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Last March, when Sweet Briar College officials announced they would close the 114-year-old institution, a firestorm of angry protests erupted among Sweet Briar students, alumnae and professors. They rallied to form Saving Sweet Briar, Inc., arguing that the decision to close the school lacked merit.

Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring organized mediation between the school and Saving Sweet Briar, Inc. and, to the relief of the alumnae base, a settlement was reached July 20. If Saving Sweet Briar, Inc. could raise \$12 million, Herring said he would free up a certain amount of restricted funds from the school's endowment.

As of last week, close to a month and a half later, Saving Sweet Briar delivered the final amount of \$3.64 million to the college, exceeding the \$12 million threshold.

Decision to close

When Sweet Briar officials announced Mar. 3 that they

## Sweet Briar saved

Saving Sweet Briar delivers final cash payment to college, fulfilling legal settlement

would close the school, administrators said the decision came after repeated budget cuts and enrollment initiatives.

"We instituted significant cuts in the operating budget, deferred maintenance on facilities and drove initiatives to increase enrollment," said Paul Rice, chair of the Sweet Briar Board of Directors. "Unfortunately, it is now clear that none of our strategies have provided, nor will they provide, the solutions Sweet Briar would require to continue to operate as a higher education institution."

The school was set to shut its doors Aug. 25, a year after the closure of Virginia Intermont College, which began as an all-women's school and also faced flagging enrollment.

Mary Baldwin College, another all-female institution, responded by offering enrolled and admitted Sweet Briar students expedited transfers, and the University extended its transfer application deadline in consideration of the same group.

Saving Sweet Briar

Saving Sweet Briar, Inc., founded three days after the board announced the impending closure, issued a stern rebuttal to the claim that the school was in a dire financial situation and in need of closing, and sought financial and legal assistance in fighting the closure.

A group of analysts working on behalf of Sweet Briar College pointed to an endowment increase from \$85 million in 2010 to \$95 million in July 2014 as a sign that the school's assets were in a solid position less than a year ago. Long-term debt went down from \$42 million to \$25 million, while net assets grew from \$126 million to \$134 million.

Christy Jackson, a spokesperson for the school at the time, responded by saying that the financial analysis was too optimistic about the future of the

"While we appreciate the efforts of our alumnae, this financial analysis is incomplete, asserts inaccurate information and makes unrealistic assumptions about current investment returns, alumnae giving and the trends in tuition revenue," she said. "We have fewer and fewer enrolled students, paying less and less, and it is costing us more and more to educate them."

Sweet Briar professors came together late March to oppose the plan, and Saving Sweet Briar called on the college's president and board to resign, citing alleged legal violations. The group hired a fraud examiner March 26 to look through the school's finances. Four days later Saving Sweet Briar filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Commonwealth to stop the closure.

New leadership

After more than two months of legal proceedings, Saving Sweet Briar announced June 20 that a settlement, which would allow the school to remain open and usher in new leadership, had been reached between the group, the attorney general and Amherst County Attorney Ellen

Phillip Stone, former president of Bridgewater College,

took over July 3 for former Sweet Briar President James Jones, No. students were enrolled in Sweet Briar - everyone, Stone said, had transferred out — there was no first-year class.

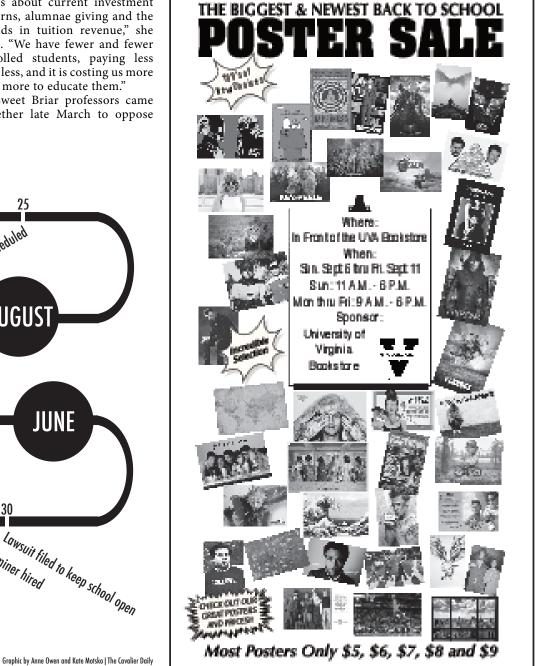
In the following months, however, 250 students had enrolled, 30 of whom are first years. Last year the college had 92 full-time faculty, and this year they will have 68, Stone said.

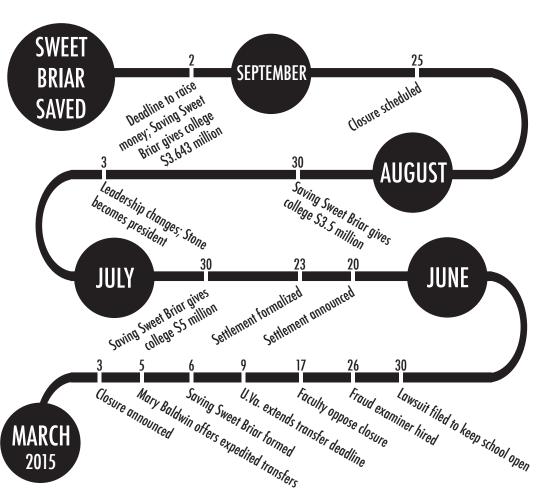
"A good number of faculty had taken positions elsewhere before I got here — 55 percent of the tenured faculty remained," Stone said. "With the smaller enrollment it's better for us that we do not have all the faculty here we couldn't afford them."

Stone said he plans to reach

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## Madison House partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters

New effort will pair over 100 local kids with University student mentors

Hailey Ross

Madison House's Big Siblings program is kicking off a new partnership with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge.

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches local kids with mentors for a couple hours each week, and many stay engaged as pen pals through the summer.

There are typically 100 to 150 children on the waitlist at any given time.

The new partnership with Madison House aims to help more than 100 children move off the waitlist and be paired with a mentor, said Executive Director Jackie Bright.

"It just seemed to make sense

as we both run very similar programs," Bright said. "We are coming together to execute an advanced big sibling program."

Big Brothers Big Sisters casts a wide net, Bright said, working to serve children who need help with school or are struggling with bullying or gang activity. Many of the children who participate in the program have family members who are incarcerated, are living in poverty or come from single parent households in Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

Madison House will continue to run Bridging the Gap, a program to mentor refugee children in Charlottesville.

The idea for collaboration came about early last spring semester, said Caroline Vangsnes, Madison House Big Siblings head



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The Madison House, Big Brother Big Sister partnership will help over 100 kids waiting for a mentor to get a placement.

director.

"[Big Brothers Big Sisters] really wanted Big Siblings to have a ton of input, and they wanted leadership at Madison House" to be involved, Vangsnes said. "They didn't want one organization to take over the other."

Children will be matched by the volunteers at Madison House who will be working with guidance counselors at local schools. The program will offer enhanced training and professional support for mentors.

The application process will also include an interview and a background check to ensure the program draws "really committed volunteers," Vangsnes said.

She also said she is confident the partnership will extend beyond the current academic year.

## University receives \$9.2 million for education research

Four projects to study K-12 receive funding from Institute for Education Science

Meg Gardner Senior Writer

The Institute for Education Science has awarded University faculty members \$9.2 million for four different education research projects.

Each of the University's four projects that received IES grants focus on K-12 education.

One project will focus on providing cultural proficiency training to teachers and closing the achievement gaps between white children and children of color.

"We try to motivate teachers to make changes, to become aware of potential biases, and to create strategies to engage different learners in their classrooms," said Catherine Bradshaw, associate dean for research at the Curry School and primary investigator for two of the funded projects.

The other projects that were funded focus on providing students with adult mentors, evaluating Maryland's statewide Positive Behavior strategy and providing students with more service-learning opportunities in science classrooms.

The Curry School received the third-highest award among education schools across the country, Bradshaw said.

"The Curry School and U.Va. were very broadly successful for IES funding," Bradshaw said.

The Curry School has been increasing its focus on research in recent years and has consistently secured funding awards, even while increasing its number of research submissions, Bradshaw said.

In 2013, 104 applications were sent to the IES. In 2014, 166 pro-

posals were submitted, Curry School Dean Robert Pianta said.

"The Curry school in general has made a lot of strategic investments in our research area over the last five years or so under Dean Pianta's leadership," Bradshaw said.

This growth is an opportunity to engage students in education research, Pianta said.

"These are the kinds of projects that are examples of the way in which Curry faculty is engaged in solving problems in the real world," Pianta said.

The IES, a federal organization which provides funding for education research across the country, reviews grants through a rigorous peer review process.

Faculty members from the Curry School and the College of Arts and Sciences will work together on the four projects.



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Researchers from the Curry School and the College of Arts and Sciences will be conducting four educational research projects that received \$9.2 million in funding from the IES.

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## University partners with StubHub

New agreement expected to increase ticket revenue

Reade Pickert Senior Writer

Virginia Athletics announced that StubHub has replaced the Virginia Ticket Marketplace as the official ticket reseller for all University football and men's basketball games.

The change to StubHub will not affect student tickets. Students will still use their student IDs for admission to football games, and the request and claim process for seats in John Paul Jones Arena remains unchanged.

Similar to the Virginia Ticket Marketplace, fans will be able to sell tickets above face value on StubHub.

The new partnership with StubHub allows fans to more easily exchange tickets electronically, StubHub spokesperson Alison Salcedo said.

Todd Goodale, senior associate athletics director for external affairs, said StubHub will work well with the University's current system. He expects the new partnership to be accompanied by an increase in ticket revenue.

"The goals of the partnership are to provide fans with an efficient, secure way to buy and sell tickets on the secondary market through collaboration with an industry leader and to integrate the secondary ticket market with our existing ticket sales operation," he said.

Spectra Ticketing & Fan Engagement, the athletics department's current ticketing service and software provider, has worked with the University for years to provide the programming needed to run the Virginia Ticket Marketplace. Spectra, formerly known as as Paciolan,

already has a partnership with StubHub.

"Paciolan has a partnership with StubHub that will enable fans of U.Va athletics to access a greater audience to buy and sell tickets," Goodale said.

StubHub currently partners with 35 other intercollegiate athletics departments nationwide, including ACC members Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech.



Courtesy StubHul

The new StubHub partnership will have no impact on the student ticketing process. However, students will be able to resell tickets above face value through the company.

### **SWEET BRIAR**

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out and recruit international students as a way to build the current level of enrollment, pitching Sweet Briar as a safe college with a robust intellectual program. He said he wants to capitalize on the role of Sweet Briar in the national spotlight.

"The story of the rescue of the college has gotten so much national press." Stone said. "We certainly expect to be able to remind prospective students that the college alumnae have certainly demonstrated what women can do."

The alumnae, Stone said, have taken the lead, not just saving the school but also in getting it ready to, once again, become a working, functional and successful institution of higher learning.

"The alumnae not only raised \$12 million in just about 100 days prior to the opening of the college — they did things like coming in here three weeks ago as we were getting ready to open school and volunteered to paint, scrub, weed gardens, boil things," Stone said.

Moving forward

Last week Sweet Briar College held its 2015 opening convocation. Though the enrollment is small, the attendance was the largest it has ever been, Stone said. Upon taking the stage to speak, he received

a standing ovation — a part of what Stone said was as an electric atmosphere.

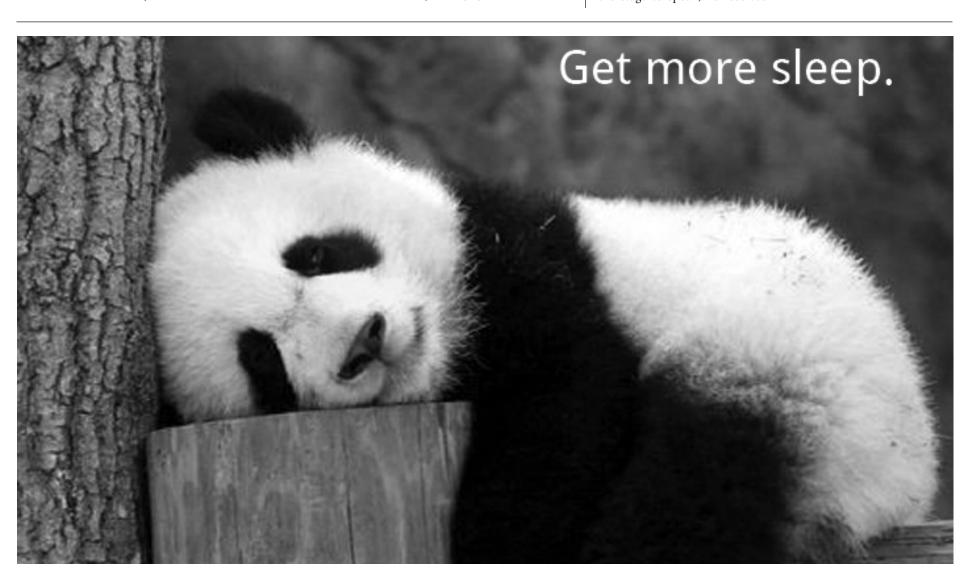
For years, faculty members had been concerned with discussion of topics like enrollment, budget cuts and whether the school would survive until the next year. The mood has shifted, Stone said.

Because Saving Sweet Briar has helped the college exceed \$12 million — by providing three payments of \$5 million, \$3.5 million and \$3.64 million — both the newly raised money and restricted funds from the school's endowment will be made of use to the institution, Michael Kelly, director of communications for the attorney general's office, said.

"The role going forward for the attorney general's office is that under the terms of the settlement agreement that came out of the mediation... the attorney general's office will be freeing up a certain amount of restricted funds from the school's endowment," Kelly said.

Stone said he feels optimistic. With new resources and continued support — alumnae will serve as admissions officers for the coming year — he said Sweet Briar is ready to move forward.

"It just really feels like things are on the move," Stone said. "We're going to do some good things."





here was a reason UCLA was a 19.5 point favorite against Virginia Saturday. From linebacker iunior Myles Jack to junior ROBERT ELDER

Senior Associate Editor

Perkins, the Bruins boast some of the Pac-12's, and arguably the nation's, top players. Virginia, meanwhile, won just five games a year ago.

running back Paul

The Cavaliers (0-1) ended up covering the spread in a 34-16 loss against the No. 13 Bruins (1-0). However, reason suggests that means little to Virginia fans, especially since the team could have made the game even closer — and perhaps even competed for a week-one win.

After receiving the opening kickoff, Virginia marched 60-yards down the field before settling for 42-yard field goal by senior kicker Ian Frye.

Two possessions later, the Cavaliers strung together a 10 play, 72-yard drive. But again, after three consecutive runs by junior running back Albert Reid put Virginia in a 4<sup>th</sup>-and-2 down and distance, Frye was need-

### Early red-zone woes haunt UCLA loss

ed to connect, this time from 31-yards out.

On the following drive — Virginia's fifth possession — junior quarterback Matt Johns drove the Cavaliers even deeper into Bruin territory. Still, the outcome proved the same - with the ball on the 2-yard line, Frye was called upon to boot through

his third field goal of the afternoon.

Virginia moved the football just as efficiently as UCLA before halftime - the

Bruins only outgained the Cavaliers 206-194. But UCLA held a 17-9 advantage heading into the locker room at the half.

According to both college football analysts and the betting odds, the Cavaliers were not expected to beat UCLA. Still, it was not as if Virginia did not have its chances, especially in the first half.

But upset bids, like the one Virginia tried to capture Saturday, require teams to score touchdowns - something the Cavaliers failed to do. Although Virginia finished 3-3 from inside the red-zone, its only touchdown came with 3:29 remaining, which merely pulled the Cavaliers to within the spread.

Virginia's conservative, prostyle offense actually managed to move the ball quite well in the first half. Junior running back Taquan Mizzell showcased his speed and quickness as a receiver out of the backfield. Meanwhile, Johns showed good pocket awareness on the few plays he looked downfield.

But once inside the red-zone, either the Cavaliers' offensive variety ceased — such as the fourth drive when Reid took three consecutive handoffs inside the 20-yard line — or offensive coordinator Steve Fairchild was unwilling to attack the Bruin secondary — like on the fifth possession when neither of Virginia's two passing attempts within the 10-yard line were into the end zone.

Mizzell was one of the few bright spots on the afternoon, picking up 45 yards on the ground and 100 through the air, yet Virginia consistently went to Reid near the goal line. And despite the fact that Virginia's top trio of receivers — senior Canaan Severin, junior Keeon Johnson and sophomore Andre Levrone — are all listed as at least 6-foot-2 and over 205 pounds, neither had the ball thrown their direction in the end-zone.

While the Cavaliers settled for three first half field goals, freshman quarterback Rosen orchestrated an efficient Bruin attack. Standing tall behind a veteran offensive line, Rosen rarely felt pressure from Virginia's pass rush as he picked apart the Cavalier secondary for three touchdowns, two of which came before halftime.

Trading Virginia's first half field goals for touchdowns would not have guaranteed a Cavalier victory, especially as UCLA continued to roll in the second half. But at the bare minimum, a closer game could have given an extra jolt of motivation to a Virginia offense that struggled mightily in the third and fourth quarters.

The sledding will not get any easier for coach Mike London's squad, as Virginia will face No. 11 Notre Dame and No. 23 Boise State before September ends.

The Cavaliers will need to learn how to capitalize in the red-zone in order to compete against not only college football's blue bloods, but also later in the season against their conference foes. With the London-era now in its sixth year, covering the spread just isn't good enough anymore.



Junior running back Taquan Mizzell was a highlight for the Virginia offense against the Bruins, racking up 155 all purpose yards and added Virginia's only touchdown of the day.

### Johns brings unique moxie to quarterback position

Virginia's struggles at the quarterback position have been more than well-documented over coach Mike London's soon-to-be ROBERT ELDER six-vear tenure. But at Senior Associate Editor least the general perception is that these woes have not been caused by a lack of leadership from the Cava-

Two seasons ago during winter conditioning, a team of Navy SEALs identified then-sophomore quarterback David Watford as the team's best leader. Then last season during the 2014 Orange-Blue spring game, it was announced that quarterback Greyson Lambert — only a sophomore — was voted team captain.

lier signal callers.

But a new season brings another rendition of quarterback roulette to Charlottesville. Both Watford and Lambert have since left the program, with the latter recently winning the starting job at SEC powerhouse Georgia.

Still, it's not as if this year's unquestioned starter, junior Matt Johns, doesn't bring his own notable leadership style to the field.

"He's a competitor — he's a

fighter," senior wide receiver Caanan Severin said. "The kid's from Philly — that's everything

you need to know about him."

Johns is not a captain, but he might as well be. His teammates

respect him just as much, if not more, than the four that will head out for the coin toss Saturday against UCLA.

As a humble former threestar prospect, Johns lacked the recruiting hype and the physical tools of those once ahead of him on the depth chart. He does not have Watford's athleticism or speed. He lacks Lambert's big arm and large stature.

But that mattered little when he entered last season's opener, down 21-3, against the No. 7 Bruins just before halftime. After Lambert and co.'s three turnovers had led to three defensive touchdowns, all Johns did was complete his first collegiate attempt a 32-vard strike to Severin and then his second — a 29-vard touchdown pass to now-sophomore receiver Andre Levrone.

Johns eventually brought the

Cavaliers to within four points following a touchdown toss to then-senior wide receiver Darius Jennings in the third quarter. Virginia lost the game, but Johns' presence had been felt.

'That was the game where I grabbed him by his arm and said, 'Are you ready for this?," London said. "And he grabbed me back and said, 'I've been ready for this my whole life.' It's kind of that his moxie, whatever you want to call it, that really impressed me at that moment."

Johns' moxie is undeniable he plays with a gunslinger mentality. He only completed 55 percent of his passes in limited action last season. And while he threw eight touchdowns, he also tossed five interceptions.

But those aren't the plays Virginia fans remember. They recall comeback bids against not just UCLA, but also BYU three weeks later. They remember his 42-yard scamper in his first career start against Kent State. They yearn for another Saturday-night victory, like the one he orchestrated against Pittsburgh.

The players sense the hope,

too. Johns, who won the starting job after spring practice, plays with a loose style - one that everyone in the program has bought into during training

"[We're] just playing with an open mind and having fun," Johns said. "Sometimes you get away from that, but I think that's important to harp on. Everyday we got to compete, but let's have some fun. If we make a big play, let's celebrate."

The world certainly has come full-circle for Johns — he will take the first snap of Virginia's 2015 season against who else but UCLA. However, the ugly question that must be asked is whether that optimism will last.

Each of London's five previous seasons has been marred by quarterback drama. It was only last year that Lambert was vanked before halftime in the opener.

Barring some unforeseen collapse. Johns has no need to look over his shoulder. Neither of his backups even attempted a pass last season.

Still, it's a fair to wonder

whether Johns' moxie can translate over into the win column. His accuracy still needs work, and his arm strength is nothing to marvel at. With a depleted wide receiver corps lacking senior T.J. Thorpe and sophomore Doni Dowling for at least the beginning of the season, Johns will face three top-25 teams in the first four weeks.

The Cavaliers are having fun now, but that swagger might be difficult to carry into ACC play if Johns struggles through the ambitious non-conference slate.

London and the rest of the program will continue to say all of the right things. And when Virginia trots out into the Rose Bowl Saturday, Johns and his beloved moxie will have a long leash to the first-team offense. His is the feel-good story that everyone in the program can support.

"Matt's been waiting for this moment, and this moment will be realized for him here [Saturdav]," London said. "I got your back, Matt, don't you worry about that."

Only time will tell if that will

## No. 2 men's soccer ties Tulsa

Virginia survives late flurry, battles to 1-1 draw with the Golden Hurricane

Jacob Hochberger
Associate Editor

In a rematch of last year's season-opening loss in Oklahoma, the second-ranked Virginia men's soccer team squared off against Tulsa looking to open the season 2-0 following its victory over Charlotte to open the campaign.

The Cavaliers (1-0-1) battled through a steady rain from kickoff to tie the Golden Hurricane (1-2-1) 1-1. However, after a pregame lightning delay briefly threatened the 7 PM start time, any game action was a welcome sign for both sides.

"It was a good game," coach George Gelnovatch said, "Obviously we wanted to win, but it's a good Tulsa team and we're going to get ready for the next one."

The Golden Hurricane — who dominated play in the matchup one year ago as a heavy underdog — stuck to their game plan of keeping a high defensive line and putting pressure on Virginia's back four.

"They're a very athletic team that goes on the counter attack," junior forward Riggs Lennon said. "They're very forward-oriented, so we're getting chances, but they have the ball for the majority of the time. Their play is just very difficult for us to play against."

Although seemingly outmatched early on, Virginia fought back, gaining the first solid goal scoring opportunity just six minutes into the match when freshman forward Malcolm Dixon's shot went high.

The Cavaliers' defense — which ranked thirteenth nationally in goals against average at a minute .7 last season — held its ground time and time again, blocking numerous shots and holding Tulsa to just

four shots for in the first half, none of which required any activity from former U-20 National Team member sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Caldwell.

"I think our defense played really well," Lennon said, "Everyone was blocking, we were winning headers, and I think overall it was really good."

With a change of side and a weakened rain, the Cavaliers' offense took control in the second half. After tallying a run-of-the-mill six shots in the first half, Virginia consistently pressed Tulsa's stout back line, peppering 12 shots on goal in the second half and overtime.

In the 49th minute, after redshirt sophomore midfielder Pablo Aguilar was fouled just outside of the penalty box, Lennon stepped up for the free kick. After a brief discussion with Aguilar, the Paradise Valley, Arizona native curled a left-footed strike around the five-man wall, inches below the crossbar and out of reach of the diving goalkeeper into the upper 90 for his first goal of the season.

"It was a great free kick," Gelnovatch said, "He's played really well with a very blue-collar, workmanlike mentality. I've been really happy with that."

Following a goalless regular season before his explosion in the NCAA tournament in 2014, a strong free kick should lift Lennon's confidence and cement his job in the starting xi at his new position, right midfield.

"It's really big for my confidence because last year I went through an injury," Lennon said, "and coming out this season...to get one early is great for my confidence."

Although the Cavaliers continued their pressure up top, Tulsa's

plan, to work the ball up the flanks before sending in crosses, began to pay dividends. In the span of 20 seconds in the 65th minute, Caldwell saw his first tense moments, being called into action to parry two headed attempts from within the six-yard box.

"They were getting at us on our right side," Gelnovatch said, "and the guy who played the ball in had a lot of time to pick his head up...didn't have much pressure.

For Tulsa, the saying 'the third time's a charm' rang true on this balmy Friday night in September. Less than three minutes later, after a passage of impressive individual play, freshman forward Miguel Velasquez sent a left-footed cross that found the head of Dutch sophomore midfielder Kay Duit, who directed his try into the top of the net, knotting the game at 1.

"It was kind of similar to the situation a couple minutes before, it was a great ball in," Caldwell said. "Whenever you're under sustained pressure like that you've got to find a way to absorb it and get out. It was a good ball, tightly marked, the guy just got one step and it was a really good low, driving header inside the 6"

For the final 20 minutes, both sides exchanged brief threats on goal but neither offense could break the tie, sending the two squads to overtime for the second meeting in a row.

"When we went into the group [before overtime] we said to each other that we know this position," Lennon said. "Last year it was there and they had a cracker from 30 out, which was devastating, and we made sure not to let that happen this year, we tried to get a goal that just didn't come."

In the first 10 overtime minutes



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Junior forward Riggs Lennon fired home a free kick in the 49th minute for his first goal of the season and Virginia's only goal of the contest.

the humidity of the night seemed to get to both teams, as 90+ minutes of action induced — predictably — somewhat sloppy passages of play.

"I think both teams were gassed," Gelnovatch said, "it's the beginning of the season so you're still not really fit. When you get into these games that go into double overtime, it adds up and you could see that from both teams."

The one moment of brilliance — or anxiety for Cavalier fans — came in the 95th minute, when Velazquez ripped a driving strike from outside the box that clanged off the

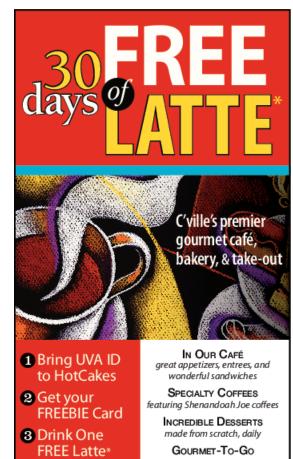
crossbar, a deafening sound that echoed through the suddenly silent Klöckner stadium.

The second overtime period didn't feature any scoring, however Tulsa freshman Cole Poppen defender brought silence to the crowd when he hit the crossbar on a free kick with just over one minute remaining.

"I gave the crossbar a nice big kiss after the game," Caldwell said, "It definitely earned it; two great shots, that guy got that free kick up and down real quick, and hats off to them. If they beat you like that then you give them a little wave and move on to the next one."

The Cavaliers have just three days off before they welcome George Mason to Klöckner stadium Tuesday night.

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## Women's soccer outlasts Bruins, ties Waves

Wearing assertive orange jerseys for the first time in 2015, the Virginia women's soccer team rallied to beat No. 8 UCLA 2-1 on the road Friday night.

The Bruins (2-2) seized a 1-0 lead, when junior midfielder Annie Alvarado converted a penalty kick at 17:47. The No. 1 Cavaliers had several opportunities to score before the half — none greater than sophomore forward Veronica Latsko's shot off the crossbar and senior forward Kaili Torres' ensuing rebound around the 25th minute — but UCLA redshirt junior keeper Cassie Sternbach delayed an equalizer.

The game-tying goal came at 50:32. After a Bruin handball in the box, junior midfielder Alexis Shaffer stepped to the penalty mark in front of a crowd

of 1,956 and buried it right down the middle. Momentum shifted to the Cavaliers. Less than seven minutes later, sophomore forward Megan Reid floated a cross towards junior defender Meghan Cox, who headed the ball off the far post and into the side netting.

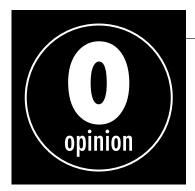
Virginia encountered a few frights in the final twenty minutes but escaped Pasadena with a huge 2-1 win. A second challenge awaited the Cavaliers Sunday afternoon in picturesque Malibu, where No. 19 Pepperdine (4-1-0) showed its resiliency.

A strike from Latsko gave Virginia a 1-0 lead at 28:39, but just seven minutes later, freshman defender Danielle Thomas scored a header off a set piece in traffic. This 1-1 stalemate endured until the 80th minute, when Wave

sophomore midfielder Bri Visalli's shot just outside of the box snuck inside the right post.

Five minutes from suffering their first defeat of the season, the Cavaliers produced a free kick on the edge of the eighteen. Calm, cool, and collected freshman midfielder Courtney Peterson drained the equalizer and final goal of the day. Two hard-fought overtime periods could not determine a victor. So Virginia will return home undefeated.

Star senior forward Makenzy Doniak (left hamstring) played only 16 minutes Sunday. Her status for next week is in question, as the Cavaliers face Harvard and Old Dominion Friday and Sunday, respectively. —compiled by Grant Gossage



### LEAD EDITORIAL

## The problem with Natty Beau's window display

Binge-drinking shouldn't be used to draw customers

### Comment of the day

"... Political correctness is not about one's narrow viewpoints, or slogans or euphemisms. It is about speech stomping and bullying..."

"rufus" in response to Alexander Adames' Aug. 31 article, "Political correctness and the culture war." Retail store Natty Beau, a recent addition to the string of shops in the Corner area where many students eat and socialize, currently has a window display meant to entice its young clientele, featuring crumpled red solo cups scattered along the floor under its mannequins.

The display itself is tonguein-cheek and a clever marketing tool for college students just back from the summer and eager to enjoy the freedom college offers, among them access to alcohol and parties. But the display also demonstrates a cavalier attitude about alcohol consumption that is particularly ill-timed — especially as it coincides with the release of a mandatory alcohol abuse prevention module and a time period known as the "red zone," the period in the first six to 10 weeks of schools during which most sexual assaults occur on college campuses.

With the start of the school year, the University has taken a proactive step to ensure incoming students can educate themselves on the dangers of alcohol abuse. Especially for incoming first-year students, college drinking may be significantly dif-

ferent from whatever exposure they have had to alcohol in high school. To see careless drinking nying that there is an association between the two, and that firstyear women may be especially



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The window display at the Natty Beau store on the Corner.

glorified and marketed undermines the lessons the alcohol abuse module aims to offer: that drinking should be done safely, and that it needn't be done recklessly.

While glorifying reckless drinking is by no means glorifying sexual assault, there is no de-

vulnerable in the context of a party similar to the one Natty Beau's window display imitates.

Of course, this individual store's display does not singlehandedly create a culture of reckless drinking; it is arguably a response to a culture that's already there. But this year, many stores on the Corner are participating in the University's "Hoos Got Your Back" campaign, aimed at increasing bystander intervention and keeping University students safer. It is commendable for private businesses that cater to students to take a stronger role in spreading awareness of issues they may face and to coordinate with the University to do so. With this increased coordination, stores that ignore the social responsibility that accompanies corporate responsibility stand out. Many of the stores on the Corner are making efforts to spread positive messages about how students can care for one another; this is a culture we should support.

At a school that has received excessive scrutiny for its party culture and that is making good faith efforts to ensure a safer environment and safer habits for its students, we are forced to ask ourselves: how much has changed, and how much can change? Certainly issues of safety extend beyond just what our administration or eager school groups can offer, and places capitalizing on binge-drinking do not help this cause.

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## Eliminate questions about criminal history

A college applicant's record should not be held against him

ave you ever been adjudi-cated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other

For many students applying to universities, this Common Application question is

just another little tick-box to skip over in the long stressful process of completing college applications. For others, a singular tick on this square may determine whether they will be getting a higher education. According to a survey done by the Center for Community Services, 66 percent of U.S. colleges collect some form of criminal history information from applicants during the admissions process. In the wake of growing college-related violence, such as the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings, many colleges have adopted the idea that applicants with criminal histories compromise campus security. Not only is this stance statistically untrue, but it also hinders applicants who have made changes toward becoming better citizens since being charged. Currently, the University uses the Common Application to ask applicants about

any potential criminal records. While collecting this information is doubt important, the University should refrain from letting these records

weigh too heavily in the admissions process.

When I emailed Dean of Ad-

missions Greg Roberts to ask about how the University uses criminal record information, he explained the admissions office "does its best to make fair and impartial decisions" regarding records but also wants "to make sure all students are living in a safe environment" at the University. This second idea is understandable; after all, it would seem dangerous to enroll poten-

tial criminals as students. Yet there are no data supporting the idea that juveniles with criminal records create a more insecure campus. According to the CCA, the 38 percent of colleges that don't collect criminal records applicants have yet to report any increased criminal activities on their campuses. In fact, students with

records rarely commit violence at their universities. Following double murder in 2004 at the University of North Carolina, UNC established a committee to analyze the demographics of crime on campus, eventually discovering only 4 percent of crimes committed within the past

three years had been carried out by students with criminal histo-

Asking information about criminal records on applications isn't necessarily a bad idea, and  $requesting\ proper\ supplements\ in$ tandem — like asking applicants

about their rehabilitation process — can even help colleges see how a student has changed from his past behavior. The core problem lies in how this information is used in the admissions process. The CCA survey suggests that while a quarter of schools collect criminal record information only for further background checks, 61 percent still use it as a factor in the admissions process and out of that 61 percent, a quarter of colleges may even use criminal records as an "automatic bar to admission." At academic institutions, using criminal records as a primary excuse for declining applicants is not only unfortunate but also dangerous and counterintuitive. Numerous studies have shown receiving a college or university education significantly lowers recidivism rates. Barring rehabilitated ex-prisoners or once reckless teenagers with records from entering the very institutions that would help them reintegrate into society would in-

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cording to Roberts, "if a student

answers yes to any of the [crim-

Thankfully, the University

to write letters of explanation

inal record] questions, we might seek more information from the student and/or high school before rendering a decision," meaning the University places importance on background information during the application

Administrators at New York University have devised a unique solution to the issue of collecting criminal record information on university applications. In May, NYU updated its admissions policy, postponing admissions reviewers' ability to view applicants' criminal records. Instead, applicants will now initially be viewed solely on the merit of their application; if they pass through this first round and have a criminal record, a special committee will then decide whether their record will affect their admission. Members of the special committee will even receive training to be unbiased when analyzing records.

NYU's balanced policy should be an example to the University applicant criminal records unbiasedly.

and other institutions on how to handle criminal record information because it allows universities to keep tabs on students' backgrounds while also eliminating roadblocks for applicants with records. One out of every four Americans has at some point had a criminal record, and every year an approximate half a million Americans leave jail only to find the pathways toward successful careers lay locked behind the doors of universities they can't attend. The University should emulate NYU's policy in making criminal records less important in admissions and establish a trained committee to review

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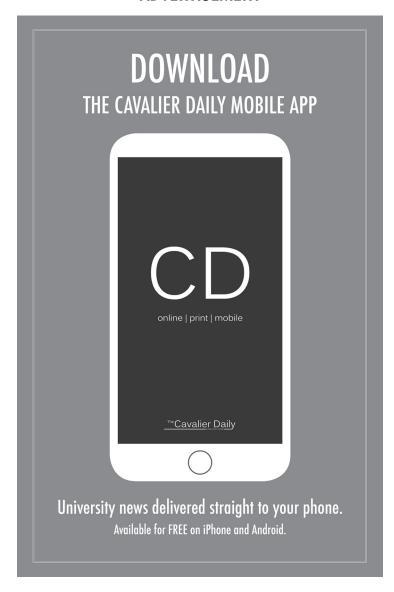


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## Modernize the Engineering School

Updating Engineering students' facilities will improve their academic experience

he University's Engineering School is practically synonymous with technology, design and, increasingly, entre

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increasingly, entrepreneurship. After all, its students are pushing the boundaries in both the lab and tech

industries. An atmosphere of innovation permeates the Engineering School grounds, flourishing in laboratories and conversation alike. Buildings such as Rice Hall exemplify a sleek, modern look which contributes to that atmosphere. However, this modernization is not consistent across the Engineering School grounds. For example, Thornton Hall, the "central home" of the school, suffers from a severe lack of aesthetic appeal and intuitive layout. As the Engineering School builds innovative momentum, it must address the widening gap between the appearances of its facilities.

Housing several departments and deans, Thornton Hall serves as the face of the Engineering School. Engineering guided tours begin in the A-Wing (as denoted by signs in Thornton's entrance), and it is a venue for many events. On the outside, Thornton is an old, University-style brick building. It surrounds Darden Courtyard, a fantastic example of the natural

beauty strewn across Grounds. Inside, though, Thornton is dimly lit and old. It is a maze of uniformly

faded-white hallways, some marked with bulletin boards and others left plain. Surrounded by similar buildings,

such a layout might not seem so out of place. In the presence of newer buildings like Rice Hall, though, Thornton stands out like a sore thumb. What exactly does Rice have that Thornton doesn't? For starters, it looks amazing. Its desks, chairs and tables are brand new, and are equipped with an abundance of outlets. Monitors are placed in its well-lit hallways, each playing the science channel or inspirational quotes. It has design labs and a large, beautiful lecture hall. Put succinctly, Rice is an exciting environment, one that almost compels a student to learn.

Interestingly enough, most buildings in the Engineering School fall into generalized forms of these two descriptions. This polarity creates a jarring discontinuity for students moving between classes. Personally, I find it much easier to stay alert during lectures in Rice Hall than in Thornton, and I'm willing to attribute that fact directly to the facilities. Put generally, it's not quite fitting to study the

forefront of science and technology in a building that feels incredibly dated. It's simply easier to sit in Rice's comfortable, rolling chairs. It's more pleasant to look at dark ink on a white dry erase board.

This is not to say Thornton lacks comfortable learning spaces. Though a lot of students find themselves studying in the brand new Wilsdorf and Rice Cafés, many also find themselves in Thornton's stacks and its recently renovated room A238. As it turns out, these four are some of

the wayside?

There's absolutely a historical argument to be made for Thornton Hall's appearance. After all, it's been expanding in the same style since its construction in 1935. However, its external aesthetic isn't the problem. For reference, it's useful to take a look at the room A238 renovations. This summer, the Engineering & Society Department had its walls painted sharp gray, replaced old wooden benches with rolling chairs and high stools, and updated its drab curtains. The

department is currently in the process of adding more electrical outlets to the room. The room is still the same, but is much more inviting and comfortable.

The A238 renovations are a perfect example of what needs to change in the older E-School buildings. No history is lost in some

touch-ups and additions. I say paint the walls, update the doors, add some monitors, increase the lighting, build some windows and start showcasing student projects. In addition, the men's bathroom in Thornton's A-Wing is incredibly inaccessible. In fact, it's located in the basement, the door to which is often locked. On a higher level, though, Thornton should be bright, comfortable and inviting. With some simple aesthetic changes, A238 is now a completely different room. The same is possible for Thornton.

As the engineering school grows, it should not selectively modernize. Instead, it should ensure all of its facilities reflect its direction: technological and design innovation. Updating Thornton alone won't unify the whole Engineering School design. After all, a few other buildings exist within the same dated appearance. However, it would mark a huge step in the Engineering School's path toward a cutting edge, modernized atmosphere. Seeing as how Rice Hall is the newest building in the Engineering School, it's clear the school is heading in that direction. It makes me wonder — why can't we hold the face of the Engineering School to the same standard?

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the most used study spaces in the Engineering School. The common denominator between them is that each is modern, comfortable and technologically compatible. Why, then, are half of the engineering lecture halls and facilities left by

## **Expanding dining options**

Implementing greater meal plan customization would improve student life on Grounds

Meal plans are not a good matel deal right now. Many upperclassmen are not buying meal friend plans because it is much cheaper to just buy BOBBY DOYLE

**Opinion Columnist** 

plans because it is much cheaper to just buy their own food or cook. This makes the University rely on first-years

to make money off dining, locking incoming students into the most expensive meal plans. The system is making the University some money, if a \$20 million investment in dining is any indicator. That said, universities should not only be about making money. University Dining is supposed to provide students with a place to eat healthy food and interact with their peers. Making dining plans fully customizable would fulfill that goal and could even help generate greater revenue for the University.

Right now students can only purchase set meal plans that have little customization to them. This drives many people away from buying a meal plan altogether. Students may be able to add a set amount of Plus Dollars but ultimately everyone is stuck picking a pre-set package. I heard many friends express that they would get

a meal plan that only had 75 or 25 swipes if only there were the option. As of now they have no choice but to

purchase an inadequate meal plan or nothing at all. Allowing students to choose their meal plans would encourage larger number of students to buy dining plans. People are clearly not buying a more expensive service. Upperclassmen do want some access to University Dining locations, they just don't want to have to pay more money than they have to.

Customization has been proved to work in bringing in new customers and profits. The cable TV market was dominated for the longest time by large cable companies that sold television channels bundled together. Even to this day, people have cable packages where they barely watch one tenth of the channels they have. Then came the rise of services like Netflix, Hulu

and Amazon Prime. These companies provide a greater choice and customization than the big cable companies. The whole cable industry has shifted due to these on-demand services. For example, HBO recently announced plans to offer HBO GO as a standalone service. Consumers love these new services that give them more freedom,



Requiring meal plans for first-years and then offering bad deals for upperclassmen is effectively segregating the two groups."

and these on-demand companies are making record profits.

Besides the compelling economic reasons for allowing meal plan customization, it would also help student life on Grounds. Requiring meal plans for first-years and then offering bad deals for upperclassmen is effectively segregating the two groups. What's more, upperclassmen have less incentive to be on Grounds without a meal plan since getting food is no longer convenient. Administrators always talk about building a community at the University, yet this prac-

tice actively pulls us apart. Just spending time on Grounds with other people from the University helps strengthen our community, and the more people involved, the stronger the University community grows.

There is also the matter of healthy eating. While many

upperclassmen eat healthy meals, most college diets are less than nutritious. Dining halls might provide some unhealthy options, but University Dining also offers very good healthy options. The whole

point of University Dining should be to promote healthy eating habits, and if it is failing to reach many of the students at the University something needs to change. More people getting meal plans could be a way to promote healthy living at the University.

This isn't an unproven idea. The University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth and the University of California, Irvine have experimented with more customized meal plans. They both saw revenues and customer satisfaction shoot up. Students clearly want to use dining services, they're just being stopped by the lack of options. University Dining needs to give people full customization, for the service's own sake and the University community as a whole.

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### **WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS** -

#### Monday 9/7

Undergraduate Research Network's Research Fair, 4 p.m., Newcomb Ballroom

UVA Clubs Student Ambassadors Information Session, 5-6 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 134

University Guide Service Information Session, 6 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 122

Monroe Society Information Session, 7 p.m., Maury Room 104

Screening of the To Write Love on Her Arms Movie, 7 p.m., Grit Coffee (The Corner)

Undergraduate Research Network's Garden Party, 3-5 p.m., Garden One

Finding Calm in the Storm: How to Help Friends Deal with Trauma, 4-6 p.m., Ern Commons

Career Center's Career Fair Simulation, 5 p.m., Newcomb Hall Ballroom

Cav's Serve Cville, 5-6:30 p.m., Newcomb Ballroom University Guide Service Information Session, 6 p.m., Monroe Hall Room 124

WUVA Information Session, 6 p.m., New Cabell Room

Men's Soccer vs. George Mason, 7 p.m., Klöckner

Monroe Society Information Session, 8 p.m., Chemistry Building Room 304

### Wednesday 9/9

Futures in Fashion Association's Fashion Mixer, 5-7 p.m., Open Grounds

CAPS Suicide Prevention Training, 5-6 p.m., OHill

University Guide Service Information Session, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m., Minor Hall Room 125

Undergraduate Research Network's Women in Research, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Open Grounds

Ballroom Dance Club: Free Ballroom Dancing Lesson, 8-9:30 p.m., Newcomb Ballroom

X-Tasee Dance Crew Fall Auditions, 9 p.m., OHill Forum

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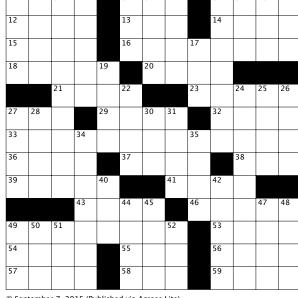
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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Letters that begin a Web address
- 5. Actor John of the "Harold & Kumar" films
- 8. Da \_\_\_ dot com (awesome, in slang)
- 12. One of the Great Lakes
- 13. Rowing implement14. Soothing additive in some skin lotions
- \_ Flocka Flame, rapper who announced he'd be running for president in 2016
- 16. UVA program associated with the Not on Our Grounds initiative: 2 wds.
- Cardamom or cinnamon, for example
- 20. Water-lily locale
- 21. Jets, Mets, or Nets
- 23. Greet with a casual handshake, in modern lingo: 2 wds. "Well, looky there!"
- 29. Bench-press counts
- 32. Greek letter "I"
- UVA secret society known for their hooded robes: 2
- Part of a foot
- 37. Korean cars such as the Sportage and Sedona
- 38. Angeles
- Good work 39.
  - (procrastinator's lack, say)
- Thing wrapped for a birthday party
- 43. Stupid
- 46. Charlottesville apartment complex that experienced fire alarm issues all summer, with "The'
- 49. UVA testing purchase, often: 2 wds.
- \_ cadabra!"
- "That's hilarious," in online chats
- Harris who played basketball for UVA
- 56. Cabbagy side dish



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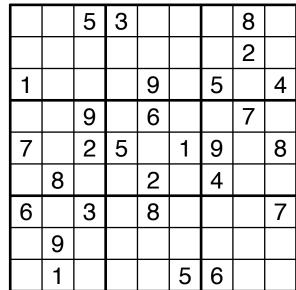
- 57. Very much: 2 wds.
- Texter's "Holy cow!"
- Black and white piano parts

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Chops down with an ax Queen" (2014 Fetty
- Wap hit)
- Decorative light source at a luau: 2 wds.
- War's opposite
- Gear tooth
- Instrument with 47 strings So-called "milk's favorite
- cookie'
- Adhesive item in a first aid kit: Hyph.
- "No Country for \_\_\_ Men"
- Dairy farm sound
- Neither check nor fold, in poker
- 17. (football position) Tight
- Grey tea 19.
- Rapper who feuded with 22. Drake, casually
- Non-clothing item that has six pockets: 2 wds.
- 25. Bono's band, spelled out

- 26. Not fail
- "Sons of Anarchy" character whose name sounds like two consecutive letters of the alphabet
- Event in a forest
- Delta \_\_\_ (official Greek letters of UVA's The Hall)
- Bang, a la Austin Powers
- UVA fraternity whose house is on Grady Avenue, familiarly
- "Oh, that'll happen!": 2 wds.
- Chicago baseballer
- Hip thing for alcoholics? Voodoo charm
- 45. Economic upswing
- 47. Lunch line food carrier48. Woodcutting tools
- Top of a woman's swimsuit "That's hilarious," in online chats
- 51. Sci-fi hoverer
- 52. Beer bash barrel

### **WEEKLY SUDOKU**



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**SOLUTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES CAN BE** FOUND IN THE THURSDAY PRINT EDITION.



### **LOVE CONNECTION:**



Name: Ira Year: Second School: College Major: Undecided

U. Va. Involvement: Salsa Club Hometown: Alexandria, Va.

Ideal Date Personality: Kind and intelligent Hobbies: Reading, working out, being with friends, cooking, playing basketball

What makes you a good catch? Unmatched humil-

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? Unmatched humility

What's your favorite pick-up line? (At a bar) Why'd you invite everyone? I thought it'd be just me and you.

An extrovert and introvert decide they just don't match

### Alex Stock Love Guru

Ira and Ambi met at the Rotunda at 7 p.m. and went to Fig on the Corner.

Ambi: [I had] never been on a blind date — I didn't have any expectations.

Ira: My first impression was that she's pretty and dressed well. She had really nice shoes.

Ambi: [When I got there] Ira was already there — I was about five minutes late. I walked over and introduced myself. Ira seemed nice.

Ira: I asked her if she liked food and she said yes. Some friends of mine recommended Fig, so I asked her and she was okay with [it].

Ambi: I think Ira wanted to try something new, so I was fine [going] to Fig.

Ira: First [the conversation] was introductions and the usual major questions. There were some lulls, but there were some interesting things I learned about her.

Ambi: To be honest, I don't think personally Ira and I got along too well. Ira seemed very nice but more of a social

Name: Ambi Year: Third School: College Major: Neuroscience

U. Va. Involvement: Research, Medlife, United2Heal, UNICEF Hometown: Bristow, Va.

Ideal Date Personality: Funny, easygoing, intelligent and car-

Ideal Date Activity: Ice skating and dinner — except I can't really ice skate.

Deal breakers? Being snobbish or rude to others

Hobbies: Doodling, dancing while cooking, running and trying/making new foods.

What makes you a good catch? I'm a good listener, very social and girly.

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I don't know maybe, I'm oblivious and indecisive at life.

What's your favorite pick-up line? Do you have a bandaid? I just scraped my knee falling for you.



person or extrovert and I'm more of an

Ira: I felt [like] the talking was pretty balanced. She likes the NBA, she would date LeBron James if presented with the opportunity, she cooks at 4 a.m. and she'd never heard of Key & Peele.

Ambi: I felt like the conversation was pretty even. He did salsa dancing, which I found really surprising because I [don't] know a lot of guys interested in dance. We both like dogs.

**Ira:** We split the check — she offered early on to go dutch.

Ambi: [The date had] more of a friendly vibe. Ira made a few Jewish references that I didn't get.

**Ira:** At the end of the date, I pulled her aside and asked her how it went. I was completely honest and asked her what she thought of the date and what I did wrong. That was a great moment because we both said we weren't a match and we were both completely honest there. It wasn't really forced under a

date setting anymore.

Ambi: We're probably not going to hang out again. If I seem him, I'll say hi. We both agreed that we didn't have much chemistry and that we should just be Facebook friends.

**Ira:** I'd rate the date an 8 — she's really nice and [it will be] nice to see another familiar face on Grounds.

Ambi: I'll rate the date an 8.5.

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Annie Mester Life Columnist

1. National Hot Dog Day

This one is confusing. Did you mean a "hot dog," as in the oft-barbequed food, or "hot dog," as in a golden retriever having a particularly good hair day? Or, alternatively, could this be taken as an ode to Randy Jackson hearing his newest single? "That was hot, dawg." Plus, as if the "hot dogs or legs" Snapchat trend wasn't irritat-

ing enough, here's a day that serves to justify the 20 Instagrams you'll see with that caption. It wasn't funny the first time, your legs don't look like hot dogs and it's sort of weird that you put ketchup all over them.

### 2. National Best Friend Day

This is not to say you shouldn't celebrate your best friend, but this "holiday" occurs about once a month and it needs to be stopped. I know, you know, everyone on your Instagram feed knows — the only reason you're posting this picture of your best friend forever is because you think you

look good. No matter if her eyes are closed or there's makeup running down her face — your legs looked great that day, and one #tbt of the night clearly wasn't enough.

### 3. National Filet Mignon Day

More like filet min-yawn, am I right? Seriously, though, it is (medium) rare for anyone to actually want to look at a picture of a hunk of meat, as there's no way it could really be well done. Meat jokes aside, if you're really that desperate for an Instagram that a filet mignon is something you actively want to post and you have enough money to spring for a filet mignon on your #collegebudget then god bless you, but please make up for the veggie pictures with a side of fries

### 4. Old Rock Day

Maybe I'm horribly misguided as a media studies major, but I'm pretty unclear about the process of creating new rocks. If I chip a piece of Humpback, does that count as a new rock or is that just a piece of a really old rock? How old does the rock have to be to qualify for this day and how do people determine that with just their eyes and not a barrage of scientific tools? Up your street cred on this day by Instagramming a picture of Paul McCartney instead, who embodies a different sentiment of "old rock."

#### 5. Beer Can Appreciation Day

No discrimination allowed: you must appreciate that Natural Light as much as you appreciate the artisan canned beer you tapped yourself at a brewery one time. I've heard people do pretty horrible things to beer cans, like stick a key in the side of them and drain them of their contents as quickly as possible. Followed by some even more gruesome actions, like smashing said can on one's forehead or throwing it off a balcony. Be kind to your beer.

### 6. Eat What You Want Day

Considering I'm in college with #noparents

and #norules, my terrifying reality is that I can eat what I want everyday. But, often I am held back by such thoughts as, "You haven't had vegetables in two weeks, Annie," or "Do you really need that second milkshake today?" Today is the day to not let those pesky thoughts about irrelevant things like health and general body upkeep bring you down. Go ahead, eat that stack of pancakes and wash it down with a bacon, egg and cheese. Follow that up immediately with a burrito, and don't stop until the clock hits midnight.

### 7. Be a Millionaire Day

If only it were as easy as proclaiming a day to make everyone's dreams come true. Here's the million-dollar question, though (haha!): do you get to keep the money after the day is over? If I had a million dollars, I would use it to bribe Chris Pratt to go into space with me.

### 8. Learn About Composting Day

I guess everyone should be well versed in the ins and outs of this trade, so what better day to do it than a national holiday dedicated to the cause? My experience with composting comes mostly in the form of seeing what will (and won't) go down the composter in my sink's drain, and the subsequent battles with my property management company.

### 9. Felt Hat Day

On Sept. 15 tradition, legend has it that men retire their felt hats for the year. When can they start re-wearing their felt hats? Can women still wear their felt hats? Has anyone ever worn a felt hat in complete seriousness besides Peter Pan? Was he even serious?

### 10. Ask a Stupid Question Day

Ask, and ye shall receive. Is the world flat? Can you not? Why are softballs hard? If you try to fail, and succeed, what have you actually done? Why does alcohol have calories?

## Job hunt made easier

New course prepares fourth years to begin job searches now

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The excitement of fourth year often dwindles when the pressure of solidifying post-graduate plans reaches its peak. This semester, the pilot course professional and strategic career development offers fourth years the opportunity pave their post-grad paths.

The class is co-taught by College Dean Rachel Most and Associate Vice President of Career and Professional Development Everette Fortner, who also heads the Career Center. Most and Fortner collaborated to combine effective academic and career advising for fourth-year students.

Fortner said she and Most brought student career services into the academic arena because of the importance of career development skills.

"These days, you no longer work one job your whole life," Fortner said. "Employers want students to be already trained."

The inspiration for the course came

from similar class geared toward first and second-year students. Graduates provided feedback to the Career Center saying they did not want to postpone the job hunt until after graduation.

"We want to engage students when they are ready and found that fourth years [are]," Fortner said.

The class is workshop-focused and speaks to a variety of student interests by emphasizing how major does not always correlate closely to career. The fundamentals required of employees across professional sectors are similar, and include job skills from dressing for success to moving to a new city and setting a budget.

The University's Cornerstone Plan, which influenced planning for this class, includes career, personal and academic advising.

"Governments are looking for the allocation of state and federal funding for colleges based on outcomes of students not just admissions," Fortner said. "Second, parents are stressed from the debt taken out and they want to make sure their child has a job."

Fourth-year College student Chantal Madray, who works as a Career Center peer educator, said she works with fourth-years and sees a common misconceptions they face regarding career development.

"Usually people think major has to align well with graduate programs and jobs, but that's not true," Madray said. "At the Career Center, it's more about transferable skills like critical, analytic, communication skills to jobs."

The CEP, program, which functions as a bridge between students and Career Center counselors, is designed to empower students to customize their post-graduate plans.

"We try to tell students that they don't need to go on the typical timeline," Madray said. "Have a concept map of where you need to go, and it doesn't need to be rigid."

Madray, an environmental thought and practice major, said her unique position as a peer educator compliments her personal professional development.

"Environmental thought and practice is very interdisciplinary [and] a compo-

nent of that is environmental advocacy and outreach, which requires communication and working in teams, which I do as a CEP," Madray said.

Fortner advises anxious students to channel their energy to taking initiative.

"Don't let your anxiety paralyze you, just get started," Fortner said.



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College Dean Rachel Most is co-teaching a class on navigating the job search process for fourth years.