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Eramo's testimony ends, Erdely's begins

Former associate dean called 'rape apologist' outside court during break

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The cross-examination of former University Associate Dean Nicole Eramo continued Wednesday, as part of her \$7.85 million defamation lawsuit against Rolling Stone magazine, Sabrina Rubin Erdely and Wenner Media, Inc.

Eramo started her testimony Tuesday afternoon. She claims Rolling Stone's 2014 article, "A Rape On Campus" — which detailed an alleged gang rape at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in 2012 — falsely presented her as uncaring and indifferent towards victims of sexual assault.

The article centered on a student named Jackie, whose claims of an alleged gang rape were later found to be unsubstantiated by a Charlottesville Police Investigation.

Eramo finishes testifying

Elizabeth McNamara, an attorney defending Rolling Stone and Erdely, moved her line of questioning from the specifics of the sexual assault Jackie alleged had taken place, to examining the conduct of the University under its 2011 Title IX Policy.

McNamara asked Eramo why the University did not open an investigation into Jackie's allegations.

Eramo said she felt it would be best to get Jackie back in front of the police, as they would be more effective in getting information in cases this old. Jackie first met with police in April 2014, but her alleged gang rape occurred in September 2012.

Eramo said the University was "taking steps to do the most effective investigation possible."

The defense also introduced a September 2014 WUVA interview with Eramo.

The defense introduced full footage of the interview, which showed Eramo answering questions about how the University sanctions sexual assault. McNamara said unlike the Honor Code, there is no single sanction for sexual assault, and there is an average punishment of a one- to two-year suspension for those found guilty.

McNamara suggested if a student can get expelled for cheating but not sexual assault, then some people may think the University doesn't take sexual assault seriously.

"They could think that. I believe our other actions suggest we make it important," Eramo said. "Suspension is noted on their transcripts forever and

there are requirements to come back."

The attorney went on to question which statements in the article Eramo was contesting.

Eramo challenged the quote, "Lots of people have discouraged [Jackie] from sharing her story" and said she felt this referred to her personally, as well as the quote Jackie allegedly provided from Eramo — "Because nobody wants to send their daughter to the rape school."

Eramo also responded to an editor's note that was added to the article in December 2014, which apologized to those affected by the article.

"By this point I had been told Rolling Stone stands by its statement in regard to me," Eramo said. "I don't believe it's a sincere apology."

Following McNamara's cross-examination, Eramo's attorney Tom Clare asked Eramo how she felt about her portrayal in the article.

"I was portrayed as someone who would manipulate young women to not report rapes," Eramo said.

Eramo also read aloud from a letter she had written to Rolling Stone after the article was published.

"Perhaps more egregious and shocking were the threats that I received expressing hope that I be killed or raped," Eramo read.

Even at the trial, Eramo was yelled at when she went outside for a lunch break. The heckler recognized her and called her a "rape apologist." In addition, Eramo said in court she has also received threats aimed at her daughter.

Kathryn Brenner, corporate communications director at Wenner Media, provided a statement to The Cavalier Daily following Eramo's testimony.

"A multi-year review of sexual violence at U.Va. by the U.S. Department of Education found Dean Eramo to have specifically contributed to the University's hostile environment for sexual assault victims — an assertion much more critical of Eramo than any statement from the article," the statement said.

Emily Renda's video deposition played for the jury

Following Eramo's cross examination, Emily Renda's video deposition was played for the jury. Renda was a fourth-year student when the Rolling Stone article was written and worked with two sexual assault groups

on Grounds during her time at the University — One Less and One in Four.

"It was my understanding from our first conversation that ... [Erdely] wanted to write about what she called 'rape culture' broadly," Renda said.

Renda also said Rolling Stone left out "odd key details," and made the University look like a dark place where rape culture reigned supreme, and the people working to undermine that were portrayed as members of that culture.

Renda cried in her video deposition as she spoke about the aftermath of the article, and the pain she said it had caused Eramo.

"The thing [Eramo] was very passionate at doing, being there for them — that mischaracterization of her made it impossible to continue doing what she loved doing," Renda said.

She also said Eramo was very concerned about Jackie's well-being.

After a period of time, Renda said there was a point at which she became confused as to whether Jackie's story as it was portrayed in the article was legitimate.

"I began to feel inklings of doubt ... but chalked those up to differences in storytelling and trauma," Renda said. "[Jackie] complained that no one believed her anymore, and I told her that I still believed her ... people were still there for her."

Erdely is called to the stand

Erdely — who began writing for Rolling Stone in 2008 — said in her testimony she considers herself to be an experienced journalist, and then underwent questioning by the prosecution for roughly an hour.

When Erdely was a college sophomore, she won a journalism award from Rolling Stone for an article about Michelle Shocked, in which she plagiarized and misattributed sources. She later gave an interview to her alma mater in which she explained her major mistakes on camera.

Eramo's attorneys said they wanted to use the interview because it was an instance of similar conduct, while Erdely's lawyers argued it was irrelevant because it happened 20 years ago.

The judge ruled to hold off on

bringing up the tape until Thursday.

"I report out the facts as thoroughly as I can," Erdely said.

The prosecution examined several articles which Erdely had written previously for Rolling Stone on the topic of sexual assault. Erdely defended every article she had written, saying she was most interested in exploring why these things were happening and finding the cracks in the system.

"I was performing a public service," Erdely said. "I was pointing out that there are flaws in the system."

Locke referred to emails Erdely had sent to potential sources for "A Rape on Campus." In each one, Locke pointed out that Erdely wrote that she wanted to have her article exploit institutional indifference.

Erdely said she took issue with Locke characterizing her articles as being about institutional indifference towards sexual assault, as she did not think institutional indifference meant the same thing to Locke as it did to her.

Court will continue Thursday morning with Erdely on the stand.



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Eramo exits the U.S. District Court in Charlottesville on Wednesday

DREAMers holds event to support undocumented students

'UndocuALLY' training discusses challenges immigrants face

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DREAMers On Grounds, an organization dedicated to creating a safe space for undocumented students, hosted "UndocuALLY" — an event designed to educate students on how to be an ally for undocumented immigrants — Wednesday night.

DREAMers President Paola Valdez, a third-year Curry student, said a safe space for undocumented students involves empowering these students and providing "a network of people who are there for them" to help with emotional and mental stress.

The two-hour event, which was the first UndocuALLY training hosted on Grounds, included a variety of activities and discussion questions to train attendants to be allies of immigrants, and especially the undocu-

mented immigrant community.

One activity called a "privilege walk" started with those attending lining up holding hands. One of the hosts then read out a statement that defined someone with or without privilege, and students would step forward or backward based on their relationship with the statement.

Another activity had attendants discuss policies and terms that apply to living as an undocumented resident in the United States.

One idea the group discussed was that of a sanctuary city, or a city in which community trust policies are integrated to increase trust between immigrant communities and the police.

They also discussed in-state tuition bills. Until 2014, undocumented

students were not eligible to receive in-state tuition in Virginia.

Members highlighted the difficulties of not having a driver's license, such as not having access to certain off-grounds housing, credit cards which require the license and cell phone plans which require having a social security number.

Diego Orbegoso, a senior philosophy of law and political science major who came from Virginia Commonwealth University to attend the event, said his involvement in groups like DREAMers and PLUMAS, the Political Latinxs United Movement and Action in Society, is more a duty than it is a hobby.

"It is my obligation as a person of color and as someone with the privilege of being documented," Orbegoso

said. "I have the power and privilege to enter these spaces to protest without any fear of going back to a place that wasn't able to sustain you."

Francesca Callicotte, a second-year College student, said she came to better empathize with undocumented immigrants and better understand their situations.

"I never really understood my undocumented friends' situation, and wanted to come here to learn how I could help," Callicotte said.

Valdez said she hopes students from all parts of the University know the struggle undocumented students go through, and explained her long term goal for DREAMers as a society.

"I want people in big organizations like Honor, UJC and StucCo to come so they can actually learn

about the struggles undocumented students go through," Valdez said. "I want all these seats to be filled, and people that know nothing about it to learn something about it."

Around 26 students attended the event.

Valdez also said she thinks it is not only a matter of educating students and faculty about how to create a safe space, but also about educating them about undocumented immigrants' existence in the first place.

"A lot of people may not have known that students that are undocumented didn't come here," Valdez said. "DREAMers helps bring awareness that undocumented students are here, they exist and they have a voice."

The next UndocuALLY training will be held Nov. 15.

Final presidential debate screening attracts 150 viewers

Students discuss crowd behavior, desire to be informed

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The third and final presidential debate between Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump was screened in Newcomb Theater on Wednesday evening to a crowd of about 150 viewers.

This event was co-sponsored by Student Council, University Programs Council, The New York Times, UVAVotes, the Class of 2017 Trustees, College Republicans and University Democrats.

Although members of the crowd vocalized their opinions throughout the debate, some students said crowd behavior improved in comparison to the screening of the first presidential debate.

"I do feel when you have a crowd that can create a bias," first-year College student Arnold Dai, who attended the screening, said. "I was concerned given how toxic this election has been that having a lot of people expressing their opinions it can create controversy, so I am glad that generally the audience was respectful."

Geremia Di Marco, a second-year College student, also said he thinks behavior has improved.

"The first one was definitely the most rowdy," he said. "I was kind of disappointed because it was sometimes hard to hear the candidates because people were laughing or yelling, but it has definitely calmed down since then."

This behavior continued throughout the debate with spurts

of boisterous reactions immediately followed by brief chatter. The largest audience reactions were delivered after candidate statements on abortion, immigration, the economy and questions regarding fitness for office.

Several students said they attended the event to be more informed on the candidates and their political stances.

"I think this election is very controversial and it has been very interesting to watch, so I came to be informed and in the know about it," first-year College student Kelsey Irwin said.

UPC has teamed up with several other student organizations to screen every debate of the 2016 general election at Newcomb Theater.

Although the first debate was held Sept. 26, Madeline Houck, fifth-year Batten student and UPC outreach chair, said UPC had these screenings planned for months.

"Every student deserves to be engaged in politics and that's very important this time of year, so we made sure to reserve the theater before school started for all the debate nights and election night," Houck said. "Having all these different co-sponsors really shows how important we think it is for students to watch the debate and engage in this election."

Houck said the first debate attracted the largest crowd, drawing about 350 students. Along with a decrease in attendance, audience

behavior at the screenings has become more subdued.

"People at the second two debates — the vice presidential debate and second presidential debate—have been much quieter," Houck said. "I don't know if it's different people attending, but since the first debate, we have not seen nearly as much talking or reacting to the debate."

This trend of more respectful behavior has been happily welcomed by regular screening attendees.

"It is better when it's a smaller crowd," first-year College student Tim Lasley, who attended Wednesday's screening and two previous screenings, said. "I would say it's definitely calmed down a lot and it has become much more enjoyable, but it is still fun to listen to everyone."

Other student groups have also offered alternative viewings for their members. For example, the College Republicans has had its own screenings for each debate.

Adam Kimelman, second-year College student and College Republicans vice chair of campaigns, said these screenings are a part of the club's tradition and are not meant to detract from the screenings put on by UPC.

"We've been planning these [private debate screenings] for a while," Kimelman said. "We had the first one all planned before we were asked to be sponsors. We are still promoting the UPC event

to our members, so our members have the option of going to either."

Ali Hiestand, a third-year College student and College Republicans events chair, said the atmosphere at these events is more welcoming for members of the organization.

"I think our members probably are more comfortable at our events than at a UPC event, but not just because of the liberal audience, but because we're not in an auditorium," Hiestand said in an email statement. "Our members walk around freely, chat, get drinks, and interact. It's much more conducive to conversation than just a viewing of the debate. We also agree on more issues so we tend cheer and boo at the same statements, so it's nice to watch the debate in an en-

vironment where you know many of the people share your views."

The University Democrats co-sponsored the UPC debate screenings because it was "an opportunity to have the entire University community watch the debate together," Sam Tobin, a fourth-year College student and University Democrats president, said. The University Democrats did not hold any official private screenings and encouraged its members to attend the viewings at Newcomb Hall.

Although this was the last debate of the 2016 presidential election, UPC has plans to host another viewing party on election night for students to watch the results together.



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Students were able to watch the final presidential debate in the Newcomb Theater.

Dittmar denies DUI accusation

Background report lists charge, court records do not

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A new controversy is surrounding the campaign of congressional candidate Jane Dittmar after conservative bloggers reported Dittmar was allegedly charged with drunk driving in 1999.

The posts alleged Dittmar, the Democratic candidate for Virginia's fifth district race, was under the influence when she was involved in a single-car accident that occurred in Albemarle County.

Dittmar denied these charges in a statement on her campaign website.

"My DMV record has never had a DUI violation," she said.

A background report from LexisNexis that was conducted by The Daily Progress showed Dittmar was arrested in Albemarle County in 1999 and charged with drunk driving. The report also alleges she had an unrestrained child in the car with her at the time.

The charge was mentioned in the Albemarle County Police Department's response to

a Freedom of Information Act request published by Steve Albertson on The Bull Elephant, a conservative news website.

Although the charge is shown on LexisNexis, there are no formal court records of a charge that was filed, a charge that was dropped or a conviction.

"Regarding this traffic violation, I was guilty of a traffic accident — nothing more, nothing less," Dittmar said. "I have never been convicted of a DUI violation."

Dittmar added that she has also "always properly restrained my children in the car."

Over the summer, the DUI charge and conviction in the LexisNexis report was confirmed by Dittmar's attorney to be an error.

"I was charged with reckless driving because of the accident, and that's what I pleaded guilty to," Dittmar told The Daily Progress. "We are not sure why a DUI charge appears on the LexisNexis report because that charge was never prosecuted."

The Dittmar campaign blames the release of the report on her opponent, Republican state Sen. Tom Garrett, citing this as an attempt by him to "deflect attention from his failing campaign."

"I'm disgusted that my opponent, who should understand due process, would sink to this level," Dittmar said in a statement. "He is desperate. He is polling badly and knows he may well lose this race, and so he's opted 'to go low.'"

The Garrett campaign, however, said this attempt to place blame on them for the release of this information is false, and they will not use the information about this arrest in radio, television or print advertisements.

"I cannot reason as to why she is attempting to change the narrative to 'sleazy Republicans' rather than owning up to her poor choices," Garrett campaign spokesperson Andrew Griffin said in a statement.

Griffin added that "during that same time frame, Sen. Gar-

rett was honorably serving in the United States Army."

The Dittmar campaign and

LexisNexis did not respond to a request for comment.



COURTESY WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Dittmar previously served as chair of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors.

YAR attracts record crowd

Alumni Association sells 4,000 tickets to Homecomings event

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A record-breaking crowd attended the University Alumni Association's Young Alumni Reunions Oct. 15. The event, held during Homecomings weekend, welcomed the four most recently graduated classes back to Grounds.

The Alumni Association initially expected more than 3,000 tickets to be sold and ultimately

solid about 4,000 tickets, a 10 percent increase from the most well-attended YAR ever held.

Jessica Hamilton, senior associate director for Young Alumni Programs, organized the event and said 3,700 tickets were pre-ordered, while another 300 were allotted to be sold at the door.

"We believe the increase in

ticket sales is the result of increased excitement and word of mouth about the event from the [four] most recently graduated classes," Hamilton said in an email statement. "We are happy to see that young alumni continue to return to Grounds to engage with each other and the University during Homecomings Weekend."

Although the Alumni Association ordered more supplies for the event to account for increased attendance, Hamilton said no other significant changes were made to the event.

However, Austin Widner, a second-year College student and YAR intern, said alumni generally seemed more satisfied with the event than in previous years.

"The reports from this year compared to last year showed a positive increase in the satisfaction of those attending," Widner said in an email statement. "We as interns were a bit taken back by the number of tickets sold that already seemed large for the venue, and continued growing as the date approached."

Widner said the event was generally well received, and there was a lot of friendly interaction between young alumni and current students at the event. His only concerns were about security, but no incidents took place.

"That said, coming into the event, I was a bit concerned

about the security of the event, as that many people in that size of an area is bound to cause some issue, but alas, we did not have a single instance where anyone was in danger," Widner said.

Amelia Wald, a second-year College student and YAR intern, said she also thought the event was well-received.

Wald also said the Alumni Association capped ticket sales for the first time this year.

"Set up and take down were completed quickly, in large part thanks to incredible caterers and facilities management," Wald said in an email statement. "The [Amphitheatre] was packed, but in a good way. All the alumni seemed so excited to be back, and it looked like they were having a great time. I would definitely recommend the event to anyone thinking about attending next year."



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YAR was held in the Amphitheatre this year.

Multicultural Center opens for student use

Center staff to continue developing programming

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The University opened the doors to the Multicultural Center Oct. 17.

The center — located in the lower-level of Newcomb Hall — is designed to be a collaborative space for underrepresented and marginalized groups to use on Grounds. Students are able to utilize the space during its open hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for studying or small group meetings.

Director of Multicultural Student Services Vicki Gist said, however, that Monday was a “soft opening” — though the furniture has been moved in and the space is physically available to students, much of the programming for the center is yet to be finished.

The center will spend the next few weeks extending invitations to student organizations and working closely with them to determine how the space will be utilized specifically for different events, Gist said in an email statement.

Catalina Pinto, student director for the center and a fourth-year Col-

lege student, said the center is going to have a formal ribbon cutting ceremony with stakeholders and guests during family weekend in November, but will continue designing its programs throughout the year.

“There is a lot we need to figure out,” Pinto said. “How we are going to get students out there, how the space will be used in different ways and how we will keep up with students’ needs.”

Gist said the center will have its reservation system for events up and running in November. Student CIOs will be able to reserve space in the center for bigger, sponsored gatherings in the evenings.

Given that the space was designed with diversity and inclusion in mind, events will be assessed by the staff of the center with multiculturalism in mind, Pinto said.

Ten interns have already been added to the center’s staff — four operations interns who will help handle the reservation system at the center



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The center is located in the lower level of Newcomb Hall.

and tasks around the center, and six engagement interns to assist with program development.

“I’m very proud to be working with a team of class members who really want to put students first and focus on students,” Pinto added.

The center has not yet determined any specific events it will host.

“I think that once we establish

a rhythm in which all these people from corners of the University are using the space and coming together, we will be able to better collaborate with students in a variety of ways,” Pinto said.

Pinto emphasized the role of students and collaboration with CIOs in the process of establishing the center in its pilot year.

A student advisory board will be established later this year to discuss and adjust the center’s operations.

“At the end of the day the Multicultural Center should be trying to collaborate with students,” Pinto said. “We hope we can help students achieve their visions for the space as well.”

Former football player files hazing lawsuit

Lawsuit names Sullivan, athletics officials, former teammates

TIM DODSON | NEWS EDITOR



COURTESY VIRGINIA ATHLETICS

Howard alleges he was hazed during his time on the University football team.

Former University football player Aidan Howard filed a lawsuit against the University in Pennsylvania on Oct. 14, alleging he was hazed and harassed during his time on the football team.

Howard signed a letter of intent to join the team in February 2016 and started participating in the football program in July while taking summer classes at the University heading into his first year. He alleges upperclassmen on the team made a target of bullying and harassment “because of his soft-spoken and mild-mannered nature,” as well as a learning disability and a perception of him being “not manly.”

The complaint alleges Howard was forced to fight fellow first-year player Hassis Dubois as part of an “initiation” on Aug. 12, which resulted in “severe eye injuries” and a concussion.

Howard claims over 100 people watched the fight — including players Doni Dowling and David Eldridge, as well as graduate assistant to the football program Famika Anae — “but none of these individuals, including Defendant Anae, did anything to stop the fight.”

The complaint notes Howard left the University and was granted a release from his letter of intent, which the University noted as being due to

“conduct of others within the University.”

Following the incident, Howard transferred to Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he intended to play football.

After learning he had broken an orbital bone during the alleged fight, however, he received surgery in late September and found out he would be unable to continue playing football for this academic year.

“Due to the severity of his injuries sustained as a result of the fight orchestrated and arranged by Defendants Dowling and Eldridge and allowed to proceed by Defendant Anae, Aidan cannot compete with RMU’s Football program during the 2016-2017 academic year, and it is unclear if he will ever be able to play football again,” the complaint reads.

The complaint claims the University failed to take action to punish anyone involved with the fight or involved in the football program.

Howard alleges the University, President Teresa Sullivan, Athletics Director Craig Littlepage, Wide Receivers coach Marques Hagan and Anae did not enforce existing rules prohibiting hazing and abusive behavior.

Other incidents of alleged harassment cited in the lawsuit included Dowling and Eldridge calling

Howard “retarded” and “slow” in the presence of coaches, as force Howard to eat meals on his own “because he was not as tough and manly as others with the football program.”

“The University has been actively investigating these reports consistent with its obligations under the law and University policy,” University spokesman Anthony de Bruyn said in a statement to ESPN.

De Bruyn told ESPN the University “has made all of the required external notifications in accordance with state law.”

Head football coach Bronco Mendenhall is not named as a party to the suit.

Howard is calling for a trial by jury.

The Cavalier Daily reached out to the University, Sullivan, Littlepage, Hagan, Anae, Dowling, Eldridge and Dubois Wednesday evening and will update this article with any responses.

This is not the first hazing case involving University athletes. In March, former members of the University swim team reached a undisclosed settlement with former swimmer and University student Anthony Marcan-tonio, who claimed to have been a victim of alleged hazing in 2014.



Guns on Grounds: where did Jefferson stand?

How U.Va.'s founder's stance lines up with current policy

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The question of whether students and faculty should be able to carry guns on college campuses has been asked across the nation in the past year. In February 2015, lawmakers in 10 states proposed bills allowing students to carry firearms for protection purposes. In December 2015, two Republicans in the Virginia General Assembly proposed House Bill 79, which would allow concealed carry by full-time faculty at institutes of higher education. This bill was referred to the House's Committee on Education, and it is still under review.

The only college or university in Virginia that currently allows students to carry firearms is Liberty University. However, as a result of recent shootings on the Corner and around Charlottesville, the topic of guns on college campuses has gotten more attention on Grounds.

JEFFERSON'S STANCE ON GUNS

Thomas Jefferson was a strong advocate for the right to bear arms, and he owned his own shotgun along with several other weapons. In a draft of the Virginia Constitution, Jefferson wrote, "No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms [within his own lands or tenements]."

In addition, Jefferson believed carrying a gun was a form of exercise for the body and mind. In a letter to his nephew, which has been archived on Monticello's website, Jefferson wrote, "As to the species of exercise, I advise the gun. While this gives a moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprize and independence to the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks."

Despite Jefferson's use of guns in his personal life, he did not believe students and faculty should use them on Grounds. Before classes started at the University in 1825, the Visitors of the University — later called the Board of Visitors — met to discuss several issues. Minutes from Encyclopedia Virginia show that those present at the meeting — including Jefferson and James Madison — decided no student shall "keep or use weapons or arms of any kind." The Visitors of the University also decided to make "challenge or combat with arms" a reason for expulsion.

In his writings, Jefferson expressed how he envisioned the University as a place of learning, not as a place for firearms. In a letter to Louis Xaupi, Jefferson said the Rotunda should be used

for the instruction of liberal arts, not for "the art of stabbing and pistolling our friends, or dexterity in the practice of an instrument exclusively used for killing our fellow-citizens only and never against the public enemy."

THE UNIVERSITY'S FIREARM REGULATIONS

Under section 30 of the University of Virginia's protective policy, the University strives to promote a safe environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. This means the University reserves the right to regulate weapons, fireworks and explosives.

History Prof. Alan Taylor, the University's Thomas Jefferson Foundation chair, said he supports the current gun regulations.

"I support such a regulation as essential to a sense of security for everyone on Grounds and for promoting the free exchange of ideas without the fear of angering someone with a firearm," Taylor said in an email statement. "By contrast,

in Texas and other states that forbid such regulation, faculty and many students are more fearful, and it has a chilling effect on faculty-student interactions."

Taylor said Jefferson's stance on guns at the University was warranted because of the prevalence of duels between students.

Of course, there are exceptions to this strict no firearm policy. The chief of the University Police Department may give consent for individuals to have a weapon on Grounds if the weapon is for an educational purpose. Unloaded firearms are also acceptable in a parade or ceremony hosted by the University. Other exceptions to the policy range from ROTC activities to University-contracted security.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Students at the University have mixed feelings about the no firearm regulation on Grounds. Some believe the regulation is the only way to ensure safety, while others see it as a clear infringement on

Second Amendment rights.

Second-year College student Michael Atalla, a member of the College Republicans, said citizens should have the right to carry arms, though regulation is necessary to ensure protection.

"I personally believe that the [Second] Amendment right is a fundamental right granted to the citizens of this country under the United States Constitution," Atalla said in an email statement. "I do believe that proper vetting is needed to ensure guns only end up in the hands of law abiding citizens, citizens that pose no imminent threat to society. I believe gun law reform is needed — but it is needed in such a way where the government doesn't step in and abridge a citizen's rights."

Regarding guns at the University, Atalla said professors should be able to carry guns for protective purposes.

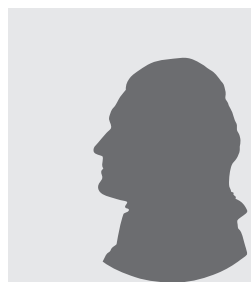
"I do not believe students should be able to have guns on

Grounds, but I believe professors should be able to carry a concealed weapon," Atalla said "[I think] this would deter potential mass shootings that have occurred in schools before. Also, those specific students within the ROTC programs should be able to use real firearms to train, because at the end of the day, in battle, they will not only be using real weapons, but they will be fired at with real weapons."

University Democrats President Sam Tobin, a fourth-year College student, said the University's current gun regulations are exactly what they should be.

"I feel very good about the current gun policy," Tobin said. "Allowing guns on Grounds would be unsafe, ridiculous and a hazard to all students. I highly encourage [the University] to maintain the current regulation."

Currently, there is no indication the University will review its existing policy in the near future.



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— Thomas Jefferson



"No student shall, within the precincts of the University, introduce, keep or use any spirituous or vinous liquors, keep or use weapons or arms of any kind..."

— Visitors of the University Meeting, 1825



"The possession, storage, or use of any weapon by any University student, faculty, employee, trainee, or volunteer, except a law-enforcement officer, on University property is prohibited."

— Current University Regulation of Firearms



Virginia hosts Coastal foe North Carolina Saturday

Benkert, rushing game will be critical in potential shootout

RYAN COYNE | STAFF WRITER

A string of three consecutive losses marked another disappointing start to the Virginia football season. However, after two straight wins and an offense that totaled over 400 yards in consecutive games, all eyes were on their return to the field after a much needed bye week.

The offense didn't disappoint, putting up 28 first-half points and keeping pace with a talented Pittsburgh offense led by junior running back James Conner. In the end, the running game of the Panthers proved too overwhelming, and the Cavaliers (2-4, 1-1 ACC) walked away with a loss.

There isn't much time for melancholy, though, as Virginia plays host to No. 22 North Carolina Saturday at 3 p.m. The Tar Heels (5-2, 3-1 ACC) have won eight consecutive true road games — the fourth longest active streak in the nation. They have also scored less than 20 points in a game only once this season, with strong play from junior quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

It will be no small task to slow down this powerhouse of an offense that has playmakers all over the field. Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall commented on the importance of the outside linebackers to stop the open field play of the Tar Heels.

"When you play dominant defense, especially dominant 3-4

defense, the edges really become a strength, because those outside backers really become and really are recruited to be a couple of the featured players on the entire team," Mendenhall said. "In fact, coach [Kelly] Poppinga, our outside 'backer coach, I think every player that he's coached while we've been together has gotten a chance to go on to the NFL. ... But really, [sophomore] Chris Peace and [freshman] Jordan Mack are showing capability and showing ability, but still working on consistency, just like the rest of our team. So we're still missing more plays in open field than what I would like. But we're starting to make more than what we had before."

The open field has been a concern for the Virginia defense this season. The Cavaliers have allowed almost 170 yards per game on the ground, largely due to missed open field tackles. It will be important for Virginia to put more emphasis on this portion of its game heading into this week.

The team that best establishes its running game could see the most success in this potential shootout. Both teams rank poorly in the rushing defense category, with the Tar Heels allowing over 200 yards per game on the ground.

Virginia has several running backs capable of making a difference Saturday.

Senior Taquan Mizzell has been

a tough open field runner and an extremely versatile receiver out of the backfield, having caught a reception in an astonishing 39 straight games. Meanwhile, senior Albert Reid leads the Cavaliers in touchdowns this season with seven and has scored in five straight games, a testament to his hard-nose style and ability to push the line of scrimmage forward.

Mendenhall is pleased that the Virginia offense has started to get the ball in the hands of the team's playmakers of late.

"I've been pretty happy through the course of the year, especially the last few weeks as the use of Olamide [Zaccheaus], and Keeon [Johnson] and Albert Reid and Doni Dowling, so I think we've done a pretty nice job of establishing that," he said.

Strong quarterback play from junior Kurt Benkert will also be essential to a Cavalier upset this Saturday. Through six games, he has thrown 14 touchdowns to seven interceptions and has shown a great ability to extend plays outside of the pocket.

"I just try to find the fine line between being aggressive and taking what they give me and not trying to force it," Benkert said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in Scott Stadium.



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Kurt Benkert and the Virginia offense could benefit from a strong running game Saturday against North Carolina. The Tar Heels allow over 200 yards per game on the ground.

THE SOUTH'S (ALMOST OBSOLETE) OLDEST RIVALRY

The term "rivalry" implies a back-and-forth competition between two opponents for a prize. Certain sports rivalries — Celtics v. Lakers, Cowboys v. Redskins and Yankees v. Red Sox — are famous for their intensity and unpredictable outcomes each time the teams take the court or field.

Yet, the "South's Oldest Rivalry" — the matchup between North Carolina and Virginia football — can hardly be called a rivalry this decade.

First playing the Tar Heels in 1892, the Cavaliers emerged victorious, 30-18. But, when the teams met again that year, the Carolina blue and white had its revenge over the orange and blue and claimed victory.

This tit-for-tat mentality did not stop in 1892. Since 1919, the teams have played against each other every single season. North Carolina currently leads the series 62-54-4. While the Tar Heels have had the Cavaliers' number in Chapel Hill, N.C., the matchup has been even in Charlottesville with each team winning 24

games.

On paper, this rivalry has lived up to its expectations in the 21st century. With each team winning eight games, it seems like there is a back-and-forth nature to the matchup. Yet, for the past six seasons — the entirety of former Virginia coach Mike London's tenure — the Tar Heels have emerged victorious each meeting.

And these games haven't even been close, either. On average, the Cavaliers have lost each game against North Carolina by 19 points. Per usual, the Cavalier defense was abysmal, giving up just under 35 points per game.

If this continues, the "South's Oldest Rivalry" might as well be renamed the "South's (almost obsolete) Oldest Rivalry"

This upcoming Saturday will be the 121st meeting between the two teams. Only one rivalry between two power-conference teams — Minnesota and Wisconsin — has seen more matchups.

If Virginia wants to make this a

real rivalry again and earn a signature victory for coach Bronco Mendenhall's inaugural season, it's time to put up a fight against North Carolina.

Regardless of the difference in their records, this upcoming game is crucial for both teams. For the No. 22 Tar Heels (5-2, 3-1 ACC), this game represents a chance to build off their momentum from beating then-No. 16 Miami last week. For the Cavaliers, this game represents a chance to bounce back after a nasty loss to Pitt last week and to remain in bowl contention.

Perhaps the most interesting part of this matchup is its implications for the winner of the ACC Coastal Division. Currently, North Carolina leads the division with three wins and one loss in conference play. Yet, three other teams — Pitt, Virginia Tech and Virginia — all only have one loss in ACC play as well.

Even if it were to win this matchup, Virginia has very slim chances of making it to the ACC Championship in Orlando, Fla. on Dec. 3. But, that

does not mean Virginia cannot play as a spoiler for the Tar Heels' chances.

If Virginia emerges victorious in this matchup, it will be an extremely difficult road to Orlando for North Carolina. Having already lost to Virginia Tech, the Tar Heels would need to win-out in the ACC following a loss to the Cavaliers and see the Hokies lose twice more in conference play (considering that the Hokies own the tiebreaker). Basically, North Carolina would not be control of its own destiny anymore if it loses to Virginia on Saturday.

This would not be the first time Virginia has dismantled North Carolina's season. In 1996, the Cavaliers upset the then-No. 6 Tar Heels in the third to last game of the season, thwarting the team's chances at making a BCS.

This matchup provided everything one would expect with a rivalry game. Although North Carolina was a better team at the time, having nine wins compared to Virginia's six, the records were thrown

out the window. And, although the Tar Heels had a 17-3 lead in the fourth quarter, Virginia miraculously put up 17 unanswered points to win the game 20-17.

It was games like these that made the "South's Oldest Rivalry" must-watch television in the last quarter of the 20th century. But, the past six seasons have provided anything but excitement (with the exception of a 28-27 North Carolina victory in 2014). This Saturday provides an opportunity for Virginia to not only get its season back on track, but also to settle the score against North Carolina and inject some life into what has become a lopsided rivalry.

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KEYS TO A VIRGINIA WIN

- 1

CHALLENGE WEAK CAROLINA RUN DEFENSE

The Tar Heels rank 106th in rushing defense out of 128 total FBS teams. Defensive coordinator Gene Chizik described the unit as “soft” in late September, as North Carolina has allowed 1,512 yards on the ground — 216 per game — and 19 rushing touchdowns this season. Virginia has to expose this weakness of their opponent.
- 2

AVOID THE OFFENSIVE DRY SPELL

Against Connecticut, Central Michigan and most recently Pittsburgh, Virginia’s offense could not sustain drives, resulting in those drawn out stretches of play. But North Carolina is not going to play a full 20 minutes without putting up any points. The Cavaliers must be able to bounce back from an empty series with a score.
- 3

FORCE (AND RECOVER) AN EARLY FUMBLE

Junior quarterback Mitch Trubisky has thrown only two interceptions in 254 total attempts. But Tar Heel ball carriers, including Trubisky, have coughed up the football nine times, losing six to the opposing defense. If Micah Kiser or Jordan Mack could force one early for a teammate to recover, that would set the tone for the rest of the game.

PLAYERS TO WATCH



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Taquan Mizzell
Coming off an impressive game last week in which he rushed for 95 yards on 12 carries and added three receptions for 15 yards, Mizzell deserves to be a focal point of the offense Saturday against North Carolina’s porous run defense. Behind smart blocking, he and fellow senior back Albert Reid could have a field day.

Kurt Benkert
His toss was intercepted and taken back, and from then on Benkert could not deliver. Maybe the Panthers neutralized him with creative blitz packages and confident coverage. Or maybe his timid mindset disrupted his mechanics. Regardless, Benkert must be sharp against North Carolina’s capable pass defense, which has allowed just 201 yards per game.

Micah Kiser
The junior linebacker ranks sixth in the nation in tackles with 67 — 11.2 per game — and is also tied for sixth in forced fumbles with three. When the Blue Devils were rallying late against Virginia Oct. 1, an energized Kiser dominated the final 10 minutes. The Cavaliers need that Kiser for 60 minutes this Saturday.

Mitch Trubisky
After the loss of All-ACC second teamer Marquise Williams to graduation, the North Carolina faithful weren’t all too worried. In nine 2015 games, then-sophomore Mitch Trubisky completed 85.1 percent of his passes for six touchdowns. This season, Trubisky has also excelled, tossing for 15 touchdowns to just two interceptions.

Ryan Switzer
A 2015 First Team All-America selection for the “all-purpose” position, Switzer remains dangerous in the North Carolina passing game and as a punt returner. So far this 2016 season, the senior has caught 58 passes for 606 yards and three touchdowns. Switzer should be Trubisky’s go-to receiver, no matter the situation.

M.J. Stewart
Stewart and senior Des Lawrence, both of whom received All-ACC second team honors last season, make up an impressive cornerback tandem for the Tar Heels. The junior Stewart has arguably put together a better start to the 2016 season numbers-wise. Stewart enters Saturday’s game with 36 tackles, two forced fumbles and seven passes defended.

2016 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing

Virginia	North Carolina
Kurt Benkert (QB):	Mitch Trubisky (QB):
57% Completion	71% Completion
1733 Yards	2068 Yards
14 Touchdowns	15 Touchdowns
7 Interceptions	2 Interceptions

Rushing

Virginia		North Carolina	
Albert Reid (RB):	Taquan Mizzell (RB):	T.J. Logan (RB):	Elijah Hood (WR):
68 Carries	64 Carries	65 Carries	80 Carries
346 Yards	355 Yards	409 Yards	369 Yards
5.1 YPC	5.5 YPC	6.3 YPC	4.6 YPC
6 Touchdowns	3 Touchdowns	5 Touchdowns	4 Touchdowns

*YPC = Yards per Catch

Receiving

Virginia		North Carolina	
Olamide Zaccheaus (WR):	Doni Dowling (WR):	Ryan Switzer (WR):	Bug Howard (WR):
29 Receptions	21 Receptions	58 Receptions	29 Receptions
423 Yards	309 Yards	606 Yards	429 Yards
14.6 YPC*	14.7 YPC*	10.4 YPC*	14.8 YPC*
5 Touchdowns		3 Touchdowns	3 Touchdowns

*YPC = Yards per Catch

Defense

Virginia		North Carolina	
Micah Kiser (LB):	Quin Blanding (FS):	Donnie Miles (SS):	Andre Smith (MLB):
67 Tackles	62 Tackles	66 Tackles	64 Tackles
5 TFL**	0 TFL**	2.0 TFL**	3.0 TFL**
3 Forced Fumbles	0 Forced Fumbles	0 Forced Fumbles	0 Forced Fumbles
3.5 Sacks	0 Sacks	0 Sacks	0 Sacks

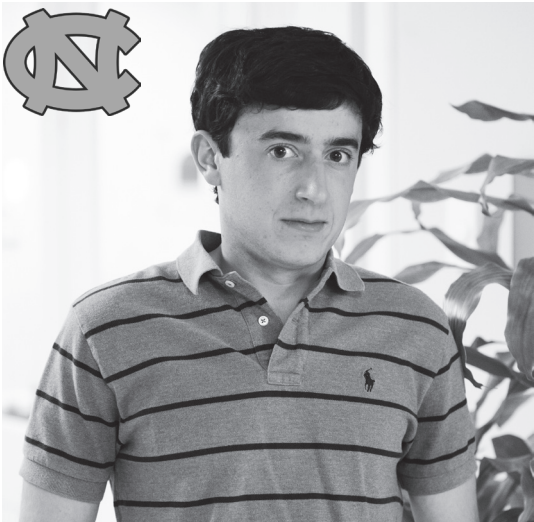
**TFL = Tackle for Loss

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Women's soccer hosts NC State Thursday in ACC matchup

Cavaliers come back to Charlottesville after consecutive road games at No. 11 Notre Dame, No. 4 Duke

EMMA D'ARPINO | STAFF WRITER

The No. 16 Virginia women's soccer team returns to Charlottesville after back-to-back away games against the ACC's top-two teams, No. 11 Notre Dame and No. 4 Duke.

Virginia (10-3-2, 3-2-2 ACC) defeated the Fighting Irish (10-2-3, 5-1-1 ACC) on a converted penalty kick from senior midfielder Alexis Shaffer. Her winning goal not only marked Notre Dame's first home loss of the season, but also the first goal the Irish conceded all season at Alumni Stadium.

Fast-forward to a week later, and the Cavaliers found themselves in another game that would be decided by a penalty kick. However, this time it did not go in their favor, and the Blue Devils (11-2-2, 6-0-1 ACC) defeated the Cavaliers in Durham, N.C. The 63rd-minute goal was the deciding factor in a very evenly played match.

"That loss stung each of us and we are going to use that feeling to play our best against NC State," freshman midfielder Zoe Morse said. "We want to continue getting better each game. We want to take how we did in the Duke game and continue learning from that and continue to elevate our performance."

The Wolfpack (9-5-1, 3-3-1 ACC) currently sits at No. 28 in the rankings, and are coming off a pair of tough losses against Duke and No. 18 Florida State. NC State's recent matchup against the Seminoles (10-2-2, 4-1-2 ACC) was a tight game in which despite numerous chances, NC State couldn't seem to find the back of the net. Florida State put away a counter-attack opportunity in the second half, which proved to be the difference in the 1-0 Wolfpack loss.

Although the offense struggled to make an impact against the Seminoles, that is not a problem NC State has encountered throughout the season. The Wolfpack have a great deal of offensive talent that can pose serious threats to the Cavaliers Thursday night.

In midfield, NC State is led by two freshmen — Tziarra King, who has five goals and one assist on the season, and Ricarda

Walkling, a U19 German National Team member, who has tallied three goals and five assists.

Additionally, the Wolfpack have secured multiple wins through forwards Jackie Stengel, a junior, and freshman Kia Rankin. Stengel, with five goals and an assist this season, earned all-ACC accolades her freshman year, and was selected to compete at the United States U23 National Team camp this past spring.

Rankin has also been a huge asset for the Wolfpack, and has proved she can come up big when it counts. The 2015 Maryland Gatorade Player of the Year scored the lone goal against North Carolina to give NC State a huge win on the road. Rankin was also the only player to find the back of the net against Duke, which was her most recent of four goals and three assists posted this season.

Thus, the Cavaliers' back line, which has managed to record 10 shutouts through 15 contests, will have their work cut out for them.

"We know they've had a really good season with some big wins, and we only have three games left and they're all really important," senior defender Kristen McNabb said. "Especially if we want to get home-seeding for the ACC tournament, which we aren't guaranteed, so we are approaching every game like it's a huge one."

On the offensive front, Virginia is led by Shaffer, who has nine goals and four assists, and junior forward Veronica Latsko, who has seven goals and three assists on the season. The two experienced leaders for the Cavaliers will look to find the back of the net, as they have done so many times this season, in order to preserve Virginia's unbeaten streak at home.

"We haven't been home in a while," McNabb said. "So we're really excited, especially with Sunday being senior day."

Kickoff is scheduled Thursday for 7 p.m., and it is the second to last conference game that will take place in Klöckner Stadium this season. On Sunday, Boston College will come to Charlottesville for senior day.



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Kristen McNabb and the Virginia defense will need another strong performance against a talented NC State squad.

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Virginia faces Louisville in ACC regular season finale

Cavaliers ride three-game winning streak

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The Virginia field hockey team is set to play its final ACC regular-season game Friday in Charlottesville. The No. 9 Cavaliers (11-5, 3-2 ACC) head into the contest in impressive form, having won seven of their last eight games, including their last three straight.

Virginia's most recent victory came against Richmond. Junior midfielder Tara Vittese led the way for Virginia and was a part of every goal in the 4-1 win.

The Cavaliers scored two goals in each half on their way to victory. The first came on a penalty stroke goal by Vittese, but it was followed shortly after by the Spiders' (6-8, 4-2 A-10) lone goal. Virginia went into halftime up 2-1 after a tap in by senior striker Riley Tata off a Vittese shot.

The Cavaliers started the second half strong with another Vittese-Tata combo goal. Tata finished a nice shot off of a pass from Vittese. The final goal came after Vittese skillfully dribbled through four Richmond defenders before scoring on an empty net. The Spiders had taken out their goalie with 16:49 remaining in the game.

"It was the first time this season an opponent took their goalie out against us so that was really interesting to play against," senior back Emily Fought said. "I thought we did a pret-

ty good job overall."

Virginia controlled the game in every aspect, outshooting its opponent 15-1 in the first half and 23-2 in the whole game. The Cavaliers had 10 penalty corners while Richmond did not have any. The win followed an incredibly important 1-0 overtime victory against No. 3 Syracuse (12-2, 4-2 ACC) last Saturday.

"I thought we played really well," sophomore striker Greta Ell said. "It was awesome to come off a huge win against Syracuse and do that. We were just focusing on having really high energy and playing our games."

The win over Syracuse was arguably the Cavaliers' biggest of the year. It was the team's fourth overtime game of the year and third overtime win.

The Cavaliers' next opponent, No. 7 Louisville (13-3, 2-3 ACC), is also playing good hockey. The Cardinals are riding a three-game win streak as well heading into Charlottesville. Their most recent marquee victory also came in a 1-0 win over a top-five team, No. 4 North Carolina (12-3, 3-2 ACC).

"We're excited for Louisville," Fought said. "It's going to be an interesting game, especially since they just beat UNC and we just beat Syracuse."

Louisville and Virginia are two similar teams — both big ACC

schools who have done well in recent years.

"We're a little nervous for Louisville," Ell said. "It is a very equally matched game. As long as we use our speed and energy, I think we will have a really good game."

The game could potentially have major implications on the ACC regular season title. If Virginia wins and North Carolina beats No. 2 Duke (13-2, 4-1 ACC), there will be a four-way tie for the title between the Cavaliers, the Tar Heels, the Blue Devils and the Orange. If Duke beats North Carolina they will be crowned outright ACC champions. It is the second matchup between those two teams, with the Tar Heels winning the first 3-2.

"I didn't know we had a shot to tie for the ACC regular season title," Fought said. "We are just focusing on each game and doing well as we can. Our record is 11-5 right now so it would be really good to finish 14-5. ACC postseason will be huge for us."

That sentiment has become a norm for the Cavaliers. After a rocky start, the team as a whole decided to take the rest of the season one day at a time. They focused on each practice and each game and didn't get ahead of themselves.

"If we have positive energy, focus



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Tara Vittese had a hand in all four Cavalier goals in the team's 4-1 win over Richmond.

on our game and [do] not let anything get in our way we should do well come postseason," Ell said.

Fought portrayed the same mentality when asked about what the team needs to improve on before the postseason.

"I think we have to stay focused heading into the postseason and take one game at a time," she said.

With three games left in the season and potentially many postseason games yet to be played, the most important part of the season begins Friday against the Cardinals.

"We need to just play some good hockey," Ell said.

The game is set to start Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Swimming dives into first meet of year against Pitt

Cavaliers look to continue ACC dominance in pool

NOAH KIM | STAFF WRITER

After a long offseason, the Virginia swimming and diving teams return to action this Friday against Pittsburgh.

The Cavaliers, led by coach Augie Busch, will aim to build on their program's success last year with an even stronger season this year.

"The freshmen are doing great," Busch said. "The first year men's class has a lot of expectations. I think their size and overall talent lets them take more of a nucleus role than your typical freshmen class. It's a really young team — 19 of our 25 male swimmers are first or second years, which is the youngest team I've ever coached. At our recent inter-squad meet they won several races."

Improvement on the men's side is an extremely welcome addition. Since Busch took over in 2013, the women's team has consistently outperformed the men's team, which has not won an ACC title since 2013, after winning it consecutively the six prior seasons. The addition of so many young faces, however, spells hope for the Cavaliers.

"We are a lot better this year,"

senior swimmer Matt Lockman said. "The last few years we've had rough seasons, but this year I definitely think we're back at the top of the ACC. I think we can qualify the most number of people for NCAAs since I've been here."

Additions such as freshman swimmer Ryan Baker of Arlington, Va., who won the NCSA Junior National Championship in the 100-meter backstroke and freshman diver Bryce Shelton of Vienna, Va., who won the 2015 AAU National Three Meter Diving Championships, should greatly aid the team.

As has become customary, the women's team expects to have another dominant season in the ACC. Starting with the 2006-7 season, the Cavalier women's team has won the ACC title nine years in a row, including last year.

"Last weekend we had our inter-squad meet and we swam really well," senior swimmer Kaitlyn Jones said. "We hit times we weren't hitting until the spring last year. To be able to hit some of those mid-season times so early on gives us a lot of confidence."

Luckily for the women's team, confidence is not hard to come by. Led by senior swimmer Leah Smith, who won a gold medal competing for the United States National Team in the 2016 Rio Olympics this past summer, the women's team returns immensely talented swimmers in both the junior and senior classes. Even with the addition of new members on both the men's and women's teams, the swimmers are confident in their team chemistry.

"We have such a great team dynamic," Jones said. "Both teams went on a retreat a few weekends ago, which really helped with team bonding and getting to know each other."

Team chemistry will only help the Cavaliers in their matchup this weekend against Pitt.

The Panthers enter Friday's meet after strong performances by both their men's and women's teams at a meet in Chestnut Hill, Mass. There, the Pitt women defeated both Boston College and Georgia Tech, while the men defeated Boston College and lost to Georgia Tech.

Pitt's new coach, John Hargis,

praised the freshman women and the team as a whole after their strong season opener.

"The women were what we thought they would be, but the men need to improve," Hargis said. "We're working on instilling confidence in the team to help them reach their potential. I was really pleased with how our freshmen women performed. They were really strong and helped us in some crucial events. On the men's side, Samy Helmbacher stood out as a freshman with lots of talent who could be a major factor for us this season and beyond."

As far as preparation for the meet goes, the Cavaliers aren't doing anything too out of the ordinary.

"Leading up to this meet, we've been incorporating a lot more race-type exercises into practice to prepare us for when we get on the blocks during the competition," Jones said.

The men's team echoed similar strategies for preparing for Friday.

"We only take it easy the day before a meet, to brush up on some more technical things and apply them to races," Lockman said. "Before that

day we work just as hard as usual."

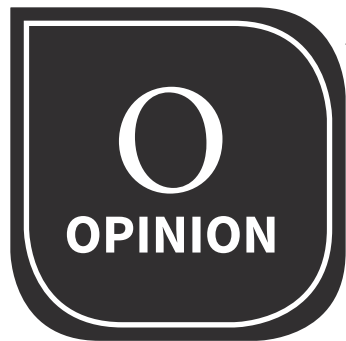
The Cavaliers will look to use this first meet to kick start what looks be a very successful year for Virginia swimming.

The meet will begin this Friday at 4 p.m. at the Aquatics and Fitness Center in Charlottesville.



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Senior Kaitlyn Jones looks forward to the upcoming season.



COMMENT OF THE DAY

"I believe that removal of these plaques, other Confederate monuments, or other symbols representing past events of which we are not proud, promotes an ignorance of past mistakes and encourages contemporary misrepresentation of what the school is and has been."

"John Doe" in response to Vj Jenkins' Oct. 10 guest article, "Remove Confederate plaques from the Rotunda"

LEAD EDITORIAL

Workers' rights are on the ballot in Virginia

Political policies shouldn't be constitutionalized

On Election Day, in addition to the presidential election, Virginia voters will also vote on an important constitutional amendment regarding labor organization. If passed, the proposed amendment, misleadingly called a "right to work" law, would enshrine anti-union policies in the state's constitution. Virginians should emphatically reject this amendment.

Virginia is one of 26 states with right to work laws, which forbid employers from forcing its employees to have either union or non-union membership before they are hired. However, the proposed amendment that

will appear in November's ballot only covers the former. This means that, as currently written, the amendment specifically looks to weaken union membership — an unfavorable policy that would further worsen labor organization in Virginia and significantly harm workers' living conditions.

Right to work laws have been proven ineffective. Virginia Republicans supporting the amendment argue that right to work policies increase the number of jobs, despite the lack of agreement among studies on this claim. However, there are studies that have found these

policies to be harmful to workers' wages. Wages in right-to-work states are 3 percent lower than other states, which means workers in these states make \$1,558 a year less than a typical worker, according to a report by the Economic Policy Institute. If the General Assembly respects Virginian workers, implementing policies that have been proven to lower their wages shouldn't even be a consideration.

While these policies may be instrumental in attracting investment to the state's economy, we shouldn't be willing to pay the price that comes with it. Also, right to work legislation

isn't the only method by which Virginia can attract investment and increase jobs — ensuring the development of a well-educated workforce and improving infrastructure would have similar effects.

Moreover, even those who support this policy should refrain from constitutionalizing it. Constitutions are inherently vague documents for a reason — and policy proposals should be considered as matters of policy, not of doctrine. Implementing policy via constitutional changes is anathema to good government.

As a result of shifting public

sentiment toward these policies, Virginia Republicans are scrambling to make it harder for a future General Assembly to change them — a shameful political stunt that disregards the interests of Virginian workers. Instead of tying an anti-union policy to their constitution, Virginians should vote "no" on the proposed change to Section 11-A and explore other alternatives by which they can attract investment and increase jobs without compromising workers' interests.

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COLLEGE REPUBLICANS HAVEN'T RUN FAR ENOUGH FROM TRUMP

The organization still has atoning left to do for ignoring Trump's previous attacks

Several weeks ago, I wrote an article regarding College Republicans' controversial decision to endorse Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. I called special attention to the fact that nearly a majority of the members voted not to endorse Trump, and I commended several individuals in particular who lead the anti-Trump charge within the organization. In the midst of one of Trump's most disturbing controversies, where he is seen on tape in 2005 making sexually crude remarks about groping women, the College Republicans, and even the high-profile Sen. John McCain, finally revoked their endorsements. While this is a huge victory for liberal and conservative anti-Trumpers alike, this revocation should have never had to occur in the first place.

Last week, the satirical newspaper The Onion wrote a humorous yet highly relevant article about this most recent controversy. It is relevant because it implies all the GOP leaders who have recently denounced Trump are doing so because they finally, for once, feel as though his attacks are personal;

after all, the woman Trump refers to in the 2005 video is someone's daughter. Trump's previous attacks on Muslims, Mexicans, the military and other demographics did not impact many of the GOP leaders in the same way an attack on women does, and thus, they were silently encouraging Trump's actions by not acting.

The College Republicans are acting in a similar way. Their endorsement came in mid-Septem-

killed during the Iraq War, after Trump publicly mocked a disabled journalist at one of his rallies and after Trump categorized Mexicans as "rapists" and "criminals"; I am only naming a few of these actions because I simply do not have enough room to list all his disparagements. The point is this: College Republicans knew quite well whom they were endorsing, and although the leak of this video might have been the straw that

cannot change its original decision to endorse Trump, it is commendable that the organization has taken this step toward disassociating itself with the Republican nominee. However, its position on Trump remains ambiguous moving forward. For instance, the College Republicans President Joanna Ro, a fourth-year College student, said on behalf of the board, "We would like to be very clear that we are not discouraging anyone from voting for Trump." If College Republicans wants to truly disassociate itself from Trump, then they should not be ambiguous — they ought to discourage people from voting for him.

Is this not the purpose of withholding a political endorsement? The very rationale for an organization to make an endorsement for a candidate in the first place is to influence the voting behavior of others. Yet since they now chose not to endorse their own candidate, they should not be making remarks such as Ro's which leave open the possibility the organization is still tacitly supporting Trump. This only detracts from the effectiveness of the endorse-

ment revocation because it shows members still do not want to alienate the staunchly pro-Trump camp within the Republican Party. However, this is a consequence members of the organization must be willing to face if they are to adequately compensate for the fact they endorsed him prior to the video's release.

I do not agree with College Republicans' original endorsement. Given the appalling nature of the leaked 2005 video, I commend the organization for initiating a re-vote on his endorsement and especially their ultimate decision to revoke it. However, it should go further. It should not leave open the possibility that the organization is not firmly opposed to Trump. To really make this situation right, College Republicans must openly disassociate itself from their party's nominee.

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ber, even after some of Trump's most vicious and inappropriate attacks. It came after Trump questioned the sacrifice of a Muslim-American soldier who was

broke the camel's back, it does not compensate for the membership's conscious decision to endorse such a demagogue.

Although College Republicans

KEEP THE 17TH AMENDMENT

Repealing the 17th Amendment would promote greater dysfunction in our political institutions

Last week, my colleague Matt Winesett penned a piece calling for the repeal of the 17th Amendment, which established the popular election of U.S. senators. Prior to the amendment's ratification in 1913, state legislatures elected members of the Senate. Winesett alleges repealing the 17th Amendment would restore the requisite deliberation expected of the upper chamber of Congress and lead to a greater interest in local politics. However, such an action would merely transfer many of the shortcomings in federal governance to the state level.

In regard to the first matter, Winesett is right to say local elections warrant greater public attention. Virginia's voter turnout during the 2012 presidential election was 72 percent; three years later only 29 percent of eligible voters participated in the 2015 state elections. However, overturning the 17th Amendment would cause the public to further dismiss issues relevant to state and local government. As Slate's David Schleicher notes, prior to the ratification of the 17th Amendment, state legislative elections turned into proxies for national debates and neglected to discuss issues over which state legislatures had exclusive control, such as local infrastructure, state tax policy and education.

Instead, if we are truly interested in increasing voter participation in state and local elections we should demand states institute automatic voter registration and repeal voter ID laws, which effectively disenfranchise

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21 million Americans and are, as Pennsylvania House Speaker and Republican Mike Turzai acknowledged in an odd display of candor and hubris, ultimately intended to skew election outcomes.

Second, Winesett states the direct election of senators causes legislators to prioritize winning re-election over evaluating each "bill on its own intrinsic merits," referencing Congress' frantic attempts to revise the

Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, or JASTA, after overriding a presidential veto. Clearly political expediency was the deciding factor in most senators' stance on the legislation — the only senator to vote

against the bill was Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), who announced last year he would retire at the end of his term. However, there is no reason to believe the Senate would have acted any differently had their re-election been determined by state legislatures. Given the widespread rumors suggesting Saudi nationals had aided the 9/11 hijackers and the overwhelmingly low public perception of Saudi Arabia, it is likely that

many state legislators would pressure U.S. senators to support JASTA nonetheless, fearing that doing otherwise would diminish the former's chances of winning re-election.

Finally, given the antics that often occur within state legislatures, empowering state congressmen to elect U.S. senators would lead to more political gridlock and irresponsible governance in Washington. Despite the actions of individuals such as Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), most U.S. senators adhere to a high standard of professionalism. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of many state legislators. In 2011 former Arizona State Senator and Republican Lori Klein received national attention after carrying a loaded handgun into the State Capitol and pointing her firearm at a reporter to show off the weapon's laser sighting. In Tennessee, Texas and Pennsylvania, legislators are known to engage in ghost voting, a common practice in which congressmen cast votes for individuals who did not attend the legislative session. While other state legislators may show a greater degree of gravitas, the aforementioned antics do not make me any more inclined to revoke my right to elect my U.S. senator.

But perhaps the greatest reason not to repeal the 17th Amendment is the possibility of creating a greater

disconnect between Washington policymakers and the public. For decades, political newcomers have criticized those living inside the Beltway of being out of touch with the average citizen — an accusation that Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has exploited throughout his candidacy. Repealing the 17th Amendment further legitimizes this narrative. While some may claim that such a disconnect would be in keeping with the Framers' original intent, it is worth noting that Jefferson himself acknowledged the limitations of the Founding Fathers' foresight.

Surely, there are many shortcomings in our current political system. Too often, it appears as if apathy and self-interest undermine Congress' ability to govern effectively and leads to political gridlock. However, repealing the 17th Amendment is a poor solution to today's challenges to governance, which merely burdens an increasingly polarized institution with the dysfunction and theatrics characteristic of state politics.

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RICH SCHOOLS SHOULDN'T BENEFIT AT POOR SCHOOLS' EXPENSE

A Connecticut ruling should set the stage for educational equity reform

Last month, a Connecticut judge ruled the state's school financing system unconstitutional — a decision that is forcing the state to reevaluate every major aspect of its educational system. In his decision, Judge Moukawsher claimed "Connecticut is defaulting on its constitutional duty" of providing children a proper education. The ruling offers states a chance to reshape their approach towards public education funding and to assure their governments are providing adequate and equal educational opportunities to all students.

The Connecticut court ruling highlights alarming flaws in our the educational system's funding that have led to inequities between children of different socioeconomic backgrounds and districts. In our current system, rich districts are allowed to "raid" state money that is desperately needed by poorer districts, according to the ruling. Schools in richer districts, then, have more access to state and federal resources than schools in poorer districts — leaving "rich schools to flourish" while poor schools lag behind.

Additionally, state governments are occasionally faced with the need to cut education aid to some of its

districts because of poor economic and fiscal conditions. However, as in Connecticut, the poorest districts are usually the first in line for these cuts, while wealthier districts receive more cash.

Yet despite inequality within its public school system, Connecticut has a reputation for the quality of its schools. The judge cited a few "impressive statistics" of the good ones, such as the report by the National Assessment of Education Progress

schools in wealthier communities "scored on state tests as 'advanced' in math and approached the same level in reading." Meanwhile, one out of three students in poorer areas "did not reach the most basic level in math and did only slightly better in reading" — mostly a result of the uneven distribution of funds. If Connecticut and other states want to ensure that kids are receiving the same quality of education from the government, these results shouldn't be showing up.

fund public education at a local level has been a popular and prevalent political tradition in the United States for years. This should be cause for concern. While it works in some areas, the reliance on property taxes as a source of funding creates huge disparities between communities with lower property values and those with higher values. This is because different property values lead to different levels of property tax revenue.

States should reevaluate the use of property taxes as a source of local funding for its public schools and shift towards more sustainable and practical practices, such as increased allocation of state or federal funds. By stepping in and providing extra state funding for its disadvantaged schools, states can start compensating for this large imbalance and disparity among their districts while they search for longer-term alternatives.

Don't misinterpret the point: money is essential (if not necessary) for governments when it comes to providing education. But, as James E. Ryan, the dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, said: "Money spent well is a good way to boost outcomes; money spent poorly is not." States that misuse and mis-

allocate funds meant for education and rely on local property taxes as the main source of funding will experience increasing inequality and disparity among its districts when it comes to education quality and results. Lawmakers' top priority in addressing this issue should be rewriting their state's funding formula in order to assure school funding is conducted evenly throughout their districts, regardless of affluence.

Government officials and lawmakers should pay attention to the ruling and address the issues it highlights. More broadly, they should aim to reshape our nation's public educational system, starting at the local level. A state's child should not receive a poorer quality of education merely because he lives in a poorer district. The fundamental question our nation's lawmakers face now is straightforward: How do we pay for our schools?

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in 2013 on the state's public schools. However, as the judge pointed out, these types of praises are often based on the statistics and numbers of the good schools located in the wealthier districts. If we want a clearer picture of the situation, we need to compare different schools located in different districts.

According to the decision, high

This trend is not unique to Connecticut — it's one other states are also experiencing. There are currently at least 11 states involved in school-funding lawsuits. The disparities among states are also concerning — in Virginia, the average district spends \$10,044 per student, less than the nationwide average of \$11,841.

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VIRTUAL REALITY IS ON THE CUSP OF A REVOLUTION

The technology has untold potential to transform our lives

A couple weeks ago, Mark Zuckerberg posted a live video of Facebook's newest initiative: Virtual Reality. In reality, the virtual reality initiative is actually rooted in Facebook's recently acquired sister company, Oculus. The initiative put on by Oculus and Facebook is a phenomenal step toward making virtual reality a staple of education, something that desperately needs to be done in order to ensure education is progressing with the 21st century.

Facebook likely saw VR as a vehicle to permeate meaningful change through disciplines of medicine, politics, history and education. While virtual reality is deeply enshrouded in its early development, the mere potential it has to revolutionize education warrants greater development and implementation of its components.

Indeed, companies like Alchemy VR as well as software behemoths like Google are quickly allocating resources towards virtual reality, yet rarely have we seen full-scale implementation of virtual reality in schools or consistent mention of it in the media. For example, Google has developed a Pioneer Expedition kit which provides teachers with devices that students can use to explore bucolic wheat fields of

Romania or the perilous terrain of Machu Picchu. Similarly, Alchemy VR has teamed up with several other software companies to create their trademarked narrative in which professors and universities can explain

illustrates the precision and meticulous nature of the incision a surgeon must make during such a surgery. With virtual reality or simulated medicine, the medical students can practice with an exact replica of a

seemingly diffident from virtual reality like journalism has found itself enveloped by it. In fact, The New York Times has been able to take individuals on a pilgrimage to Mecca and to the top of the World Trade Center, exposing these fortuitous viewers with the virtually real opportunity to experience the world from the comfort of their homes. These destinations and experiences would not likely have been encountered by those individuals without the virtual reality platform. Furthermore, it allows journalism to adopt a chassis that is much more interactive with and educational for its audience, developing a more intimate connection.

There will always be opposition to virtual reality especially from those who believe virtual reality eliminates physical social interaction altogether and those who recognize that virtual reality requires funding we simply do not have. To assuage the conscience of the first type of naysayer, virtual reality provides more social interaction than exists through SMS messaging, FB messenger, Google hangouts and so on. As Zuckerberg demonstrated, virtual reality consists of avatars with real facial expressions, gestures and idiosyncrasies that their "real" selves

would typically exercise. For the latter set of naysayers, the 2016 Budget Factsheet allocates \$145 billion in new mandatory spending to support early learning, teachers and postsecondary reform. To be blunt, we have the funding. Of course, \$145 billion will never be entirely channeled into the virtual reality realm, but greater research, development and practice of virtual reality marks an important incremental step towards making it a reality for students.

Virtual reality is advantageous to implement and, though it is not immune to flaws, it is well worth our while to invest in it for our posterity. Even other countries, especially those classified as developing, could afford their children an unparalleled opportunity to experience the world at a fraction of the cost of normally doing so. It is high time we exploit virtual reality for its seemingly unending potential in various disciplines and embrace its capabilities to challenge the bounds of technology, science, journalism, medicine and education.

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the mechanism behind glycolysis or the Big Bang not by words, but by a student physically witnessing the events taking place. These experiences educate viewers and open their eyes to destinations, concepts and dimensions not possible with the constraints of reality. And yet, education has not yet reaped the benefit of this technology.

Likewise, education in the medical sphere not only benefits from virtual reality as a teaching tool, but also may be utilized to save lives, according to Forbes. Using cricothyrotomy as their exemplar, Forbes

real-world operation so that when the time comes for reality, the virtual has prepared him or her exceedingly well. Additionally, Next Galaxy VR and Miami Children's Hospital are in collaboration to develop virtual reality CPR for phones and tablets to disseminate CPR information and provide unparalleled practice for everyday individuals. Therefore, when the time comes for an 11th hour medical intervention, each and every bystander could be able to perform CPR successfully and save a life.

A discipline as innocuous and



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My fellow Americans, the time is nearly upon us. Every four years, our nation comes together to elect our next president. For some, the day is a celebration of liberty, a bastion of that funny little thing called democracy. For others, it is a time to reflect and think, “Wait, we still have class on Election Day? We totally got the day off for that in elementary school. Man, I miss elementary school.” Me too, my friends, me too. But here we are.

Now, I know what you’re thinking — not another article on politics. But fear not! I do not aim to influence your vote. These Election Day tips are for

you whether you plan to vote for Hillary Clinton, an angry oompa loompa on steroids or a third-party candidate.

1. Make sure to bring your ID

When you head out to your polling place on Election Day, be sure to take some form of identification with you. They will need to see it before you can vote. Also, be prepared for the volunteers in charge of checking your ID to be very opinionated. For instance, last year when I went to vote in the local elections, the volunteer at the front table looked me up and down when I got there and said, “You do not look old enough to be here.” That one really had me feeling good about my efforts to exercise my civic duty! I assured her I was over the age of 18 and handed her my driver’s licence as proof. She looked at it for a second and said, “This isn’t a very good picture of you.” Need-

less to say, I left feeling joyous about my opportunity to participate in the democratic system. Only in America can you make your voice heard in an election while also helping a random woman in a “The Price Is Right” t-shirt exercise her right to free speech by telling you that you look bad in a picture! “The Price Is Right” is not even that good of a show since Bob Barker left and people who watch it probably know nothing about good photos and I look very nice on my driver’s license.

2. Don’t write in a joke candidate

Of course, you have the right to vote outside of the two-party system. If you do this, make sure to write in a serious third-party candidate. Don’t throw away your vote with a joke. We all have those friends who say they’re going to show up to the polls and write in some celebrity like Mike Tyson or Kim Kar-

dashian for president. That’s just not right. The presidency is a serious position. To vote for a celebrity like the ones I mentioned would be making a mockery of this important election. Kardashians is just a reality TV star. Tyson was once convicted of sexual assault. Can you imagine if people actually decided to vote for somebody who built a large part of their career on a reality show, had no political experience and promoted violence towards women? Why, that would just be madness! I can’t imagine anything worse than that, unless, of course, that person was also a huge racist!

3. Election Day is not on Nov. 28

This one really only applies if Donald Trump reads this article. Hey, Donny J! How come nobody ever calls you Donny J? That’s a missed opportunity, I think. Anyway, you told the entire state of Florida that the

election is on Nov. 28. Bad news bears, it’s actually Nov. 8. Make America Great Again — more like Make America Late Again, am I right? Twenty days late, to be exact!

4. Be sure to grab one of those “I Voted!” stickers on your way out

This is undeniably the greatest part of voting. Last year, “The Price Is Right” lady tried to put one over on me by sending me on my way without a sticker, so I showed her by grabbing an entire roll of stickers and sprinting out of the polling place. On a related note, if you forget to follow this tip and find yourself in need of an extra sticker on Election Day 2016, let me know. I can hook you up.

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RE: STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FUND

Dear Board of Visitors, How have you been? Good! How’s the wife? Good! How’s the coal plant? Still running? Full blast you say? Okay, well, that’s less good.

I’m going to be honest — I don’t know you all very well. You’re kind of like God. Well, only Thomas Jefferson can be God, but you get the idea. I’m constantly interacting with stuff you created. I sometimes feel a little abandoned by you when things aren’t going well. And, once a year, you pick a new prodigal son to be eaten alive by the philistines. RIP Daniel Judge, former student member of the Board of Visitors.

Enough pleasantries. Let’s get down to business. Around two months ago, state auditors declared that the \$2 billion “Strategic Investment Fund” was not what high school vice principal impersonator Helen Dragas claimed. The best nerds in the business did a full audit and came up with nothing legally reprehensible. Case closed!

Here’s the thing though. It was \$2 billion. Billion. Like with the letter “B.” If that B

were Sesame Street’s letter of the day, that homeless muppet would buy a condo in Beverly Hills, throw weekly ragers with Big Bird and do cocaine with Elmo everyday until she died. You could fill a super yacht with that much cash and sail away to freedom with your best friends wife. You could fill half of Kanye West’s mansion with that much cash and light that house on fire just for the story.

My point is that a cool couple billion seems a little excessive, don’t you think?

Now people way smarter than I am have explained how the Strategic Investment Fund works, why the size is necessary and what it has accomplished (thanks Dad, sorry I always slept through my econ classes). The fund’s immense, jaw-dropping, consultant-arousing liquidity was necessary for proper credit ratings. Those ratings, as any idiot who read the Wikipedia page for “The Big Short” could tell you, are necessary for big loans.

I’m still dissatisfied. Mostly because I still don’t get it.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m dumb, but comprehension isn’t

my issue — it’s a lack of information. Why did it have to be so large? And why do you keep asking my parents, my grandparents, my dog and me for more money? How do you even know my dog’s email (bowowtothequeen@gmail.com for those of you wondering)? Why are you still fundraising if you already have \$2.3 billion?

That’s like if I were driving a dump truck of cocaine to my house but stopped at every sketchy street corner for more drugs until I had bought enough to fill a second dump truck. I would have too much cocaine. You, Board of Visitors, have too much cocaine.

Did you really need a whole \$2.3 billion for the fund? Was there some magical cut off when you stopped? Did the fairy godmother of Wall Street appear, do some drugs (I’m sensing what my high school English teacher would call a theme), and then reminisce about her time in the Commerce School before telling you the fund was large enough for the University to be AAA rated?

Let’s assume, for the sake of

argument, that they could have gotten the proper rating and still received enormous returns from the fund even if it had only been a measly \$2 billion. That’s still \$300 million you could have used for literally anything else. That’s enough to pay for two new Rotundas, affordable mental health care for students and a prototype of the Iron Man armor the army’s been working on without breaking a sweat.

But you didn’t buy any of those things, did you?

Instead you used it on common sense investing. Slow, agonizing shifts, with the promise that you would eventually, maybe, allow proposals to shape how the profits would be used. After two of the most tumultuous years in our schools history and the imminent arrival of the bicentennial, the best purpose you could think of for millions of dollars was to make even more money. And you wonder how creativity suffers.

You think this argument’s unfair? You think it’s wrong? Explain it to me. Explain to me how the fund works. Explain why every last cent was necessary

for the goals the fund set out to achieve. Explain how it relates to tuition, to the living wage campaign and to the enormous fundraising drive you’re about to undertake. I am too stupid to understand econ without help and I am coming to you, praying in your church for guidance or, at the very least, mercy.

Until that question is answered, here’s my ultimatum. Board of Visitors? You can either stop sending me emails asking for me to donate or you can prove to me that we need another \$1.5 billion on top of the \$2.3 billion we already have sitting in assets, but you can’t do both. Until that argument is made to me, stop trying to fill a second dump truck with cocaine. You already have one. And stop calling me.

All my love,
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THURSDAY 10/20
Women’s Soccer vs. NC State, 7pm, Klockner Stadium
UPC Presents: Murder Mystery Dinner, 7-9pm, Newcomb PAC
UPC Presents: Open Mic Night, 10pm-2am, OpenGrounds
TYC Presents: Harvest Fest, 4-6pm, Amphitheater
U.Va. Class of 2017 Hosts Oktoberfest, 5-7pm, Alumni Hall
Fall Mental Wellness Screening Day, 10am-3pm, Newcomb Hall

FRIDAY 10/21
UPC Presents: Student StandUp Competition, 10pm-2am, OpenGrounds
Swimming & Diving vs. Pittsburgh, 4pm, AFC
Field Hockey vs. Louisville, 5:30pm, Turf Field
Softball vs. Liberty, 6pm, The Park
Women’s Volleyball vs. Florida State, 7pm, Memorial Gym
UPC Presents: Murder Mystery Dinner, 7-9pm, Newcomb PAC
UPC Presents: Movie Screening of Suicide Squad, 7-9pm, Newcomb Theater

SATURDAY 10/22
USA Dance Charlottesville’s Halloween Ballroom Dance, 7-10:15pm, Unity of Charlottesville
UPC Presents: Be Kind & Design, 6-10pm, Newcomb PAC
Women’s Volleyball vs. Miami, 7pm, Memorial Gym
Football vs. UNC Chapel Hill, 3pm, Scott Stadium
UPC Presents: Movie Screening of Suicide Squad, 10pm-12am, Newcomb Theater
ESC Presents: Rotunda Dinner, 7-9pm, The Rotunda

SUNDAY 10/23
Women’s Soccer vs. Boston College, 1pm, Klockner Stadium
Men’s Basketball Scrimmage, 3pm, John Paul Jones Arena

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John Paul White brings 'Beulah' to C'ville

Alabama rocker opens up about his origins and influences

PAUL ROHRBACH | SENIOR WRITER

Perhaps the most interesting thing about a conversation with John Paul White is how much his public persona differs from his private one. In conversation, he speaks in a thick, welcoming drawl rather than the agitated, breathy alto of his new album, "Beulah," in which rarely approaches a Southern lilt.

White, married with children, is more genial than the self-absorbed, post-breakup lover in "Make You Cry" who is desperate beyond measure to hurt his lover as much as she hurt him. In "Beulah," his first solo album since the dissolution of the critically acclaimed duo The Civil Wars, White vividly imagines a figure tormented by love, loss and his origins. The Cavalier Daily sat down with White to talk about his recent work and his show at The Southern Oct. 19.

Arts & Entertainment: You've been to Charlottesville in the past. Do you have any fond memories? Are you looking forward to returning?

John Paul White: I do. You know, usually when I play in Charlottesville, I have to roll into town, play and roll right back out, as with many cities. But the beauty of playing at The Southern is that it's right there [Downtown] ... Lots of great shops, people. It's a really relaxing place to be. I've spent a little bit of time around the Virginia campus too, which is gorgeous. I always have fond memories of going there.

A&E: Getting to your most recent work, there are a number of meanings for the word "Beulah." What should the audience know about that word and what it means to you?

JPW: When I was growing up, my dad used to call my little sister Beulah as a term of endearment around the house, so I've noticed that I do the same thing around the house with my wife and daughter. I had a relative named Beulah. It's a word that's sort of synonymous with heaven in Gospel songs in the South, so it's heavily entrenched in our culture. For me, the main meaning of it, for the record, was based on the philosopher William Blake, and he had his own little mythology for his spirituality. Beulah for him was a place where you could go, as a sinner, to heal, to get it together. It was a place you had to come back from — you couldn't stay there, it wasn't heaven. It was just a place you go for medita-

tion. I felt like that's really where I've been. It's pronounced "boola." It seemed to fit perfectly.

A&E: A lot of songs from the album seemed to portray very self-centred or dark perspectives on love and loss. Do those themes still resonate with you, as a married man, or are they coming from a place of memory?

JPW: That's a very good question. I'm not sure I have a hard, concrete answer for it, because a lot of times, the songs that I write, I'm not sure exactly where they're coming from. Sometimes they're coming from deep in me, sometimes they come from a conversation I had with a friend, or with my family or from literature. They're from cinema. I pull from different places. But I do know that my answer is sort of twofold. One, I grew up always gravitating towards darker songs. Not necessarily sad songs, but just songs that tended to live out there on the edge with Hank Sr. and those guys and then later Townes Van Zandt. For whatever reason, they just sparked me more than a positive, happy song could. But, the other side of that answer is, I tend to write darker songs when I'm in a good place. ... If I'm not in a good place, and I write a super dark song, it just becomes overwrought and

heavy-handed. It's just too "woe is me." But, when I'm in a good place, I can stand outside and do a better job of seeing the details.

A&E: Songs like "What's So" and "The Once and Future Queen" seemed at least partially a reaction to the South. How do you think your Alabama and Nashville origins have affected your voice as a songwriter?

JPW: Immensely. There would be no way that that would not be the case — I try to write as conversationally as possible. I wouldn't pretend to be able to step into characters from other parts of the country as well as I could the folks that I've watched around me, and even myself. "What's So," without really even trying to go there, is a song about growing up in the South, in a blue collar — if even b l u e c o l -

lar — farming town.

You got so used to hearing people say things like, "Don't put on airs, don't act like you're better than anybody else, who's he think he is?" That was always something I was very mindful of. It would ostracize people — if people's social stature climbed too much, there would be a stigma attached to that...

To this day, I have issues with being too self-congratulatory about any successes I've had 'cause there's a voice in the back of my head saying, "You're the same guy, you're the same kid that grew up on that farm, don't act like you're better than anybody else." As I talk to other guys from the South, both male and female, we all kind of have that current running through us.

A&E: A big question in recent news for many folk-rock singers is about Bob Dylan winning the Nobel Prize for Literature. Do you think of the folk-rock that you make as literature, in any sense?

JPW: I've learned early on that what I was really trying to do was write

short stories, when I wrote songs. It was really hard for me to make it, considering the three-and-a-half-minute pop format, but that's what we're doing. I fully agree that it's literature. But who am I to say? I would not be the guy to be able to give the definition, but I know when I go about it, I am not writing poetry. I'm writing short stories.

A&E: Which writers have influenced you? You mentioned William Blake — are there any others that come to mind in your recent album?

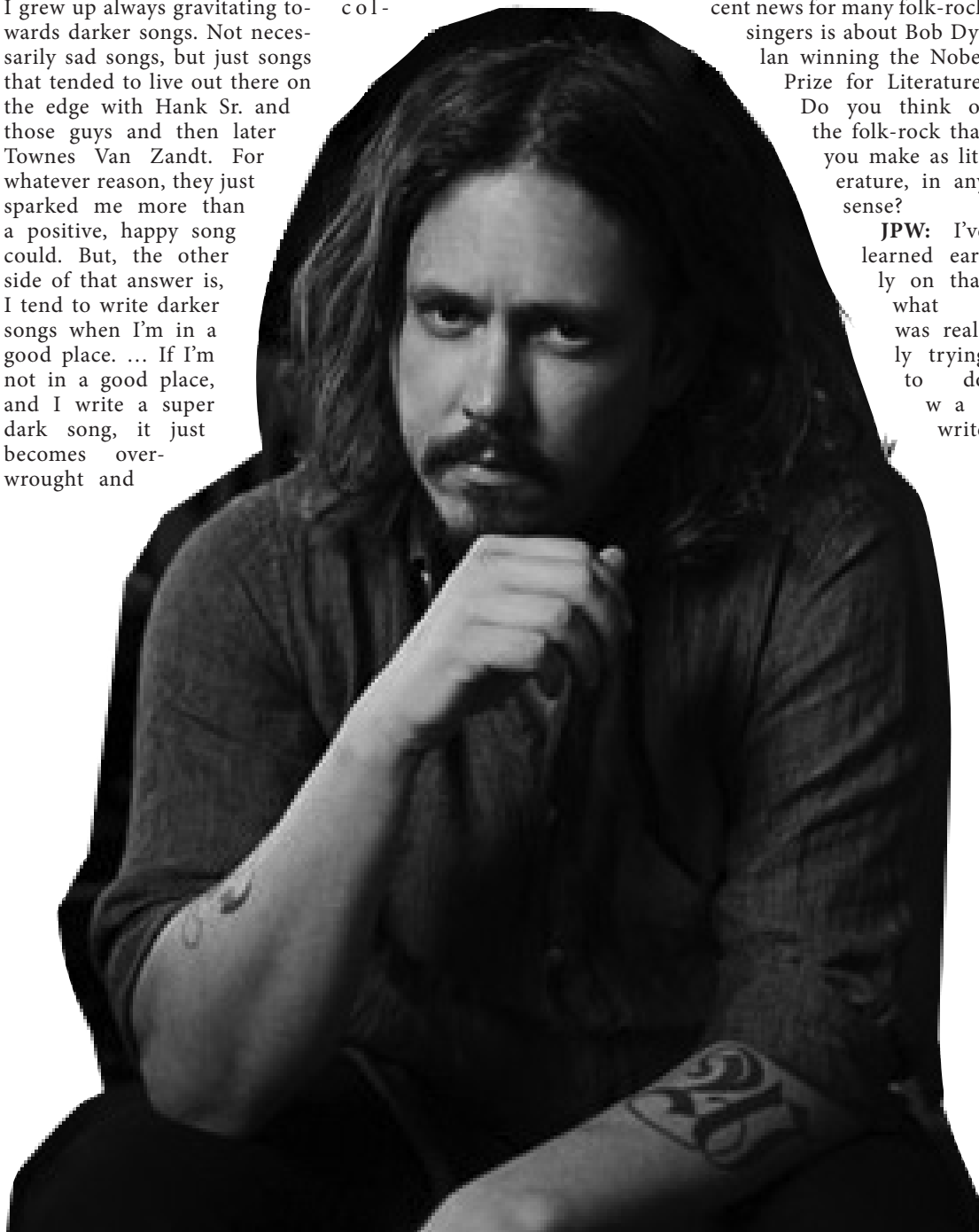
JPW: Yeah, Elliott Smith was a big influence on me. Elliott had a knack for really dark imagery, lyrically, and then just beautiful melodies over the top of that. And I always loved the juxtaposition, and how it made everything okay. I remember thinking, "This is how he deals with the turmoil that he's got in his head," and I always thought that was a beautiful thing. So, I feel like I have definitely used that at times when my imagery gets too on-the-edge, sometimes melody can bring it back to a safer place, a more accessible place. But then other guys, more in the country line, would be Bob McDill, Whitey Shafer, people like that — the classic country writers. They didn't leave us a lot to do. They covered a lot of our bases.

A&E: What can the audience look forward to when seeing you live, compared to listening to you in your album?

JPW: There are moments in the live show that are a lot like the record. There's times when I'm playing, just me and the guitar, no one else on stage. I try to run the gamut there. As we play every night, the songs begin to morph into something slightly different, slightly more aggressive, slightly more abstract. We get bored. We want to keep it interesting for ourselves, too. I've recently heard the record — I think I was in an interview and they were playing back the clips, and it was just kind of funny, because it was like, "Wow, we play it so much faster than that now..." Actually, I love it. I always love going, seeing shows where there's a progression, there's a growth, and I'm not just hearing the record regurgitated in live form.

COURTESY JOHN PAUL WHITE

John Paul White, former member of now-disbanded group The Civil Wars, performed at The Jefferson this week.



Oh Wonder pleases crowds at The Jefferson

Cheerful performers make for sweet and short show

MICHAEL CRAWFORD | SENIOR WRITER

Oh Wonder is a pleasant studio band. They're not innovators, they're not viscerally emotional and they're not immediately attention-grabbing, but their self-titled debut is a fun electronic pop album to throw on in the background. Their hooks are strong enough to overcome their repetitive songwriting, and the harmonies of Josephine Vander Gucht and Anthony West are subdued yet meaningful.

Oh Wonder is a pleasant live band as well. Having only a 52-minute album's worth of material to pull from, they bounce around from single to single perfectly recreating their lovely, if inoffensive, studio material live. As a result, their show at The Jefferson Theater last Thursday teetered with their studio work's flaws. "Oh Wonder" is a repetitive album saved by consistent songwriting. This repetition leaked through in a concert setting.

The show was saved, however, by the obvious enthusiasm of both the performers and the



Oh Wonder performed at The Jefferson last week, much to the delight of local fans.

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crowd. Vander Gucht was cheerful enough to give near-saccharine speeches throughout, while the giant crowd Oh Wonder

pulled were all clearly big fans.

This is a band who has sold out shows in London, Paris and New York, so it's no surprise

to find a large enough fanbase in a college town to fill up The Jefferson. There's something endearing about so many peo-

ple singing and dancing to hits like "Drive" and "Technicolour Beat," which made the whole show worth attending. The brevity of the band's output worked in their favor, as nothing went on for too long and the show was over by 10:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, there was notably less excitement for opening act Kevin Garrett. Garrett has the ideal voice for his R&B tunes, but the crowd's lack of familiarity with his work and his unenergetic songs left the crowd unable to sing along or dance, and the performance felt lackluster. It's a shame because, while he's talented enough to deserve better, his music demands the listener's focus, which was next to impossible as an opening act paired with a chatty crowd.

Fans of Oh Wonder certainly enjoyed their live performance. Those unfamiliar hopefully found something to smile about in the music.

'Woptober' boasts polished production, varied lyrics

Gucci Mane delivers classic sound with array of experimental techniques

LOU MALMGREN | STAFF WRITER

Gucci Mane is undoubtedly one of the biggest artists in the trap rap scene, and his trademark trap sound of bass-heavy club bangers continues on "Woptober." The album features an impressive list of production credits from a number of major producers including London on da Track, Zaytoven and Metro Boomin. Every instrumental on "Woptober" is full of energy, crisp clear hi-hat percussion and thumping bass lines, giving them the perfect sound for Gucci's listener base of club-goers and partiers.

The album's more club-friendly sound is no criticism, however, as "Woptober" maintains Gucci's signature sound but also features a slew of interesting production choices within the trap style. Tracks like "F— 12," "Aggressive" and "Right On Time" feature a washed organ sample which pulses menacingly in the background and couples well with the aggression and energy of Gucci's delivery.

"The Left" employs an array of wavy and twinkling synths to create a strange, spacey, yet still danceable banger. Metro Boomin pairs a subdued and echoey guitar loop with a crisp yet bare-bones drum kit to cre-

ate a very sober and dark atmosphere on "Hi-Five." There isn't a single track on "Woptober" which doesn't feature an incredibly high level of polish in its production, free of muddy bass or overwhelmed vocals.

The production on "Woptober" certainly isn't its only point of merit, as Gucci delivers incredible flows, complex rhyme schemes and hints of deeper lyricism throughout the album. Gucci continues to use his trademark unwavering flow, with a subtly aggressive delivery and a low tone of voice, for the majority of the album.

That being said, he does experiment at times, like on the track "Love Her Body" where he transitions into drawn-back auto-tuned singing close to neo-soul. It blends nicely with the track's chunky trap beat. Gucci also experiments with a drawn-back and more personal flow on the track "Dirty Lil N—," a choice which couples well with the track's more somber subject matter and tense string instrumentation.

To go along with this expansion of his flow style, Gucci also delves into subject matter outside of the



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Rapper Gucci Mane released "Woptober" this month.

glossy party lights of his high-rolling club lifestyle. These more somber moments showcase some of Gucci's best lyricism on "Woptober," like on "Dirty Lil N—," in which Gucci tells

the story of a young teen in the projects turned to gang life and eventually jail. Remarks like "Project baby, no father figure / only 15 and he a father n—" depict the generational prob-

lems project families face. Lyrics like "Mama can't do nothing with him / but get on her knees and pray the streets don't kill him" garner sympathy for the strain gang life puts on the families of the projects.

Gucci ends his verse with "Y'all might don't feel him, but I damn sure feel him / 'Cause I was just in a jail cell f---ed up with him," revealing that the subject matter of the track is something Gucci has seen firsthand and personally sympathized with. This leaves the listener to resonate on the song's content as being the reality of project life for young teens.

There is very little about "Woptober" to be seen in a negative light. Gucci provides an album full of quality bars delivered in both his signature and more experimental flows. The polished-to-a-sheen production and absolutely killer guest verses from Rick Ross and Young Dolph showcase that Gucci has not only delivered himself but brought in a slew of collaborators who can match his output. "Woptober" is a resounding success for any fan of Gucci or trap music as a whole.

H&S HEALTH & SCIENCE

Trump comments cause survivors distress

One in Four releases statement condemning comments, dismissing 'locker room talk'

MEG THORNBERRY | HEALTH AND SCIENCE EDITOR

Last Tuesday, the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, or RAINN, issued a statement condemning Donald Trump's claim that a recorded conversation he had with Billy Bush on Access Hollywood was just "locker room talk." In the statement, RAINN said the weekend after the tapes were released, the National Sexual Assault Hotline had 33 percent more online sessions than it had the previous weekend. "Important memories, including traumatic ones, can be triggered by many different cues that have become associated with those memories," Psychology Prof. Bethany Teachman said in an email statement.

The day after the tapes were released, One in Four, an all-male group at the University that aims to start conversations about how men can prevent sexual assault, released a statement of their own.

"Although One in Four is not an explicitly political organization, we cannot sit idly by in wake of Donald Trump's most recent comments," the statement reads. "We condemn his words as outright and blatant sexism." Since then, several women, including a reporter, a former beauty pageant contestant and a woman who once sat next to Trump on a plane, have said Trump assaulted them.

Sarah Cook, a University alumna and associate dean in Georgia State University's psychology department, gave a presentation about rape on campus as part of the University's Power, Violence and Inequality series.

"Despite critics who con-

tend it is easy to allege rape or other forms of sexual assault, it is not," Cook said in an email statement. "As a woman who experienced a near fatal assault during graduate school here at U.Va., I have personal experience. I can say that when I share my story, many women express thanks and new courage to disclose because they see a woman who is not eternally damaged — as many believe happens to women who experience sexual assault."

"Donald Trump's idea of locker room talk, if it was locker room talk, is a perfect example of what psychologists term hyper masculinity," Cook said. "As a construct that we measure, it is a consistent predictor of sexually aggressive behavior."

Cook also discussed the idea that some sexually aggressive behaviors may still fall within certain norms, or scripts, that often fall along gender roles, and are still somewhat accepted in society. These may include using verbal pressure until someone "caves," or assuming that being drunk means that someone wants sexual intercourse. She also mentioned that certain views of consent see it as a contract. Once given, it can't be easily rescinded.

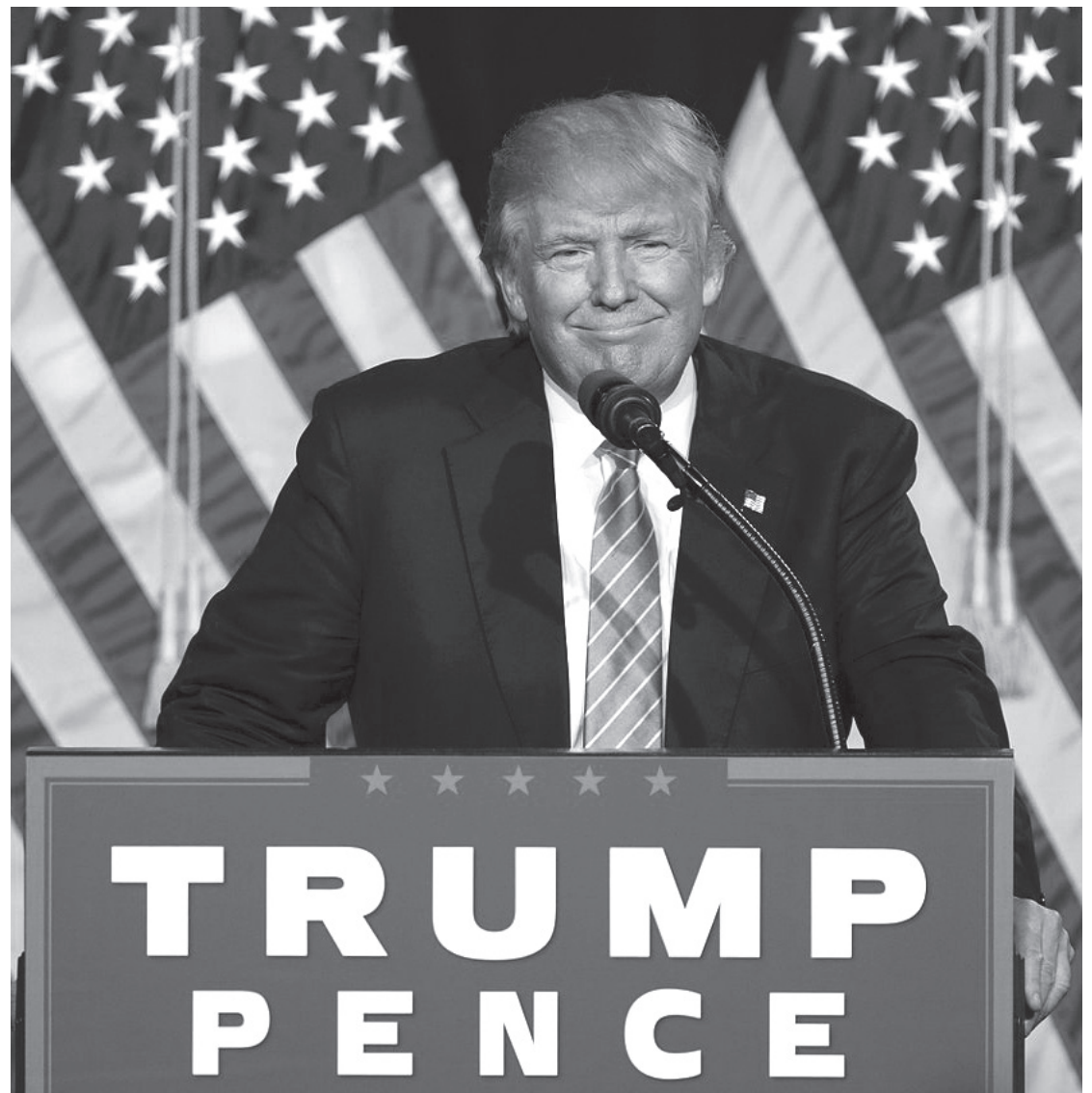
Hearing about sexual assault can trigger negative emotions, flashbacks and reactions in survivors, but Teachman, Cook and One in Four all expressed hope that something beneficial may still come out of the current national conversation.

"There is good research evidence that avoidance of topics has serious negative effects," Teachman said. "Thus, avoidance is not the answer — rather,

it is important that discussions of sexual assault and how our society needs to do so much more to prevent assault needs to happen in ways that are re-

spectful, supportive and not demeaning. In turn, we need to provide strong supports for persons who choose to share their experiences of prior sexual as-

sault, and not communicate that these stories need to be hidden or silenced."



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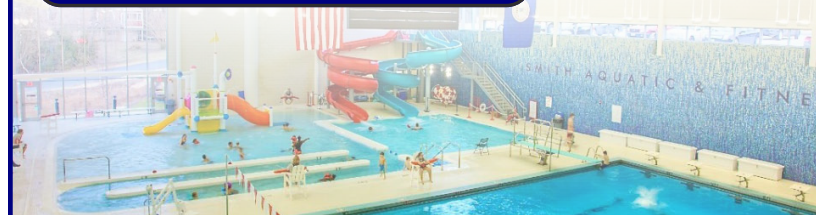
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