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# From the primaries to the general election

*Sanders, Rubio received most support among students in primaries*

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Of likely registered voters on Grounds, 67 percent will vote for Clinton, while 9 percent will vote for Trump in a four-way race, according to a recent poll conducted by The Cavalier Daily in partnership with a faculty advisory committee and the Center for Survey Research.

These trends show significantly increased support for the two major candidates as compared to primary election results.

The survey asked students which candidate they most strongly supported in the primary elections, even if they did not actually vote for that candidate. For the Democratic primary, approximately 64 percent of respondents supported Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT), while just 33 percent supported Clinton. Less than 2 percent supported Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley or another candidate.

Ryan Heilman, a first-year College student and survey respondent, said he is a left-leaning moderate

who voted for Sanders in the primaries but will not vote for either main candidate in the election. As of last week, Heilman was undecided.

For the Republican primary, the most popular candidate among students was Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) who earned approximately 47 percent of the student vote, with Gov. John Kasich (R-OH) earning about 25 percent. Support for all other Republican candidates was in the single digits, including support for Trump, which was about 7.5 percent of the likely registered voters who supported a candidate in the Republican primary.

Though Rubio gained the most University student support in the primary election, not all students who voted for him intended to vote for him in the general election.

Amalia Garcia-Pretelt, a second-year College student who responded to The Cavalier Daily's survey, said she voted for Rubio in the primaries but always planned to vote for Clinton in the general election. "I voted in the Republican primary

because I figured Hillary would probably win Virginia anyway in the primary, so then I just voted in the Republican primary basically as a way to vote for anyone who wasn't Trump," Garcia-Pretelt said. "But obviously that did not work out because he still got the nomination."

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) earned approximately 6.5 percent of the student vote, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush got 4.7 percent, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) got 3.8 percent and Carly Fiorina got 1.2 percent. All other candidates earned less than 1 percent of the vote in the primary. In contrast, Trump and Clinton won Virginia in both parties' primary elections.

Support for Trump amongst University students also increased in the time between the primary and general elections.

Tanner Hirschfeld, a first-year College student who took the survey, said he voted for Ben Carson in the primary but voted early for Trump in the general election. He originally planned to support Liber-

tarian candidate Gary Johnson, but said he ultimately felt that he had to choose between the two major parties' candidates in this election.

"I supported Ben Carson in the primary because I believe in a candidate who is going to stand for what he says, a candidate with integrity and a candidate who's been proven in his field of work," Hirschfeld said.

Though Hirschfeld disapproved of several messages and the rhetoric used in Trump's campaign, he said his choice was less about what Trump has said and more about what Hirschfeld believes Trump will do.

While Hirschfeld is standing by the Republican party, Sam Kraus, a fourth-year College student who took the survey, voted in the Republican primary but will not be voting for Trump in the general election.

"I voted in the Republican Primary because I generally agree with most conservative ideals, and I wanted to cast my vote within the party that I most closely identified. However, through the last year I

have been increasingly disappointed with the Republican Party," Kraus said in an email statement. "At this point, I refuse to vote for Trump for president, but do intend on voting for conservatives further down the ballot."

Kraus is still undecided, but has decided he also will not vote for Johnson. He said will either vote for Clinton, although he does not support her, or another candidate.

"Recent reports actually show Virginia as more confidently blue, so I think I may end up voting McMullin on Tuesday and vote my conscious like multiple prominent anti-Trump conservatives have recommended through this election season," Kraus said.

Despite the several concerns that students share over the election, Hirschfeld expressed his hope that either candidate will be supported, if elected.

"When it comes down to it, we're all Americans and I hope we can put that first," Hirschfeld said.

# Majority of students support Dittmar for 5th district

*Garrett trails by almost 30 percentage points*

DANIEL HOERAUF | SENIOR WRITER

Fifth district congressional candidate Democrat Jane Dittmar leads opponent Republican Tom Garrett by almost 30 percentage points, according to a recent poll conducted by The Cavalier Daily, conducted in partnership with a faculty advisory committee and the Center for Survey Research.

Of University students who plan on voting in Virginia's fifth district, 50 percent support Dittmar, a former chair of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors. In contrast, just 22 percent of students said they support Garrett, current state senator for Virginia's 22nd district. Twenty-eight percent of students said they were still unsure whom they would be voting for at the time of polling.

"The fifth [district] does lean right, but Charlottesville is heavily liberal," Tanner Hirschfeld, a first-year College student and Chapter Director at Tom Garrett for Congress, said regarding the support for Dittmar.

While Dittmar has more support from minority groups than Garrett, Garrett has stronger support among several minority groups than he does with white students. Forty-three percent of Hispanic students and 33 percent

of Asian students noted they supported Garrett, compared with 28 percent of white students. However, Garrett had significantly less support among African American students — only 6 percent said they supported him.

"There's this misconception that conservatism is evil or racist and that's just really not the truth," Hirschfeld said. "We're really concerned with making sure people know what the true values of conservatism are."

College Republicans has been working closely alongside Garrett's campaign to get more students involved in the election and aware of the issues.

"The biggest problem is just that college students just don't know [the candidates]. They need to put a face with a name," Hirschfeld said.

University Democrats is also working with Dittmar's campaign to get voters informed. Both organizations have many students volunteering with the respective campaigns with phone banks and canvassing local student housing and first-year dormitories.

Despite these efforts, many students do not feel more informed. Among students who said they were registered to vote in the fifth

district, 56.9 percent were able to successfully name both congressional candidates in The Cavalier Daily's survey.

Third-year Engineering student Nathan Koch, who took the survey, said in an email statement that he has "not seen any organizations actively campaigning on Grounds."

Similarly, first-year College student Megha Karthikeyan said while she herself has volunteered with Dittmar's campaign, she has only seen "people posting on Facebook for Tom Garrett," and never any on-Grounds outreach.

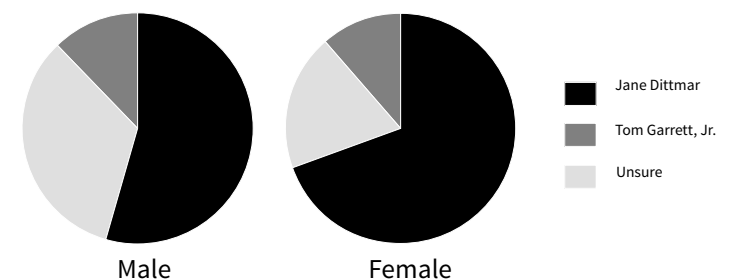
In addition to University Democrats' and College Republicans' work, there has been a "big push by nonpartisan organizations to register [students] on Grounds," Adam Kimelman, second-year College student and College Republicans vice chair of campaigns, said.

"[It's] still a lot harder to get people to care about their local election," Kimelman said.

Students are often so overloaded with classes and extracurriculars that it can be hard to feel like a part of the larger community, Maggie Thornton, Dittmar campaign manager and graduate student, said.

"Students should register to vote

If the election for Congress were being held today, who would you vote for?



KAY KHOSBAYAR | THE CAVALIER DAILY

where they feel the most affinity," Thornton said. "We see a huge number of students who do want to feel a part of the Charlottesville and fifth district community."

Although the majority of students are only in Charlottesville for their time at the University, "most alumni still care deeply about the school," Payton Palmerton, third-year College student and field organizer for Dittmar's campaign, said.

"Students would [not] want to come back and not see the school in a bad state," Palmerton said.

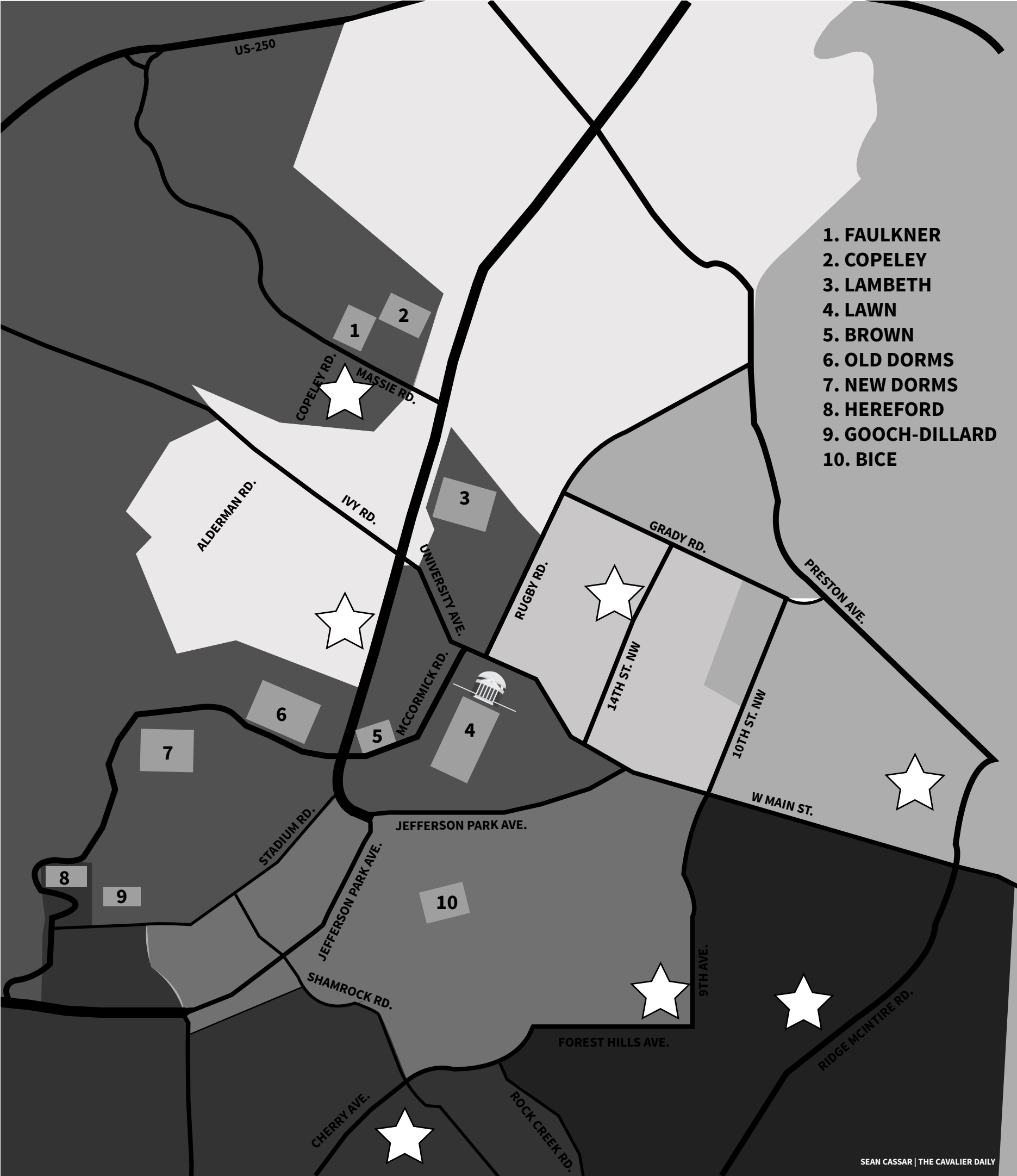
The importance of voting — and especially students voting — is one stance that receives unilateral bipartisan support.

"[It's] really important that our generation prove we're not the apathetic millennials people paint us as," Palmerton said.

The Garrett campaign did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

# Where will you vote?

*Your guide to polling locations on and around Grounds*





# Student support for Johnson greater than Trump

Three percent of students said they won't vote in presidential election

HAILEY ROSS | SENIOR ASSOCIATE EDITOR

University student support for Libertarian Gary Johnson exceeds support for Donald Trump, according to a poll conducted by The Cavalier Daily in partnership with a faculty advisory committee and the Center for Survey Research.

In a four-way race, approximately 9 percent of respondents support Johnson, while 8 percent support Trump. An overwhelming 64 percent of students support Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

Cameron Springer, president of Hoos for Gary Johnson and third-year Engineering student, said he did not find the poll results surprising.

"I'm not particularly surprised about that, if you look at Gary Johnson's numbers across millennials he beats Trump pretty handily, not just at U.Va., but nationally," Springer said. "I would say that it speaks to the fact that young people don't really share a whole lot with Trump."

Springer — who was also a participant in the poll — said he would never be able to make the choice between Trump or Clinton because he thinks their policies are both bad and fiscally irresponsible.

"Somebody asked me the other day and said, 'If somebody held a gun to your head, who would you vote for — Trump or Hillary?' and I said, 'You'd have to pull the trigger,'" Springer said.

However, Springer said voting is very important even if the vote is for someone who the voter knows will not win. He said he hopes his vote for Johnson will send a message to major parties that they cannot keep putting bad candidates forward and expecting millennials to line up to vote because they are "scared of the other side."

"Even if we vote for people who aren't going to win, we express our voice through our vote even if that vote is largely a protest, as mine

seems that it will be," Springer said. "Not voting means that nobody cares what you think because you didn't say it."

Another poll participant, third-year Commerce student McLain Faett, cast his absentee ballot for Johnson a few weeks ago and said he is starting to have regrets. Faett — along with 25 percent of the University population — does not feel strong ties to either the Democratic or Republican party.

"A couple weeks ago I was worried I would be throwing away my vote voting for Hillary because she was a shoo-in to win so I might as well express my ideals, but now it's such a tight race it's kind of the opposite," Faett said. "I'm wishing I wouldn't have thrown away my vote for Gary Johnson because now it would have been a viable vote for Clinton."

Faett said he thinks it is important to vote but that he also believes choosing not to vote is just a vote of no confidence.

"I don't think that one should always be pressured to vote," Faett said. "But in general if you feel strongly for a candidate and you're going to sit at home and write a blog post instead of actually going to vote, I think that's kind of hypocritical. The act of voting is much more important than sharing things on social media."

Politics lecturer Carah Ong-Whaley found the higher support for Johnson over Trump reflective of the divisions among Republicans on Grounds.

"One plausible explanation is the division on Grounds among Republicans regarding supporting their party's nominee," Ong-Whaley said in an email statement.

On Oct. 11, the College Republicans revoked their endorsement of Trump.

Ong-Whaley also suggested the poll might not accurately reflect support for Trump.

"Another plausible explanation

is that [The Cavalier Daily's] sample doesn't truly capture support for Trump on Grounds," Ong-Whaley said. "If the responses you received from males and from Republicans weren't truly representative of the broader universe of males and Republicans on Grounds, this could affect the results."

According to the poll, 10 percent of students said they did not know whom to vote for, and 3 percent said they wouldn't vote at all. Ong-Whaley said she thinks there will be more non-voters on Grounds than what the poll reflected, as Census Bureau data suggests turnout among 18 to 29-year-olds was less than 50 percent in 2008.

"Some polling among 18-29 year-olds for this election suggests turnout might compare to 2008," Ong-Whaley said.

# Students more likely to show activism outside of CIOs

Poll shows students participate in political events, but not political clubs

KATE BELLOWS | SENIOR WRITER

First-year College student Cole Carlisle said he does not believe there is such a thing as throwing away one's vote. As an Evan McMullin supporter, Carlisle said he knows his candidate will not win the presidential election.

"You should vote for who you believe will do the best job, whether you think they'll win or not," Carlisle said. "At the end of the day, I want to be able to sleep at night knowing that I didn't vote for Hillary Clinton and I didn't vote for Donald Trump."

Carlisle is a member of College Republicans, which voted in October to rescind their endorsement of Republican nominee Donald Trump. With Democratic nominee Hillary

Clinton leading Trump by a mere four points among likely voters according to an ABC News/Washington Post poll, students are actively participating in political CIOs to increase support for their desired candidates.

More than 46 percent of University students have attended political events this semester — according to a survey conducted by The Cavalier Daily in partnership with a faculty advisory committee and the Center for Survey Research — but only about 15 percent are involved in political CIOs. It is not clear why fewer students are involved, but some students suggest political disenchantment and lack of advertising as reasons.

"I think a lot of Republicans here on Grounds ... aren't very excited about this election because they don't believe Donald Trump represents their values," Nato Sandweiss, first-year College student and member of University Democrats, said. "It's kind of difficult to get very involved when you're not that passionate about a candidate."

Sandweiss said he believes passion, or lack thereof, could be a source of discrepancy between College Republicans and University Democrats.

"I think a lot of the UDeMs, even if they're not passionate about supporting Hillary Clinton, [are] very passionate about making sure Donald Trump doesn't step foot into

the White House," Sandweiss said. "That's why I think there's some disparity between involvement with the UDeMs and the CRs."

Adam Kimelman, College Republicans vice chair of campaigns and second-year College student, said the organization has been very active this election cycle.

"We've been very involved in this election cycle, not just through phone banks and door knocking ... but also through connecting our members to many, many different groups," Kimelman said.

Fourth-year Engineering student Sofia Shalotenko said she has not heard much about political CIOs or their efforts.

"I might have been interested early on, but I haven't gotten the impression that any political CIOs are very interested in advertising," Shalotenko said. "I just haven't really heard about them or seen them do much."

Kimelman said the groups have made an effort to publicize their events and actions. The answer may lie in the election itself, he said.

"It's become a very negative election cycle on the presidential level in the sense that you've had two very unpopular candidates," Kimelman said. "A lot of people are just disheartened with the political process as a whole."

Sam Tobin, University Democrats president and fourth-year College student, said he believes political

disillusionment should result in more involvement, not less.

"I think it's a shame because I think it should be the other way around," Tobin said. "If you are disillusioned with the system or upset, you should work to change that."

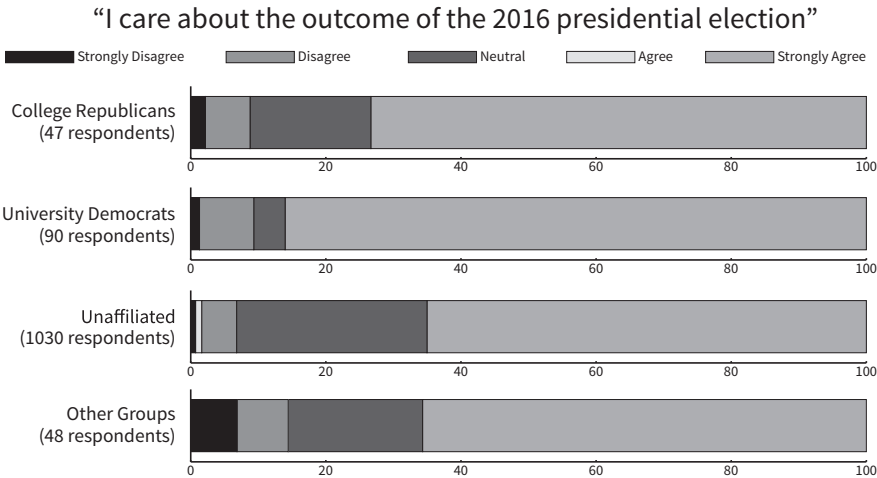
Still, many students have found ways to get involved. Sandweiss said that he had been registering people to vote through University Democrats, starting from a few weeks into the school year up until the Oct. 21 deadline.

"It's not as much as other people have done, for sure," Sandweiss said. "I figured I wanted to get involved in some way, and so I did that."

Others have participated through discussion. About 67 percent of survey respondents said they felt somewhat or very comfortable discussing the election with other students, and nearly 89 percent said they talk to friends about the election at least once a week.

Carlisle said he is able to talk to people with similar and different ideologies at the University and finds the University to be a very open and non-judgemental atmosphere.

"Before coming to U.Va., I thought I would be a very small minority, and I think I am still a minority, but there are a lot of like-minded people here," Carlisle said. "Even people that aren't like-minded, I feel like they respect my views as well."



# What to look for on Tuesday’s ballot

*The presidency isn’t the only thing students will be voting for Nov. 8*

DAVID SCHUTTE | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Nov. 8, Virginia voters will not only cast their ballots for president but also for amendments to the state’s constitution and congressional candidates. Voters in Albemarle County will also vote on a bond referendum.

On the Virginia ballot, the Republican ticket is represented by Donald Trump and his running mate Mike Pence, while Hillary Clinton and running mate Tim Kaine represent the Democratic ticket. Libertarian Gary Johnson and running mate Bill Weld are on the Libertarian ticket, Jill Stein and Ajamu Baraka represent the Green Party and Evan McMullin and running mate Mindy Finn are the independent candidates.

Nathan Johnson is listed as McMullin’s running mate on the ballot as a “temporary placeholder,” as McMullin needed to

submit a name for vice president prior to the registration deadline.

Voters in Charlottesville will choose either Democrat Jane Dittmar or Republican Tom Garrett to hold the fifth district’s congressional seat for the next two years.

In addition, there are two state constitutional amendments on the ballot concerning Virginia’s right-to-work law and tax exemptions for spouses of first responders.

Right-to-work laws prohibit employers from making labor union membership a condition of employment. Currently, 26 states have some form of this law in place.

Arguments for right-to-work-laws usually center on protecting businesses, while arguments against usually cast

such laws as threats to unions.

Although Virginia has had a right-to-work-law for over 70 years, Albemarle County General Registrar Jake Washburne said the proposed amendment would move the statute from the Code of Virginia to Virginia’s constitution.

“It would be the exact same law, but if it went into the constitution it would be much more difficult to repeal,” Washburne said.

If the second proposed amendment passes, the Virginia General Assembly will be able to enact a law that allows localities to extend property tax breaks to spouses of first responders who were killed in the line of duty, such as firefighters and law enforcement officers.

This amendment is similar to a current section of the state

constitution that allows property tax exemptions for the joint properties of a disabled veteran and their spouse, as well as for the spouse of a deceased veteran until remarriage.

Those registered in Albemarle County will be voting on a bond referendum, which would authorize the issuance of \$35 million in general obligation bonds to fund various school renovations if passed.

To cover the bonds’ interest rates, there may be a property tax rate increase of 1.3 cents, which would be the equivalent of \$37.05 for the median Albemarle household.

Students who are registered to vote in Virginia and have listed their address in the Alderman Road dorms; McCormick Road dorms; Brown College; Lambeth, Copeley and Faulkner

Apartments; Gooch and Dillard Dorms; the Lawn and the Range; and houses on the west side of Rugby Road up through Lambeth Lane are registered in Albemarle County and will therefore vote on the bond referendum.

Students registered to vote in the City of Charlottesville — which includes those living on 14th Street, Wertland Street, Jefferson Park Avenue, West Main Street, the Flats, Uncommon Apartments, Bice House, any of the language houses and the International Residential College — will not have the referendum on their ballot.

# Election polarizes students

*Many students support candidates because they don’t like other options*

SARAH YANG | SENIOR WRITER

More than 60 percent of undergraduate students who support a major party candidate report choosing to do so in opposition to the other candidate, according to a survey of 971 undergraduate students conducted by The Cavalier Daily, in partnership with a faculty advisory committee and the Center for Survey Research.

The survey asked students the reason behind their choice to support Republican nominee Donald Trump over Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, and 65.2 percent said to “oppose Clinton.” Of the students voting for Clinton, 61.1 percent of students are voting for her because they “oppose Trump.”

Sixty-fiveOf Clinton’s supporters, 11.9 percent support her because she is the Democratic Party nominee, while 20.7 percent of Trump voters support Trump as the Republican Party nominee. Only 14.2 percent of Trump voters said they support Trump because they like him, compared to 26.9 percent of Clinton supporters.

Fourth-year Engineering student Paul Kim will be casting his vote for Trump in the upcoming election, and chose to do so out of dislike for Clinton.

“I’m not happy about voting for either of them,” Kim said. “It’s a product of me really not liking the other candidate.”

The large number of students casting votes for candidates in opposition to the other major-party nominee reflects a “lesser of two evils” situation in which student voters are unhappy with their choices.

“I’d just say their moral character is so in question,” Kim said.

Students who supported others in the party primaries expressed discontent with their current party nominee.

“I would have gladly voted for anybody else on the Republican ballot,” first-year College student Katherine Welsch-Lehmann said. “[Trump] is the one I can’t be happy with.”

“I think to myself a lot ... we [had] 17 qualified candidates, and we picked the most controversial, the most fire-branded, the most outrageous candidate ... the worst candidate we could have possibly picked,” first-year College student Tanner Hirschfeld said.

Second-year Engineering student Raisa Noshin said she is casting her vote for Clinton.

“As much as I personally would love a different person to pick, I have to go with her because she’s the only other option [besides Trump],” Noshin said.

Although over two-thirds of students polled said they feel somewhat or very comfortable talking about the election with other students, some students say the polarization between

the Democratic and Republican parties has affected the way students interact with their peers.

“I do really think this election is definitely more polarized between the sides, because instead of just talking about issues and platforms ... [each candidate’s supporters] just name-call each other’s candidates,” Noshin said.

Some students said they avoid conversations about politics because the conversations quickly turn into arguments.

“I’ve had experiences with people [in the past] who disagree with me on a lot of levels ... and we talk about what we disagree with,” Welsch-Lehmann said. “People think just disagreeing with them is a personal attack on them ... instead of discourse and exchange of ideas, it turns into a fight.”

Some students said they feel the increased polarization results in a lack of middle ground between the candidates.

“I do not engage in political conversation ... because there is no middle ground, so if you argue with someone you’re not going to be able to change their mind,” second-year College student Sydney Bradley said. “They’re just so angry at either side and it becomes an argument instead of a conversation.”

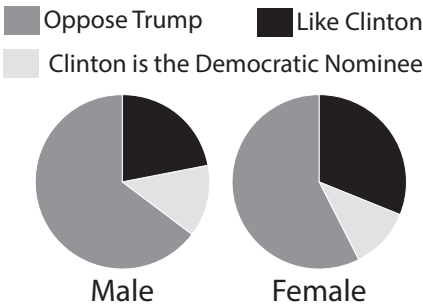
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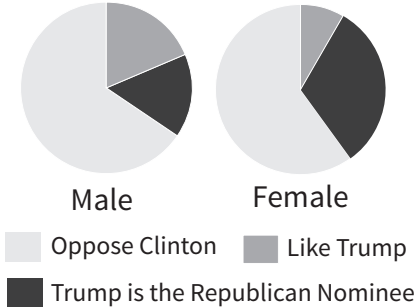
“I feel like we’ve lost that ‘we can agree to disagree’ [mentality],” Hirschfeld said. “I feel like it’s frus-

trating because people are so polarized and so angry and so upset.”

What is the main reason behind your vote for Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump?



What is the main reason behind your vote for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton?





# 46 percent of students align with Democratic Party

*Stark contrasts between party support seen with females, atheists*

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Forty-six percent of University students have views that align with the Democratic party, according to a poll conducted by The Cavalier Daily in partnership with a faculty advisory committee and the Center for Survey Research.

In comparison, the percentage of students who say their views best align with the Republican Party or who identify as Independent are close at 25 percent and 22 percent, respectively.

The poll was conducted via email survey which was sent out Oct. 21 and closed Oct. 26. Students surveyed were chosen at random, and 1,412 responses were received.

### Gender and party alignment

Of the male students surveyed, 40 percent identified as Democrats, slightly less than the overall percentage. The number of male students who identified as Republican or Independent were lower, with 28 percent identifying as Republican and 26 percent identifying as Independent.

A bigger contrast was seen among the female students surveyed. Almost 52 percent of female students said they align with the Democratic Party, while 22 percent said they identify as Republicans.

First-year College student Katherine Welsch-Lehmann, who was a part of the 22 percent identifying as Republican, said despite growing up in a liberal environment in Connecticut, the conservative beliefs her parents instilled in her persisted.

"Like probably almost everyone else, I think the main reason I'm Republican is because that's how I was brought up, and as I've gotten older, I've found Republican values in line with my own," Welsch-Lehmann said. "As a female Republican, I believe strongly in individual freedoms, individual choice and limited government."

Welsch-Lehmann said the most important issues influencing her political leaning are the economy, immigration and the freedoms granted to Americans by the Constitution. However, she said she does not agree with some positions taken by Republican politicians.

"For example, I don't advocate for mass deportation — although I do think we need to be stricter on immigration," Welsch-Lehmann said. "I don't believe in a full ban on abortion — although, again, I'm not convinced every abortion should be legal or encouraged."

Welsch-Lehmann also said in these instances it's important to remember what the Republican Party stands for.

"The Republican party is not one individual, but rather a set of principles and a set of values" Welsch-Lehmann said. "Within the party, individuals can disagree on how to implement these values."

### Race and party alignment

A greater percentage of white students said they identified with Democrats over Republicans — 40 to 32 percent. This was a trend across all of the racial groups except Native Hawaiian respondents.

Of Hispanic respondents, 4.7 percent respondents identified as Republicans, compared to 45 percent who identified as Democrats.

First-year Nursing student Valeria Lopez Vazquez said being a Democrat means supporting more vulnerable Americans who do not have a voice.

"As a Texas resident, I was able to experience first-hand both viewpoints from immigrants and Hispanic citizens in the United States," Vazquez said. "Immigration and race is a topic that is of dire importance today for me and many others. Therefore, I am a Democrat because I accept as true that each individual, in spite of race, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation, deserves equal rights and respect to aim for a successful life."

Like Vazquez, immigration policy is the primary reason why second-year College student Amalia Garcia identifies as a Democrat.

"As someone who was lucky enough to acquire U.S. citizenship from my mother and fortunate enough to have the means to be able to enter this country legally, I recognize that not all immigrants have had the same privilege as I have," Garcia said.

Garcia said many American

citizens pride the United States for being a "beacon for immigrants seeking a better life" but she does not believe that this "promise" should be limited to the people

ic Party is why more Hindus align with it.

"It's not necessarily the Republican Party has something against the Hindu religion, it's that the

Catholic but said he stopped believing in God in high school, said he believes that when an individual doesn't have a religion "their ideologies align with their politics, and



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who have the financial means to enter the United States.

"This is not the only reason I identify as a Democrat, but in this political moment, it is really important for me to support the party that views immigrants coming from South and Central America as people deserving of basic human dignity, as opposed to labeling them as criminals," Garcia said.

### Religion and party alignment

There was little difference between the percentage of Catholic and non-Catholic Christians who identified as Democrats and Republicans. However, within the respondents of other religions there were stark contrasts.

The biggest difference was found within Hinduism — 77 percent of Hindu respondents said they identified as Democrats compared to 3 percent who identified as Republicans.

First-year College student Megha Karthikeyan said she does not believe there is anything specific in Hinduism that aligns with Democratic ideology, but thinks the inclusiveness of the Democrat-

Democratic Party is more inclusive of the Hindu religion," Karthikeyan said.

Within the religious demographic, another big difference was seen among respondents who are atheist. Sixty-seven percent of atheists said they were Democrats, while only about 33 percent identified as Republicans.

Fourth-year Engineering student Sofia Shalotenko said due to atheists' active disassociation from religion, they often are able to gain new perspectives while maintaining a sense of empathy.

"To me, this understanding is similar to that which leads to Democratic beliefs," Shalotenko said. "Someone who has a sense of what another might be going through in a community, even though they themselves might not be going through exactly the same obstacles, is more likely to support humanitarian causes, or feel a sense of social responsibility when casting their votes or forming a political opinion."

Jared Taylor, a first-year Engineering student who was raised

they kind of see politics as their religion."

"I'm really socially liberal but I would call myself a Republican, because economically and domestic policy-wise, I am very conservative," Taylor said. "I'm kind of non-interventionist which aligns with the conservative fiscal policy."

Taylor said the main reason he identifies as Republican is because of his exposure to religion as a child, and the ideals that he aligns with that are still there.

"I think having a religion in the government is kind of dangerous, in terms of gay marriage and like in Texas, where they're teaching creationism in textbooks," Taylor said. "I think it's great for people to have religions. I don't think it's a bad thing, but I don't think it has a permanent stay in politics."





# Tracing the presidential election in Virginia

*Virginia's importance as a swing state, U.Va. student efforts in the election*

MARK FELICE AND ISABEL BANTA | STAFF WRITERS

As a swing state, Virginia has been a focal point throughout the entire 2016 presidential process. Virginia has voted Republican in every election between 1968 and 2004, only to switch and vote Democratic in 2008 and 2012. That change came when the President Barack Obama was up for election — beating both the 2008 Republican candidate John McCain and the 2012 Republican candidate Mitt Romney. The Democratic Party won those races by 52.6 percent to 46.3 percent in 2008 and 51.2 percent to 47.3 percent in 2012.

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton have continued to fight for the state of Virginia, despite experts saying it is likely to be a Democratic win. A RealClearPolitics average predicts Clinton will pull ahead by 5.2 percent in the Virginia race.

However, despite predictions of a Democratic win, the battle for the Commonwealth — with its 13 electoral votes — has been a long, bumpy road for the candidates in terms of their policies, the challenges they have faced and the fight for the general election.

## Policies of interest

The candidates' policies have been a key issue during discussions of who would be better to lead the country for the next four years. Some key policies that have consumed this election — immigration, trade and affordable college education — are important to both the nation and Charlottesville.

One of the reasons Virginia is not only a swing state but also a Clinton-leaning state is due to the high number of immigrants, Miller Center Director William Antholis said.

"It turns out Hispanics are not an enormous number, but they are growing, but non-Hispanic immigrants, particularly Asians and immigrants from South Asia and Middle East, are quite high," Antholis said. "That makes a difference in the state."

Antholis said Virginia's position on global trade and the development of international partnerships has also made the state less inclined to vote for a Trump presidency.

"This is not a state that responds well to Trump's trade protectionist rhetoric, because of our court and our high tech economy, global trade tends to be more popular in Virginia than shutting down trade," Antholis said.

Both candidates have acknowledged and proposed their own comprehensive plans for how student debt should be handled by the national government.

Adam Kimelman, College Republicans vice chair of campaigns

and second-year College student, said student debt has been an important topic for students in this election.

"Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump both address this issue," Kimelman said. "Trump specifically would work with universities to help forgive student debt, while Clinton seems to focus more on a government-sided approach."

The election's rhetoric has also been a topic of conversation on Grounds and throughout Charlottesville. College students are asking how they want our country to be perceived and how the new president will affect this.

University Democrats President Sam Tobin, a fourth-year College student, said each vote reflects a choice for the future of the country.

"Do we want one that is inclusive and making sure that everyone feels welcome, everyone feels safe, everyone feels important? It is very important to U.Va. students with

supporters end up being quite important to the outcome of the general — can Hillary turn out a combo of students that voted for Sanders and some of the more liberal professionals and U.Va. faculty that might have supported Sanders?" Antholis said.

The primaries posed a particular challenge to both candidates.

"In the primary, Bernie Sanders did pose a challenge to Mrs. Clinton, but she did win the primary with 64.3 percent of the vote," Politics lecturer Carah Ong-Whaley said. "With a larger field of candidates, Donald Trump won the Republican primary with just 34.7 percent of vote, but Marco Rubio, the 'establishment favorite,' came in second with 31.9 percent of the vote. Mr. Rubio bested Mr. Trump in Northern Virginia, Albemarle and Lynchburg, Richmond and surrounding areas, James and York."

For Trump, the challenges have been about battling the establish-

ville. This has been furthered by a large enthusiasm for Johnson among younger voters.

"Young voters see [Trump] as particularly problematic, and young white voters aren't particularly smitten with him either," Geoffrey Skelley, University Center for Politics media relations coordinator, said.

Skelley said Johnson could potentially do well in Charlottesville.

"Gary Johnson and Jill Stein will probably do best with young voters," Skelley said. "Johnson's vote support has generally collapsed in the last month or so, but he might win a fare share in Charlottesville with voters who maybe don't like Trump but are Republican-leaning."

Despite challenges leading up to the general election, student-run political organizations have been trying to help their parties in full force.

"In the primaries, [University Democrats] does not endorse candidates, and we consider ourselves the wing of the Democratic Party

Jane Dittmar and wanted to inform the community as to why they are the best candidates," Tobin said.

"We have been calling people and knocking on doors for both Hillary and Jane. We will continue to do this every day until the election."

College Republicans have had a different strategy. As a result of their recently revoked endorsement of Trump, they have primarily worked toward getting down-ballot Republicans elected, such as fifth district GOP candidate Tom Garrett.

"In the general election, we have had students get in touch with the Trump, Johnson and McMullin campaigns," Kimelman said. "We have also been extremely active with Tom Garrett's campaign, and we will be making calls for various GOP Senators in close races through election day."

Once the candidates were announced, later decisions impacted support for each candidate at the University, especially the selection of running mates. Clinton chose Virginia Senator Tim Kaine as her vice presidential nominee, which boosted her support in Virginia. Trump's running mate, Mike Pence, is the current governor of Indiana.

"Anecdotally, I've heard people say, 'I don't like Trump, I don't like Clinton, but I do like Tim Kaine,' and recent polls have asked about his favorability," Skelley said. "Pence actually has about the same favorability, which is interesting, but I do think the academic literature suggests [running mates are] worth a point or two, maybe even three. I expect it's probably worth a point or two for Clinton, but of course it's hard to nail down exactly."

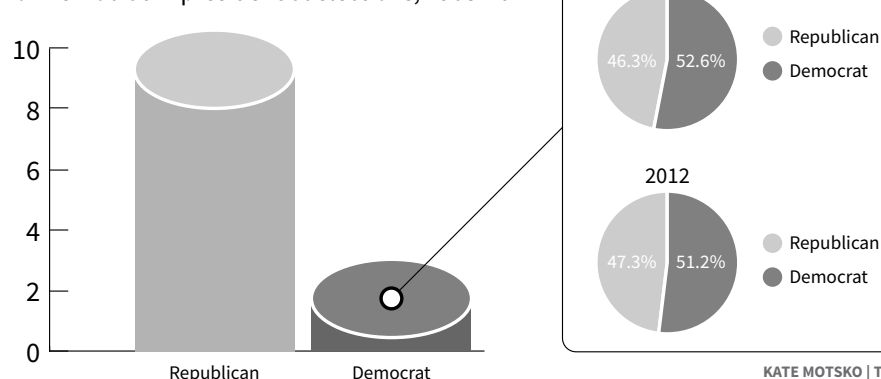
Toward the end of the election, news outlets had reported that Trump was largely pulling his campaign out of Virginia, which might create a barrier to winning the state. However, Ong-Whaley said this might not be the case.

"He is largely relying on the Republican Party organization for ground game, but that may not necessarily disadvantage him, as many have suggested," Ong-Whaley said. "He has gotten substantial free media attention, and campaign supporters are out in full force canvassing and making calls."

Preliminary polls have tightened in several key battleground states, including Virginia. The Electoral College will play a key role in the race's result, and both candidates have a chance at victory.

"I'm not going to predict an outcome," Ong-Whaley said. "I think this is a close race, and there is a lot of uncertainty. I think the polls in Virginia have tightened, as have in other states. It is really going to come down to who turns out."

Number of times Virginia has voted Republican or Democrat in presidential elections, 1968-2012



the recent hate speech incidences and how it is very closely linked to Donald Trump," he said.

No matter who becomes president or what policies they have promised, some experts believe both candidates will find difficulty passing their agendas. This rises from the uncertainty of how down-ballot candidates will perform in this election.

## Challenges from the primary

With an excess of candidates on both sides during this election, candidacy conversations changed day to day from the primaries until each party's convention.

"All three — [John] Kasich, [Bernie] Sanders and [Gary] Johnson — have some appeal in [Virginia] communities, obviously not enough to win the primary, but enough to make a difference in how primaries were conducted," Antholis said.

Antholis said it will be important for candidates to transfer support from the primaries to the general election.

"In the general election, their

ment and those in the Republican Party who are uncomfortable with him being the nominee.

"He has run all along as an outsider candidate, battling the so-called establishment in Washington and including in his own party," Ong-Whaley said.

For Clinton, the Sanders campaign had a more concrete impact on shaping her platform and challenging her through the entire election cycle, Ong-Whaley said.

"As a result of Bernie Sanders' insurgent campaign, Mrs. Clinton has moved to the left on some issues, especially things like the environment, college debt and the minimum wage," Ong-Whaley said. "As a result of both Mr. Trump and Mr. Sanders, she's also changed positions, at least publicly, on trade. But she has been consistently hawkish on foreign policy and national security issues."

The third-party candidates — Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson and Green Party candidate Jill Stein — have been anything but obsolete in Virginia and Charlottesville.

at the University," Tobin said. "We have representatives from each of the campaigns come to U.Va. to speak to the students. We also participated and helped people get rides to the polls on primary day."

## Student efforts to support the election

The general election started mid-to-late July, when both the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention chose Trump and Clinton as their respective nominees. With the nominees established, groups on Grounds embarked on campaigns to get students to vote.

"For a while, we did nonpartisan things, such as registering people to vote by standing outside of Clemons, Alderman, Newcomb and so forth," Tobin said.

Some of the University Democrats' more partisan activities included endorsing Clinton and Virginia fifth district Democratic candidate Jane Dittmar, Tobin said.

"We officially released our endorsements of Hillary Clinton and



# S SPORTS

## Field hockey wins first ACC Championship

*Caleigh Foust named tournament MVP after scoring two game-winning goals*

**TYSEN TRESNESS | ASSOCIATE EDITOR**

The Virginia field hockey program won its first-ever conference title Sunday in Winston-Salem, N.C. at Wake Forest's Kentner Stadium. The championship was the culmination of a few impressive stats, including the No. 7 Cavaliers' (15-7, 3-3 ACC) first ACC final since 2009, and — as the sixth seed — being the lowest-seeded team ever to win the conference tournament.

The win also guarantees Virginia a bid in the NCAA tournament as the ACC's automatic bid representative. It will be the Cavaliers' 21st appearance in the tournament and the ninth under coach Michele Madison during her 11-season tenure.

The run to the tournament title included wins over No. 11 Boston College (10-9, 3-3 ACC), No. 19 Wake Forest (11-8, 0-6 ACC) and No. 5 North Carolina (17-5, 3-3 ACC).

The Cavaliers dominated the first game against the Eagles, 6-3. Senior midfielder Lucy Hyams, junior midfielder Tara Vittese, freshman back Anzel Viljoen and freshman midfielder Colleen Norair each scored

once while senior striker Caleigh Foust scored twice. The teams were tied 3-3 at half before the Cavaliers took over the second period.

However, the semifinal game against the Demon Deacons proved to be more of a challenge — going into overtime before Virginia eventually won, 3-2. Foust delivered her second-straight game winner, this one off an assist from Vittese. Sophomore midfielder Izzy McDonough and Vittese scored the Cavaliers' other goals.

Against the Tar Heels, Virginia opened the scoring eight minutes into the game when freshman striker Erin Shanahan capitalized on a corner — her fourth goal of the year. With a little over 12 minutes left in the first half, North Carolina tied the game at one.

But, Virginia responded with an important goal that regained momentum as McDonough netted her third goal of the season. Virginia shared the scoring load well down in Winston-Salem, as Viljoen got her second goal of the tournament early in the second half off a pass from Vittese. In the three-game run, the

Cavaliers had six different goal scorers, highlighting their tremendous depth.

The Tar Heels kept fighting and brought the game to within one goal with about 10 minutes remaining after pulling their goalkeeper. However, just two minutes later, Hyams cemented the victory for Virginia by scoring on the empty cage on a corner off a pass from none other than Vittese.

Virginia, a team that had created numerous chances the entire season, finally capitalized at a truly effective clip. Scoring 13 goals over three games, the Cavaliers set a tournament record — defeating the previous record of 10.

Virginia's impressive play was duly rewarded in the all-tournament team. The Cavaliers had four of the 11 representatives — the most out of any team — in Foust, Hyams, Vittese and freshman defender Dominique van Slooten.

Foust earned the honor of being tournament MVP after scoring three goals, two of which were game winners, and Vittese was named ACC Offensive player of the year just a

week ago. Both awards shows how the Cavalier team is deeply talented.

"It's amazing to see their smiles and their tears of joy and you really see how much it means to them," Madison said. "To see the hard work and sacrifice to build the belief, because it's hard to have the belief when

you've never done it before. They found it somewhere deep inside to believe everything was possible."

The Cavaliers will look to continue their momentum as the first round of the NCAA Tournament begins Nov. 12.



COURTESY VIRGINIA ATHLETICS

The Virginia field hockey team claimed the program's first ACC Championship Sunday.

## Volleyball blows two-set lead against Boston College

*Hohenshelt looks to conduct self-evaluation of team*

**ALEC DOUGHERTY | ASSOCIATE EDITOR**

Everything looked set for the Virginia volleyball team to secure its sixth win of the season Sunday, but the wheels came off after a tough battle with Boston College. The Cavaliers (5-21, 2-12 ACC) went up two sets to none against the Eagles (8-16, 3-11 ACC) and looked to get out of the game in straight sets, but Boston College stormed back and took over

the game starting in the third set.

"All they did was start serving the ball over the net," coach Dennis Hohenshelt said. "We weren't good passing all weekend, and if we're not good passing, we have no chance. We out-hit them with 21 blocks, but we just couldn't pass the ball."

Freshman setter Jennifer Wineholt agreed with Hohenshelt that

Boston College's serving played a large role in the final few sets.

"They just always concentrated on the next ball and served some really tough balls at us," Wineholt said.

With its back against the wall in the third set, Boston College went on a big rally to stay alive, winning the set without much sweat as the Cavaliers could not get their own rally going.

The Cavaliers found some momentum in the fourth set, getting on a few big rallies to separate themselves from their opponent. However, the Eagles matched each of these attacks and took Virginia to a tiebreak point. Boston College took the set, 28-26, and went into the tiebreaker set with the clear upper hand in momentum.

Before the final set, Hohenshelt had a long huddle with his team to get them back on track.

"We always just take each set as a new opportunity to get kills and score points, and that one was no different," Wineholt said. "Dennis got us in a good mindset and we played hard, but it just wasn't enough."

Boston College completed the comeback, winning the last set 15-12. Freshman outside hitter Jill Strockis

led the Eagles in their comeback bid with 18 kills.

Virginia's senior hitter duo of Jasmine Burton and Haley Kole continued their strong tandem with 20 and 18 kills, respectively. Virginia had 21 blocks compared to Boston College's five, but the team could not generate its own offense when it counted.

Despite the great shift in momentum in the middle of the game, the Cavaliers were resilient and stayed toe-to-toe with the Eagles until the final point. Hohenshelt expected a strong effort out of his team the whole time, even as things got bleak.

"I think it had a lot to do with the leadership on our team," Wineholt said. "We have seniors and freshmen out there who trust each other, and you know that even when you make a mistake, you come to the center [of the court] with your sisters and move forward."

Unfortunately for the Cavaliers, the mistakes were not few and far between on Sunday when it came time to close out the match. The game exemplified the way the team's season has gone thus far — the Cavaliers get off to strong starts and build nice leads only to break down at the end

of a set or match when they have the chance to clinch games.

Hohenshelt did not yet have a plan for moving forward from this match, but he knows that the week ahead will give him and his players a chance to conduct a self-evaluation of the team.

"We'll figure out if the people we have on the floor are the people who deserve to be playing," he said."

Wineholt saw positives in the team's performance on Sunday, but she knows what the team has to work on going forward into the last games of the season.

"We know that we're very close, so we just have to go over those end-of-game situations in practice to make sure we're prepared for that final push," Wineholt said. "We need a little more pep in our step going forwards."

The Cavaliers have a week of practice before heading to Kentucky to play Louisville (8-16, 3-11 ACC) Friday for the first time this season. Sunday, the team will travel to South Bend, Ind. to take on Notre Dame (19-7, 10-4 ACC), also for the first time in 2016.



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Freshman setter Jennifer Wineholt said Boston College's improved serving helped their comeback.



## Late turnovers cast shadow over loss at Wake Forest

Throwing a pair of interceptions in the fourth quarter Saturday, Virginia junior quarterback Kurt Benkert cost the Cavaliers (2-7, 1-4 ACC) after they had scored 14 unanswered points to take a 20-17 lead in the third quarter. Virginia dropped its fourth-straight ACC contest, falling 27-20 to Wake Forest.

The Demon Deacons (6-3, 3-2 ACC) returned Benkert's first pick 41 yards to the Virginia 11-yard line, resulting in a 36-yard field goal to tie the game at 20. Benkert's second interception — an ill-advised heave out of the pocket into the arms of Demon Deacon redshirt freshman defensive back Jessie Bates — was returned for a touchdown with 6:47 remaining in regulation.

The Cavalier offense failed to answer back in the final minutes, as Wake Forest recorded its fifth sack of Benkert to hold Virginia on its final possession. Benkert finished with two touchdowns, but with just 190 yards passing and the two aforementioned turnovers as well.

Senior running back Taquan Mizzell carried the Cavalier offense, tallying 80 rushing yards and 79 receiving — the bulk of which came on his 45-yard, go-

ahead touchdown reception in the third quarter. Junior wide receiver Doni Dowling added eight catches for 76 yards and a score.

Behind their offensive line's effort, three Wake Forest ball carriers combined for 226 rushing yards on 51 carries. Junior quarterback John Wolford had a game-high 94 rushing yards — including a 64-yard touchdown scamper in the first quarter — and completed nine of 10 pass attempts for 83 yards and a touchdown.

Junior linebacker Micah Kiser again played with great energy on the defensive side of the ball, leading all players with 11 tackles and adding a sack. However, the Virginia offense's inability to move the ball hurt his unit's chances of slowing the Wake Forest ground attack as the game wore on.

The Cavaliers will play their final home game Saturday against Miami. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Scott Stadium.

— compiled by Grant Gossage



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Virginia blew a 20-17 fourth-quarter lead after two costly interceptions by junior quarterback Kurt Benkert.

## Louisville bests men's soccer in ACC Quarterfinals



WYATT ECK | THE CAVALIER DAILY

Junior goalkeeper Jeff Caldwell and the Virginia defense surrendered the match's lone goal in the 55th minute.

The No. 17 Virginia men's soccer team saw its ACC Tournament run come to an end Sunday afternoon as it fell against No. 10 Louisville in a tough, closely-fought match.

The Cavaliers (10-3-5, 3-2-3 ACC) had come into the match riding a 10-game unbeaten streak dating back to the end of September when they beat Cornell, 4-0. The streak had started with a lopsided 6-1 loss against the same Cardinal (12-4-2, 5-2-1 ACC) team they faced Sunday.

Although Virginia played tougher against Louisville this time around, it still ultimately fell, 1-0.

Offensively, Louisville dominated — outshooting Virginia, 15-4, and having 14 corner kicks as opposed to just one for the Cavaliers. Both teams battled in the first half as the two defenses clashed, holding the opposing offenses scoreless.

Louisville scored the deciding goal in the 55th minute, courtesy of junior midfielder Tim Kubel. Virginia couldn't answer back as Louisville's defense stood strong, closing out the match with a clean sheet.

The Cardinals will move on to the semifinals of the ACC

Tournament to face No. 2 Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C. Wednesday night.

Virginia will now wait for the NCAA Tournament selection show in order to see if it makes the 48-team field. The selection show will take place on NCAA.com and is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.

— compiled by Rahul Shah



# Swim and dive sweeps Penn State, women defeat Michigan

*Cavaliers continue strong performances in pool*

NOAH KIM | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Virginia swim and dive teams continued their seasons this past weekend against Big Ten foes Michigan and Penn State. The No. 6 women's team (3-0, 1-0 ACC) swept the competition, defeating No. 1 Michigan (2-1, 1-0 Big Ten) and Penn State (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten) by scores of 196.5-156.5 and 266-87, respectively. The No. 25 Cavalier men (2-1, 1-0 ACC) found success against Penn State (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten), winning 236-115, but lost to Michigan (3-0, 1-0 Big

Ten) by a score of 203-140. "I was very proud of our teams' performances this weekend," Virginia coach Augie Busch said. "We raced very well on both sides. Our men are experiencing some great momentum which is fun to see and our women also continue to do well." Busch has more than enough to be proud of. At the meet, senior Leah Smith captured the women's 1,000 free with a time of 9:32.03, while senior Austin Quinn took the men's 200 free in

1:37.48. "I'm happy to see the way the team fought," Busch said. "It was great to see the men have some mojo going. A lot of these guys have been through some tough times and to see them racing well was so gratifying. There were a lot of great swims this weekend. The majority of people had at least one lifetime and season best." After years of success in the ACC, the men's team has not been performing as well as the

standout women's team for the past few seasons. But, performances like Quinn's will only bolster Virginia's chances of achieving greatness again. The team has also been getting strong support from the diving squad — freshman diver Bryce Shelton swept his events, winning both the one- and three-meter competitions. "We train hard the whole week," Shelton said. "We practice every dive so we can go into each meet confident in every event. Even though it's a young group, the older kids have been very helpful. They've been helping the younger guys on how to train effectively. They are very encouraging in our effort to get the team to the highest level possible."

Diving coach Jason Glorius, praised Shelton for his drive and poise this weekend.

"It was a great meet for our divers," Glorius said. "I am very pleased with how we continue to focus on the process rather than the end result. Our scores are still very good for where we are in the season, so our focus is working. We just need to keep training hard and getting better every day in practice."

As usual, the women's team dominated in the pool, even when faced with the number one team in the nation — Michigan. While the lady Wolverines had a strong performance — including breaking the Aquatic & Fitness Center pool record in the 400 free relay — the Cavaliers had the perseverance to pull out the victory.

"We've been working on a lot of details," junior Jennifer Marrkand said. "I think we've done a really good job of being consistent. As a team, we are at a spot at this point in the season that we haven't been at in the past. Swimming Michigan and Penn State presented us with great opportunities to challenge ourselves. It's really cool to have to work for every meter. This competitive meet helped us prepare not only for Georgia, but for NCAAAs as well."

The meet Marrkand referred to is the Georgia Fall Invitational held in Athens, Ga. Every year, the meet attracts some of the nation's top swimmers and top teams. It typically presents a good barometer for teams with hopes of succeeding at the NCAAAs towards the end of the season.

"We're way better than we have been in the past years, especially on the men's side," Busch said. "Our relays are really showing that. We have some very solid times for this point in the season. Things are looking really good."

The Virginia diving team will compete at the NC State/GAC Diving Invite in Greensboro, N.C. on Nov. 19. The full Cavalier swim and dive teams will be in action next at the Georgia Fall Invitational Dec. 2-4.



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Junior swimmer Jennifer Marrkand and the No. 6 Cavalier women defeated No. 1 Michigan and Penn State this weekend.

GO VOTE





## COMMENT OF THE DAY

“As to labels, though, isn’t a more precise/detailed label an oxymoron? Labels are a convenient way to paint with a broad brush and serve a purpose, albeit limited.”

“rufus” in response to Matt Winesett’s Nov. 4 article, “On embracing ideological labels”

## LEAD EDITORIAL

## Rolling Stone got what it deserved

*The jury’s decision rightly vindicates Nicole Eramo*

Last week, a jury ruled that Rolling Stone’s “A Rape on Campus” contained actual malice against former Associate Dean Nicole Eramo. This brings near closure to a two-year ordeal for Eramo, who was met with messages such as “You let us down!” and “Stop protecting them” on the doors of Peabody Hall, among many other professional hardships. The jury’s decision validates what people who knew Eramo always believed: she did not deserve to be harmed by such a reckless disregard for the truth.

During the months leading up to the trial, Eramo’s supporters offered

lengthy testaments of the work she has done on Grounds. In Nov. 2014, students and community supporters published a set of letters in The Cavalier Daily advocating for Eramo. A trauma counselor at the Maxine Platzer Lynn Women’s Center spoke highly of her “superb” ability to help victims of sexual assault, both in her administrative duties and in the compassion she personally extends to survivors. Others offered very positive individual experiences with Eramo after dealing with rape and abuse crises, which starkly contrasted with Sabrina Rubin Erdely’s irresponsible — and legally

defamatory — depiction of Eramo as cold-hearted and apathetic.

Eramo experienced a period of personal and professional isolation that nobody, much less someone who has devoted her career to helping survivors of sexual assault, deserves. Though Rolling Stone has already been tried and condemned in the court of public opinion, we are relieved to see a court of law come to the same conclusion. Looking forward, we hope this decision promotes responsible journalism, especially regarding sexual assault.

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## REBUILDING THE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

*Instead of promoting third-party scheduling platforms, the University should overhaul SIS*

On Nov. 2, my colleague Eric Xu wrote an article encouraging the University to promote third-party scheduling platforms, particularly to first year students. He espoused the effectiveness of alternatives to the Students Information System, such as Lou's List and theCourseForum. Though Xu's argument brings up important issues with the efficiency of course scheduling, his proposed plan creates more hassle than help. Instead of working to promote several third-party entities, the University should modify SIS and create a more efficient scheduling body. Systems such as Lou's List that have proved popular with students could be used as models for a more efficient SIS. By streamlining and improving their own database, the University could ease the stress of student scheduling and keep all information within their own system.

A modified SIS would improve course selection because students could attain all relevant information through one platform. As Xu stated, most students create their

schedules using a combination of websites and resources outside of SIS. By changing SIS to include additional information about course descriptions and average grades obtained in different classes, students could rely on one platform instead of four to

Additionally, Xu states his proposal would add convenience to advising because professors themselves would become more familiar with third-party platforms. His main complaint is that professors rely on SIS and advise their students to rely on it as well,

inherently hindered by his proposal. For professors to maintain a knowledge of courses across disciplines, the system should be streamlined, rather than expanded.

Xu also proposed the University send an online newsletter to first-years to inform them of the different resources available for course scheduling information. He stated, "By improving the knowledge that students have about various ways to plan out schedules before enrollment begins, the University can help ensure that all students start on an equal playing field when the floodgates of enrollment actually open." This section of his plan is not only viable but should be encouraged. If the University modified SIS to include more resources and make it easier to use, they could email a simple "guide to SIS" tutorial to every first year prior to orientation. This way, first years could learn the system from the start. A newsletter would be an effective way to disseminate multiple pieces information about course selection resources,

but the University and its students would still benefit from a more user-friendly course selection database. The University should maintain the active level of communication with incoming first year students that Xu suggests but a better SIS would make the process easier on everyone.

Though Xu's plan may create more confusion in the realm of course scheduling resources, his argument shows that our current Student Information System is flawed. Students frequently turn to outside sites to avoid dealing with the University's resource of choice, but promoting those would cause more chaos. Ultimately, an improvement to the existing system would benefit all parties and is worth the investment.

**This issue could be solved in a much simpler manner by improving SIS.**

schedule for upcoming semesters. Through Xu's idea of promoting third-party websites would draw attention to strong platforms created by students and professors at the University, it would ultimately perpetuate the inefficiency that has plagued scheduling for years. Advocating for more platforms during scheduling is pointless, as the University should improve what already exists.

when it is far less efficient than its third-party counterparts. This issue could be solved in a much simpler manner by improving SIS. Professors could maintain their advising methods but they would have a better base to rely on. Also, Xu explains advisors must familiarize themselves with courses in many fields to provide a high quality service to students. This advising method would be

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## ON EMBRACING IDEOLOGICAL LABELS

*Eliminating political descriptors does not strengthen bipartisanship*

I don't quite know if it's a generational thing or a more nationwide trend, but it seems there's a widespread belief that eschewing partisan or ideological labels is a good thing. This is understandable — it likely stems from a well-intentioned feeling that we must combat polarization and reach bipartisan solutions — but counterproductive; removing descriptors doesn't solve the underlying disagreements between individuals. Rather than obscuring our beliefs, we should clarify them by embracing more labels, not less.

For tangible evidence of this label-bashing phenomenon, just witness the growing number of people who choose to identify as independent, rather than with a party. At the same time, there is confusion within labeled groups about who does or does not fit into a category. Pro- and anti-Donald Trump factions debate which side represents true conservatism. Hillary Clinton wavers between casting herself as a moderate and a progressive. Trump insists he is a conservative, but then says, "at this point who cares." Talk to any group of students on Grounds and a chunk of them will likely say they are "fiscally conservative but socially liberal," but what that philosophy actually entails varies from person to person. And then of course there is the national group styling itself "No Labels."

The upshot is words that were once helpful indicators of what others believed have now been rendered meaningless or discarded altogether. Down this road lies disappointment. First, insufficiently precise labels will lead voters supporting the same poli-

is that if language doesn't convey the truth of things, social disorder will follow. George Orwell makes similar points in "Politics and the English Language." In either case, the lesson is language should be as precise as possible, or our politics suffer.

drastically scale back entitlement programs. Foreign policy might even demonstrate a larger rift; just look at the last two Republican nominees. Mitt "Nostradamus" Romney called Russia America's number one geopolitical foe; Donald "Useful Idiot" Trump is Vladimir Putin's most high-profile defender.

The solution, then, isn't to abandon labels such as "conservative," but to clarify them. There's certainly no shortage of specifications one could adopt. Favor an especially hawkish foreign policy and made your peace with the existence of the welfare state? Say you're a neoconservative. Care more about social issues, think immigration should be reduced and/or prefer a more isolationist foreign policy? Proudly embrace the paleoconservative descriptor. Read National Affairs, Ross Douthat and Reihan Salam? Label yourself a reform conservative and help turn the GOP into the party of Sam's Club. There are countless other permutations once you include those with libertarian, liberal, progressive or socialist perspectives, and this only strengthens the point that eschewing labels is harmful: By neglecting labels, or merely describing oneself as "left of center" or "right of center," you fail to convey to elected officials which policies you prefer.

Embracing labels also applies

to partisan identification, even as the proliferation of ideological labels within parties causes them to lack any semblance of ideological coherence. But this is a feature rather than a bug. Parties should not be ideologically homogenous, because America is a two-party democracy and there are more perspectives than two party platforms could express. Forcing parties to become larger tents to accommodate varying interests is beneficial to themselves and the nation, as it will force parties to engage themselves, not just each other, in a competition of ideas. And the most effective way to force parties to cater towards varying interests is to maintain membership within parties.

As Josh Barro has written, "Change is made through party coalitions... Being a member of a party does not obligate you to vote for its bad candidates in the meantime... [But] political parties are key vehicles for policy making, and choosing not to join one is choosing to give up influence." The same can be said of refusing to embrace more descriptive ideological labels and thus failing to convey your policy preferences.

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tician to have vastly different expectations of their representative: In the age of Trump, who knows if someone who calls himself a conservative favors free trade or protectionism? Second, when politicians hide their beliefs behind empty platitudes about putting ideology aside and working to find pragmatic solutions, they imply sincerely held beliefs exist just to act as weapons of mass obstruction. This leads to further polarization, as voters begin to assume it's impossible to have partisan or ideological disagreements in good faith.

In Confucian thought, there exists an idea known as "the Rectification of Names." The basic idea

All of this is to say polarization and disillusionment don't stem from an abundance of labels, but, at least partially, from a scarcity. The idea that all Republicans should label themselves or should be labeled "conservative" is ludicrous. (This extends to the Democrats as well, but since I'm more cognizant of the in-house squabbles of conservatives and the GOP I'll focus my argument on them). Simply within the realm of domestic policy, there are self-identified conservatives who wish to significantly expand immigration, and those who wish to sharply reduce it. There are those who want to compromise on universal health care coverage, and those hoping to

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# DOPING MAY BE LEGAL, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE UNETHICAL

*Clearer rules specifying which substances are permissible would help athletes and their leagues*

In the early weeks of September, the Fancy Bears hacking group released data from the World Anti-Doping Agency, or WADA, database, showcasing their list of athletes who use banned substances legally. The revealing of the Therapeutic Use Exemptions list, or TUEs, shocked the world of sports. The hackers targeted top athletes, such as Simon Biles, Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams, in the attempt to expose some scandal that had been hiding behind the private doors of the WADA. While these athletes have all been granted approval of their drug use and have adhered to the anti-doping authorities, this exposure erupted serious ethical debate as to the use of banned drugs, regardless of their subsequent legality. The WADA needs to reevaluate and explicitly outline its doping laws so there is a mutual global understanding of the expectations of a world-class athlete, for there currently exists a gray area in the sports law — the Therapeutic Use Exemption.

This past spring, Maria Sharapova, a world-renowned

tennis player and model, confessed to taking meldonium during her performance at the Australian Open. Sharapova began taking this drug in 2006 in an effort to combat her magnesium deficiency and irregular EKG results. Meldonium, a drug

adhere to the doping policy once changes were made to the list of prohibited drugs, Sharapova is suffering a two-year withdraw from her profession as well as sponsor drops for using a drug that could arguably be considered one of therapeutic use, thus

son, the Guardian's chief sports correspondent, agrees the line is rather unclear: "It's blurred, it's always shifting and it looks very different depending on where you stand as an athlete, as a coach, as an administrator, as a fan... The very words Therapeutic Use Exemption understandably cause an involuntary raise of the eyebrows."

Former professional cyclist David Millar recounts his doping days, reminding us performance-enhancing drugs ruin the beauty and nature of competition. To abuse the system to vie for an advantage with illegal means is defamatory to the sport, the competitors and the fans. The temptation to get a leg up exists, and it is fair to say that we will not always choose to do the right thing, but we cannot think, "Never mind if it's unethical, as long as it's not illegal." While TUEs may make a banned drug legal to a competitor, that does not mean taking them is acting ethically.

While ethical standards can be monitored and strongly encouraged, it is primarily up to the competitor to either make

ethical action a priority or succumb to the innate drive for gold, despite the infractions along the way to the top. The TUE does have good intentions in its efforts to keep athletes healthy, but it should only take effect in the cases in which the drug is absolutely and unmistakably required for an athlete's wellbeing. Only then, as David Millar proposes, should the TUE permit its use outside of competition: "For an athlete's own well-being, it is better to face the fact of sickness or injury and withdraw from competition. And for the sport's well-being, it is better to avoid a system open to abuse and exploitation." The legality of the drugs is rather clear-cut. Doping is a question of ethics. How far are we willing to push the limits before we cross the blurred line between what is ethical and what is corrupt?

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that facilitates blood flow, thus increasing exercise capacity, was only banned in Sept. 2015 after having been monitored for several years. Sharapova's lawyer, John Haggerty, contends, "In higher doses, meldonium can serve as a performance-enhancer." Yet, Sharapova was taking a prescribed dose, strictly for her health. While she did fail to fully

exempting her from punishment.

This is where the doping laws become unclear. If she were using the banned medication for the sole purpose of maintaining her health, Sharapova should be exempt like the other athletes using illegal drugs for their illnesses of the like. But that is not the case. Owen Gib-

# ON EMBRACING TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

*Individual students can take steps towards being more inclusive of their transgender peers*

The University's recent decision to offer more open, gender-neutral housing suggests that — at least on an institutional level — the University is attempting to become more welcoming for transgender students. While institutional changes like these are crucial to ensuring all students can thrive at the University, they cannot be the entirety of the effort to make Grounds more diverse and inclusive. Social changes, led by students themselves, are another vital aspect of the effort. Although CIOs such as the Queer Student Union do great work to "provide a safe and supportive social space" for transgender students, individual students can and should do their part to make this space more inclusive.

First, a brief discussion of terms may be beneficial. Gender identity refers to the internal, personal and invisible assignment of gender. For many of us, the answer is obvious: I'm a girl, and as one writer notes, the idea of saying that I'm anything other than female feels about as ridiculous as asserting I'm a dinosaur. Gender presentation refers to the way we choose to dress and present ourselves to others, and often matches gender identity — but not always.

Someone might choose to dress in gendered clothing, but that doesn't mean anything about the way they identify themselves.

The distinction between these two concepts means we can't always assume to know someone's gender. Luckily, this area of po-

With these definitions in mind, students at the University should make conscious effort to make room for gender nonconforming individuals. This effort has both a passive and an active element. First, students should avoid making assumptions

cisgender or transgender.

Some might argue this effort is overkill, considering that transgender students make up only a small percent of the population. A recent survey by the UCLA School of Law found that about 1.4 million Americans identify as transgender, which is about 0.6% of the population. While the number of transgender youths is difficult to determine, young people 18-24 were more likely than older people to identify themselves as transgender. Although transgender individuals are relatively rare, they are profoundly affected by institutional and social discrimination. According to the 2013 study of American public schools, "37 percent [of LGBT youth] feel unsafe because of their gender expression." Furthermore, "55 percent [of LGBT youth] were verbally harassed because of their gender expression." A 2011 survey of transgender individuals found that nearly 47% percent reported attempting suicide at some point in time, while only about 4% of the United States population as a whole has attempted suicide. Overall, the effort that students at the University would have to put forth to normalize pronoun clarification would be relatively

minimal, and could have a profound impact on both transgender students and cisgender students who want to be creative in their gender presentation.

This is not a plea for political correctness or stifling discourse in the name of "safe spaces." This issue is about the real and severe effects that social and institutional discrimination has on gender minorities. Transgender students at the University are not free from this hate: Last spring, anonymous transphobic messages appeared in chalk all around Grounds. When we don't assume gender and clarify that our own gender should not be assumed, we make room for people to express themselves however they like and show support for a group that is frequently targeted and marginalized. Especially with something so personal as gender, people deserve the chance to define themselves on their own terms.

**Secondly, students should clarify their own gender if they want others to know what it is.**

tential confusion is pretty easy to clear up. I can tell someone my gender identity outright, so they don't have to make assumptions based on what I wear or how I look. I could say, "I'm Jordan, and I use 'she/her' pronouns." For me, and for most students at the University, the clarification is not necessary. Our gender identities generally match how we present. But for those students whose identity and presentation don't match, their gender identity is often conflated (incorrectly) with their gender presentation.

about gender. The judgment is often unconscious and automatic — but that doesn't mean it's impossible to recognize and correct. Secondly, students should clarify their own gender if they want others to know what it is. The act could be as simple as indicating what pronouns should be used on the first day of a class discussion or including pronouns in an email signature, like these University of Vermont medical students did — and helps normalize the idea of clarifying pronouns, regardless of whether someone identifies as

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EVENTS

**MONDAY 11/7**  
Catholic Student Ministry Presents: Ignite, 7:30-9pm, CSM (401 Alderman Rd)  
LGBTQ Presents: Queer Health Series, 5:30-6:30pm, Newcomb LGBTQ Center  
UVA Career Center Presents: Shills Share Photo-shop, 11:30am-1pm, Clemons Media Lab

**TUESDAY 11/8**  
Relay for Life Presents: Eat Roots. Fight Cancer., 5-8pm, Roots Natural Kitchen  
Stud Co Presents: Sustainability Forum 7:15-8pm, Maury 115  
Department of Politics Presents: Election Night Viewing Party, 7:30-10pm, Maury 209

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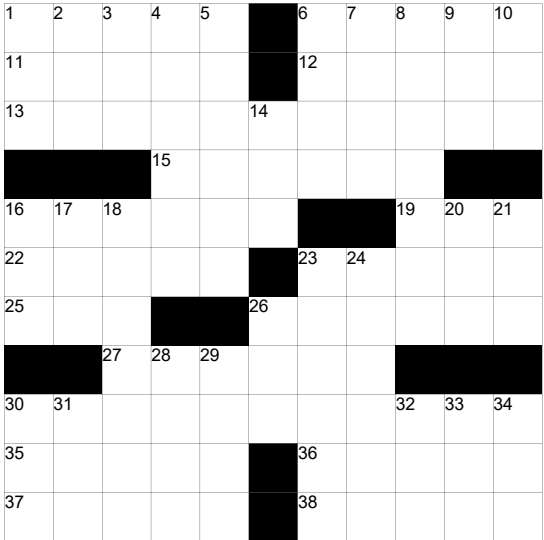
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

SAM EZERSKY | PUZZLE MASTER

- ACROSS**
- 1. Anatomical "punching bag"
  - 6. Nasdaq offering
  - 11. Used, as a chair: 2 wds.
  - 12. X-rated Snapchat transmission, informally
  - 13. November 8, 2016, this year: 2 wds.
  - 15. Task-switching keyboard shortcut for Windows: 2 wds.
  - 16. Phrase on a 13-Across sticker: 2 wds.
  - 19. UVA's NCAA div.
  - 22. Casual eatery
  - 23. \_\_\_ diet (trendy health fad)
  - 25. Place with complimentary bathrobes
  - 26. Something cast on 13-Across
  - 27. Table linen fabric
  - 30. Virginia and others, on 13-Across: 2 wds.
  - 35. Fan's shout at a TV camera, stereotypically: 2 wds.
  - 36. "Remember the \_\_\_"
  - 37. James Bond, for one
  - 38. Smallest number divisible by the numbers 1 through 6

- DOWN**
- 1. "\_\_\_ the Force, Luke"
  - 2. Kilmer who played Batman
  - 3. Native American in the western U.S.



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- 4. Find
- 5. Weapon for a reindeer
- 6. Crud in a Kleenex
- 7. Canned fish
- 8. Weirdo
- 9. Org. in Tom Clancy books
- 10. Item often kept on a chain
- 14. "\_\_\_ be my pleasure!"
- 16. Cards used for Boylan
- 17. Big shot
- 18. Quickly and suddenly, as with stopping: 3 wds.
- 20. Apple's Tim Cook, e.g.
- 21. Army bed
- 23. Linguini, rigatoni, and orzo
- 24. \_\_\_ metals (periodic table group)
- 26. Some UVA degs.
- 28. Unnamed internet user, in brief
- 29. "Electric Feel" hitmakers, 2008
- 30. Nonsense song syllable
- 31. Hair that's unreal?
- 32. IRS payment
- 33. Rescue squad member: Abbr.
- 34. Ingredient in veggie burgers

\*THE SOLUTION TO THIS PUZZLE CAN BE FOUND IN THURSDAY'S ISSUE

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# LOVE CONNECTION CAELAN & JASMINE

Matching ratings at Mellow Mushroom

ERIC DOTTERER | LOVE GURU

*Caelan and Jasmine met on Saturday at 1 p.m. and went to Mellow Mushroom on the Corner.*

**CAELAN:** I signed up for Love Connection because one of my friends was recently in one, and a different friend and I were reading it and we thought it would be fun to do. I filled out the survey and it looked like a cool opportunity.

**JASMINE:** I thought it would be a fun adventure. I had nothing to lose from doing it, and I knew that I would gain a new friend from doing it at the very least.

**CAELAN:** I was kind of surprised when I was chosen. I thought that you filled it out and it took a long time to get along to you, but I was contacted quickly, so I was excited. I have never been on a blind date before, so I was a little nervous. I had read a couple similar articles and some of them had ended up really awkward, so I was kind of worried but also excited.

**JASMINE:** I was pretty excited and a little bit nervous about what I got myself into. I haven't been on a blind date before, so I didn't really have any expectations. I thought it might be awkward or weird, and I went into it thinking it was going to be a little bit of an uphill battle.

**CAELAN:** I was at the Rotunda about five minutes early so I sat there and waited. There were other people around, so I didn't know who I was meeting. She ended up being a bit late. We made a plan and decided to go to Mellow. She seemed really nice.

**JASMINE:** I was actually running late because some Evangelists stopped me, and they walked with me to the date. I saw him standing there, and it was obvious that he was waiting for someone. We introduced ourselves, and I said bye to the Evangelists. He seemed really nice and quirky but in a cool way. He also seemed intelligent.

**CAELAN:** The conversation itself was really easy. I sometimes have a tendency to do a lot of talking, but it didn't feel super forced. We did the whole, "What year are you, what major

are you, etc." and it went pretty well from there. We talked about our mutual friends, our church experiences and the fact that we're both from Virginia.

**JASMINE:** It wasn't very awkward. There were a few quiet moments, but we're strangers, so it was kind of expected. The conversation flowed pretty freely. Usually I'm a talker, but I found myself listening more, [but] not because he was dominating the conversation. We talked about our academic paths, a little about our families, travels, adventure and the

outdoors.

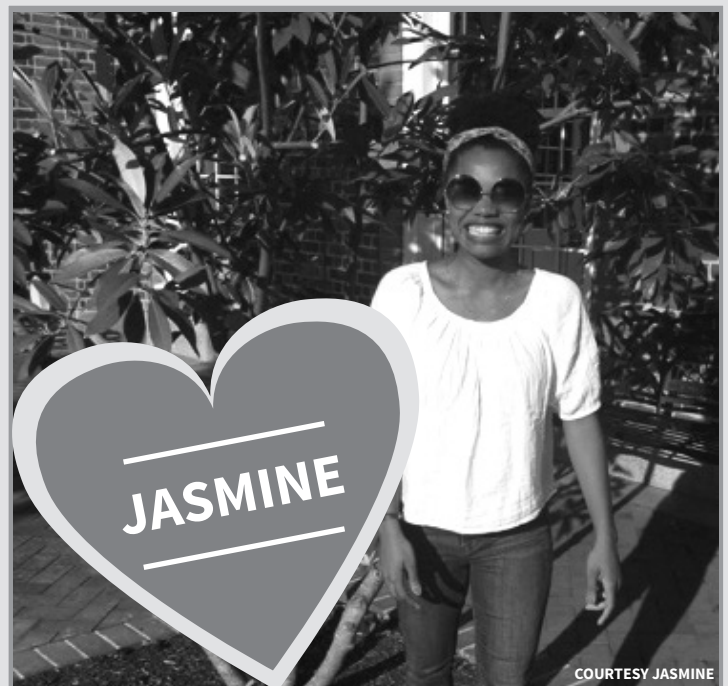
**CAELAN:** Jasmine asked for our waitress' name at the beginning, and that's something I wish I did more. We made sure to try to say her name every time she came by our table, and I was finally able to say it at the end when she brought our check.

**JASMINE:** We had a few things in common — we're both third-years, we're both Christian and we both like pineapples on our pizza. We're also both sarcastic which is good. We don't take things too seriously.



**YEAR:** Third  
**MAJOR:** Chemical Engineering and French  
**U.VA. INVOLVEMENT:** Marching Band, Quidditch, Jubilate, Wesley Foundation  
**HOMETOWN:** Manassas, Va.  
**IDEAL DATE ACTIVITY:** U.Va. basketball game or Indie rock concert.  
**DEALBREAKERS?:** Closed-mindedness, liking VT, disliking pineapple on pizza.  
**DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEKEND:** Playing trombone with the band at the football game on Saturday, followed by celebrating the victory with a nice cold season of X-files.  
**HOBBIES:** Board games with the roomies, geocaching, going to Cookout after 1 a.m., playing "Wonderwall" in the stairway, listening to French pop music.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A GOOD CATCH?:** I'm incredibly modest, and I understand irony.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A LESS-THAN-PERFECT CATCH?:** I can't cook much more than mac and cheese.  
**WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL?:** Elephant — I admire their intelligence, while still being afraid of the little things, like mice.  
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PICK-UP LINE?:** "Do you believe in love at first sight? Or should I walk by again?"  
**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE SENTENCE:** I'm a stubborn Taurus who doesn't believe in astrology.

**YEAR:** Third  
**MAJOR:** Global Development Studies and African-American and African Studies  
**U.VA. INVOLVEMENT:** Cavs in the Classroom, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Resident Advisor  
**HOMETOWN:** Mechanicsville, Va.  
**IDEAL DATE ACTIVITY:** Trying a restaurant on The Charlottesville 29 list and doing something outdoorsy.  
**DEALBREAKERS?:** Racist, sexist, likes dogs, carnivorous, capitalist.  
**DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEKEND:** DD-ing, making a list of all that I need to accomplish and then doing 10 percent of it, going on an adventure, hanging with a pal or two.  
**HOBBIES:** Basking in the sun's warmth, hanging with kids 6 and under, deleting pictures and apps from my phone because I need more storage, being confused for another young black queen.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A GOOD CATCH?:** I'm a young black queen with great cheek bones, a listening ear and a kind heart.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A LESS-THAN-PERFECT CATCH?:** I'm recklessly sarcastic, unnecessarily busy and I don't like dogs.  
**WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL?:** A duck — according to a BuzzFeed quiz.  
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PICK-UP LINE?:** "You're hotter than the bottom of my laptop."  
**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE SENTENCE:** I prefer to use lower case letters, and I like stationary.



**CAELAN:** I got more of a friend vibe. The conversation was easy, but there was no romantic interest.

**JASMINE:** It was more of a friend vibe.

**CAELAN:** We split the pizza and the bill and then we left. My car was parked close by, so I drove her home.

**JASMINE:** The check came, and he offered to pay, but I gave him cash. I thought it would be weird to have a stranger pay

for me.

**CAELAN:** I would give it a 7 and a half out of 10. The conversation was great, I had a good time, but there was no romantic spark.

**JASMINE:** We talked about it and decided it was definitely over a five. I would give it a 7 and a half.

# Top 10 ways to dodge political debates

*When people just don't understand that your mind is made up*

ABIGAIL LAGUE | LIFE COLUMNIST

## 1. THE GLITTER BOMB

Nothing is more distracting and obnoxious than glitter — it gets everywhere. So if you're as tired of people trying to force their political opinions down your throat as I am, be sure to keep a solid handful of glitter in your pocket at all times. Then, when it's clear they're about to launch into an anger-fueled lecture, throw the glitter in their face and run. Key "go" terms are "Trump," "Clinton," "emails" and "bigly."

## 2. THE BOILING WATER TECHNIQUE

This masochistic option was given by my friend, Elvera. I used the word "debate" and she immediately replied, "dunk my head in boiling water." An alternative would be to "Game of Thrones" it and dunk your head in molten gold. This is only for those who are rich and have a golden toilet or something. So there you have it. It's an option — not the best option — but an option. I would like to publicly state that I do not endorse it. Notice how I responsibly chose not to endorse something I knew wasn't in the public's interest?

## 3. THE CLAIM OF IGNORANCE

There's an election? What's an election? What happened to the king? Sorry, I've been frozen in a glacier for a couple hundred years and have no idea what's going on. Boy do I miss the good old days where we had no vote. Please, don't tell me about your backwards system. Oh you're going to tell me anyways? Well, go ahead, I guess ... \*slowly lowers hand into pocket searching for glitter bomb.\*

## 4. THE "I'M SORRY, WE'RE BREAKING UP"

Does your Aunt Patricia think that the monthly phone call is the time to talk politics? Well, I guess it's time for you to get some shoddy service. Make some static noises with interspersed dialogue — "Oh, no ... but ... our ... conversations ... I love ... miss ..." If it works, see if this method can be employed in regular face-to-face conversations. Is someone starting a political argument? "Oh, no ... but ... your ... rant is ... so interesting ..." Then just slowly back away, all the while maintaining creepy eye contact.

## 5. THE PARROT

"You know what I think about the election?"  
 "You know what I think about the election?"  
 "No, I just asked you about what I —"  
 "No, I just asked you about what I —"  
 "Hey ... stop that."  
 "Hey ... stop that."  
 "Son of a —"  
 \*Stomps away in anger.\*

## 6. THE THINKER

If you have a friend who finds nothing more enjoyable than a good debate, give them some sort of a brainteaser to keep them distracted. Don't even look up the answer so you can't cave and tell them. Let them struggle. Let the riddle rattle around in their head for the rest of eternity — or at least until the election is over. For example, what English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters? And, how did Mark legally marry three women in Michigan, without divorcing any of them, becoming legally separated or any of them dying?

## 7. THE CUTENESS

A good way to completely distract someone is with any type of cute animal. A cat, a dog, a teacup pig — anything cute and small will prompt squealing and baby talk from me. I honestly have no idea how others will react — I just really want to encourage anyone with a teacup pig to come forward. Either way, I can guarantee that the sudden appearance of an adorable pet would make me forget what I was saying.

## 8. THE SECRET

I stand corrected. There is one thing more obnoxious than glitter. Only one. When a friend says, "I have a secret I really want to tell you," you can't help but get a little bit excited to hear what they will divulge. When they follow up your polite encouragement to continue with, "I can't tell you," something inside of you dies and suddenly nothing in this world is more important than finding out the secret. Nothing. Not the election. Not the pointlessness of life. Not the fact that you probably left the stove on. Nothing.

## 9. THE DROWN-OUT

This method is especially effective in cars. As a driver, you probably don't want to be throwing glitter, as the AC could cause it to backfire on you. So what is the solution to stopping a political rant in its tracks? Slowly turn the volume of the music up as your friend is speaking. Incrementally, you will not be able to hear them, and blissful, crappy radio music will fill the car. If you aren't in a car but still need music, headphones always work, but don't have the added bonus of letting your friend know they need to stop talking.

## 10. THE PANIC

This one is slightly illegal. I'm 99 percent sure it's just slightly illegal. It's hard to come up with 10 ways to do something, okay? But I digress. Let's just say you're in a public building of some sort. They all have fire alarms, right? That tempting red handle that makes your hand twitch with the sheer desire to pull it? The one that you're only supposed to pull if there's a fire? Pull it. *Writer's note — I also do not endorse this.*



# Minority student groups reflect on election

*Muslim Student Alliance, Latino Student Alliance, Native American Student Union speak out*

LUCY HOPKINS | FEATURE WRITER

For many reasons, this election has been one of the most contentious in American history and several minority populations have found themselves at the forefront of political discourse. Whether America sees a Clinton or Trump presidency after Election Day, the next president will serve as the ultimate representative for the people of the nation — speaking on behalf of all groups of people.

While most polls predict a Clinton presidency, the reality of a Trump presidency is not abstract. Widely regarded as the less “politically correct” candidate, many believe that Trump is the harbinger of increased national racial tension and discriminatory legislation.

“Either way, if Trump is to become elected or he is not, it’s the mindset ... now that [is] ingrained in people’s heads, especially a lot of prejudices,” Aseer Ahmad, fourth-year College student and Muslim Student Alliance Outreach Coordinator, said.

Throughout the election cycle, Trump has been accused of promoting an Islamophobic message, but Muslims are not the only minority group of which Trump has spoken disparagingly — Hispanic Americans have also been targeted by pro-

posed immigration policy.

“For sure, the Trump presidency ... would be more dangerous, most people would think,” Amelia Garcia, fourth-year College student and Latino Student Alliance President, said.

This sentiment rings true with many Americans, not just minorities. In a recent Associated Press-GfK nationwide poll, 56 percent of respondents said they fear a Trump presidency, and an overwhelming two-thirds of respondents said they find him to be at least somewhat racist.

“As far as native communities go, I don’t really see any positives [with a Trump presidency],” Ben Walters, third-year Engineering student and NASU Powwow Coordinator, said. “[His presidency promises] just the consistent racism and hatred that he seems to bring out in a lot of people.”

However, Trump still maintains some support within minority groups. Like any demographic group, opinions and preferences on the election are not uniform within the Hispanic community.

In a recent poll done by Bendixen and Amandi International and the Tarrance Group, it was found that while Clinton leads Trump with likely Hispanic voters in the battleground

states of Arizona, Colorado, Florida and Nevada, in none of those states does Trump entirely lack support from the Hispanic electorate.

“There are some in the Hispanic community who agree with [Trump’s] economic policy but not his immigration, but there are even those in the Hispanic community that say ‘I came here legally, I got a green card, I waited in line and ... I don’t want the Democrats to give amnesty to all immigrants, they should wait in line too,’” Garcia said.

Within the Muslim community, a smaller but no less real diversity of opinions is seen. Of the Muslim Americans included in a recent nationwide poll conducted by the Council on American-Islamic Relations, 85 percent felt that the presence of Islamophobia has grown in the last year, but only 72 percent of those polled plan to vote for Clinton.

“After all this hateful rhetoric you see from Trump, you’d think that 99 percent of Muslims are dead-set on voting for Clinton, but everyone has their own opinions,” Ahmad said. “There’s been policies that I personally wouldn’t agree with on Clinton’s side, but at this point it’s about choosing not only who’d better for Muslims

but for Americans in general.”

In a recent poll conducted by The Cavalier Daily, no Muslim students indicated that they intended to vote for Trump.

Clinton has vocalized her support of immigration reform, the nationwide movement towards achieving racial justice and equality and the rights of women, disabled Americans and members of the LGBTQ community. For these reasons — among others — her support base in minority groups is larger than Trump’s.

“There’s an extreme variety within the Hispanic community as a whole in the U.S.,” Garcia said. “For a Clinton presidency, obviously the positive, at least for immigration, is that she would uphold DACA [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals] and introduce comprehensive immigration reform.”

While some groups find direct positives to a Clinton presidency, some in the Native American community may see little to no impact with Clinton in office, Walters said. “I don’t see nearly as many negatives with [a Clinton] presidency but personally I don’t see a whole lot of positives either,” Walters said. “She

... supported some legislation that did directly pertain to native peoples and then on a couple occasions she supported legislation that indirectly helped native peoples ... [but] she’ll more or less have sort of a net zero impact on the native population as a whole.”

Regardless of who becomes the next president, this election cycle has caused many to increase their involvement in the government and political process. According to the Pew Research Center, 28.5 percent of Americans voted in the primaries this year — the second highest voter turnout this country has seen in primaries since at least 1980.

“One interesting thing that a lot of people mentioned — going back to Trump — for the case on Muslims is that ever since his campaign has started, more Muslims have been politically active than ever before, so I look at it as a blessing in disguise,” Ahmad said. “If it were just to be straightforward, like a normal election or campaign we’ve had in previous years, Muslims never would’ve been outgoing in campaigning or getting our voices heard in lobbying.”

## International students critique election

*Impact of an American election on international students*

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With the arrival of November, the weather is cooling down but the political climate is coming to a boil. On Tuesday, citizens will make their way to the polls to decide who will be at the helm of one of the most influential countries on the globe. To many, this election cycle may feel like a choice between the lesser of two evils, but the impact of this decision spreads far beyond those who have a vote in the election.

“I think in a way it’s annoying that I’m not able to vote just because I want to make that choice, but it’s also really hard to make that choice,” Akash Khungar, a fourth-year Commerce student from India, said.

The University has a thriving global community made up of almost 2,000 international students from 86 separate countries. The issue of immigration is quite contentious this election, causing some international students to feel uncertain about their futures. This population is especially affected because their subsequent plans will be determined by an election in which

they cast no ballot.

“I think that sense of anxiety comes from the fact that if Trump gets elected, what does my future look like, in terms of staying in the U.S.,” Khungar said. “Especially since I’m a fourth-year, my plans are to be working in the U.S. right after graduating.”

Many of the same patterns and questions of this election are rising to relevance in other nations. Some compare the choice between candidates to the Brexit vote earlier this year.

In June, the United Kingdom voted in a referendum to leave the European Union.

“I think that Brexit happening is sort of the same thing ... as Trump becoming a major party nominee,” Sophie Maeter, a third-year College student who grew up in the United Kingdom, said. “Immigration becomes an issue because ... it’s the thing people are most afraid of right now, and fear is the greatest motivator to vote. Convince people there are going to be floods of immigrants coming in, and they’re afraid of that — they’re

going to vote.”

The rhetoric of this political cycle revolves around large gaps in ideology — between political insiders and outsiders, the wealthy, the middle class and the poor, white nationalists and minorities. The greater conversation revolves around the relevance each issue is given in the campaign and media.

“This election has been more about just beating the other candidates by what they’ve done in the past and less talking about real issues,” Khungar said.

The election is important in determining where the United States stands on the global stage. The United States could lessen support of NATO and restrict Muslim immigrants from entering the country as Donald Trump proposes, or it could continue a more traditional post-World War II foreign policy by working closely with allied nations as Hillary Clinton plans.

Trump has called for putting “America first” by renegotiating trade deals, increasing tariffs reevaluating alliances like NATO and limiting immigra-

tion, while Clinton has called for comprehensive immigration reform, continuing American involvement in NATO and has generally been viewed as more supportive of free trade.

“Assuming a global leadership position in our current multipolar world, with the rise of China, with the rise of other powers, it’s extremely hard for the U.S. to find its place,” Clarisse Marsac, a third-year College student on exchange from France, said. “However, we do still need the U.S. To retreat into isolationism and to not intervene anywhere would leave a sort of power vacuum. It would be dangerous.”

Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson plans to create a more efficient system to assimilate immigrants by making it easier to get work visas and providing quicker background checks. Green Party candidate Jill Stein supports the DREAM Act and creating a better route to citizenship.

“Americans have a much more domestic focus than other countries,” Maeter said. “Some-

thing Americans haven’t really considered is how this election looks to the rest of the world. It’s very easy to say, ‘I like this candidate’ or ‘I don’t like this candidate because of xyz’ on a domestic level. I think Americans need to step back and say the world is looking at us right now, what do we want them to see?”

Despite the polarity of this election cycle, it is important for the nation to remain united. Whatever the outcome may be, there is always hope for a better future as long as there is open political discourse.

“I think given that it’s still a democratic nation even after the election there are ways to still voice your opinion. You can still do that with your own state and take it nationally,” Khungar said. “It’s really important to come together and discuss things rather than just having those polarized opinions and having those two-opposing points of views and not caring what the other side has to say.”

# From the Architecture School to the White House

*U.Va. students, faculty renovate First Lady's White House Kitchen Garden*

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As President Barack Obama and his family wrap up their time in the White House, First Lady Michelle Obama intends to leave a lasting legacy on the property through her “Let’s Move!” initiative with a revival of the White House Kitchen Garden.

Beginning in early May, the National Park Service called on Architecture Prof. Beth Meyer, a member of the United States Commission of Fine Arts and former dean of the Architecture School, to assemble a group of University students, faculty and alumni to design and construct a new layout for the garden complete with tables and benches, as well as an arbor for the entryway.

The team was challenged to design a space for ages from all walks of life, whether the visitors are fourth-graders or heads of state. Architecture graduate student Josh Aronson said the task was to create something “not too alternative but graceful to fit all ages.”

“[It had to have] the aesthetic of a farmer’s garden but with the grace of the White House,” Aronson said.

Ultimately, they came up with a theme — “e pluribus unum,” which means “out of many, one.” In continuity with the theme, University alumnus Owen Weinstein explained even the tables

had two parts and could come together in a variety of ways.

“It’s a fundamental American ideal — we are better together than apart,” Weinstein said.

With this in mind, they designed tables and benches made with strips of seventeen different types of wood sourced from different places across the country representing agriculture, food production. This includes wood from chicken coops, wine vats and pickle barrels, as well as wood from the homes and farms of three founding fathers — Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe. Additionally, the structures even consist of wood from the home of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Roger Sherry, University alumnus, landscape architect and master craftsman, explained the symbolism of the garden construction. Because visitors face west toward the Appalachian Mountains at the garden’s entrance, the team designed the entrance to be made of oak native to the Appalachians. Likewise, when leaving the garden, guests face the east, so the exit is composed of cypress native to that region.

Sherry also shared the First Lady’s vision for a long-lasting natural space. Consequently, the team included steel within the structures — for the arbor specif-

ically had to withstand the immense amount of gravitational force the Marine One Helicopter creates when it lands.

Along with its structural renovation, the team reinvented the layout of the garden, reflective and encouraging of the “Let’s Move!” campaign.

“The garden now has a heart, a place to gather, and it feels welcoming,” Meyer said. There is also something significant in working on a renovation to a garden so permanent.

“People [are always] taking iconic pictures of the White House,” Weinstein said. Because

the garden is visible from the south fence, it is now “permanently part of that photo.”

The project is ultimately reflective of the American desire for invention but also the importance to look back at the past and reflect, Weinstein said.



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The White House Garden team designed the outdoor space to last for years to come.

## Student Council holds Disability Acceptance Week

*Increasing awareness, resources for students surrounding disabilities*

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Last week, members of the Disability Council — a subcommittee of the Office of Diversity and Equity’s Diversity Council within Student Council — held Disability Acceptance Week. Events aimed to educate, raise awareness and increase acceptance within the University community.

Disability Council member Araba Dennis, a third-year College student, explained how Disability Acceptance Week fits into the larger mission of embracing diversity at large at the University.

“It was important to us that the people and students living with disabilities are part of our definition of diversity — that is, a variety of people with different lived experiences who are both accepted and celebrated for their ability to create new perspectives,” Dennis said.

Members of the council part-

nered with a variety of actors including professors, the Office for Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights and the Disability Studies Initiative to enhance the week’s events. Each day focused on different aspects of disability, including a mental health panel, an ally training and a lecture focusing on the disability rights movement.

“I think there are still many misconceptions about disability,” Vo said. “In fact, I learned a lot from this week. I would highly recommend everyone to go through Accessibility Ally Training provided by EOCR. Also, society normally only associates disabilities with physical disabilities. Mental disabilities are just as important.”

Third-year College student Anelle Mensah worked on professor coordination within the committee. She explained the strategic reasoning

for diversifying the week’s events to engage attendees.

“We tried to diversify the type of events we were going to offer — we definitely wanted to strike the necessary balance between education and fun,” Mensah said. “We had everything from trainings to film screenings, and we hoped to emphasize that there are different ways to learn about these issues besides sitting in a room and listening to someone talk.”

Mensah also explained how Disability Acceptance Week is critical for illuminating the inherent misunderstandings held by those in the able-bodied community about people living with disabilities.

“I have noticed not only at U.Va. but [also] in larger conversations that if you are living with a disability, your life is far more difficult than that of an able-bodied person,” Mensah

said. “This leads able-bodied people feeling pity for their disabled peers when we actually have no understanding of what their lives are truly like. Having a disability does not mean you are living your life as if it is forever on pause — disabled individuals lead rich and fulfilling lives.”

In terms of future areas of improvement for the University to become a more inclusive community, Dennis stressed the importance of a tangible increase in accessibility in terms of infrastructure and mental health resources.

“In the IRC where I’m a Resident Advisor there are no elevators and few ramps,” Dennis said. “A person with a physical disability would be unable to comfortably live here. Additionally, resources for people with mental health-related disabilities should be made more aware of resources like [the Student Disability

Access Center].”

Furthermore, Dennis said the feedback from attendees can empower Student Council to better address the issues facing students, especially once concerns are situated within the competitive and high-achieving environment that can usher in health problems.

“As facilitator of the dialogue, I did my best to get feedback from attendees about ways in which Student Council could address these mental health needs from students, and across the board it seemed U.Va.’s culture of competition and widespread elitism do the most damage,” Dennis said. “A great deal needs to be done to show students that studying for a test is never more important than sleeping, eating or generally taking care of oneself.”



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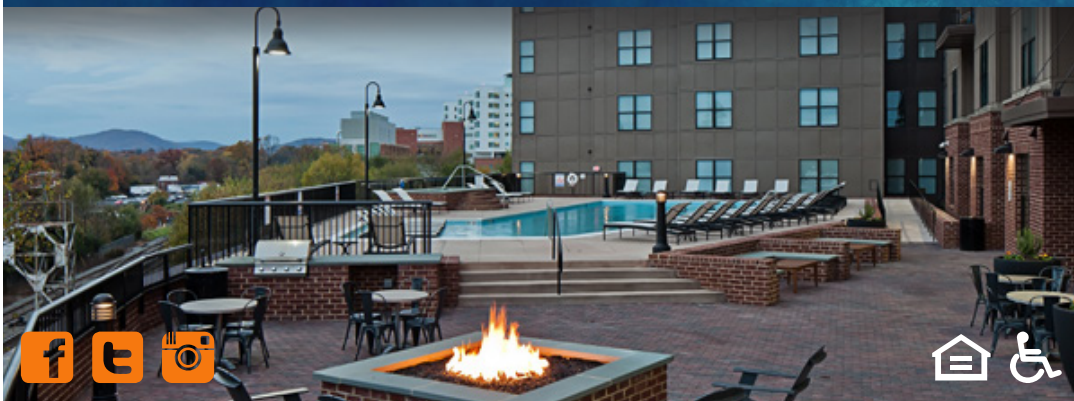
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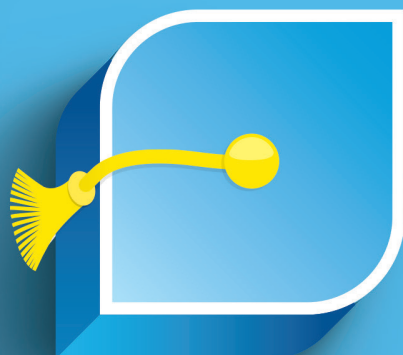
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