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Honor Committee informed retraction, jury reform proposals draw widespread interest, spark debate

By Grace Hollis and Jonathan Sheppard

Cavalier Daily Focus Editor and Staff Writer

Members of the University community remain conflicted on next week’s Restore the Ideal vote, when students will decide whether to implement two hotly contested reforms into the Honor Committee’s constitution and bylaws.

The twofold proposal offers students two changes to the committee’s operations — and students must vote to approve or disapprove the proposals as a package. Informed retraction allows a student reported to the Honor Committee to admit guilt in lieu of going to trial and subsequently take a one-year absence from the University rather than face expulsion under honor’s single sanction policy. If students choose to go to trial instead of taking the option of informed retraction, the second part of the proposal puts the accused student before a jury of elected Honor representatives instead of giving them the options to appear in front of a jury of randomly selected students or a mixed panel of representatives and randomly selected students.

Committee Chair Stephen Nash, a fourth-year College student, said the committee always knew it would be an uphill battle, but Committee members believe

they owe the student population a proposal designed to target existing problems.

Judging Jury Reform

Against a backdrop of active honor outreach about the proposal, the “Vote No for Honor” campaign has garnered widespread support from students opposed to the reforms. The majority of the dissension comes from people opposed to the jury reform process, rather than the implementation of informed retraction, but there are those who see their stance more of an indictment on the use of single sanction.

Second-year Law student Ronald Fisher, a member of the Editorial Board of the Virginia Law Review, was an early opponent to the jury reform component of the proposal.

“Despite the Honor Committee’s assertions to the contrary, this proposed body is not a ‘jury,’” Fisher wrote in a Jan. 28 editorial for The Cavalier Daily. “There is a word for an institution which is given plenary authority to investigate violations, charge alleged offenders, and pass judgment upon those charged. They are called ‘inquisitions.’”

Nash said the current random student panel at honor trials

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“But innovation for innovation’s sake is not a step forward.”

-Morgan Byrne-Diakun, University alumnus

Bellamy proposes new Honor reforms

Law School student submits informed retraction constitutional amendment, aims to separate measure from elected juries initiative

By Joseph Liss

Cavalier Daily Senior Associate News Editor

Second-year Law student Frank Bellamy submitted a proposed referendum to the University Board of Elections late last week which would incorporate informed retraction into

Honor Committee proceedings but would not address the Committee’s proposed jury reform.

UBE must now verify the proposal’s roughly 2,100 signatures to ensure it received the support of 10 percent of the student body. If verified, Bellamy’s amendment will appear on

the University-wide ballot Feb. 25-28 alongside the Committee’s proposal. Either proposal must be approved by three-fifths of voters to take effect.

Informed retraction allows a student accused of an honor offense to admit guilt and leave the University for two semes-

ters. Jury reform, which is not included in Bellamy’s proposal, requires that all honor trials be tried before a jury of five Honor Committee members, selected by the vice-chair for trials.

Bellamy said he crafted the proposal to give students a greater choice.

“The proposal is an attempt to sever the two reforms that the Honor Committee is proposing,” Bellamy said. “[Students] should be allowed to vote for the reforms they want and not

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Law students gathered in Caplin Auditorium Monday evening to hear a debate on the new honor proposals moderated by Dean of Students Allen Groves.

By Audrey Waldrop
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Dean of Students Allen Groves moderated a debate Monday evening about the Honor Committee's proposed reforms at the Law School's Caplin Auditorium. Fourth-year College student Owen Gallogly, Honor Committee pre-trial coordinator and co-chair of the Policies and Procedures committee, a proponent of the reforms, debated second-year Law student Ron Fisher on the merits of the twofold proposal. Honor Chair Stephen Nash, a fourth-year College student, joined Gallogly in respond-

ing to student questions after the debate. Gallogly said the existing system punishes honesty, provides a substantial incentive to lie and is marred by disinterested or otherwise incompetent jurors. "These internal difficulties have led to external problems for Honor in the larger University community," he said, specifically mentioning the lack of reports of honor offenses from faculty and students and a lack of confidence in the system's procedures. In the last 10 years, Gallogly said, there have been approxi-

Gallogly, Fisher debate

Dean Groves moderates Honor reform debate, Law student offers resistance

mately 45 reports per year, suggesting less than 0.5 percent of students violate the Honor Code. But a 2010 University survey conducted by the Honor Committee reported almost 5 percent of respondents believed they had committed an honor offense while at the University and another 12 percent were uncertain. Fisher agreed the honor system needs to be fixed, but said he thought the faculty most qualified to draft changes were in the Law School, who he said were not consulted. He advocated for a more rigorous trial process which allowed students to be cross-examined. Gallogly said the two proposals up for vote next week will encourage honesty at every step of the process, not simply before an offense is committed. Informed retraction, he said, allows students who are aware a charge has been brought against them to admit guilt before being confronted with the evidence against them, having access only to the interview information provided by the primary witness.

Fisher, however, said informed retraction could disproportionately hurt certain student groups. "But what about those international students who are here on student visas?" Fisher asked. "Or perhaps those who can't afford to simply take a year out of their lives?" He added that the new system might also encourage innocent students with the means to take a year off to opt out of the trial process. "Do we want to incentivize those who are innocent but simply don't have the bullet-proof alibi to take a year off and admit an honor offense?" he asked. "Does that save honor? I'd say no." Nash said the goal of the reforms is to create an open and more transparent system that would provide much greater protection to the students. "I think the only way for us to make that a reality is by having [jury] elections," Nash said. Random student juries often had students who refused to convict because they disagreed with single sanction punishments,

Gallogly said, making their verdicts inconsistent. He added that all students are allowed to run for Honor Committee positions, so the jury would still be a panel of the accused student's peers. The proposed changes, Fisher countered, raised important questions about the diversity of the jury — citing lingering concerns from a 1990 Honor Committee case. "I ask you whether it's really a better policy to allow five elected individuals over random student juries decide these questions that have such great impact on student's lives?" he said. The University Judiciary System already uses the elective jury system, and Groves said because of this difference he is more likely to refer a case to UJC than to the Honor Committee. A strong supporter of the honor system as a Law student, Groves said the number of challenging cases he has faced as an alumnus have convinced him of the need for this reform. "You need to own the system because it is yours," Groves said to the audience. "That is the beauty of U.Va."

Virginia Senate approves voter ID law

Lieut. Gov. Bill Bolling's tie-breaking vote pushes forward Republican initiative to reduce acceptable identification at polls

By Erik Payne
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Lieut. Gov. Bill Bolling broke a 20-20 tie in the Virginia Senate Friday to pass a Republican-backed voter ID law. The bill, sponsored by Del. Mark Cole, R-Fredricksburg, joins another by Sen. Mark Obenshain, R-Harrisonburg, in calling for stricter voter ID requirements. Bolling, who presides over the Senate, earlier this month broke a tie vote in Cole's bill to pass a Democrat-backed amendment, which delayed the implementation of the proposed changes until 2014. Bolling also broke a tie in a vote on Obenshain's bill earlier this month,

Cole's bill allows only voter registration cards, Social Security cards, driver's licenses, government-issued IDs and photo workplace IDs to be accepted as forms of identification. Obenshain's bill would take a stricter approach, requiring photo identification. Acceptable forms of ID include a government-issued photo ID that includes their address, a photo ID from a Virginia college or university, or a workplace ID featuring a photo. Under his proposal, the state would provide free voter registration cards with photographs to individuals without other acceptable photo IDs. Obenshain contended the bill was necessary to answer ques-

tions of voter integrity and to inspire confidence in the election process. "Our entire democratic process is predicated on a near-universal acceptance of election results as legitimate and expressive of the will of the people," Obenshain said in a press release. "If that confidence is waning — and it is — then we have a serious problem on our hands." Democrats disagree, saying Republicans are interested in making it harder for people who disagree with them to vote. These voter ID laws will disproportionately impact Democrat voters, said Geoffrey Skelly, spokesperson for the University's Center for Politics. "The

ones most affected [by the law] are going to be the least likely to know about it," Skelley said. Republicans, Democrats claim, are attempting to confuse Virginia's voters and suppress the vote. "[The law is] a radical and overreaching agenda on Virginia voters," Virginia Senate Democrats spokesperson Joshua Karp said in a statement. But Obenshain said recent concerns from the general population about election results made the bill needed. "We've had 12 years of significant segments of our population believing, when their candidate lost, that the election might have been stolen, and we have

an election process in place that offers them to little assurance that such fraud couldn't happen," Obenshain said. Democrats, however, said these concerns about voter fraud are unfounded. "Voter fraud isn't happening, because no one would risk a felony conviction to give a politician one more vote," Sen. Chap Petersen, D-Fairfax City, said. Skelley said Democrats will likely engage in efforts to educate affected voters. "Democrats will try to ameliorate this problem before the election, for those voters that don't know," Skelley said. "It's hard to say that this will have a substantive impact on voters."

Stevens enters 2013 Commissioner race

Local Democratic activist seeks Revenue officer post, Charlottesville Councilwoman Kathleen Galvin publicly endorses candidate

By Alia Sharif and Maggie Ambrose
Cavalier Daily Staff Writers

Jonathan Stevens will formally announce Tuesday he will run for Charlottesville commissioner of revenue in the November election. Current commissioner of revenue Raymond Richards has been in office since 1994 and will be retiring at the end of his term in 2014. The principle responsibilities of the position include administrating local taxes and assisting businesses and individuals with tax and licensing issues. Stevens described himself as a moderate, efficient progres-

sive. His platform includes modernizing the revenue commissioner's office to improve efficiency. "I want to reduce the chance for errors and complete compliance which will benefit the city's bottom line," Stevens said. "I want to build on the great record of service that the retiring commissioner has had." Stevens said he hopes to make the office more transparent and establish rules which apply uniformly to all citizens. Charlottesville City Councilwoman Kathleen Galvin said she plans to endorse Stevens. Galvin met Stevens when he worked on her campaign for City Council in 2011.

"He's a dedicated worker, very [smart] and a systems thinker," Galvin said. "I like that kind of quality especially with someone who will be working in bringing in our tax revenue." Aside from Councilwoman Galvin's campaign, Stevens has accumulated a wide variety of political experience, working on campaigns ranging from school board members to Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign. Stevens is currently the co-chair of the Clark Precinct for the Charlottesville City Democrats. As of yet, no one else has announced plans to run for the position.



John Stevens entered the race for Charlottesville Commissioner of Revenue Tuesday. Stevens has been active in local Democratic politics, serving on Councilwoman Galvin's 2011 campaign and President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign.

Marshall Bronfin
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University student abducted, fights off attack

A female University student was abducted at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning near 513 Rugby Road, the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, according to an email sent to the University community by University Police Chief Michael Gibson. The student was attempting

to get a taxi when a car stopped to pick her up, according to the email. The driver drove her to outside Kellogg dormitory, instead of to her dormitory on Alderman Road, and attempted to assault the student, but she fought the attacker off and got away. The student informed the police

about the abduction using the University's JustReportIt system, a confidential online form students can use to report incidents of identity-based discrimination. The victim has not yet chosen to file an official report on the incident, but the University Police is continuing its investigation, University Police Lieut. Melissa Fielding said. "Since the victim has not filed an official police report, it is difficult for any agency to follow

up on the police report," Fielding said. The decision of whether or not to file a police report is the personal choice of the victim, especially in cases of attempted sexual assault, Fielding said. Fielding said alcohol was likely a factor in the incident but said the victim could not be blamed in any way for the attempted abduction. "While we think alcohol is a factor, it certainly doesn't justify crime," Fielding said.

University Police are still working to get the victim to formally report the incident. "Hopefully at some point we'll be able to convince this young woman to talk to us and file a [report]," Fielding said. "We are following up on things that we can follow up on." Individuals with information are asked to contact the University Police or Crime Stoppers at (434) 977-4000. —compiled by Joseph Liss

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An ideal worth restoring

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Most student organizations aim to highlight their successes. Dollars raised and events held signify a group’s importance and make attractive additions to students’ LinkedIn profiles. But the Honor Committee — sometimes maligned for its self-importance — has, as of late, pursued a different strategy. Far from parading its achievements, the Committee has been trumpeting its own dysfunction.

Students running to be Committee representatives have branded themselves bearers of a broken system. Two major problems plaguing honor are community buy-in and the consistency with which honor offenses are handled. The two problems reinforce each other.

A slim percentage of professors, and a slimmer percentage of students, feel comfortable reporting honor offenses to the Committee. Students committing identical honor violations — for example, plagiarizing an essay — receive different punishments based on their instructor’s attitude toward the honor system. One student who plagiarizes might get a zero on the assignment or a failing grade in the class. Another might get reported to the Committee and ultimately expelled from the University. Unless more students and faculty begin addressing honor offenses through the Committee rather than handling them independently, single sanction is, in practice, a myth — and consistency emerges as a problem from the start.

Where consistency can be ensured, however, is at trial. In the past, Committee leaders say, honor trials have been wildly inconsistent. Juries comprised of random students, with no honor trial experience and only marginal training in the Committee’s bylaws, will convict some guilty students but acquit others in the face of comparable overwhelming

evidence.

The nature of the Committee’s operations limits the transparency we can demand. We have to take much of what the Committee says on trust when evaluating its proposed reforms. Because most trials are closed and federal student privacy rights prohibit the Committee from releasing extensive trial summaries, the majority of students have no way to gauge the competence of random student juries. And if a random student panel found an innocent student guilty, Committee members, bound by legal advisors, would be unable to tell us.

Would the Committee’s proposed reforms, the Restore the Ideal Act, solve honor’s problems? The act, which would modify the Committee’s bylaws to include an informed-retraction option and would change the Committee’s constitution to include a stipulation that jury panels consist of five elected Committee members, is not without its flaws. But it is a bold attempt to fix a system that no longer does its job. The choice is one between paralysis and action. We can keep a dysfunctional honor system, or we can adopt reforms that are not quite perfect. The solution is action followed by more action. Students should vote in favor of the proposed reforms. And should the reforms pass the Committee must take steps to mitigate the act’s potential negative consequences.

The informed retraction stands to improve community buy-in by making people more likely to report honor offenses to the Committee. A year’s suspension is a serious punishment, but the option nonetheless points to a more flexible, forgiving system.

The act’s jury-reform component stands to improve consistency. Juries comprised of rigorously trained Committee representatives are a strong check against inconsistent verdicts.

The act is a good start, but if it passes more work remains. The

crop of Committee hopefuls running in University-wide elections this year is appallingly homogeneous. To mitigate for its lack of diversity the Committee must reinvigorate its Diversity Advisory Board. Diversity Advisory Board representatives should have the option to observe honor trials and thus act as a check against potential bias. The Committee should also extend its reach by appealing to intermediaries — students who aren’t Committee support officers but also aren’t entirely detached from the Committee. The group Student Athletes Committed to Honor is an example of how the Committee can both build allies and ensure it is fairly treating all student population groups, particularly those that suffer overreporting.

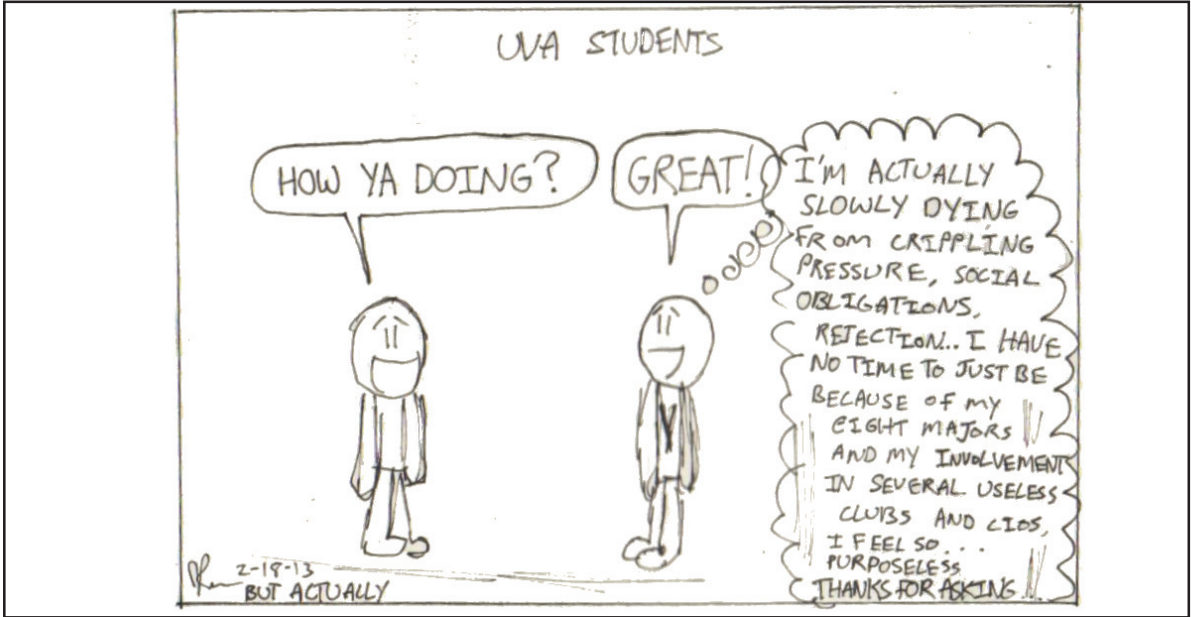
The Committee should release public summaries at the end of each semester in a University-wide email. The body should also introduce a public-appeal option, which would allow students convicted in a closed trial to appeal the Committee’s decision in an open hearing.

Finally, the Committee should push for spotlighting training for new faculty hires. It also needs to better train its own members: extending instruction on bias and reasonable doubt will help representatives conduct trials justly.

The reforms enact incentives for students to be honest. Rather than tap-dancing through trial and using a random-student jury’s inexperience and uncertainty about honor to win acquittal, guilty students would have the option of immediately admitting guilt or taking their chances with a seasoned panel. And the expertise of an all-Committee jury protects innocent students from wrongful convictions — what has worked well for the University Judiciary Committee will work well for the Honor Committee.

The Committee’s contentious proposal, if followed by further action, has the ability to correct flaws in the honor system: and honor, at the University, is an ideal worth restoring.

Editorial Cartoon by Peter Simonsen



Everybody love everybody

University students ought to embrace one another’s friendship and love

Growing up in the swamps of Louisiana, I learned a lot of words of wisdom — some wise, some not. You learn how to hunt, cook and be a Southern gentleman. It is only after you leave that you realize that it is much different than other places.

That being said, growing up taught me a very, very important lesson — Everybody Love Everybody (known affectionately as ELE). ELE is my standard for group projects, friendships and basically every interaction I have with people. It is based on mutual respect, shared community and human nature. It is a very simple lesson: Everybody [needs to] Love Everybody.

Something I noticed at U.Va. is that we always work — hard. We know how to have fun after that work is done, but we forget the little things. In the midst of papers,

projects, tests, walking to and from class, CIO meetings and doing other “important items on our agenda,”

we could all use a little more ELE. Think about it. A few changes make a world of difference. Say “hello” to people as they pass, make eye contact with a complete stranger on the sidewalk and wave, hug someone you haven’t seen in a while, call a friend to ask them how they are doing, answer those texts and emails you don’t exactly want to answer.

ELE is one quality of the University that should not have to be ingrained in stone on our academic buildings or touched upon in an unforgettable lecture. As students

and future leaders, we need to build up the U.Va. community. As I near graduation, I hope to leave Mr. Jefferson’s village better off than when I arrived on Grounds.

I dare you to try it. See the difference ELE makes in your day at this great university. You might just be surprised. What I have realized is that U.Va. begins to look a lot like my friends and family back home. This is just a tidbit of wisdom from the gumbo-making man of the swamps.

Charlie Miller is a fourth-year trustee.

CHARLIE MILLER
GUEST VIEWPOINT

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Who run the world

Women must take measures to prevent sexual assault

Sexual assault against women is all too common, and the University is no safety bubble — as the disturbingly frequent emails from University police regarding fondlings and other forms of assault against female students make clear. Though there are groups on grounds such as the Sexual Assault Resource Agency that help victims of assault, few efforts have been made to prevent the assault in the first place.

During the weekend, the White Ribbon Campaign made impressive strides toward violence prevention by presenting “The Vagina Monologues,” a play by Eve Ensler centered on the issue of women’s body image and violence against women, in the Chemistry Building. The White Ribbon Campaign, whose members pledge “never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls,” is a national organization focused on preventing gender-based violence. The campaign is active on Grounds and raised more than \$1,000 with its staging of “The Vagina Monologues.” Ninety percent of the money raised was donated to the Women’s Center. The remainder went to the V-Day fund, a charity committed to ending domestic and sexual violence globally.

While hilarious and entertaining,

“The Vagina Monologues” spoke painful truth when it came to sexual assault. The production, a series of short monologues based on interviews conducted with hundreds of women, was both funny and unsettling. With as many as one in three women around the world being assaulted in their lifetime, it is no wonder that along with the comic narratives were some heartbreaking and tragic ones. But the emotional stories did not detract from the play but rather made it stronger — for it is through the use of paths that people are most often motivated to act, and taking action is incredibly important right now.

Violence against women is one of the most important social issues we currently face. Survivors of sexual attacks can experience long-lasting health problems such as depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Society as a whole also suffers from the prevalence of sexual violence. Violence against women results in a widespread fear of danger where women are constantly threatened by the possibility of assault and thus lack the ability to do certain things such as walk alone or walk after dark. These restraints can be incredibly frustrating as a college student, especially when you have a late

class or need to walk back from the library late at night.

College women are at an especially high risk for gender-based violence, and girls aged 16 to 19 are four times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. Although the White Ribbon Campaign is taking steps toward eliminating such violence, more needs to be done to address this issue. While some measures have been taken on a national level, such as the passing of anti-violence legislation and the creation of shelters for battered women, assault against women still occurs and it is up to individuals to put an end to it. Ways in which we, as college students, can personally combat gender-based violence include increasing awareness of the problem’s severity and promoting violence prevention. We can begin by encouraging respect for all people, regardless of race, gender or other distinguishing characteristics and instilling in our peers that discrimination or violence against anyone is not tolerated. By getting at the root of the problem we can potentially prevent such violence and hopefully eliminate it completely.

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Did you know

51% of the sexual assault cases studied in the Women’s Safety Project survey were committed against young women between 16 and 21 years old.

Only 16% of rapes are ever reported to the police.

43% thought nothing could be done
27% felt it was a private matter
12% were afraid of police response

12% felt it was NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH.

13.3% of college women indicated that they had been FORCED to have sex in a dating situation.

A farewell to arms

A new program succeeds at educating young people about gun control

Philadelphia has gained a reputation in the past few years as a hub of homicide. Hardly living up to its promise of brotherly love, the city has been grimly nicknamed “Kill”-adelphia, for it

has one of the highest murder rates in the nation. A couple weeks ago, *New York Times* reporter Jon Hurdle discussed a hospital-based program based in Philadelphia called Cradle to Grave, which seeks to educate teenage students about the dangers of gun violence and ultimately temper the homicide rate in the city. The program may seem controversial, as it exposes students to the grisly reality of shooting victims, but I personally commend the efforts of Temple University Hospital and believe the program could have a positive impact on its participants.

Cradle to Grave is a comprehensive program that addresses gun violence’s many implications. Since the program began in 2006, more than 7,000 Philadelphia students have participated. Participation includes a tour of the ambulance bay, learning morgue terminology, reviewing cases of actual gunshot victims and hearing record-

ings of those victims’ families. The directors are not afraid to be honest and get personal — students are sometimes asked to play the part of the victim while lying on a gurney, asked to

listen to details about the drastic and painful measures doctors will take to try to save a life and asked to make a list of all the people they would miss if they were shot.

Though the Cradle to Grave program may seem drastic, it can be easily justified by precedent. We have tried to combat other issues through demonstrative intervention, so why not employ the same tactics for gun violence? When teen pregnancy rates became concerning, we implemented sexual education classes. We encouraged teenagers to be safe by shocking them with the symptoms of STIs and discussing the gravity of unplanned pregnancies. We’ve implemented “scared straight” programs for drug use, texting while driving, drinking on prom night — every problem affecting young teens today.

I know from personal experience that programs such as Cradle to Grave can have a lasting emotional impact and can

be entirely convincing. When I was in high school, we visited the state penitentiary and sat down with convicted felons in small groups. Among us were armed robbers and murderers, who volunteered their time to tell us their stories: where they had gone wrong, their regrets and lessons learned and what their lives were like in prison. If that experience taught me anything, it was that life and freedom are fragile things. You can be a good person with good intentions, and your life can still be filled with mistakes and bad experiences. You need to be careful about the choices you make and the people with whom you associate. Arguably, you should try to keep yourself safe without ever employing violence. Although my experience was not identical to Cradle to Grave’s gun-violence seminar, I do believe it was analogous.

The program is intense, but I don’t think that makes it inherently bad or inappropriate. Quite the opposite, in fact. I’m glad the coordinators are treating young students with such respect, and trusting their ability to handle the truth. The program may be brutal, but it is also informative. If we allow our children be exposed to gun violence through televi-

sion, music and video games, why not through education? Kids deserve to know the reality of guns, rather than merely observing their glamorized side.

Will we truly be able to curb gun violence simply by teaching students “guns are dangerous”? Maybe not. It is too soon to argue success on that front, especially since most of the students leaving the program still thought people should be able to own guns for self-defense. This finding is not unexpected: many years of healing and change will be necessary before Philadelphia residents feel safe. You may not convince students or their families to stop carrying or using guns right away, but you may garner within them a sense of urgency, obligation, and sympathy. They may be more hesitant to shoot or to put themselves into a dangerous situation. They may feel drawn to helping their peers who have been affected by a gun tragedy. They may be able to better understand the horrors of being shot or losing

a loved one and be inspired to work in health care or counseling. Over time, I think reality checks such as Cradle to Grave will change patterns in gun usage and people’s attitudes.

Gun violence permeates the lives of young children in urban areas. Chuck Williams, a Drexel University professor, spoke of the vicious cycle of hopelessness and despair that exists in cities such as

Philadelphia, saying that gun violence “is a people problem, not a government problem”. While I don’t entirely agree, I do appreciate the sentiment, and I believe you can change people’s minds about issues like guns with a grassroots approach. In Philadelphia, gun violence is a pressing issue, and I’m glad health officials have taken measures to address it. I encourage many other cities to follow their example.

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Honor on the larger scale

The Honor Committee must reform to include the voices of international students

I am an international student at the University of Virginia who chose to pursue my undergraduate education here, from a 20-hour plane ride away on the other side of the world. I am part of a group that accounts for 5 percent of the entire student population.

While I cannot be entirely qualified to represent all of the international students with my words, I would like to share with everyone how I feel with the recently proposed honor reforms. Take this as you will; I am not going to urge you to vote in a particular direction. Such an attempt has no point anyway: I am only part of 5 percent of this community and a democratic vote in the majority’s favor can effortlessly triumph over contrary opinions. All I seek is well-reasoned thought about this issue, and I would like to help by contributing to a more balanced perspective about these reforms.

It may be true that informed retraction removes incentives for students to lie through the honor process if they are accused of an offense. After all, a year away from the University sounds way better than getting expelled. This may be a good idea, if this option were actually open as a legitimate and viable choice to all students from all backgrounds

at this University. Sadly, the reality is that this is far from a viable option that international

students (or students on financial aid, or athletes on scholarships for that matter) can take. Our student visas are contingent on us retaining full-time student status all throughout our undergraduate careers; any awkwardly unexplained leave of absence would compromise our legal status in the United States. In other words, there is no informed retraction for the international student — there is only exclusion from the University community.

I talked to a candidate running to be a Committee representative for the College, Conor O’Boyle, a while back about how informed retraction doesn’t treat all students equally.

He acknowledged that this is indeed a problem, but explained that international students will be given until the end of the semester to work things out with the International Studies Office (ISO) so they would have ample time to make alternative arrangements about their education. He also said that if we don’t move forward with these honor reforms, the broken system will never change — and even though these reforms may be unequal for international

students, the Honor Committee would then work with the ISO to make sure that international students are adequately supported. I respect Conor as a friend and strong candidate for office, and I do not doubt his promises any bit. Nevertheless, being a student at this University handicapped within the community of trust by the basis of my nationality makes me think

twice about whether I truly am welcomed as a student by my peers. It’s strange to think about us having temporarily suspended equal rights until the Honor Committee finds a solution for this 5 percent of the University.

I understand the Honor Committee’s point about how inexperienced jury members randomly selected from the entire student population may not be able to handle honor trials as effectively and adequately as more thoroughly-trained Honor Committee representatives would. But if we as a university cannot

bring ourselves to trust the randomly selected student that bears an averaged-out conception of honor to make decisions, then please stop insisting that we are working towards a community of trust. I don’t think we are moving toward such an ideal.

There is a difference between enforcing a dictated benchmark

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of personal and academic integrity and creating a community where we can trust and respect each other to abide by a shared notion of honor.

The honor reforms are a step towards the former ideal, but they do little to achieve any concrete progress towards the latter. For one, if the cohort of honor representatives poorly reflects the actual demographics of the student population in terms of ethnicity, academic backgrounds, income groups, nationality and even the general level of commitment on

Grounds, I find it hard to believe that they are accurately representing what the entire school wants. Nevertheless, it is heartening to see that there are candidates running for office this year who depart from the norm.

Would having an international student run to be an Honor Committee representative and having his or her views reflected in honor cases increase my confidence in the system? I don’t know, but for an individual who is culturally foreign to the United States, who enters U.Va. without knowing a single person and has to work twice as hard to try and belong to the community, the odds of winning an election are sometimes stacked against him or her.

If it sounds like I am against the community of honor in this University, please don’t get me wrong: I believe in academic integrity, and I don’t intend to engage in any form of dishonesty in my classes. I have my own laptop, and I’m definitely not about to prance around unattended desks in the libraries scouting for potential laptops to nick. But as I prepare to graduate this May, it may be difficult to ask myself if I have been part of a genuine “community of trust.”

Jonathan Lim is a third-year College student and the president of Global Student Council.

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Honor | Law School condemns combined ballot measure

does not constitute a traditional “jury” either, as juries in federal courts are passive listeners whereas the student panels in honor trials actively question accused students throughout the trial.

“The reason for jury reform is that we believe all-committee juries are best protection for students,” Nash said. “They’re the most exhaustive, the most thorough conversations, and the truth is pursued at each and every jury.”

Fourth-year College student Emily Forrester, chair of the University Judiciary Committee, said the jury reform would create a more useful jury and establishes a process similar to that of UJC.

“[UJC elected juries] are more effective than a random panel at deciding guilt,” she said. “[The juries are] able to see what is and what isn’t a legitimate argument.”

Dean of Students Allen Groves said he supports both of the reform efforts. “In my opinion, the jury reform will bring consistency and fairness to the process, much as it does with UJC,” he said in an email. “[Also] informed retraction will allow for a more measured response in cases of prompt and honest acceptance of fault.”

Questions; Concerns

Some still contend the two proposals do not have a direct connection and should not be voted on as a package.

“The only way to get the vote out to students was to tie them together,” Fisher said. “They aren’t logically linked in any way necessarily. I don’t think it’s a nefarious scheme, just a product of politics.”

Fourth-year Architecture student Kaitlyn Badlato, a Committee representative, cast the only dissenting vote when the committee voted last semester. Badlato said she understood the rationale of the Honor Committee in pairing the proposals, but her reservations with each proposal led her to vote against the reforms.

“I did definitely see how [combining the proposals helps] the issues that [Honor Committee members] were addressing, which was students lying throughout the honor process,” she said. “But there were holes that would put my school at a disadvantage as well as other students at the University.”

The Law School community has been particularly outspoken about the reforms, and its Student Bar Association passed a resolution Monday condemning the Committee’s decision to package the two reforms into one ballot measure.

Additional opposition for the proposals suggest informed retraction unfairly effects international students and those who attend the University on scholarships.

In a letter to the editor, Charles Harris, former Honor Chair, along with more than a dozen former Honor representatives, cautioned students to consider how students with visas or academic scholarships might be adversely impacted by the proposal. Though they did not take a position on the reforms, they said the potential effects on the equal treatment of the student body were troubling.

But Nash said the proposal protects against these concerns of inequality. “We actually paid very close attention to this issue,” he said. “Informed retraction allows international students to finish their semester and work with the administration to reapply for a visa before they leave country immediately.”

Because financial aid or scholarships are valid for eight academic semesters, the informed retraction wouldn’t disable students from being eligible to continue to receive funding for the semesters when they return from the year of absence, Nash said.

A broken sanction or system?

The swell of contention around the issue, however, may be more a product of a lack of trust in the honor system in general.

Forrester said with the current system the juries are ultimately deciding what they think about single sanction, not the accused student’s innocence. Forrester said she is opposed to single sanction, though she supports the proposed reforms.

Fisher said he believes these proposals are meant to address the problems single sanction creates without addressing single sanction itself.

Even within the administration, there is a hesitancy to fully endorse the current system. Groves said that he has seen about 10 cases that could have been filed in either the UJC or Honor forum, and every time he has chosen to file them under UJC discretion.

“That might well change if these reforms are passed,” he said.

The Committee has hosted debates on single sanction in the past, and referenda to amend the process have appeared on the ballot before and failed, Nash said. “We believe we can create an effective solution within the single sanction framework and that’s what we did,” he said. “If students want to have a subsequent conversation about the sanction, we can do that.”

Bellamy | New proposal requires details, clarification

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the reforms they don’t want.”

Bellamy said the two parts of the Committee’s proposal were entirely distinct, so he saw no reason to vote on them together.

Honor Committee Chair Stephen Nash said he thought both parts of the proposal needed to be in place.

“Informed retraction still punishes honest students in the process,” Nash said. “Many other students would be able to inconsistently exploit the process.”

Bellamy said even those who support the Honor reform should still vote for his proposal, since his proposal adds informed retraction to the Honor Committee’s constitution, while the Committee’s proposal designates the informed retraction portion as non-binding, only changing Committee’s bylaws.

“There would be no guarantee that informed retraction would be kept by the Honor Committee [under the Committee’s proposal],” Bellamy said. “The Honor Committee’s referendum is a gauge of student opinion, but it is not binding in any meaningful way.”

The Committee’s proposal says the bylaw changes for informed retraction will only take place on April 1 if the amendment for jury reform is passed by the student body. Nash said that while it would be technically possible for the Committee to later change the bylaws on informed retraction once the jury reform measure passes, in practice they would not — and do not currently — make any changes without substantial student input and a referendum.

The bylaw changes proposed by the Committee detail how students are to be notified of the opportunity to submit an informed retraction, when students must leave the University community, who decides upon the validity of the informed retraction and how a leave of absence due to an honor trial will be indicated on the student’s transcript, among other issues. Bellamy’s proposal includes few of these details.

“I don’t ... understand what students will be voting for if they vote for [his proposal],” Nash said. “I think there are several questions left with the informed retraction Mr. Bellamy proposed.”

Nash said the details within the Committee’s proposal, such as allowing students to finish out their semester so as not to disproportionately affect international students and students receiving need-based financial aid, had been perfected during more than 10 years of conversation.

Bellamy’s proposal also unintentionally delays the point in the honor trial process at which a student may file an informed retraction. The Committee’s proposal requires students to submit an informed retraction within seven days of someone in the community filing an honor charge against them. Bellamy’s proposal permits a student “accused of an honor violation” to file an informed retraction within seven days. Current Committee bylaws say a student is “accused” only after a preliminary Honor Committee investigation has been completed following a reported offense.

Bellamy said he had not intended the difference in wording, but he did not have the language of the Honor Committee’s proposal before him when he wrote his amendment.

“I got the language wrong,” Bellamy said. “My presentation of my referendum has always been that it is the same as the Honor Committee’s.”

Though the different wording was not intentional, it could have serious consequences for the application of informed retractions if implemented, Nash said.

“The problem with it being ... after an entire investigation is that students aren’t encouraged to do what they think is the right thing or the honorable thing, they’re put in a situation where they ... weigh the evidence against them and all these other factors,” Nash said.

Bellamy said he was confident the Committee could amend its bylaws if his proposal passes to ensure his amendment would have the same effect as the Honor Committee’s proposal.

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Senior point guard Jontel Evans scored 12 points but committed six of the team's 14 turnovers in a 93-81 loss to North Carolina last Saturday.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cavs visit No. 2 Miami

Bennett craves defensive improvement against surprising Hurricanes

By Fritz Metzinger
Cavalier Daily Sports Editor

When coach Tony Bennett and the Virginia men's basketball team examined the schedule before this 2012-13 season, the chances are slim that they regarded last Saturday's visit to North Carolina as the more manageable part of their current two-game road trip. After all, few would even compare the challenge of stealing a game in Chapel Hill from one of the nation's most prestigious

programs to that of winning at Miami, even if the ACC coaches predicted the Hurricanes to finish a respectable fourth in the conference last October.

Four months later, however, No. 2 Miami has yet to drop a conference game while North Carolina clings to NCAA Tournament eligibility hopes. And with Virginia also teetering on the brink of tournament qualification and having already lost to the Tar Heels 93-81 Saturday, Tuesday's contest in Coral Gables looms as the most daunting task Bennett's squad has yet faced this season.

So much for the "easy" portion of the road swing.

"I think our team defense has to be at its best," Bennett said. "If it's not, it'll be difficult for us because of their size, their ability."

Should the Cavaliers (18-7, 8-4 ACC) hope to upset the Hurricanes (21-3, 12-0 ACC) and maintain sole possession of third place in the ACC standings tomorrow night, they will likely need to restore their struggling defense to its

former proficiency. After holding its first seven conference opponents under 60 points, Virginia has yielded more than 60 in three of its last five contests, with the nadir undoubtedly occurring Saturday. If the 40 first-half points which North Carolina compiled were uncharacteristic for a Bennett-coached defense to surrender, the 53 in the second half— which 11 teams were unable to muster against Virginia during entire games— were downright alarming. The Tar Heels also shot 13-of-28 from behind the arc and committed just seven turnovers to Virginia's 14.

"Once they got rolling, we couldn't stop them," Bennett said of North Carolina. "...We had a hard time keeping them in front of us. When we turned it over, they got some quick buckets out of that."

Still, the Cavaliers' have mitigated the sting of their strangely underwhelming

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Virginia claims 5th national title

The No. 1 Virginia men's tennis team defeated second-ranked Southern California 4-2 in the finals of the ITA National Team Indoor Championship in Seattle Monday afternoon. The Cavaliers (6-0) claimed the title for the fifth time in six years. Virginia defeated No. 24 Washington 4-0, No. 9 Duke 4-0 and No. 4 Ohio State 4-3 on its way to the finals.

The Cavaliers took a 1-0 lead against the Trojans (12-1) from the doubles point as junior Alex Domijan and sophomore Mitchell Frank defeated No. 49 Eric Johnson and Emilio Gomez 8-4 on the third court and the No. 15 combo of senior Julien Uriguen and junior Justin Shane topped Max de Vroome and Roberto Quiroz 8-3 on the second.

The teams split the first sets in singles with three wins apiece. Cavalier victories came on the first

and second courts as No. 7 Jarmere Jenkins topped No. 12 Ray Sarmiento 6-2, 6-4 and No. 1 Domijan won against No. 10 Gomez 6-3, 6-2. On the sixth court, Southern California's No. 46 Johnson defeated Shane 7-5, 6-4 before No. 109 de Vroome's victory against No. 25

freshman Ryan Shane 7-6(4), 6-3 on the fifth court cut the Cavaliers' lead to 3-2.

Virginia clinched the title at No. 3 singles. Frank fought off No. 23 Quiroz to win 6-3, 7-5, helping the Cavaliers exact a small measure of revenge on the Trojan squad that has eliminated them from the last four outdoor national championship tournaments — including during the finals of each of the last two seasons.

The Cavaliers will host No. 8 Oklahoma in their next match Mar. 3 at the Snyder Tennis Center.

—compiled by Kerry Mitchell

SPORTS
IN BRIEF



Courtesy of Virginia Athletics

Junior and national singles No. 1 Alex Domijan won both his matches Monday to continue his stellar 2013 season.

Stepping into the shoes of former All-American Steele Stanwick, junior attacker Nick O'Reilly orchestrated the offense masterfully in Saturday's 13-12 win against Drexel. He tallied two goals and six assists.



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MEN'S LACROSSE

Cavaliers host Keydets

Squad aims to correct season-opener miscues, vanquish in-state rival

By Peter Nance
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

The No. 7 Virginia men's lacrosse team seeks its second win to open the year when it takes on visiting Virginia Military Institute Tuesday evening in a battle between the Commonwealth's only two Division I teams. Virginia has won all 18 meetings between the two schools, cruising to a 19-5 home victory in last year's game.

The season started for the Cavaliers (1-0, 0-0 ACC) last Saturday with a 13-12 over-

time win against Drexel. Senior attackman Matt White scored 11 seconds into the extra period to earn the win for the home team. Junior attackman Nick O'Reilly, who redshirted last season, recorded a career-high eight points, including the assist that set up White's game winner.

"We were excited to come in and play [that] game," White said. "[Winning] in overtime against a really good team and a really good coaching staff — it's a lot of fun."

In the crease, freshman goalie Dan Marino earned his first

career start, making 15 saves and denying several dangerous Drexel scoring chances. Since 1971, Marino is only the seventh goalie in Virginia lacrosse history to earn the starting position in his freshman year.

Up next for the team is the faceoff with the Keydets (0-2, 0-0 MAAC) for the eighth consecutive season. Although coach Dom Starsia is 12-0 against VMI since arriving at Virginia in 1993, he recognizes that past

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Tar Heeled and feathered

Allegedly, the "hot hand" in basketball is merely a myth.

Researchers from Cornell and Stanford University studied NBA shooting records and conducted a controlled experiment with college athletes to conclude, "the outcomes of previous shots influenced [players'] predictions but not their performance." Essentially, making one shot does nothing to increase the

odds of sinking the next.

Thomas Gilovich et al. explained, "the belief in the hot hand and the 'detection' of streaks in a random sequence is attributed to a general misconception of chance according to which even short random sequences are thought to be highly representative of their generating process."

Oh. Someone should tell North Carolina that.

I traveled to Chapel Hill Saturday and sat in the upper deck of the Dean Smith Center. By the midpoint of the second half, I expected the Tar Heels to jack up threes from my nose-bleed seats and still hit nothing but net.

From Reggie Bullock's trey with 15:29 remaining to P.J. Hairston's rainbow 10

minutes later, North Carolina shooters seemed to be wielding that supposedly nonexistent hot hand.

During that stretch, the Tar Heels buried 10-of-14 from the field, including a deadly 5-for-7 from behind the arc. More than just the stat sheet, however, their scoring flurry filled the Dean Dome with a sense of inevitability about a Tar Heel win.

I drove to Chapel Hill firmly believing the Tar Heels were beatable. Virginia had already dispatched them in Charlottesville, and North Carolina's

natural mystique had seemingly dimmed with the departure of five first-round draft picks after last season.

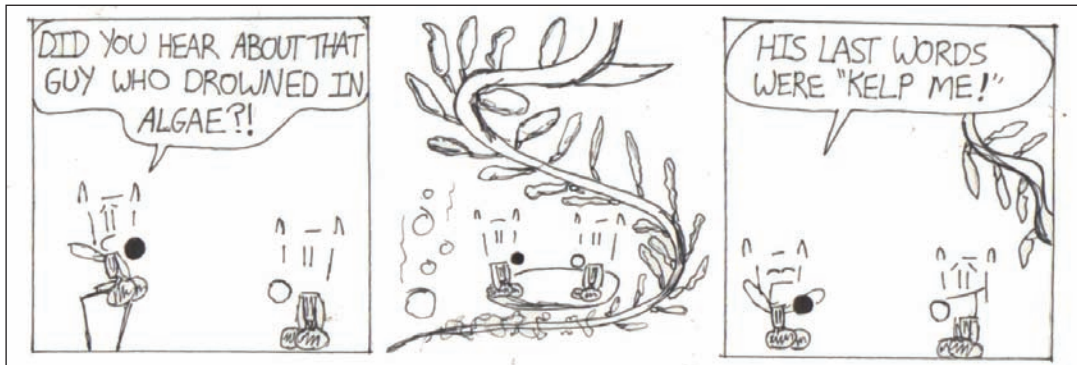
The game's first half did little to change my impression. Granted, the Tar Heels 40 first-half points against a team that gave up just 41 total to Clemson should have alarmed me. Virginia's own ballooned shooting percentage, however, suckered me into temporarily discounting the defensive lapse. And when Jontel Evans sank a 40-foot buzz-

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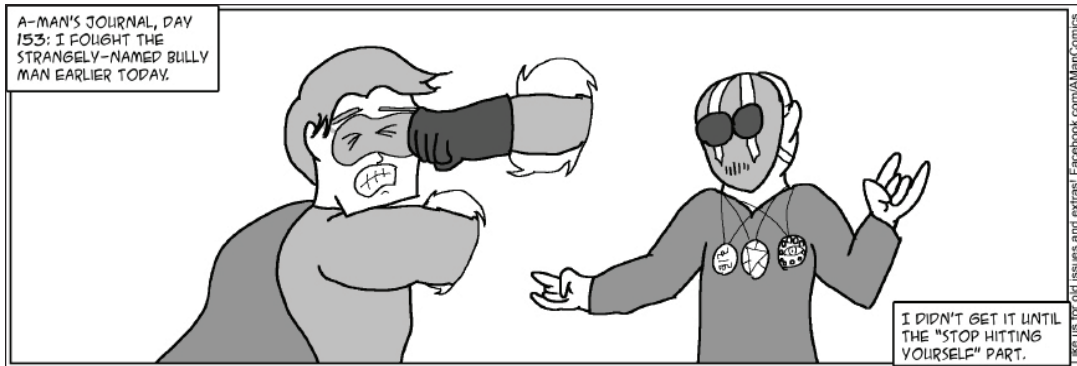


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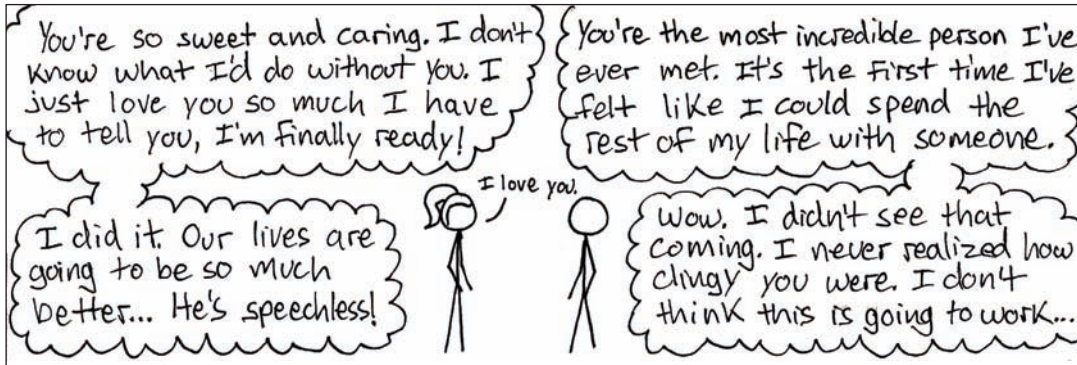
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is the final act of a family drama — situation resolved, and all players can take a curtain call. Soon you may actually find yourself once again liking those crazy people to whom you're related.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you check your ego at the door, it turns out that relationships aren't so complex after all. There is always a choice to retreat or embrace. You will benefit in ways you never imagined when you embrace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're re-learning what it means to delight in your endeavors. Today's secret to happiness is to concern yourself more with having fun than with having more than the next guy or girl. Your exuberance attracts love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Business and legal matters can wait no longer. Tend to them and your stress level drops considerably. This afternoon, you learn just what you need to know to go from amateur to pro.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are bright and enthusiastic, so team with people who appreciate these qualities. Hint: It's usually the ones who meet your smile with a smile and easily give up laughter to your jokes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your ability to capture the interest of potential customers, clients, friends or romantic hopefuls has a lot to do with timing. You have a fabulous knack for acting at the perfect moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're introduced to newness that mentally stretches you. Your mind is traveling even if your body is staying put. The world is a more exotic and varied than you dreamed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a competitive mood and will benefit from pitting yourself against a tough opponent. Even if you lose, which is unlikely, you actually win because you considerably advance your skills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Identify your heart's desire, and grab it with both hands. Make a bold commitment to your future. If your vision involves someone else, now is the time to tell this person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Noble actions, it turns out, are just plain fun. And all the fun you have helping others doesn't take away from the significance of your contribution. You're especially effective in the case of a troubled youth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's mind expanding to meet different kinds of people. You can relate to anyone at all as long as you know it's for a limited amount of time. However you share a special spark with Scorpio.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 19). Surprises over the next six weeks cause you to act quickly. And when you do, you fulfill your destiny. April brings knowledge, skills and a new way to make your financial goals happen. Singles: Bring a friend to events in May and you'll both wind up with dream partners. Couples travel together in October. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 14, 39, 27 and 2.

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AROUND THE ACC

Freshman guard Seth Allen sunk two free throws with 2.8 seconds left to help Maryland upset bitter rival No. 6 Duke at home Saturday evening. Despite blowing a late 10-point lead, the Terrapins (18-7, 6-6 ACC) held on for their first victory in seven tries against the Blue Devils (22-3, 9-3 ACC) thanks primarily to a 19-point, 9-rebound performance from sophomore

center Alex Len. Senior guard Seth Curry's 25 points paced Duke, who fell a full three games behind Miami in the ACC standings ... Overcoming a 34.6 percent shooting percentage and 13 turnovers, No. 2 Miami remained unbeaten in ACC play with a 45-43 road triumph against Clemson. Senior forward Kenny Kadji hit the go-ahead 3-pointer for the Hur-

ricanes (21-3, 12-0 ACC). For the reeling Tigers (13-12, 5-8 ACC), it marked the second straight last-second home loss after faltering 58-57 to NC State Feb. 10 ... Defeating a top-15 opponent for the first time in more than three years, the No. 20 Florida State women's basketball team outlasted then-No. 14 and current No. 17 North Carolina Sunday on the strength of senior guard

Leonor Rodriguez's 22 points. The win pulled the Seminoles (20-5, 10-4 ACC) within a game of the Tar Heels (23-4, 11-3 ACC) for third place in the ACC ... Ex NC State men's basketball coach and legendary player Sidney Lowe was arrested Monday for neglecting to file state income taxes in his native North Carolina for the past three years. According to authorities, he

failed to report taxes from 2009-2011 — the period in which he coached the Wolfpack. After earning the adulation of the NC State community for starring on the program's 1983 National Championship-winning squad, Lowe failed to lead the Wolfpack to an NCAA Tournament appearance in his three seasons at the helm.

—compiled by Fritz Metzinger



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

After a rocky performance Sunday the Cavaliers are looking to prepare during the three-week break before ACC Championships.

Matmen split weekend

The No. 11 Cavalier wrestling team split a pair of matches Sunday at the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals regional tournament in Ithaca, N.Y. Virginia (16-4) lost its opening match to No. 13 Nebraska 28-8 before defeating Hofstra 21-5.

No. 10 redshirt senior Matt Snyder opened the Nebraska (11-6) match by winning a technical fall against freshman Eric Coufal at 125 pounds. No. 13 133-pound freshman George DiCamillo then won an 8-2 decision to give Virginia an 8-0 lead.

But those would be the Cavaliers' only points of the contest. The Cornhuskers swept the remaining eight matches, including a forfeit at 157 pounds by redshirt senior Jedd Moore due to illness. Following Moore's forfeiture, Nebraska All-American sophomore James Green was able to move up a weight class to 165, eventually wrestling and defeating No. 7 redshirt sophomore Nick Sulzer.

Virginia then rallied to easily defeat Hofstra (6-15). Once again,

Snyder started the match with a victory, catapulting into sole possession of ninth place in career wins for the Cavaliers with his 94th victory. Virginia's DiCamillo and redshirt freshman Jimmy Nehls dropped the next two matches, but the Cavaliers then won five of the last seven to secure the win.

Host Cornell eventually won the regional.

Sunday's performance eliminated the Cavaliers from the national bracket of the NWCA National Duals. Now Virginia will have three full weeks to prepare for the ACC Championships.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzburger

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IN BRIEF

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defense of late with equally unusual offensive brilliance. Junior guard Joe Harris has spearheaded the recent surge, averaging 24.0 points on an absurdly efficient 31-of-43 shooting during the past four games and cementing himself as one of the ACC's most dependable perimeter scoring threats. Bennett contends that Harris' experience against former Florida guard and current NBA player Bradley Beal in last year's tournament spurred him to polish his offensive game.

"He had gone against some good players, but I think he realized that there's another level that he's got to get to," Bennett said. "I think he's worked hard to become better in areas that he was deficient in."

Harris has undoubtedly highlighted the Virginia offense recently, but the rest of the team is excelling, as well. The Cavaliers have averaged 78.0 points and posted a sizzling 53.2 field goal percentage during that same recent four-game stretch after eclipsing more than 78 points just twice before that. Sophomore guard Paul Jespersen credits improved ball movement as a pivotal factor in the team's scoring splurge.

"We rely on our defense, but I think offensively guys have been sharing the ball more and I think that has a lot to do with our attitude," Jespersen said.

Yet concerns linger about whether Virginia is forsaking its defensively-oriented identity for increased scoring. Notorious under Bennett for compelling adversaries to conform to their

glacial pace, the Cavaliers have surrendered to a much quicker tempo in the past week-plus and finally paid the piper against the hyper-athletic Tar Heels Saturday. Although Miami plays at a rate much more conducive to Virginia's usual slow, grinding style, Bennett is stressing to his squad the necessity of balancing offensive production with its hallmark: tenacious, smothering defense.

"I think before [Saturday] we were at a decent pace, taking good shots and playing better defense," Bennett said. "...Without the depth and where we're at defensively, we really need to tighten the screws. We probably need to come up with a special performance defensively."

The Hurricanes have shocked the college basketball world this season thanks largely to their

versatile point guard, sophomore Shane Larkin, and the senior trio of guard Durand Scott, forward Kenny Kadji and center Reggie Johnson. Scott, Larkin and Kadji each average just more than 13 points per game to head a balanced scoring attack, with Larkin also registering 4.1 rebounds and a team-leading 4.3 assists and 2.1 steals per game. Meanwhile, Johnson leads Miami with 8.3 boards per contest and poses a massive threat - both literally and figuratively - with his 292-pound frame.

"There's a lot of matchups that challenge you," Bennett said. "I think they're very complete, and they have a good system offensively for them. Obviously, it all starts trying to do a good job at the point of attack with Larkin... but it's not any one guy versus their guy - it's got to be our team

defense."

A victory against the No. 2 team in the country, which would count as Bennett's first against a top-five opponent since arriving in Charlottesville could drastically enhance Virginia's NCAA Tournament chances. Still, although experts around the country are scrutinizing the Cavaliers as a potential "bubble" team, junior forward Akil Mitchell denies that his teammates are heeding the chatter.

"We don't pay attention to that stuff at all," Mitchell said. "We knew after the Georgia Tech game that we would have to put a run together if we wanted to have a chance ... it is just the matter of taking one game at a time and playing each game like it's our last."

Tipoff is at 9 p.m. ESPN2 will broadcast the contest nationally.

M Lacrosse | Starsia hopes Virginia can sharpen defense

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wins don't always guarantee future success.

"I've watched some tape of them already, and we just want to make it another positive day for us," Starsia said. "We need to get better every day, we just don't have a day to waste."

VMI fell to Army 14-8 on the road this past Saturday. Senior

attackman Russell East leads the team in scoring on the year with five goals and one assist, with three of the goals and the lone assist coming against Army.

For Virginia, the focus will be not only on beating VMI but also on correcting the problems exposed in the opener against Drexel, including a lack of coordination on defense. With many of last year's offensive powerhouses

lost to graduation, a solid defense will be vital to the Cavaliers' success.

"I thought that we were a step slow on defense, off the ball especially," Starsia said. "I thought we did a pretty good job of covering those guys, but [there were] too many people inside off the ball, too many loose balls that turned into offensive opportunities for them."

On the offensive end, the Cavaliers hope that White and O'Reilly can maintain the level of production they managed this weekend. The two attackmen combined for 12 of the team's 22 points in the match.

Rectifying any problems and building on existing successes now could be a huge help for Virginia down the stretch, especially with five opponents in the second

half of the schedule currently ranked in the top 10.

"[This is] just another game for us to get better," O'Reilly said. "I think especially with our team this year, we have guys filling in new spots, a lot of new guys playing, so every game that we can get out there and work and improve means a lot."

Faceoff is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in Charlottesville.

Robertson | No need to overanalyze Cavaliers' 'bad' defeats

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er-beating heave, a part of me believed victory was destined.

Even Chapel Hill fans seemed subdued. Despite their arena's sold-out crowd and storied history, North Carolina fans were surprisingly tame compared to their Cameron Indoor counterparts at Duke down the road. The student section screamed in sporadic bursts but also spent long stretches in relative silence.

When shots started falling, however, the noise level rose to a roar and left Virginia players lost in a crescendo of 20,000 screaming Carolina fans. Suddenly, all those national championship banners and retired jerseys — including the eminent No. 23 — seemed more imposing.

Unfortunately, Virginia got

caught up in the chaos. Rather than stick to its patented defense-first, slow-down style of play, Virginia adopted a poor man's version of North Carolina's high-flying offense. Junior guard Joe Harris engineered a masterful second-half performance, finishing with a career-high 27 points. The Cavaliers, however, were always going to be hard-pressed to beat North Carolina at its own up-tempo game. Despite an offensive surge, the team struggled to keep its usual defensive intensity. As the Tar Heels imposed their fast-pace of play, Virginia coughed up 14 turnovers to North Carolina's seven. In his postgame press conference, Bennett admitted that North Carolina's torrid stretch threw Virginia out of its traditional game plan.

"I thought they got rhythm

threes," Bennett said. "They had us, pretty much, guessing and a step behind, and it's a bad feeling when you're sitting on the bench saying, 'We can't get a stop.' You just can't. We just exchanged buckets. Maybe that's made for TV and everybody enjoys that, but it's not fun when you're sitting there trying to get stops."

Ultimately, the nation's second-best scoring defense gave up 93 points, 24 more than its previous season high. After the game, both Evans and Paul Jespersen told reporters, "That's not us."

And it wasn't. Whether North Carolina caught lightning in a bottle or Virginia simply suffered an untimely letdown on defense, Saturday's loss hardly represented the Cavaliers' full playing potential.

Pundits often emphasize Virgin-

ia's "bad losses" and are endlessly flummoxed by a bubble team that can down Wisconsin, NC State, North Carolina and Maryland yet lose to Delaware, George Mason and Old Dominion.

Saturday's game, however, reminded me that losses can mislead. Everything about the performance — from our offensive explosion to our defensive implosion — strayed from Bennett's usually-dependable formula. Predictably, an atypical playing style led to an atypical result for a team that had won six of its last seven, but nothing about the North Carolina game reflected the Virginia norm.

The Tar Heels were just one of two teams to hit at least nine 3-pointers against the Cavaliers this season. The other was Old Dominion.

Bracketologists often diminish

Virginia's tournament candidacy on the basis of its "bad losses," but do three awful losses and three bad ones say more about the Cavaliers than their 18 wins? Will a young team struggling in its first three games weigh more on its fate than the games to come?

I left the Dean Dome disappointed in seeing a six-minute shooting streak spoil a six-hour roundtrip, but I refuse to overestimate the importance of a somewhat fluky loss. I hope the selection committee doesn't, either. Losses clearly matter, but they should also be viewed within a larger context and not overshadow a full season's work. Sometimes losses are telling, but as the Stanford researchers would say, sometimes teams just hit "streaks in a random sequence."

Be Nice To the Squirrels around Grounds

Studco launches food drive

Initiative offers low-income University students free food resource, establishes pantry accepting anonymous donations

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The University is no stranger to new community initiatives. Ambitious and passionate students here seem to have an perpetual desire to give back, with more 3,000 students helping those in the greater-Charlottesville area through Madison House alone. Still, sometimes it's easier to look outward instead of inward, neglecting needy students in favor of helping those outside the University. A new program sponsored by Student Council's Student Life committee aims to change that.

"Hoos' Pantry," which launched last Tuesday, is designed to meet the needs of financially burdened students by creating a food bank directly accessible to them. Founder Jessie Cappello, a third-year College student, was inspired to create the program after reading about similar organizations in universities across the nation, including the University of California-Los Angeles, West Virginia University and the University of Arkansas.

After learning about these organizations, Cappello surveyed the University's student body and found there was indeed a need for such a system here. "It's scary knowing that there are students for whom food is a concern, because for so many of us it's not," she said. "If [most of us] were to miss a meal, it's not because we couldn't afford to have a meal. It's something we take for granted."

In the spirit of a community of trust, the Pantry accepts anonymous donations from students, and does not use a monitor of any kind. Students may freely donate and take items from the Pantry at any time, with no limit or tracking on their use of the system. At universities with similar organizations, a computerized system is used to track student information and inventory.

"Our goal was for it to be a comfortable environment for students to take food whenever they want," Cappello said.

Associate Dean of Students Laurie Casteen, who works with low-income students, played a fundamental role in helping Hoos' Pantry reach its target audience by emailing students to whom the Pantry would be most beneficial. To the best of her knowledge, no similar organization at the University has ever made it past the planning stage of development.

"I think the fact that [Hoo's Pantry] won't be staffed will help students who are a little hesitant feel much more comfortable accessing it," Casteen said. "Knowing that they are equal parts of this community, and that they are equally valued, is a really

important thing for students who are able to access the Pantry."

Casteen also believes Hoos' Pantry will encourage University students to remember that a need for service exists within their own college community, not just in the broader Charlottesville, national and global communities.

Hoos' Pantry has solicited the help of the Greek community, religious groups, various CIOs and other Student Council committees as the group seeks to secure financial backing. The Honor Committee fully funded the first stocking of Hoos' Pantry, and several sororities and fraternities have asked for boxes to put in their houses to collect donations.

"I think of it as leveling the playing field," Casteen said. "Every student has advantages and disadvantages they bring with them when they come to school — some are financial, some are academic, some are experiential. I think it's important for all students to have an opportunity to have that playing field leveled."

The Pantry itself is located at the back of the Pavilion XI dining facility and is open to students during Newcomb Hall's normal operating hours — from 8 a.m. until midnight Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to midnight on Sunday.

Students may place donations in the Programs Council's office on the first floor of Newcomb Hall. All nonperishable items are accepted, but Cappello stressed the benefits of providing "meal items," such as pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter and bread, as opposed to snack foods like chips and fruit snacks.

"There are so many students who give back to the University in other ways, and this is just our way," Cappello said. "It's not a 'project.' It's an institution of the University that is there for students who need it."



Courtesy of Jessie Cappello

Urban Legends



KATIE URBAN

Cliches for the College Masses

If you're like me, you've spent much of your college career clocking hours in class or in the library, learning about everything from media theory to the formula for compounding interest. This kind of learning is what brought us all to Charlottesville in the first place, and it's this kind of learning that will keep this institution running long after we've all worn the honor of honors.

Yet, as you quickly realize in your first weekend at the University, there's more to college than academics. It's cliché, but I've found it to be true. And it's not the only cliché I've found to be true in college — some of the most important lessons I've learned won't be heard in a lecture or found in a book. Instead, they're contained in the pithy phrases we often throw around without much thought.

"Never say never"

Obviously, if Justin Bieber says it, it has to be true. Still, even more concrete evidence than a pop star's endorsement is my experience with the college admissions process. As a high school student, I wanted to

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Need friends? Find an engineer.

This past Wednesday, I did something I haven't done in a long, long time. Apologies to my professors, teaching assistants and GPA, but sadly this "something" doesn't involve doing all of my assigned readings before class. That "ideal student and avid learner" ship sailed off to the Bermuda Triangle ages ago. I also didn't make the trek to the Aquatic and Fitness Center — or any gym, for that matter. That "healthy human being" ship lost steam years ago, sometime after late night dumplings it got bogged down in Qdoba queso.

I didn't do any of those stereotypical college student New Year's resolutions. I did something even more important. I made new friends.

I don't mean to imply I have

been living a quarantined, uninvolved life. Through my various activities, I meet new people nearly every semester, usually Facebook-friending somewhere between 26 and 42 people at once. But Wednesday I met people without an organization or a gin bucket bringing us together. I attended a "socially engineered" dinner.

It may seem as oxymoronic as "jumbo shrimp" to suggest something as supposedly natural as social relationships can be engineered, but that's exactly what it does.

The idea's simple. One or two

people — the engineers — bring people together who they think are interesting, perhaps funny — or at the very least not terribly awkward.

Each person brings a plus-one, and they all meet at a dinner locale of the engineers' choosing.

My group's restaurant was Guadalajara, which is always a good choice in my book — margaritas are excellent catalysts of free-flowing conversation.

I chose my plus-one because he'd survived the Parent's Formal gauntlet, so I figured he was invincible in terms of

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ELIZABETH STONEHILL

potentially awkward social encounters. On the drive to the restaurant, he skeptically questioned whether he was falling into a "Dinner for Schmucks" trap, or getting tapped for the Seven Society.

As I explained the nature of the event, I began to feel hints of genuine apprehension. I chided myself for not having read The Atlantic that morning — because how else was I going to talk about "real" issues with complete strangers? My friend joked about how he should have brought a Moleskine notebook with his favorite Nietzsche quote etched inside.

The dinner ended up going splendidly, and it even contin-

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Siblings, friends of a lifetime

When it comes to being the youngest of four siblings, there are just some ways your development is going to be affected,

albeit subconsciously, and you'd never know it. I'm a firm believer in intrafamilial relative age as a largely influential factor on your early childhood development, which in turn continues to affect the way your personality blossoms later in life.

Oldest siblings are responsible, caring and have more of a nurturing twang to them. Youngest kids are more inconsiderate, sassy, attention grabbing.

Middle kids are, well, somewhere in the middle.

Now I do generalize, but I also recognize this view of mine could very well be a lifetime of confirmation bias; I get my hypothesis approved because I only process and see that which would help my theory. Nevertheless, it's the way I perceive the world, and there's nothing that could make it objectively wrong, because it's pragmatically right for me.

Knowing I was born into the household of an already complete family changes the way I view myself and my role within my family. My Dad was 40, my Mom 36, Vanessa was 12, Veronica 11, and Mikey 9.

For a couple of years, I was just the gazing, drooling baby in a highchair at dinner, when my siblings were already learning arithmetic, kissing boys and throwing balls around. I didn't really grow up with anyone; if anything, I observed my siblings grow up. I was six when Vanessa left for college, and in those following years running into my adolescence and teenage years, I observed every-

thing from a distance, left as an only child at home.

This isn't a cry for pity, because as you will see I don't dislike my own situation. But no one ever really listened to me. My parents were burnt out already and unprepared for the surprise of a pregnancy, leaving me to fend for myself more than most of you. I know if my mother read this she would adamantly disagree, but again, it's my own perception of the situation. I didn't have a voice in my family until recently. I was always the baby who didn't understand, who they couldn't wait to see grow up, who the older kids thought was so adorable, yet would always stop talking once I

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attend one school and one school only — the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. My Dad, a U.Va. and UNC alumnus, astutely realized this interest was based more on my love of the basketball team than anything else. As a result — and I believe partly as an excuse to relive his college days — he took me and my friends on more college tours than I can count, showing us there were other options under that vast Carolina-blue sky.

At the time, I wanted absolutely nothing to do with U.Va. Who wants to go to the same school as half their high school? Does anyone actually look good in orange?

Even though it was one of

the coldest and grayest days in January, after the information session in the dome room of the Rotunda, a tour lead by a very attractive fourth-year and lunch on the Corner, I never looked back — eventually declining the opportunity to wear Carolina blue. So take it from me — or from Justin, if you prefer — and never say never.

“Actions speak louder than words”

Here’s the thing — words mean nothing without follow-through. Actions show someone’s true character. Apologies and empty promises are made all too easily. There are people in this world who know exactly what to say to make you feel like you have everything you want. Even when

they let you down yet again, they know how to seem genuine in their apologies. But I’ve learned people don’t change in the span of a few short months, and you can’t make them change either.

So when someone isn’t treating you the way you know you deserve to be treated, you should walk away. No matter what they say to you, their actions indicate the reality of the situation. You shouldn’t be wasting your time waiting on empty promises or text messages that never come.

“It’s who you know”

This summer in New York City, my roommate and I were shameless about networking. I’d go to an event and make it a game: collect five business cards, talk to three new people or find a Uni-

versity graduate in the crowd. We both realized we were more likely to obtain full-time employment through someone we knew rather than simply sending our resumes out into the black hole that is the Internet.

Somewhere along the way, I realized networking isn’t all that different from joining clubs, Greek organizations or societies back on Grounds. In college, first-years scramble to name brothers to get into fraternity houses on Friday nights. As upperclassmen, those first-year connections provide important access to Sunday brunch at the dining hall.

And the more people you’re able to meet through these opportunities, the more weak ties you have access to. And

through my classes — where it really is all about what you know — I’ve learned weak ties, not strong ones, provide you with more social capital, like jobs or a date for next Friday.

But the good thing about realizing the strength of who you know is when you are a student at the University, most alumni, professors and students really do want to help you out. Even though daily life might get in the way, it’s important to keep up with your old friends and professors, or reach out to someone at a company or in a field you’re interested in — you never know where it may lead you.

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ued into the Fishbowl at the Virginian.

More than the details of the dinner, though, I’m struck that such a simple concept is so foreign to the college environment. We regularly rely on structures to make friends, ranging from dorm halls to discussion sections, from class council meetings to fraternity-sorority

mixers. This structured way of making friends fits our environment like a glove, but what about the real world? How do we make friends if 26 new ones aren’t handed to us after a tryout process? This isn’t to say natural friendships don’t form within the constructs of our University environment, but rather that they are fewer and further between.

College, like my favorite sec-

tion of The Mini Page as a child, maps out friends like a game of Connect the Dots. Everyone’s connected to someone who is connected to someone’s awkward first-year fling. Does the real world, then, play out more like a game of Life? No, it’s not a game. It requires a concentrated, conscientious effort to meet new people outside of the workplace. Instead of living in an environment structured to be social —

literally, the Academical Village — we’ll be meandering back and forth between roommates and colleagues.

This, though, is where social engineering makes its mark. The real world means agreeing to meet up at Guadalajara because at least this one person in this world thinks you’re interesting. It means not saying “no” to these opportunities, because otherwise you’d be in bed watching

that episode of “The League” for the ninth time. It means stepping out of the confines of our youth and forming meaningful, lasting relationships in new and exciting ways.

I may be an English major, but for once, I’m a proponent of engineering.

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Clemens | Background impacts personality traits, future behavior

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came into a room.

Today I am amused at finding the connections between that version of Valerie and my current version. I’m still always observing from a distance, and I still do things that no one around me really does. I’m a sore thumb, a tagalong, inquis-

itive, and you have to take most things I say lightly. I’m brutally honest when I want to be, because that was the only way I could get anyone in my family to listen to me. I’m a tagalong and I’m drawn to people older and more mature than I am. I remember people’s ages, and I always assume my superiors won’t take what I say

seriously.

It’s a curse and a blessing. I have insecurities about my position in society relative to others, but I get to learn a lot about other people because I pay such close attention to them. I have to think twice about what I tell my sisters, anticipating a 30-something’s response to my stereotypical

20-something’s activities and opinions, but I have free room and board in Manhattan, Cleveland, and Sao Paolo.

This isn’t my space to preach, but I hope reading this makes you think about your siblings and appreciate what characteristics of yours they can be responsible and appreciated for. Family is the only group of

people who can be consistently relied on throughout life, and the only group of people who relishes your past and could tell you anything. Your life is a book of history, but you’re not the author.

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