

MINCER'S: a University legacy

*A look at the historic
family business and its
iconic spot on the Corner*

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The blue and orange awning that extends above the Corner's brick sidewalk is an unmistakable landmark of the Charlottesville area. Mincer's University of Virginia Imprinted Sportswear has been a part of University tradition since 1948, opening as a tobacco shop under the name of Mincer's Humidor. Since then, the legacy of Mincer's — and the types of products it offers — has developed under the three generations of ownership by Mincer men.

Mincer's initial business model reflects the starkly

different picture of University life in the mid-20th century. Bestselling products initially included tobacco goods and stationery, as smoking was relatively common among the young male students who primarily used letters to communicate with friends and family from home. Among many of its other historic quirks, Mincer's was also once the largest record dealer between Washington D.C. and Raleigh, N.C.

"A lot of people still come who remember the cigar box on the counter," current owner Mark Mincer said. "[It] had \$5 in it, and you could leave your name and borrow [the money] when you were in a tough time and didn't have anywhere else to get it."

After women were first allowed to enroll at the University in 1970, students found themselves looking for more casual wardrobe options to counter the classic coat-and-tie uniform of a University gentleman. It was

this growing demand for T-shirts that prompted Mincer's to begin selling University apparel. With the advent of Easter Weekend parties and the 1976 ACC Basketball Championship, more and more students wanted to represent their school and community while celebrating its athletic success.

Mincer said the business has strived to take calculated risks since its opening, experimenting with merchandise throughout the decades.

"You try these things out and if they work, you go with it," Mincer said.

Today, the store specializes in University printed goods, including a variety of clothing, hats, accessories and gifts. While other vendors like the University Bookstore and the local Target sell similar products, Mincer's offers a number of custom-printed products unavailable

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Left: Two Oregon defenders bring down sophomore quarterback David Watford, who finished with three interceptions and a fumble before being replaced by backup freshman Greyson Lambert.

Right: Junior safety Anthony Harris pursues Ducks' junior wide receiver Keanon Lowe during the Cavaliers' 49-point blowout loss in Charlottesville.

Oregon demolishes Virginia, 59-10

Ducks' superior speed, athleticism offensively proved too much for the Cavalier defense from start to finish Saturday

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It started early. Just two minutes into Saturday's game, the vaunted Oregon speed quickly went from legend to reality at Scott Stadium. Sophomore quarterback Marcus Mariota went untouched through the Virginia defense for a 71-yard touchdown, blazing past would-be tacklers. The play set the tone for the day, as the athletic Ducks repeatedly beat an overmatched Cavalier defense.

Cavalier sophomore quarterback David Watford was challenged drive after drive to respond, but the quarterback had few answers, throwing three interceptions and fumbling once before being replaced by red-shirt freshman backup Greyson Lambert. What could have been a national coming-out party for Virginia (1-1), after an encouraging win against Brigham Young, quickly dissolved into a blowout loss, as No. 2 Oregon (2-0) used a huge second half to cruise to a 59-10 win.

"They got on us early, and in every phase," coach Mike London said. "We could not stop them defensively and we struggled with interceptions. The players in their system execute and do what they are asked to do ... We have a lot of things to address."

The game was nearly wrapped up in the first quarter. Oregon followed up Mariota's score with two touchdown runs from junior running back DeAnthony Thomas, and the Cavaliers found themselves in a 21-0 hole just 10 minutes into the game.

The defense began to slow the onslaught late in the first quarter. Two consecutive stops gave the Cavaliers some breathing room, and junior tailback Khalek Shepherd found the end zone on a 45-yard run to narrow the deficit to 14.

But Mariota found sophomore wide receiver Bralon Addison on a 30-yard touchdown connection early in the second quarter to extend the lead to 28-7. Sophomore Ian Frye's 37-yard field goal near the end of the first half kept the Cavaliers within 18 and appeared to give Virginia some momentum heading into the break. Instead, those would be the final three points Virginia would score during the entire miserable afternoon.

"Well you want to remain upbeat, you don't want to come into the locker room and be down about anything," London said. "They were up by two touchdowns and the fact that we were getting the ball back, that's something to find positive coming out for the second half. You have to respond and you have to perform to be successful in that regard."

Whatever solace Virginia took

from its first half performance was quickly wiped out after halftime. Oregon forced two interceptions and a fumble from Watford and capitalized on each turnover, piling on to push the lead to 52-10. Tasked to lead the charge back, Watford looked overmatched against the Oregon defense.

"I made three costly mistakes, three costly turnovers, and it wasn't the offense's fault as a whole — it was my fault," Watford said. "I take the blame solely ... The receivers made plays, the running backs ran, the receivers caught the passes, the tight ends caught the passes ... I just need to execute better, and that's on me."

Virginia's defensive line made an impression against Brigham Young, but that same front four seemed out of its depth against Oregon. Thomas picked up 125 yards and three touchdowns on just 11 rushes, while Mariota had 51 more rushing yards on top of the deep run. Freshman running back Thomas Tyner made his collegiate debut late in the game, and even he was able to pick up two touchdowns in just four rushes.

"Their speed was something that we've never really seen before, but that's not really an excuse for us," junior linebacker Daquan Romero said. "There were a whole lot of missed assignments that we blew and alignments that we could have cheated. We didn't capitalize on the

opportunity."

Virginia worked in practice to try to simulate Oregon's style of play, but it was clear that there was a gap between the simulation and reality. The Ducks capitalized on every sliver of opportunity to break off several big plays, and the Cavaliers even found it hard to react to the plays they anticipated seeing.

"Everything we practiced, they did," junior cornerback DreQuan Hoskey said. "We tried our best, but they ended up with the big win."

Offensive coordinator Steve Fairchild moved from the box to the sideline for the game, but his presence did not seem to help the offense improve from a tepid opening last week. Oregon's talented secondary forced Virginia to play conservatively, and the Cavaliers relied on many short passes and runs. Virginia actually led Oregon in offensive plays — 86 to 69 — but they averaged just 3.5 yards per play.

"Oregon is just a fast overall team," Watford said. "They may make mistakes, but they just do it at 100 miles per hour, and that just makes up for the mistakes that they may make ... It was hard to get certain things against them, certain looks they kind of took away with their speed."

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Necessary roughness

A crowd of 58,502 was on hand to witness the brutal 59-10 thrashing No. 2 Oregon doled out to Virginia Saturday afternoon — the largest crowd at Scott Stadium since a 38-0 blowout loss to Virginia Tech in the final game of the 2011 season. That fact was not lost on many of the Cavalier players.

“We let a lot of fans down,” junior line-backer Daquan Romero said. “But as a team we have to bounce back. We can’t dwell on this moment, we still have a whole lot of games to play.”

Still, judging from the hordes of airplane-size liquor bottles, as well as a few larger containers left in the stands after the game, I can’t help but think at least a few Virginia fans enjoyed themselves Saturday in spite of the game. It was the outcome that many expected, but had hoped wouldn’t materialize.

As the merciless Oregon onslaught marched forward throughout the game, the contingent of Virginia fans questioning why their team would schedule a game against such a juggernaut opponent — born the moment the game was announced Jan. 28 — swelled. Some went so far as to advocate firing coach Mike London and Executive Associate Athletic Director Jon Oliver, who announced the matchup.

That opinion is ludicrous.

I’m not evaluating London or Oliver’s job performance. I am criticizing the idea that Virginia shouldn’t schedule marquee opponents just because they are highly ranked or a perennial football powerhouse. Nobody appreciates watching their team get spanked on ABC and ESPN2 for the whole country to see, but the opportunity to play the No. 2 team in the country on national television — not to mention hosting Oregon’s first-ever trip to an ACC venue — provides exposure that this football team can’t afford to refuse.

Yes, the Cavaliers were more than likely not prepared to compete against the high-flying, chromed-out Ducks, but it’s what a young team needs to understand what it takes to be a national competitor.

“We respect everyone that we play, but you don’t fear them or else you shouldn’t be playing in sports,” London said. “I think the first two games being challenging will kind of dictate the way that we approach our offseason right after spring practice, how the guys work in the summer months and the early part of August. We have an open week coming up and we have a chance to improve ourselves — that’s what we want to do.”

This game was the archetypal David and Goliath matchup, and no team left on the schedule — with the possible exception of Clemson — will be able to put up points on

the Cavaliers in the demoralizing fashion that Oregon was able to this weekend. Though they were thoroughly humbled by the Ducks, Virginia players were adamant that they valued the experience to see how they measured up against one of the best.

“It’s something that brings you down to reality,” junior safety Anthony Harris said. “You want to play the best talent. Had you not scheduled a game like this you’d never know where you are. Playing a

big team like that allows you to see firsthand what it takes to be a national contender, so I think it’s a great learning experience.”

The overabundance of hype coming into the game likely pumped up some Cavalier players. The defense in particular played aggressively and appeared ready to hold its own against the Ducks. Call me a lunatic, but aside from Marcus Mariota’s early 71-yard touchdown run, the unit impressed me against Oregon’s high-octane offense, especially given the short fields that the Virginia offense and special teams units gifted the Ducks on multiple occasions.

Senior defensive tackle Brent Urban blocked an early PAT and stuffed running back Byron Marshall on 4th-and-goal from inside the Virginia one-yard line. The defense as a whole forced Oregon’s first four punts of the season and allowed its opponents to convert just 3-of-10 third downs. In spite of the blowout score, the Cavaliers still believe they are good enough to compete with the likes of the Ducks.

“I would be lying if I said it was just another game,” Romero said. “To play a team like Oregon, it’s a good experience for all of us. If it weren’t for the mistakes we made, we are a good enough football team to have stayed in that game.”

There were a slew of Virginia recruits in Charlottesville for Saturday’s game, which could be an unsettling truth to anyone invested in the future of Virginia football. Rivals’ No. 12 national prospect Andrew Brown, a defensive tackle and Virginia commit, was on the sideline before the game. So was uncommitted defensive tackle Derrick Nnadi, the No. 41 national recruit.

Brown and Nnadi are the top two defensive tackle recruits in the nation and the No. 3 and No. 4 prospects in the state of Virginia, respectively. Though they were likely unimpressed by the Cavaliers’ showing, London believed the recruits could still take positives from their visit.

“We obviously don’t want to have the score as it ended up,” London said. “But you also want to make it known that you’re going to play



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U.Va. dominates tournament

No. 5 Cavs improve to 6-0, beat Rutgers, Seton Hall for Virginia Soccer Nike Classic title



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Junior midfielder Danielle Colaprico scored two second-half goals Friday and added an assist Sunday to pace a Cavalier attack that scored nine goals and fired 55 shots in its two weekend games. Colaprico was one of four Cavaliers named to the All-Tournament team, earning MVP honors.

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The No. 5 Virginia women’s soccer team added two more blowout victories to its resume this weekend, closing non-conference play with a perfect 6-0 record for the first time since 2004. The Cavaliers outscored Rutgers and Seton Hall 9-0 to win their two games in the Virginia Nike Soccer Classic championship held in Charlottesville.

Virginia (6-0) continued to see offensive production from its entire roster during the tournament. Six different players notched goals, while three others tallied an assist. That kind of firepower has become the norm during non-conference play for the Cavaliers, and their ability to put the ball in the net is in no way a question mark entering ACC play.

“We put a lot of work in the preseason and during the summer,” freshman goalkeeper Morgan Stearns said. “I think it is great that we’ve been scoring a bunch because it shows how strong our offense is.”

Another area that should inspire confidence for the Cavaliers is their defense, which has allowed just 11 shots on goal the entire season. Virginia has dominated possession throughout the season, preventing opposing offenses from having many opportunities. The Cavalier defense has also relied on precise spacing and communication to smother the few counterattacks that its oppo-

nents have mustered.

“It’s awesome that our defense is solid,” Stearns said. “We can all count on each other. I’m excited about it and I think we all are.”

Virginia wasted no time showing Rutgers (4-1-1) why it is ranked fifth in the country Friday night. Although the Cavaliers were unable to convert a flurry of early chances, once junior midfielder Morgan Brian headed

struck from 25 yards out to stretch the lead to 3-0 in the 53rd minute. Colaprico was not finished, however, and volleyed a long cross from Brian inside the far post for her second goal in six minutes.

Virginia also got goals from freshman midfielder Alexis Shaffer and senior forward Amber Fry in the final 15 minutes of the match to hand the Scarlet Knights their first loss of the season, 6-0.

“I thought we played well in the second half,” Swanson said. “You have to give Rutgers credit. They were organized and made it tough on us in the first half. Our execution wasn’t as sharp as it needed to be in the first half, but we did much better in the second half.”

Virginia produced another impressive performance Sunday when they faced Seton Hall (1-4-1) for their final non-conference game of the season. Just three minutes into the game, sophomore forward Makenzy Doniak took a beautiful ball from Brian and easily finished for her fourth goal of the season.

In the 22nd minute, Brian found the back of the net when she got behind the defense and fired a shot to the far upper corner to double the lead for the Cavaliers. Brian added one more tally in the second half, easily converting a penalty kick in the 62nd minute after senior Gloria Douglas was fouled in the box.

The scoreline could have been

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in a ball from senior midfielder Shasta Fisher in the 30th minute, Virginia never looked back. Sophomore forward Brittany Ratcliffe extended the lead with just 38 seconds remaining in the half to give Virginia more breathing room.

“The second goal, right before half, was critical for us,” coach Steve Swanson said. “It was a great finish by Brittany and it allowed us to come out strong in the second half.”

The Scarlet Knights were unable to make effective adjustments during the intermission, and junior midfielder Danielle Colaprico — who was named MVP of the tournament —

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Feeling reenergized

All the people who know me know how much of a sports nut I am. As I have previously mentioned in my column, I think it's partially genetic; I was born on Final Four weekend, so it would stand to reason that I'm somehow genetically predisposed to love sports. Every year, come March Madness time, I'm found watching one game on TV and split-screening at least two others on my computer with CBS's online-viewing application. I morphed into an NBA fan practically overnight. I love European soccer, and I even watch baseball and golf from time to time.

But lately, I haven't been watching as much sports. It's not that I like sports any less; on the contrary, it's become very clear to me over the last few months that sportswriting is what I want to do with my life. It's somewhat to be expected. Between getting ready for fourth year, trying to navigate the job-search process and dealing with all of the other personal stresses and strains that are just normal parts of being 21 years old, it just seems like there aren't as many hours in the day to be glued to ESPN or surfing Deadspin.

Saturday's Virginia football debacle certainly didn't help. Don't get me wrong, I wasn't upset. I actually predicted that the final score would be 52-10 in favor of Oregon, so it should be clear that I had few or no expectations about how Saturday would turn out. I think it's more symptomatic of a general Wahoo malaise that I've been suffering from ever since the men's basketball team wasted a historic win against Duke in February by dropping two of their last three games and flaming out in the ACC Tournament. It came to a head Saturday afternoon when I exited Scott Stadium alone, unsure when I was going to feel like returning for another Virginia football game. It was a long walk back to Rugby Road, just me and my thoughts.

But the rest of the weekend brought the sports fan in me back to life.

First, I checked my ESPN alert texts to see what was going on in the LSU-UAB game. My housemates can attest that I lit up when I saw that LSU wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. had caught three touchdown passes and racked up one of the most exciting plays of the weekend by returning a missed field goal 100 yards for the exclamation point touchdown in the Tigers' 56-17 win.

Then, I was further buoyed by the return of the NFL Sunday. Between finally getting a chance to

see Sean Payton roam the sideline with my Saints and having fantasy football scores to check, let's just say it was a bit of a struggle to get all of my work done on time. There's just something about football that makes it impossible to concentrate on Human-Computer Interaction or the Economics of the Public Sector.

And perhaps the final straw came Saturday night and Sunday morning. After meeting sophomore shooting guard Justin Anderson of the men's basketball team at Cook-Out Saturday night, I headed to the bookstore Sunday morning to finally get my one required textbook – thanks, CS classes – and found myself in line behind senior guard Joe Harris and sophomore big man Mike Tobey.

I can't really figure out exactly why, but finding myself in such close proximity to the athletes adored by so many people who live for Virginia sports pumped me up. Maybe it's that I feel a closer connection to the Cavaliers now that I've bumped elbows and ridden UTS buses with them, or maybe it's just that being around the basketball team has me feeling the anticipation of waiting for basketball season to draw close. But whatever it is, I'm going to try to find a way to harness it.

Since I grew up supporting a powerhouse SEC football program, Virginia football typically doesn't move the needle for me. Sure, having low expectations prevents me from feeling heartbroken when the Wahoos lose, but it also prevents me from feeling a full level of enjoyment when they pull out the victory. So I'm going to try to take some of this newfound energy – my sporting second wind – that LSU and the Saints and Joe Harris have given me and bring it with me to Scott Stadium next time.

I'll jump a little higher when AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" plays before the game and sing "The Good Old Song" a little louder when David Watford throws a touchdown or Kevin Parks breaks through the line to score, and it's going to make me more excited for Virginia football, and I hope some of you will join me.

Because maybe we'll get heartbroken. Maybe the Cavaliers will flame out and miss out on bowl eligibility again or maybe they'll sneak in at 6-6 and get crushed by an SEC team with a deceptively bad record. But, like Tennyson said, "Tis better to have loved and lost/Than never to have loved at all."

And I don't know about you, but I'm ready to start loving Virginia football.



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M Soccer falls to Clemson, 2-0

The Virginia men's soccer team entered Friday night's showdown at Clemson's Riggs Field hoping to earn a win in its first of 11 ACC regular-season contests and make amends for its 2-0 loss to the Tigers last year in Charlottesville. The Cavaliers, however, were unable to accomplish either goal, falling 2-0 in their third game of the season.

The Tigers' aggressive style of play put Virginia (1-2-0) on the defensive throughout the match. Clemson (3-0-0) racked up 19 fouls en route to outshooting Virginia 13-6, and notched seven shots on-goal to Virginia's three. Cavalier sophomore goalkeeper

Jeff Gal recorded five saves but was tagged with his second loss of the season.

Clemson graduate-student Thomas McNamara, a former first-team All-Ivy League midfielder during his time at Brown, opened the scoring in the 28th minute. Tiger junior midfielder Ara Amirkhanian then extended the Tiger lead to two 11 minutes later.

Virginia coach George Gelnovatch started six sophomores, two freshmen and three juniors and deployed four underclassmen as reserves. Sophomore reserve midfielder Jordan Poarch played half the game in his first appearance of

the season, and freshman reserve midfielder Patrick Foss played a career-high 23 minutes.

Virginia — ranked 21st in the Sept. 3 edition of the Soccer Times College Coaches Poll — was coming off a 2-0 win against St. John's on Monday night at Klöckner Stadium. The Cavaliers received goals from freshman forward Jordan Allen and sophomore midfielder Brian James in that victory, but the two combined for one, off-target shot Friday.

Virginia's next stop is Winston Salem, N.C., where they will play ACC foe No. 18 Wake Forest (2-1-0) Friday at 7 p.m.

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Watford's numbers through two games have not been impressive, but he believes that is at least partially a reflection of the tough opposition the Cavaliers have faced.

"[Brigham Young and Oregon] are two of the toughest defenses in the nation," Watford said. "We played them back to back ... I'm just learning every week. That's all I can do, is to continue to grow and continue to learn."

Watford saw some success late in the game rushing the ball, and it gave a small spark to a ground at-

tack that had been relatively anemic in the game. Aside from Shepherd's breakaway touchdown run, the Cavaliers had only 79 rushing yards on 38 attempts. That paltry average of barely more than two yards per carry will be a point of concern heading into the bye week.

"I think we have to find out what our identity is going to be," London said. "Does it entail the quarterback running more, is it a personnel issue, is it schematic, or whatever it may be. We want to be committed to run the ball, but we have to find those guys that can run it and move the chains for us. I think with this open week coming

up we can address those issues."

Virginia returns to the field in two weeks against Virginia Military Institute, and the step down to an FCS opponent may provide a chance for the Cavalier offense to perform as it has envisioned. The Cavaliers are disappointed in the loss, but are also confident that they will be able to bounce back quickly.

"It won't be hard," Watford said. "Oregon is a great defense and a great team. They're No. 2 in the nation for a reason. That's why we have to just learn from the film and learn from the mistakes and get ready for VMI."

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teams like that. If players are interested in ... having the opportunity to play good teams and coming to a great school, I think it's something we're building this program off of. I'm quite sure that they were en-

tertained by what they saw, a very good Oregon team — that's the second best team in the country and they are as advertised."

London's message to his own players after the game was that the team endured a tough loss, but they need to move past it. His players seemed to share the mentality and

said they won't allow the loss to linger.

"All we can do is just keep working and working," junior tailback Khalek Shepherd said. "We can't worry about the mishaps and the mistakes. We need to come in here every week with a positive mindset and [try] to get better."

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much more lopsided than 3-0, however, as Virginia racked up 36 shots including 18 attempts on goal. Seton Hall senior goalkeeper Jennifer Pettigrew made 15 saves to set a single game record for the tournament.

Pettigrew's counterpart, Stearns, was not tested often by the Pirate offense. Despite the large lead, the Cavalier defense remained tough late in the game

and allowed just three shots throughout the contest.

"You have to stay focused and you have to keep your teammates focused," Stearns said. "At any moment, these teams can come back and counter. It might seem challenging, but you know it is important so it has to be done."

Virginia heads into ACC play averaging just over four goals per game on offense and allowing just three goals total in its first six games of the season, but conference play is certain to offer more

challenging competition — three of the top five teams in the nation play in the ACC.

"I think we are in a good place heading into the ACC," Swanson said. "We have created a lot of chances and scored a lot of goals against some very good teams. It is a good sign but we now have to see how much better we can get."

Virginia will be back in action Thursday evening when Syracuse comes to Klöckner Stadium to close out the Cavaliers' seven-game home stand.



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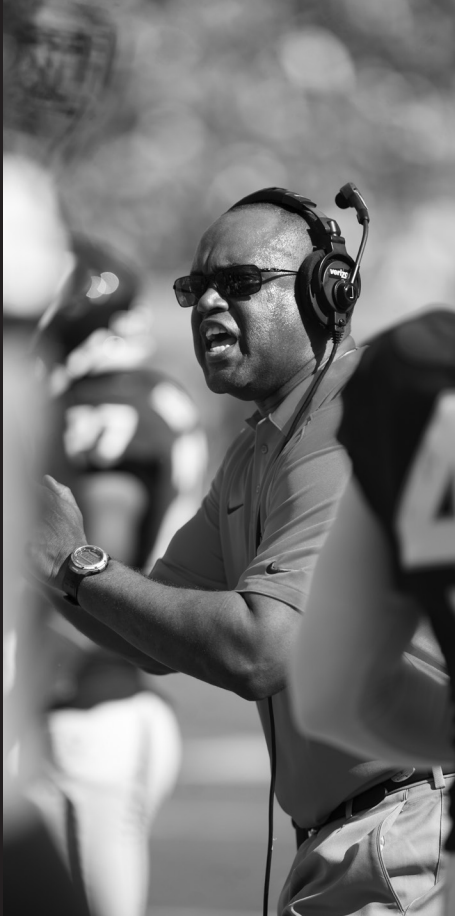


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Outdated VA lineup policy creates wrongful convictions

Law Prof. Garrett's research shows 9 of 10 state agencies have not adopted new police model meant to improve eyewitness testimony

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A majority of Virginia law enforcement agencies continue to adhere to an outdated suspect lineup policy that frequently produces wrongful convictions, according to research conducted by Law Prof. Brandon Garrett.

Although state police have adopted a new model policy

to improve the procedures for eyewitnesses to identify potential suspects, Garrett's research shows that 9 out of 10 police divisions in the state have not adopted the new policy.

The outdated lineup policies, Garrett said, were problematic because they encouraged eyewitnesses to guess, tolerated dangerous police suggestion and caused mistaken identifications, which could permanently damage criminal investigations.

"Most often, policies that are not sequential — showing photos one at a time — and blind — where the officer does not know which is the suspect — encourage mistakes that lead to [filler candidates] being identified, but that damages the credibility of the eyewitness and may prevent an investigation from going forward," Garrett said.

Widespread use of DNA testing has recently overturned many wrongful convictions in

the state of Virginia, including the recent case of Thomas Haynesworth, who spent 27 years in prison because of eyewitness misidentification. Thirteen out of 16 DNA exonerations in Virginia have involved eyewitness errors.

According to Garrett, two main solutions exist: showing photos of suspects sequentially rather than all at once, and showing photos "blind" — when the officer officiating the lineup

does not know which participant is the suspected offender.

"Making procedures blind increases their accuracy and removes sources of potential bias — even unconscious or unintended bias," Garrett said.

Garrett has been involved with investigating eyewitness errors since 2011, when research revealed that most of the first 250 DNA exoneration cases in the United States involved eyewitness misidentifications.

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at competitors' stores.

The store's uniqueness also stems from its family-based ownership, operating entirely under the Mincer family name since its opening.

"Very few family businesses ac-

tually make it to the third generation," Mincer said. "Though the merchandise has changed, [our] philosophy has remained the same."

There is also a certain unspoken relationship between Mincer's and other Corner establishments that contributes to the commercial district's constantly bustling business and lively atmosphere.

"Mincer's is the anchor for the Corner area as a whole," said Virginian Restaurant owner Andy McClure, a 2001 Commerce graduate. "Having a place like that — that everyone has heard of, that everyone shops at, that everyone personally knows — is really invaluable. My hope is to last as long as they have and thrive as they have."

Growing up in Charlottesville, first-year College student Riley Crowell had her first Mincer's experience even before orientation, when students far and wide are seen carrying around the iconic orange bag.

"I remember my dad [taking] me [to Mincer's] before a football game when I was 7 or 8 years old to buy my first U.Va. T-shirt and a

set of pom-poms to bring into the game," Crowell said.

Mincer's will soon open another location in Charlottesville's Shops at Stonefield. The second location, designed to serve those members of the community who would like to buy something from the store but tend to avoid the often-congested Corner location, is scheduled to open this October.

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Gov. recognizes strengthened human trafficking laws

Commonwealth receives Polaris' top ranking; Virginia State Crime Commission reviews proposed legislation regarding sex offenses

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On Thursday, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell recognized improvements the state has made against human trafficking in rankings released last month by the anti-human trafficking group Polaris.

Polaris ranks every state and the District of Columbia on the stringency of their laws combating sex trafficking and supporting trafficking survivors. In the past three years, Virginia has moved from Polaris' fourth and bottom tier to the organization's top tier.

G. Stewart Petoe, the director of legal affairs at the Virginia State Crime Commission, however, said the Crime Commission thought Virginia's previous laws on human trafficking were sufficient. The commission is a state criminal justice research agency that seeks to "ascertain the causes of crime and recommend way to reduce and prevent it," according to its website. The commission conducted a review of state human trafficking laws in 2010 and is currently reviewing newly proposed trafficking laws.

In his press release, McDonnell praised the nine laws related to human trafficking that he has signed since 2011,

including a measure signed this year that enhances the penalty for encouraging a minor to engage in prostitution.

"Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal enterprise in the world," McDonnell said in the press release. "I'm pleased with the progress that Virginia has made by enacting tougher legislation."

The General Assembly referred five bills related to human trafficking and sexual offenses to the Crime Commission for review earlier this year. Three of the bills allow victims of forced prostitution to petition to have their criminal and police records wiped clean.

The other two proposals allow prior sex offense convictions to be presented as evidence before a jury in future trials. Petoe said these proposals will help law enforcement prosecute repeat offenders. "It will be a tool for prosecutors to use to help bolster their case and get a conviction," he said.

Though the commission has previously evaluated sex trafficking legislation, Petoe said they will consider the issues anew when reviewing the latest proposals.

"We always try to hit a topic with a fresh mind when it comes back up," Petoe said. "The issues are interesting. I don't know if there are any stark, correct answers one way or the other."

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Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell recognized improvements made in the Commonwealth's anti-human trafficking laws on Thursday.

Death Penalty Assessment Team recommends changes

Bar Association group praises recent Virginia laws, requests additional victim rights, limitations for prosecutors, witness rule changes

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The Virginia Death Penalty Assessment Team, part of the American Bar Association, released a report Thursday finding several areas of the state's capital punishment in need of improvement, particularly citing necessary improvements to eyewitness testimony procedures and management of cases with individuals with mental disabilities.

The team's recommendations centered around 12 issues the American Bar Association identified as imperative to the fairness of the death penalty. As long as the death penalty exists in Virginia, team members said the state must take action to ensure this form of punishment is reserved for a narrow group consisting only of the worst

offenders.

Virginia State Senator John S. Edwards, D-Roanoke and a member of the review team, said the report focused on the administration of the death penalty, not whether it should exist.

"The purpose of the report was not to seek an abolition of the death penalty, but rather to ensure fairness," Edwards said. "[When it comes to] the adjudication of death as a punishment and looking at how it's done, there are many recommendations we have made."

Some areas targeted for reform included better eyewitness identification and interrogation procedures, biological evidence preservation, appellate representation and cases dealing with persons of mental or intellectual disability.

In the past 24 years, 18 people convicted of serious felonies in Vir-

ginia based mostly on eyewitness testimony were let free after DNA or other evidence came to light showing they were not guilty, according to the report.

The report also recommended electronic recording of interrogations, which only nine police departments in Virginia do, and requiring prosecutors to hand over more evidence before trial, since two recent capital cases were overturned on appeal due to too little evidence being provided pre-trial.

Virginia requires a standard of "clear and convincing evidence" that biological evidence will support a death-row inmate's case before an inmate seeking exoneration can gain access to biological testing after a trial has concluded. The team recommended a more lenient standard to allow for testing — "reasonable probability" — which

most other states use.

"[One goal is to] get the discussion going with the public about the need to have more fairness in the criminal process, especially with the death penalty," Edwards said. "We could have some legislation introduced on some of these points and we would recommend the police come and look at best practices. There's no reason why we can't have some legislation for the police to comply with best practices."

Virginia has made some improvements recently in the areas of proper identification of eyewitnesses, including implementing an ABA-endorsed policy for photo and in-person lineups, accreditation of crime labs by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, and establishing Regional Capital Defenders Offices to support death penalty cases.

Outdated VA lineup policy creates wrongful convictions

Law Prof. Garrett's research shows 9 of 10 state agencies have not adopted new police model meant to improve eyewitness testimony

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A majority of Virginia law enforcement agencies continue to adhere to an outdated suspect lineup policy that frequently produces wrongful convictions, according to research conducted by Law Prof. Brandon Garrett.

Although state police have adopted a new model policy

to improve the procedures for eyewitnesses to identify potential suspects, Garrett's research shows that 9 out of 10 police divisions in the state have not adopted the new policy.

The outdated lineup policies, Garrett said, were problematic because they encouraged eyewitnesses to guess, tolerated dangerous police suggestion and caused mistaken identifications, which could permanently damage criminal investigations.

"Most often, policies that are not sequential — showing photos one at a time — and blind — where the officer does not know which is the suspect — encourage mistakes that lead to [filler candidates] being identified, but that damages the credibility of the eyewitness and may prevent an investigation from going forward," Garrett said.

Widespread use of DNA testing has recently overturned many wrongful convictions in

the state of Virginia, including the recent case of Thomas Haynesworth, who spent 27 years in prison because of eyewitness misidentification. Thirteen out of 16 DNA exonerations in Virginia have involved eyewitness errors.

According to Garrett, two main solutions exist: showing photos of suspects sequentially rather than all at once, and showing photos "blind" — when the officer officiating the lineup

does not know which participant is the suspected offender.

"Making procedures blind increases their accuracy and removes sources of potential bias — even unconscious or unintended bias," Garrett said.

Garrett has been involved with investigating eyewitness errors since 2011, when research revealed that most of the first 250 DNA exoneration cases in the United States involved eyewitness misidentifications.

MINCER'S | Corner cornerstone enters 65th year, plans to open second shop

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at competitors' stores.

The store's uniqueness also stems from its family-based ownership, operating entirely under the Mincer family name since its opening.

"Very few family businesses ac-

tually make it to the third generation," Mincer said. "Though the merchandise has changed, [our] philosophy has remained the same."

There is also a certain unspoken relationship between Mincer's and other Corner establishments that contributes to the commercial district's constantly bustling business and lively atmosphere.

"Mincer's is the anchor for the Corner area as a whole," said Virginian Restaurant owner Andy McClure, a 2001 Commerce graduate. "Having a place like that — that everyone has heard of, that everyone shops at, that everyone personally knows — is really invaluable. My hope is to last as long as they have and thrive as they have."

Growing up in Charlottesville, first-year College student Riley Crowell had her first Mincer's experience even before orientation, when students far and wide are seen carrying around the iconic orange bag.

"I remember my dad [taking] me [to Mincer's] before a football game when I was 7 or 8 years old to buy my first U.Va. T-shirt and a

set of pom-poms to bring into the game," Crowell said.

Mincer's will soon open another location in Charlottesville's Shops at Stonefield. The second location, designed to serve those members of the community who would like to buy something from the store but tend to avoid the often-congested Corner location, is scheduled to open this October.

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Top 10 Reasons Why Fall is the Best Season

Annie Meester
Life Columnist

1

APPAREL

I am the queen of wearing sweaters absurdly early. The minute the temperature drops below 70 degrees you'll find me in one — probably rocking black leggings and boots along with it. Ask a girl what her favorite type of outfit is — if she doesn't tell you exactly what I just described, she's probably (definitely) lying. Fall weather means it's still warm enough to wear Nike shorts to class, but cool enough so you won't sweat through your clothes on the surprisingly long walk from apartments to class. Sometimes I miss you, first year.

2

MY BIRTHDAY

As a self-proclaimed birthday diva, there's no way this wouldn't be awarded a place near the top of the list. My birthday temporarily rationalizes the online shopping I'm already doing too much of, plus gives you a day — or 12 — to rationalize eating your weight in cupcakes and cookies. And who doesn't love an excuse to wear a crown? People are literally celebrating you for being created, no effort or achievement required.

3

SCHOOL ISN'T AWFUL YET

It's undeniable that classes at U.Va are hard. I've sworn to myself I will never again allow myself to see the inside of Clem after spending multiple 12-hour periods there last semester. I know that come midterm season I'll be breaking that promise, but the beginning of school is great because everyone is still sluggish from the summer — professors included. The add/drop period followed by the two-week lull before all the tests and papers pile on almost makes going to class enjoyable.

4

SALES

Speaking of rationalizing all my online shopping, fall is a great time for every store ever to have a sale. Seriously, between Back-to-School sales, Labor Day sales, sales for the leaves being pretty and sales for it being the 10th minute of the fifth day of the month, it's almost hard to buy something at full price. Now, if someone could just convince Starbucks to put their pumpkin spice lattes on sale, I wouldn't feel so badly about drinking three a week.

5

FOOD

Pumpkin spice lattes aren't the only quintessential fall fare. With autumn comes an abundance of apple everything: apple pie, apple crisp, apple tarts, apple muffins — did I say apple pie? Plus, the weather is still warm enough to eat ice cream (though let's be real — is there ever a bad time for ice cream?). Fall: when you can drink your coffee hot or cold, and grab some hot chocolate, too.

6

FOOTBALL

Is there anything better than a tailgate and a game on a beautiful fall day? Any excuse to eat, drink and be merry is a good one, and football is as good an excuse as any. There is so much camaraderie and spirit in Scott Stadium that it's hard not to love spending an afternoon there. Plus, the beginning of the NFL season gives you the means to procrastinate on Sunday homework until midnight — or at least until *Breaking Bad* comes on.

7

ACTIVITIES

Fall activities are great because they always look good on Instagram. You're still tan from the summer, and sweaters look good on everyone. The fall leaves provide an effortlessly artsy background that requires minimal editing — everyone who's anyone knows trying to put a filter on snow just doesn't work. Way too white. And a picture on the top of Humpback just doesn't look as scenic with bare branches. Autumn activities are always a hit on social media — guaranteed to minimally get you the 11 likes needed to turn that little heart from names to numbers.

8

WEATHER

The best part about fall weather is that it's neither too hot nor too cold. It's still warm enough to spend your nights on the Coupes patio, but cool enough so you won't overheat upon entering Trinity — after all, doesn't everyone measure the weather in terms of bars? Even better, you can still eat brunch outside. It's the last season before you have to worry about lugging a jacket around everywhere, and either shorts or pants are appropriate in most situations. Nothing in your closet will go unused.

9

HOLIDAYS

What's great about fall holidays is there's really only one big one: Halloween. It's a holiday that doesn't celebrate anything except for witty costumes and shoving your face full of candy. You're so hyped up for a semi-legitimate reason to celebrate that the celebration turns from a day to a week before you realize you're not even sure what you're celebrating anymore. It's the perfect chance to break out those gold leggings that you bought one time (on sale — thanks fall!) or the weird leotard you found in the back of your mom's closet.

10

GOOD TV IS BACK

No more having to rewatch the entire Friday Night Lights series on Netflix or having to succumb to entertaining yourself via the Food Network when you need your television fix. Real TV is back, and so is real procrastination. All good shows are on school nights, and are obviously reason enough to stop reading and do your homework later. I'd be lying if I said I hadn't attempted to stream shows live to my computer in Clemons.

Hoos in the kitchen

Five meals for under \$10

Kelly Seegers
Senior Life Writer

Bites in the microwave, all college students love the

Whether you're the next Gordon Ramsay or are just learning how to put Bagel prospect of a cheap meal. For us upperclassmen lucky enough to have a kitchen — we use the term “kitchen” loosely — here are five tasty meals that will feed four for less \$10. Bon Appetit!

1. Fettuccine Edgar “Alfred-Poe”

½ pint heavy whipping cream
½ cup butter
¾ cup of Parmesan cheese
1 package fettuccine
Optional: grilled chicken

Fettuccine “Alfred-poe” is delicious and extremely simple to make, while bringing you lighter feelings than The Raven — or really any of Poe's stories — did. First, impress your friends with this tasty homemade sauce. Combine the heavy whipping cream, Parmesan cheese and butter in a saucepan and heat it on the stove. Simultaneously boil water and cook the noodles in a separate pot. After that, drain the pasta and add the sauce, then voilà! If you are in the mood for something extra and are willing to spend slightly more time, effort and money, you can always add some grilled chicken!

2. Grilled Cheese Around Grounds

4 large slices of American or mozzarella cheese
8 slices of bread
2 tomatos
Butter or olive oil

Everybody loves a good grilled cheese sandwich — here is an opportunity to dress it up a bit. Instead of just a slice of American cheese and bread, you can splurge a bit and add some mozzarella cheese, a few slices of tomato and, if you are feeling extra fancy, a little basil. It's like a Caprese salad between bread! Simply assemble the sandwiches and cook them in a buttered frying pan on a stovetop. For a slightly healthier meal, use olive oil instead of butter in the pan. Works like a charm!



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5. Cavalier Chicken

4 chicken breasts
1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup
½ cup milk
Recommended Side Dishes:
rice and a vegetable

This is a classic meal: chicken, rice and a vegetable of your choice. You can cook chicken many different ways, but the simplest is to preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit, place the chicken in the pan, open a can of Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup, mix in the milk and pour it on top of the chicken.

Once you have prepared the chicken, all you have to do is put it in the oven. It takes about an hour to bake, but you can use that time to boil your rice and vegetables in separate pots on the stove, or catch up on some reading for class the next day. Afterward, drain the water from your rice and vegetables, take the chicken out of the oven and indulge!

3. The Good Ol' Salad

2 pears
4 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper (for taste)
1 bag of lettuce
Bleu or feta cheese
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
Optional: almond slices

If you are looking for a lighter, refreshing meal, this salad is for you. To begin, preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Then, peel and dice the pears, mix them together with one tablespoon of olive oil and sprinkle on salt and pepper. After this, place them onto the baking sheet and bake for 12-15 minutes. After the edges of the pears are golden, take them out, put them over lettuce, and add either bleu or feta cheese.

To make the dressing, mix together Dijon mustard, red wine vinegar and three tablespoons of olive oil. To keep it simple, stop there, or add almonds slices for a little crunch!

4. Rotunda Rigatoni

1 onion
1-2 cloves garlic
1 package penne or rigatoni pasta
Olive oil
1 pound ground beef
28-ounce can of plum tomatoes
Optional: Parmesan cheese

For this hearty meal, preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit, and put a pot of water on the stove to boil. While things are heating up, chop up the onion and garlic. Once the water comes to a boil, add in the pasta along with a drizzle of olive oil to keep the noodles from sticking together. While the pasta is cooking, brown the ground beef over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Once cooked, drain the water from the pasta and the grease from the ground beef, and put them both into a baking pan. Next, open and drain the can of plum tomatoes and add them to the pan. Add in the onion and garlic, and if desired, sprinkle some Parmesan cheese to top it off. Place the pan in the oven, set a timer for 20 minutes, then sit back and relax while you await your delicious meal.

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Comment of the day

“These comments confuse me because Cuccinelli is a nutjob who has tried to interfere with UVa’s ability to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation. My guess is the College Republicans saw this article and all decided to write the same comment.”

“Zack” responding to Anna Perina’s Sept. 2 column, “Gubernatorial campaigns courts students”

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No longer ‘Hook’-ed

The managing board bids farewell to Charlottesville’s alternative weekly

Any journalist should bristle at the cliché “no news is good news.” But lately, when newspapers themselves have made headlines, the news has not been good.

The plight of national newspapers has been well-documented. Such eminent publications as The New York Times and The Washington Post have erected digital paywalls in recent years. These paywalls attempt to stem losses caused by a decline in print advertising revenue and also in the number of readers willing to pay for a print edition that they can access online.

It’s arguably the metropolitan dailies and the community newspapers that have been least able to adapt to an increasingly hostile media environment. Charlottesville’s The Hook is the latest casualty. It will publish its last issue on Sept. 26.

The Hook is not Charlottesville’s first weekly. The news magazine grew out of a dispute between the three owners of C-Ville Weekly, which launched in 1989. Hawes Spencer, one of C-Ville Weekly’s co-founders, was ousted from that paper’s ranks in 2002. So he started The Hook. Spencer led the alternative weekly until he sold his stake in the company and stepped down as editor at the end of 2012.

In 2011, the parent companies that produced C-Ville Weekly and The Hook merged. At the time of the merger, the plan was to bring together just the companies, not the publications. By pooling resources — office space, advertising staff, and so on — the two papers could save a lot of money. But each publication would stick to its niche: C-Ville Weekly would focus on arts, culture and human-interest stories, and The Hook would continue to try its hand at hard news and investigative reporting.

Nonetheless, the stage was set for Charlottesville to revert back to being a one-weekly town. The schism that produced The Hook has now been fully undone: C-Ville Weekly is reabsorbing its literary offspring.

The frantic pace of journalism does not lend itself well to perfection, and like any newspaper, The Hook was far from perfect. But it contributed to Charlottesville’s public life in significant ways. The paper ran stories other publications shied away from. Sometimes,

as in its tone-deaf feature suggesting that former University Rector Helen Dragas had engaged in “plus-size bullying” against University President Teresa Sullivan, the paper’s penchant for rumor did not work in its favor. But elsewhere, The Hook’s boldness helped it cast light on stories that needed to be told. Its award-winning feature about the hunt for Morgan Harrington, the Virginia Tech student who disappeared from John Paul Jones Arena in 2009, is just one example.

In recent weeks, we have seen C-Ville Weekly trying to rework its reputation. The paper’s staff put a lot of work into its coverage of the revival of a long-stalled proposal to build a Route 29 bypass around Charlottesville. C-Ville Weekly’s efforts included a web page featuring videos, maps, photos and other graphics. It seems clear that the publication is trying to establish itself as a legitimate source of hard news — as a paper devoted to more than arts and soft features.

Though we hope that C-Ville Weekly will be able to extend its investigative reporting efforts to replace the niche its former competitor once held, we are dismayed to hear that The Hook is folding. An unfortunate byproduct of a Darwinian media market has been a drop in the total number of vibrant newspapers, and the consolidation of the papers that remain. Our view is that the more press a community has, the better. Each publication can serve a particular sector, and a greater number of voices helps enrich the way a community reflects upon itself. With a move toward oligopoly comes a reduction in the number of viewpoints make it into the public arena.

The Hook’s closure is a sobering reminder of the challenges that community papers — such as The Cavalier Daily — face. The market for local journalism remains fragile. What we have with The Cavalier Daily is a special opportunity to contribute to the civil and intellectual lives of people in the University and Charlottesville communities. With this goal in mind, we bid The Hook a fond farewell, and we wish C-Ville Weekly luck in enfolded its former competitor into its pages.

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TRUST A TRUSTEE

Once a Wahoo, always a Wahoo

*University students should keep traditions alive***Caitlin Rivas**
Fourth-Year Trustee

I went to my first U.Va. football game in 1994 when I was two years old. We beat Clemson 9-6. Born to a couple that met at the University of Virginia in their first-year dorm (Kent) and married at the Chapel in their mid-20s, I bled orange and blue some time before it became a trademarked T-shirt logo. It was my parents' first year with season tickets, and they took me to as many games as they could. According to their accounts, I was one of those rare, well-behaved toddlers who found contentment in almost any activity, which made me a natural companion for weathering the ebb and flow of Virginia football mediocrity (although we were pretty good in the '90s). When I was four, my dad and I endured the pouring rain to watch the Barber twins beat NC State 62-14. Though many fans



Rivas, in 2000, dressed as a Virginia cheerleader for Halloween.

left early for fear of contracting a vicious cold, I insisted that we stay despite the torrential downpour. I loved my 'Hoos, and have never stopped loving the University of Virginia from my very early childhood on.

The "Good Ole Song" was a household hymn; I knew every word long before I knew the meaning of the words themselves. At my elementary school's annual fifth grade luau, the DJ played "Rock and Roll" by Gary Glitter — known at the University as "Countdown to Cav Man," played every time Virginia scores a touchdown. Unaware of the song's ubiquity across middle school dances and high school athletics nationwide, as the guitar riffs swelled to the chorus I pumped my fists above my head and shrieked: "U-V-A, GO HOOS GO!" Surprising-

ly, my classmates didn't seem to be as well-acquainted with the cheer.

In 2002, my family traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to attend the Continental Tire Bowl against West Virginia. The Cavaliers were clear underdogs, but we smoked the Mountaineers 48-22. I wore a Virginia baseball cap and an orange-and-blue pom-pom in my hair. Despite the mid-30-degree weather, I refused to wear a jacket because it covered up my Virginia sweatshirt. I watched every game I couldn't attend on TV, or listened to it on the radio if it wasn't televised. The day that Matt Schaub and the Cavs beat Virginia Tech in 2003 was one of the five best days of my life. The Sunday paper featured a special sports section entirely devoted to the game; I taped the pages to my bedroom door where they remained until we moved to a new house after my first year.

These games have always been more to me than simply football and tailgating. They have become tradition. This will be my parents' 20th year holding season tickets, and I expect them to continue doing so for the next 20 seasons. As a family of six die-hard superfans, we have traveled the country to bowl games, followed our favor-

ite players in the NFL, and hosted blow-out tailgates in the Scott Stadium parking lot (South Lot 514 — you're welcome anytime). University athletics brings my family together in a way that almost nothing else can. For us, football games are joyous gatherings with extended family and friends; they are a way for my parents to connect with their college friends and spend quality time with their four kids. I've grown up witnessing the pride that the University inspires within them. Their love for this school has become my own.

Since I became a student, not a day has passed during which I haven't given thanks for the opportunity to study here. A simple love for the Wahoos has evolved into an uncontrollable passion for this school in its entirety, and it has given birth to several traditions of my own. This is my home, and when I consider how it will feel to get kicked out next May (I refuse to say the "g" word just yet), I am filled with anxiety and fear. I know not how I will fare beyond age 22 and feel as though graduating (okay, I said it) will be like getting dumped from a long-term boyfriend.

But I know that tradition will guide me through the unknown.

No matter where I am, I will continue to return to U.Va. Like my parents, I will give back to the University as an alumna, attend Reunions with my old friends and hold Virginia close to my heart. The traditions I've created will keep me close to U.Va. long after I've graduated. I will never truly feel as though I've left for good.

Make your own traditions while you're here. It will give deeper significance to your time as a student and inspire memories to last a lifetime. Do things that are meaningful to you and do them with the people you love. Traditions are activities that we choose to preserve — so preserve something that you don't want to lose. Celebrate always, for life is sweet even in the smallest ways.

One day, I will bring my children to the Lawn, tell them enchanting stories about Thomas Jefferson and paint their faces orange at their grandparents' tailgate. Perhaps I will have season tickets of my own, and — if I've done anything right as a parent — my daughter will sing "Countdown to Cav Man" at her school dance.

Caitlin Rivas is a fourth-year trustee.

Sitting one out

*The United States should not intervene in Syria***Meredith Berger**
Opinion Columnist

In case you are one of the many people who are confused about what is going on in Syria, let me bring you up to speed: There is a civil war, and the United States is considering intervening. Conflict between government forces and rebels began after the Syrian government responded violently to civilian protests in 2011. Since then, protesters have fought back. Now, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's suspected use of chemical weapons against protesters has the U.S. considering launching limited strikes against Syria.

But if the U.S. intervenes, it would only result in more bloodshed. An airstrike could instill fear in the Syrians and potentially deter Assad from using any more chemical weapons on his people. But despite cruise missiles' fairly good accuracy, technology does not always function the way we want it to. So if the U.S. starts lobbing missiles into Syria, civilian casualties are a possibility we must contend with. Photos of innocent Syrian women and children killed and maimed by U.S. missiles would not do wonders for our international reputation. Our intervention might also be seen as an affront to Russia and Iran, which are allies of Assad, and could prompt the two countries to

aid the Syrian president. Such a development could result in a much longer war than we intend, and would take up a lot of our time and resources.

If we don't intervene, however, we would be seen as standing idly by as Assad uses chemical weapons in a blatant breach of Geneva Convention protocols. So what is America to do? I insist that it makes the most sense not to intervene. If we did intervene, the killing would most likely not stop, but increase. Also, would our intervention set a standard for the future? Would the U.S. have to intervene in every civil war in the world from then on? We have the most powerful military in the world, but

that does not make us responsible for every country experiencing internal strife, especially in areas troubled by religious and ethnic conflict that the U.S. alone cannot resolve. It is not up to us to intervene in Syria. Further, we have not seen any unimpeachable proof of who launched the chemical attacks in Damascus. The United Nations is still investigating the attacks, and we have no partners in the global arena who are supporting us. So why the rush to judgment? I also question whether we have the time to intervene in Syria. The U.S. is currently suffering from many internal problems, such as a huge budget deficit, problems in the education sys-

tem, a widening gap between social classes, high unemployment and urban crime. We have enough to worry about at home. At this point the United States is not under attack. But for every action there is a reaction. Using military force in Syria would take up time, drain us of our resources, create further adversity between us and Iran and Russia and quite possibly be another "shot heard 'round the world." Let's sit this Mideast conflict out.

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The hard truth

The Cavalier Daily must not refrain from publishing unpleasant news

Christopher Broom
Public Editor

Tragedy struck the University of Virginia community this past week with the death of second-year student Shelley Goldsmith. The Cavalier Daily coverage of the story began with a simple announcement published on the website on Sunday, Sept. 1. The announcement contained a bit of information about Goldsmith and noted that counseling services and other support is available to students via Counseling and Psychological Services and the Office of the Dean of Students, which includes Housing and Residence Life.

The second and only other news piece The Cavalier Daily published about Goldsmith's death was a short article about students and faculty gathering outside the Alpha Phi sorority house to commemorate Goldsmith's life, published on Sept. 5. It is clear from the statements made at the commemoration that Goldsmith's family and friends and the University

community as a whole have suffered an awful loss.

When the first article was published, no one had much information about the circumstances surrounding or cause of Goldsmith's death. By the time the article about the commemoration was published, though, there was significant information available that wasn't included in the article and wasn't covered elsewhere by The Cavalier Daily. On Sept. 3, The Washington Post had a brief news item stating that Washington, D.C. police were investigating Goldsmith's death. On Sept. 4, the Post had another short piece elaborating on the previous story. Lastly, on Sept. 5 the Post ran a full-length news story noting the possible involvement of a drug referred to as Molly, a synthetic drug that is referred to at times as a purified form of ecstasy. The cause of Goldsmith's death has not yet been determined, according to Washington D.C. police, but the involvement of illegal drugs is an important part of the story. Indeed, it is one that Goldsmith's

father commented on when speaking with the Post reporters. Robert Goldsmith said that after discussing the situation with his family he had decided to make public that his daughter had apparently taken the drug. He is quoted in The Post as saying, "Shelley deserves a legacy of being someone who cared for people, someone who achieved, someone who contributed, and not a druggie who died. That's not who she was. But if her death can open someone's eyes, then we need to talk about it."

The Cavalier Daily simply can't leave out significant information from such an important story so intimately connected to the University. The first article was appropriate; it contained all of the information known at the time. But by the time the second article was published there were important facts available that The Cavalier Daily writers and editors either hadn't learned or chose not to report. I can understand how difficult it would be as a part of the University community to include information about possible

drug use in an article about people coming together to commemorate a young person with tremendous potential who has just died. But the information is still newsworthy and should, then, at least have been reported on in another article.

Expectations for a student-run paper

Given my criticism of news coverage above, it's worth asking: What's reasonable to expect from a group of undergraduate college students who publish a paper in the time they have between classes and studying and all the other activities of college life? Certainly in the stories and columns and editorials that are published, readers should expect professionalism and accuracy. It's not worth publishing a paper if you're not going to strive to meet those baseline requirements for journalism.

However, this is not a profit-making enterprise, there are not a tremendous amount of resources available and not every story that could possibly be covered will be

covered. Choices about what to write will be made every day and not all readers will agree with those choices. For example, I think that the Board of Visitor's decision to change the AccessUVa program to include loans could stand to have an entire issue of the news magazine devoted to it. Others, according to comments on The Cavalier Daily website, feel that the news writers should focus more on crime in the Charlottesville area.

I tend to think that it's more important cover the stories that the staff and editors choose to cover accurately than it is to cover every possible story.

What do you think should be the expectations for the staff of The Cavalier Daily in terms of reporting news? Please let me know in the comments, via Twitter or email at the address below.

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Leaving some behind

A voter literacy test would have negative effects on the voting population

Ashley Spinks
Opinion Columnist

Two weeks ago, my fellow Opinion columnist Russell Bogue wrote an article arguing that the government should bring back literacy tests as part of our voting procedure in the United States. Bogue's column became the target of criticism from a variety of sources, ranging from U.Va. alumni to our public editor Christopher Broom. Bogue then wrote a follow-up column, published last week, which attempted to address some of our readers' concerns. But I still think he missed the reason why so many people responded negatively in the first place. He failed to realize the most troublesome and fundamentally offensive aspect of his column, which our public editor came closest to articulating by saying: "Bogue betrays a lack of understanding of the history of the place from which he's writing. And the privilege those of us with access to an excellent education enjoy."

I would like to make a few arguments in response to Bogue, but my principal contention is

this: Bogue wrote from a place of extreme racial, gender and socioeconomic privilege, a perspective that many of us here at the University enjoy. As a white male attending a prestigious institution of higher learning, Bogue can write cavalierly (no pun intended) about implementing hypothetical literacy tests. But his suggestions, however theoretical, remain offensive because of the historical baggage attached to them and their potential practical ramifications.

In his first column, Bogue explains away the oppressive history of literacy tests by saying that while the history of the tests may be "shady," we should not let the concept of literacy tests be "tainted." He assures his audience that his replacement tests would "apply equally to all races," but that standard is simply impossible to achieve, as history will tell us. Inherently the administration of a literacy test would put groups that are already marginalized in our country at risk of losing their voice in government. Specifically, the tests would disadvantage the poor and people who live in urban (often poverty-stricken) neighborhoods. Again, it may be diffi-

cult to understand this when you are not a member of a historically or currently oppressed group, but many people do not have access to cars, the Internet, television or even free time in which to study for or take such a test, because they are too busy trying to support their families at a minimum-wage job. We all have active lives to which voting may pose a slight inconvenience, but implementing a literacy test would undeniably present a greater obstacle for certain groups over others.

Bogue's proposal to test voters only on the most important and "rudimentary" aspects of history, politics and economics was teeming with condescension. We need not digress into the quasi-philosophical argument about which political and economic facts are actually "objective," but the point remains that many people in this country have not had access to the type of education that Bogue has enjoyed. This is not an ad hominem attack — given that Bogue is a student at the University of Virginia, he has been exposed to more academic material than many people will see in a lifetime. It is his failure to appreciate and acknowledge this fact that made his original column particularly

lacking and unpersuasive.

Bogue goes further in trying to assure his audience of the fairness of his test, saying that people who failed the test would have the opportunity to retake it as many times as necessary until they passed. But being able to take the test indefinitely does not erase the indignity of having to take the test at all. All American people, but especially those who belong to a historically oppressed demographic group, should and likely would be hurt by having to take a literacy test prior to voting. I agree with Bogue that voting is a "duty and a responsibility," but it is one that American citizens are given and entrusted with, not one that they should have to earn or prove they deserve. To be able to vote and voice your opinion in an election is one of our fundamental political rights. We should not have to fight for it.

I understand Bogue's frustration with ill-informed voting and voter apathy. I too have written about these problems in the past. But if you don't want to silence voices, you have to accept ignorant voting as part of the process. Everyone has the right to express their views, however ill-founded they may be. Creating a literacy

test would only alienate more voters, thus worsening our already shamefully low voter turnout statistics. Those who currently do not vote still won't, those who vote occasionally will stop voting because of the additional hassle, and our voting pool will become even less representative, with only the most motivated (and likely extremist) camps being represented.

Bogue's proposal is saturated with a type of elitism that points to the class- and race-based divides that hinder Americans from relating to each other constructively. Although I'm sure his proposal was not made with the intent of malice or snobbery, in execution it could prove both malicious and elitist by disenfranchising thousands of voters. Other solutions, such as well-regulated political advertising, greater accessibility to the candidates and their platforms, and better political science education in schools would more readily solve the problems that Bogue seeks to address.

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Medical School investigates genetics, Parkinson's correlation

Asst. Neurology Prof. Matthew Barrett's personal experience with disease prompts research into root causes, potential cures

Emily Dinning
Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

Hoping to eventually develop customized treatment options and ease some of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease, researchers at the University Medical School are currently looking into the link between genetics and memory loss in Parkinson's patients.

Parkinson's, which affects one in 500 people worldwide, develops when nerve cells in the brain are unable to produce dopamine, a neurotransmitter that helps the

brain control movement. The loss of dopamine leads to symptoms such as tremors, rigidity of muscles and slowness of movement, and may cause depression, anxiety and cognitive impairment.

By analyzing genetic data available through the National Institute for Health, the research team, led by Asst. Neurology Prof. Matthew Barrett, hopes to find new types of treatments for the disease.

"Patients are very different, and they experience Parkinson's symptoms differently," Barrett said. "Our research is focused on how to tailor and optimize treatments for patients with Parkinson's. This project is a

necessary step to achieve this goal."

From personal experience, Barrett said he is highly aware of the impacts Parkinson's can have on patients. Ultimately, he said he hopes to discover something more than a medication that simply masks the symptoms of the disease, instead focusing his efforts on the roots of the disease and a possible cure.

"It's exciting to be able to launch this project," he said. "I'm very happy to be back at U.Va. and I am looking forward to building a research program to better understand the genetic basis of Parkinson's disease."



I have no choice about whether or not I have Parkinson's. I have nothing but choices about how I react to it. In those choices, there's freedom to do a lot of things in areas that I wouldn't have otherwise found myself in — Michael J. Fox



University students partner with South African caregivers

Faculty, students spend summer educating home-based medical personnel about diabetes, high blood pressure

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Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

While many University students spent the summer break toiling away in an internship — often unpaid — one group of students and faculty members spent their summer nearly thousands of miles away helping to improve the health care system of two communities in South Africa.

A group of medical, nursing and public policy students and faculty members worked to educate home-based caregivers of two clinics in Thohoyandou and Tiyan, South Africa on different methods of treating prevalent chronic disease such as diabetes and high blood pressure. In areas like Thohoyandou and Tiyan,

home-based givers are the link between clinics, hospitals and patients that ensure the patients' health.

The caregivers were well trained in helping patients with HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis-related health issues, but had encountered problems associated with diabetes and high blood pressure.

By partnering with the students and faculty from the University of Venda "The opportunity to have this experience and contribute something and work with med students was really something special," said Meg Wightman, a graduate Nursing student and clinical leader of the project.

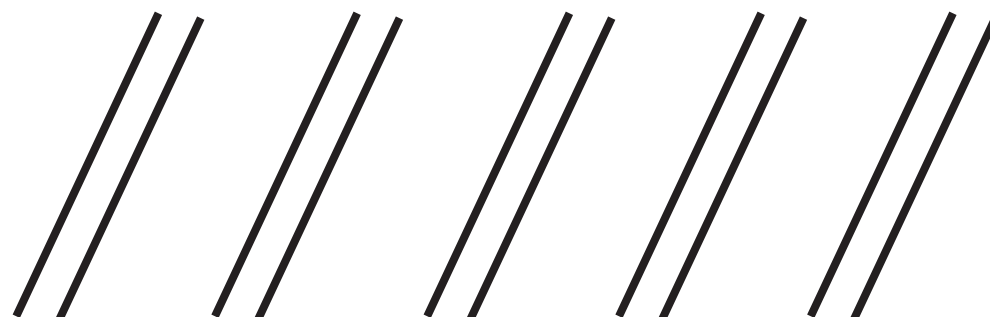
, the U.Va. delegation was able to educate caregivers about the symptoms to look for in potential diabetics, such as increased and frequent

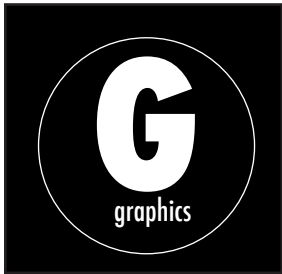
urination or thirst. The teams also used visual presentations to demonstrate the effects of high blood pressure on the body's circulatory system and provide examples of healthy diets.

By the end of their time in South Africa, the group had successfully educated and trained 60 home-based caregivers to diagnose high-

blood pressure and diabetes. In turn, the South African caregivers taught the University delegation a few valuable lessons as well.

"The relationship between the patients and caregivers was something incredible and something we here in the U.S. can learn from," Assoc. Nursing Prof. Cathy Campbell said.

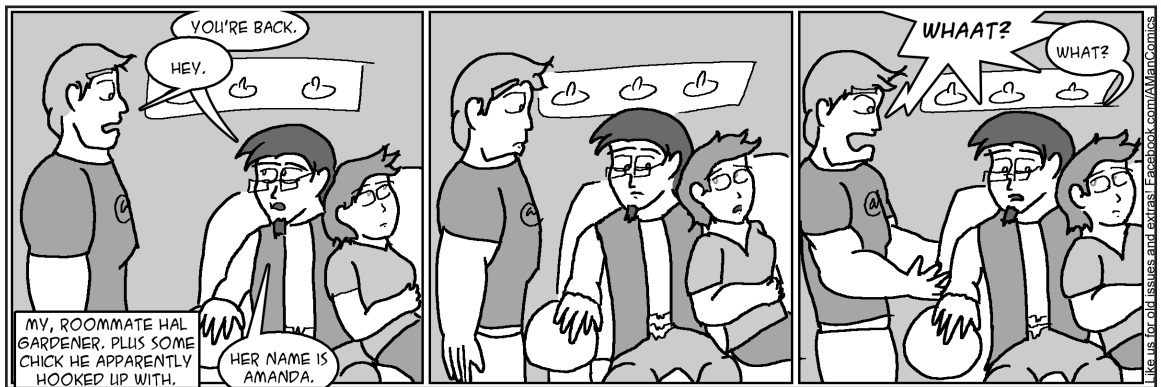




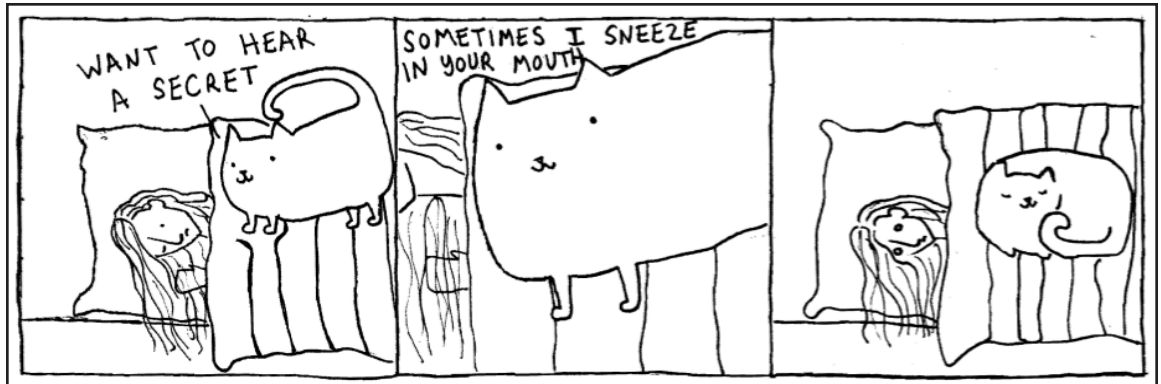
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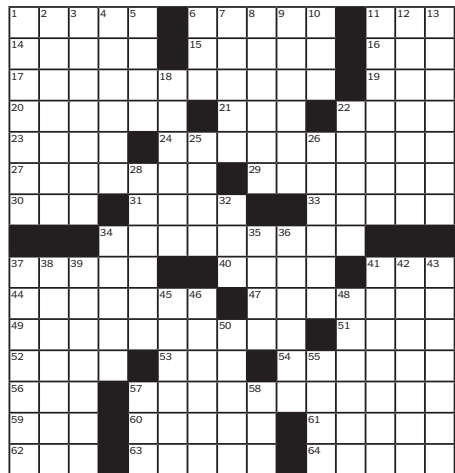
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 - 56 Abbr. on a sale item's tag
 - 57 Clark Kent and Lois Lane's paper
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 - 60 Binge
 - 61 Uneasy feeling
 - 62 Hurricane's center
 - 63 Swarms (with)
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 - 6 Weep
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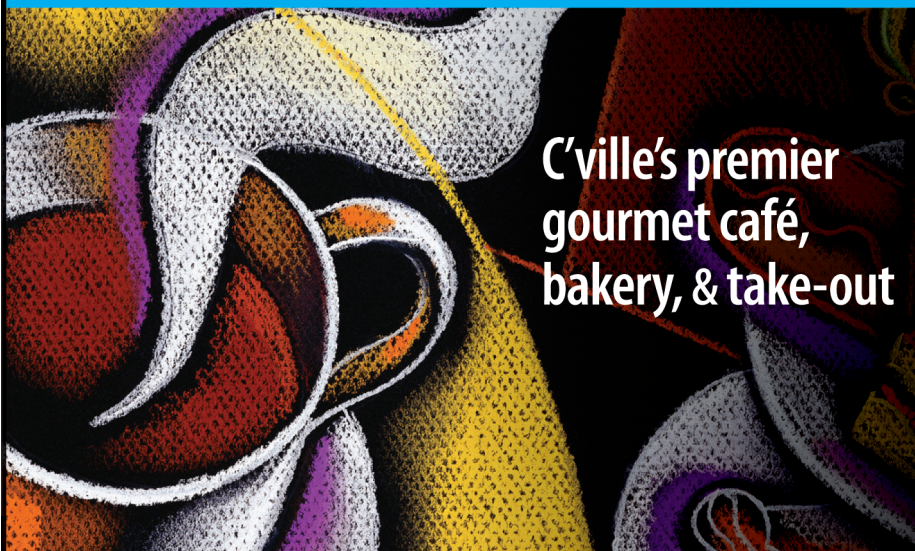
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