I thought it would make for a good story to tell my friends.

Juliana: I was inspired and encouraged by a Cavalier Daily editor [to sign up], and I just went for it.

Zane: When I found out I was chosen, I was at first really happy, but then realized I was super busy that week and had to reschedule. I was super excited and laughed and thought, "Oh man, this is really happening!" I had never been on a blind date before — I really wasn't expecting too much and was hoping to make a better friend rather than a romantic interest.

Juliana: I was so excited [to find out I was chosen]. I love trying new things. I hadn't been on a blind date before, so I was expecting that it might be awkward, but it ended up being a lot of fun.

Zane: I was reading the description of the Rotunda restoration and then I turned back to see someone sitting on the bench. We introduced ourselves and decided to go to The Virginian. I thought that she was really outgoing and really, really funny.

Juliana: I was there five minutes early, which is very atypical — I tend to run very behind. There was a guy who was pacing back and forth by the Rotunda, I asked if it was him and he said yes. We shook hands and took it from

Year: Second
Major: Undeclared
U.Va. Involvement: University Guide Service, Second Year Council, FairED, Camp Kesem, The Virginia No-Tones
Hometown: Walnut Creek, Calif.
Ideal date personality: Must always be up for an adventure. Must appreciate cheeses. Must keep me laughing and laugh at my jokes. Must have a great pity laugh because most of my jokes aren't funny
Ideal date activity: If I were 21 I'd say a brewery tour...
Dealbreakers?: Closed-mindedness and self-importance
Hobbies: Hiking, reading, singing poorly, dancing (or, more accurately, my non-rhythmic and aggressive flailing of limbs), inadvertently making people uncomfortable, distracting people in Alderman
What makes you a good catch?: I like to crack jokes
What makes you a less-than-perfect catch?: I will get mad if you do not laugh at my jokes
What is your spirit animal?: Golden Retriever; Golden Retriever puppy when caffeinated
What is your favorite pick-up line?: On a scale of one to America how free are you tonight????
Describe yourself in one sentence: "... third-wave feminist, college educated, single-and-pretending-to-be-happy-about-it ... you buy any magazine that says 'healthy body image' on the cover and every two years you take up knitting for ... a week." Aka Liz Lemon.

there. I suggested [eating at] The Virginian outside because it was a lovely evening, and he was down. The weather was great.

Zane: The conversation was very tangent-based. We never really talked about one thing, and we always had a topic to chime in on. We went from topic to topic in a natural way — theatre, music, Council, mutual friends, career interests, childhood stories, etc. The conversation was very thoughtful, it wasn't really a lot of small talk.

Juliana: The conversation was very balanced. Kudos to him because I have the tendency to nervously talk too much! We jumped from topic to topic ... I would bring up friends' stories and he knew everyone. Everyone who

walked by The Virginian we seemed to know, [and] I was shocked that I hadn't met him before because of all the people we knew.

Zane: We are both involved in Council, both liked a lot of the same music, both into theatre. She was really involved in theatre in high school. I sort of admire theatre as an art. We both had been to a ton of concerts. We both had a "formative English teacher" in our past that made us appreciate the subject. She had never seen "Dead Poet's Society," which is an English teacher classic.

Juliana: We each paid separately. I made it very clear that I wanted separate checks.

Zane: We split the check. [It was a]

total friend vibe — [the] girl's like my sister. I would totally hang out with her again — as a matter of fact she just followed me on Instagram.

Juliana: It was definitely a friend vibe. He's wonderful, and I can't wait to become better friends with him.

Zane: She went off to do work and I went off to the library.

Juliana: We hugged and parted ways. He had to get to a meeting. I could definitely see myself hanging out with him in the future with our vast array of mutual friends.

Zane: It was a 10. It was the highlight of my day by far.

Juliana: [It was a] 9.



JULIANA

Courtesy Juliana

Climate Action Society hosts energy panel

Renewables campaign hosts speakers on solar cars, wind turbines

Julie Bond
Feature Writer

In a typical day, students at the University turn on lights, adjust fans and heating, and maybe take a drive in a car. While all these actions are necessary to living a regular life, the Climate Action Society's Renewables Campaign works to publicize the benefits of more environmentally friendly substitutes at the University.

CAS's Renewables Campaign hosted a Renewable Energy Panel and question and answer session Wednesday, March 23. Speakers included two professors from the Engineering School as well as the school's Solar Car team.

The first presentation was given by the Solar Car team's president and vice president, fourth-year Engineering student David Philpott and third-year Engineering student En De Liow, respectively.

The students explained how the battery works and specified that it is necessary to make the cars aerodynamic and light to maximize efficiency. In future years, the club hopes to travel to Australia to compete on the International level.

"I think a lot of people really like the idea of a solar car — like wow, it can drive just on the sun. But they really explained what goes into building it," panel attendee Zoe Grippo, a second-year College student, said.

Engineering Prof. John C. Bean

then focused on forms of renewable energy, specifically how wind turbines work and what goes into the manufacturing of solar cells. Additionally, Bean addressed the economics and physics of alternative energy.

"One of my favorite comments [was from] someone who came up after the panel [and] said, 'That was so awesome! I haven't done equations since high school,'" Renewables Campaign leader Claire Trevisan, a second-year Engineering student, said.

Bean also discussed a new technology that would allow for the installation of offshore wind turbines in a matter of days, which would dramatically cut costs. Offshore wind farms would also address the issue of the turbines being considered unsightly.

"[Companies] put [coal mining] in areas that are really depressed, like in West Virginia," Trevisan said. "There's a lot of poverty there and people who have just always been around that, whereas wind turbines can kind of fit in anywhere. It could be near wealthy areas or near people who are going to speak out about those things which is why I think that concept is presenting such a problem."

Finally, Engineering Prof. Eric Loth shared his work on a wind turbine designed to be 18 stories tall and have blades the length of two football fields. Construction for a sub-scale model of Loth's wind turbine will



Courtesy Kate Ford

The Climate Action Society works to foster student support for environmentally friendly substitutes at the University utilizing wind and solar energy.

start April 1, funded by a 48 million dollar grant from multiple educational institutions. The new turbine will allegedly be able to produce 50 megawatts of energy. For comparison, today's wind turbines usually produce just two.

Grippo said the turbine's size was really what was revolutionary.

"Usually when hurricanes happen, wind turbines are destroyed, but this is something that could really change the game," Grippo said.

Renewables is one of CAS's three campaigns, alongside Divest U.Va. and No New Fossil Fuels Infrastructure.

Students can be involved in just one or all three of these campaigns. The group also has bi-weekly general body meetings and regularly collaborates on "actions," which are demonstrations publicizing CAS's views.

In late February, CAS members held up 'Divest U.Va.' signs during ESPN College Gameday, which allowed the club a viewership of nearly 2.5 million people.

"The cool thing is the actions are just always really fun and we try to fit them in as best we can to U.Va. culture and what people would be responsive to," Trevisan said. "We want

to put things on people's minds and make them think about 'Well why did that happen, why is this the way it is, what does that mean.'"

CAS works outside political systems to foster a strong enough voice in communities to fight for political change.

"Anyone can join CAS," Grippo said. "You don't have to be super radical liberal. We don't all eat kale and drink smoothies and wear Chacos. Anyone's welcome."

Spectrum Theatre hosts autism-friendly show

Autism Theatre Project hopes to bring sensory friendly theatre to U.Va.

Katie Nicholson
Feature Writer

The Autism Theatre Project is partnering with Spectrum Theatre to present a sensory friendly performance of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." The performance will take place April 2 at 2 p.m. in the Student Activities Building.

The Autism Theatre Project began last semester as the brainchild of fourth-year Curry student Ana Mendelson, who had been interested in bringing sensory friendly theatre to the University since her second year.

"(The idea) kind of germinated in my head for a while ... it just existed in-between Google searches and conversations with my mom," Mendelson said. "Then spring of my third year, that's when I was really deep in grant applications for funding. I was getting a faculty advisor. I was working to see who would be our first the-

atre partner."

The Autism Theatre Project first partnered with DMR Adventures, a local children's theatre, in the fall to bring "Captain Louie, Jr." to a sensory sensitive audience. The show was a success, drawing a crowd of about 50 people.

"The smiles we saw were incredible," Jaclyn Lund, second-year College student and research assistant of the Autism Theatre Project, said.

At "Captain Louie, Jr.," the average age of the audience was about nine years old. Lund, who is also assistant director of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," is hoping this show will bring out a slightly older audience.

"We are very aware that there is a large population of people in the community who kind of start to age out of the system once they get to be about our age," Lund said. "Providing resources like this for them is super important because it's not just kids

that are on our radar."

The Autism Theatre Project aims to bring sensory friendly performances to the area about two times a semester. Sensory friendly performances are designed to "take the guesswork out of" going to the theatre, Mendelson explained.

The organization takes steps to ensure an enjoyable and judgement free theatre experience. Before the show, the organization produces a video social story explaining everything about the show from where to park to what to expect.

Because of its family friendly nature, Lund explains "curse words and inappropriate themes" have been removed for this performance.

Typically, a theatre experience could overwhelm people with different sensory sensitivities. This performance ensures a comfortable environment where the lighting is softer and the volume is lower.

"Instead of a full pit orchestra,

we'll just have a piano," Lund said.

The seating is flexible, allowing families to sit in the most comfortable fashion, whether that be on mats on the floor or in chairs. The show provides volunteer staff to help fulfill the needs of the audience. There is also a break room available equipped with coloring books and fidget toys.

Each performance is unique. During the show, three audience members will be selected to participate on stage. The actors have been trained on what to expect.

In the future, the Autism Theatre Project is looking to expand. In addition to mendelson, there are currently five members of the organization working on the play.

"The ultimate goal is to do as many shows as we can," Lund said. "[We also hope] to expose children on the spectrum and with other related disorders to theatre because all of us who are so involved with this recognize how important theatre is

within our lives and we want to give that to these kids too."

Later in April, the Autism Theatre Project is partnering with DMR Adventures again to offer a sensory friendly performance of "Annie, Jr."

University students are encouraged to reserve a ticket online and attend the performance. Other performances of the show will occur April 1 through April 3 at 8 p.m. in the Student Activities Building.

"I am really excited to see the families' reactions at the end of the show," Lucy Gordon Smith, third-year College student and director, said. "Most of the families have never been to a live theatre performance because the people surrounding them feel uncomfortable with people on the spectrum. I'm excited to bring theatre to people who have never seen it before."

Top 10 Stages of Making Summer Plans

The emotional process of locking down your perfect summer plans

Annie Mester
Life Columnist

1. Confusion

It's still March. As long as basketball is on, it is still the dead of winter. Plus, I'm cold enough to continue sporting my strict uniform of leggings and giant sweatshirts, so summer is truly nowhere on my horizon. I thought it was an unspoken rule that no one was allowed to apply to anything until after trees had more than 60 percent green leaves? I'm currently surrounded by pollen and nice white flowers, so everyone here is breaking some sort of code. Can I get hired for being true to myself and to institutional rules that I'm pretty sure I just made up?

2. Panic

Everyone else has an internship or a job or somewhere to go. Should I apply to be a consultant? What's a consultant? Every single one of my friends is a consultant. What are they consulting? Are consultants allowed to use Google? What even qualifies one to be a consultant? I barely take my own advice, so why should I be paid to give it to other people? Last time I took my own advice, I asked someone I had never spoken with to my formal and was promptly rejected. Do you think it's because he consulted a consultant and that consultant decided I wasn't good enough?

3. Denial

Maybe I made this all up. I know everyone in the Commerce School has had summer internships lined up since the third grade, but there's no way anyone else actually knows what they're doing. It took roughly 600 years for anyone to figure out that the world wasn't flat — so following this extremely scientific line of reasoning and adjusting for inflation and a shorter time period — there's really no way anyone has a firm plan. It's fine. Really, it's fine. I'm fine.

4. Despair

No one will ever hire me. With marketable skills including — and definitely limited to — complaining, Instagramming food, convincing people there's a hole in the railroad fence when there actually isn't and falling down the stairs outside Coupe's, prospects are bleak and I haven't even gotten to page three of my CAVLink search yet. If I can't get this summer internship, why do I think I'll even be able to graduate college? Will I find a formal date? Will I make it to next Sunday?

5. Hope

Page three of this CAVLink search looks promising. Summer analyst role at small startup in big city looking to hire promising and flexible students from top universities for which application doesn't require a cover letter? Sign me up! I can do this! Brother's friend's girlfriend's step-father's long-lost grandchild works at this company? They'll be able to write me a glowing recommendation! The sun is out, Michigan State is still out of the NCAA Tournament, and I don't think I've seen an all-black cat in a couple years? Things are looking up!

6. Panic, again

I think I saw a black cat last week. The four leaf clover someone drew on my hand on St. Patrick's Day really looked a lot more like a three leaf clover, didn't it? It's been 23 minutes and 46 seconds since I submitted my last application and I haven't heard anything yet. My mom just told me I need to call Grandma, which means she feels badly that I don't have any summer plans yet, and I'm going to have to live with her for the rest of my life because I'm not going to be qualified for anything ever. I think Grandma owns a black cat.

7. Acceptance

It's time to face the bitter truth. Many people I know have jobs and internships lined up already. But, many people don't. I am not lesser for being one of them.

In fact, some may consider me a stronger and more independent woman for not being tied down to anything and for positively thriving in the face of the very real prospect that I am on a fast track to nowhere. Alternatively, statistics. If I submit enough applications, someone is bound to respond to me. I'll add "write a lot of cover letters" to my planner, next to the only class I do my reading for. That way, it's real.

8. Determination

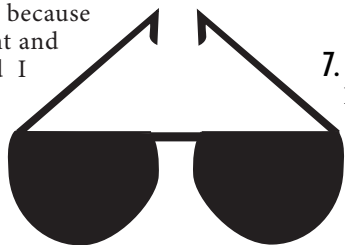
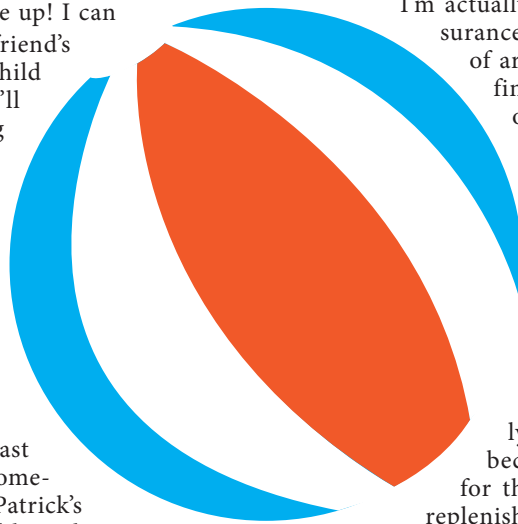
Just finished my reading for that one aforementioned class, so now it's time to start on these cover letters. I will stand out by aligning myself exactly with the company's core principles. First, a Google search of said principles. I can be flexible in the face of adversity while maintaining a client-first approach, but also never losing sight of the ability to relentlessly chase life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Once, I tied my shoe wrong and fixed it — that'll show them that I really have my life together and know how to persevere through any problem, right?

9. Distress

Wrong. I just submitted that application and I think that was the wrong anecdote to tell. Is one even allowed to tell anecdotes in cover letters? I wish cover letters served a more literal purpose — to cover up the fact that none of my work experience actually aligns with the position I am currently applying for/throwing myself at. I wish I had a time machine so I could fast-forward to the future and make sure I'm actually doing okay, because I could use a little reassurance right about now. Distress for me involves a lot of arm flailing and panicked pacing, so at least I'm finding time to work out in such an environment of stress.

10. Therapy

Physical therapy, because I can only flap my arms for so long in the aforementioned state of distress. Alternatively, physical therapy because I can only mistake the time of my interview and have to aggressively sprint-walk to Bryant — not Bryan — Hall to simultaneously avoid being late and avoid any form of sweat because the weather decided to be surprise warm for the first time in months. Chocolate therapy, to replenish and restore all nutrients from the full-body workout I just experienced. Last but not least, the all-important psychotherapy to process the whirlwind of emotions I've just been put through. Here's to hoping that a therapist can answer why we must put in so much effort to find work for little-to-no pay during a time that is supposed to be our break.



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Meg Thornberry
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Omni hosts public health conference

Virginia medical schools, ACOs come together to discuss issues affecting Virginians' health outcomes

delivered the welcome address, and said conversations about health care could be effective without becoming political by keeping patients as the central focus.

"It's bringing people together who are working on population health, working to improve care for populations in Virginia, and there's a lot of interest in it," McCarter said. "It is truly a group of Virginians talking about how we can improve the care."

Patrick Conway, deputy administrator for Innovation and Quality and chief medical officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, spoke about new payment metrics, which would pay doctors based on the quality of the care provided. The aim is to reduce costs, improve care and increase communication between health-care providers.

"I remember a friend of mine who was an orthopedic surgeon, who said, 'This is the first time I've ever spoken to any of the other people my patients are seeing,'" Conway said.

State Health Commissioner

Marissa Levine introduced "Virginia's Plan for Well-Being" at the close of the first day. It's divided into four aims: "Healthy, Connected Communities," "Strong Start for Children," "Preventive Actions" and "System of Health Care." It identifies several issues affecting the health of Virginians, ranging from carcinogens — including tobacco — to vaccine-preventable diseases, to in-hospital infections and to racial and economic disparities.

In 2013, there were 5.2 infant deaths out of every 1,000 white babies born, and 12.2 infant deaths out of every 1,000 black babies born. "Virginia's Plan for Well-Being" aims to eliminate this gap by 2020.

It also aims to raise the percent of adults vaccinated against influenza to 70 percent, and 80 percent for adolescents vaccinated against HPV by 2020.

McCarter also emphasized the importance of mental health care, which Levine touched on in her speech, but which is not explicitly addressed in "Virginia's Plan for



Courtesy of Virginia Department Health

The Virginia Department of Health has laid out a plan to help improve the overall well being of Virginians through healthy habits and the reduction of inequalities.

Well-Being."

University Health System's Continuing Medical Education department organized the event, working closely with other medical schools for this year's program.

"The University of Virginia was willing to take the lead on the first one, to at least start it, and so we

sort of took a risk and did the first one," Director of Continuing Medical Education Jann Balmer said. "We had about 250 people there, we have over that at this one, so we're very pleased."

U.Va. hosts Rediscovering Pluto panel

New Horizons mission operations manager, U.Va. astronomy professor discuss first every flyby of dwarf planet

Madison Hecht
Staff Writer

In last Thursday's "Rediscovering Pluto" panel, Alice Bowman, the Mission Operation Manager, or MOM, and Anne Verbisser, a University planetary geologist and associate research professor of astronomy, discussed the revolutionary New Horizons Mission to Pluto. The mission completed the first ever flyby of Pluto this past July, which received the first clear image of Pluto.

The National Academy of Science was awarded top priority to the exploration of the Kuiper Belt, Pluto, for further solar system exploration in the early 2000s. The New Horizons team accepted the challenge, hoping to understand how Pluto and its largest moon, Charon, relate to other objects in the solar system.

The New Horizons spacecraft, an interplanetary space probe, was first launched on Jan. 19, 2006. After flying by Jupiter for a gravity boost in 2007, the spacecraft's closest encounter with Pluto finally occurred on July 14, 2015.

Funded by NASA, the New Horizons team was stationed at the Johns



Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Data reveals remarkable geologic features on Pluto including ice volcanoes, nitrogen ice glaciers and a stunning hazy atmosphere.

Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. As Bowman noted in the presentation,

there was a litany of reasons the "King of the Kuiper Belt" had yet to be explored prior to launch in 2006.

Specifically, Bowman noted the technical challenges of time, power and distance, given that the encounter was planned to occur at 32

astronomical units (au) from earth. One au equals the average distance between the earth and sun. So, the spacecraft was designed with utmost durability, so that it would be able to survive the time in space.

"I think the most challenging objective of all was that this was a flyby mission," Bowman said. "So, you only get one chance to do it. You can't go

back and do it again."

The New Horizons spacecraft was approximately the size of a baby grand piano, housing seven scientific instruments in order to study the atmospheres, surfaces and environments of Pluto and its moons. Three complexes around the world, approximately 120 degrees apart, were employed to communicate with the spacecraft, accommodating the earth's rotation.

Unexpectedly, however, after flying for almost nine years without major complications, on July 4, the operations board at APL lost contact with the spacecraft. The team initially believed there was an issue with the ground system, such that the signal could not be received on Earth.

However, the ground system was discovered to be fully functioning. With only three days remaining before the critical nine day sequence in which the spacecraft would be closest to Pluto, the team rushed to identify the problem.

"So you allow yourself those 10s of seconds to feel that pit in your stomach and panic, and then you have to get on with it," Bowman said. "You have a team to lead and a spacecraft to recover, and you're not going

to miss this one time opportunity."

Finally, a probable cause was identified, and the station reconfigured for the faulty signal. After

three days, the spacecraft was fully recovered. With only four hours to spare, the team was ready for New Horizons' closest encounter with Pluto.

The New Horizons mission produced the first high resolution photographs of Pluto's surface and atmosphere. Verbisser was one of the first to analyze the photos, and she suggests that the data reveals remarkable geologic features including ice volcanoes, nitrogen ice glaciers and a stunning hazy atmosphere.

According to the images, Pluto's surface is primarily covered by methane and nitrogen ice. Despite Pluto's remote location away from the sun, as Verbisser noted, methane and nitrogen ice are not strong enough to create variation in topography, which means water ice must be present.

"This has been exploration at its absolute purest," Verbisser said.

Pending approval from NASA, New Horizons hopes next to delve deeper into the Kuiper Belt, and the extended mission proposal is to be submitted next month.

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Olivia O'Neil (2014) White House Visitors Office

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