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# A 'long road' for Graham, Harrington families

*Parents reflect on daughters' murders*

awaiting closure since their daughter went missing in the fall of 2014.

"Our family is devastated by Hannah's loss," Susan Graham, Hannah's mother, said. "[Matthew] dumped our beautiful girl's body like a bag of trash to be picked over by vultures."

The loss of their daughters has irreparably affected these families.

"It has been a long road," Gil Harrington, Morgan's mother, said in a press conference following the hearing. She thanked community members for not giving up on this case.

"We could not have survived the murder of our daughter Morgan without you," she said. "They say it takes a village to raise a child. I know it takes a village to bury a child."

At the start of the hearing, Harrington hugged every member of Matthew's family who was present. She has previously stated she holds no ill will toward the Matthew family.

Matthew himself did not speak during the hearing, except to answer the judge's questions and officially plead guilty. His lawyer Doug Ramseur, speaking on Matthew's behalf, apologized for his actions and said he "loved his parents very much."

After the hearing, the Rev. Louie Carr spoke on behalf of Matthew's family.

"Words cannot express our sadness on what has happened,"

he said. "We want to express to the Harrington and the Graham families our sorrow."

He noted the family's struggle to comprehend how Matthew had committed these actions.

"It is difficult for us to understand how a gentle soul transformed into this type of individual," Carr said.

For University students, there is hope Wednesday's decision may offer closure, University President Teresa Sullivan said in a statement.

"We hope that today's court appearance . . . will bring some sense of closure and peace to [the victims'] families and friends and to the many communities affected by these heartbreaking events," Sullivan said.

University students actively participated in the search for Graham and held a widely attended vigil in her honor before her remains were found.

At the press conference following the hearing, John Graham remarked that, though his daughter's life was cut short, she provided a service to the community.

"Hannah's enduring gift to us all is that she did help apprehend this terrible man," he said. "She changed the world at a terrible price."

The families ended their reflections by looking forward.

"Together we can help save the next girl," Gil Harrington said.



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Pictured from top to bottom: the Rev. Louie Carr, John and Susan Graham, Gil Harrington.

## JESSE MATTHEW

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**Hannah Hall**  
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Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr. pleaded guilty to the murders of then second-year College student Hannah Graham and Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington at the Albemarle Circuit County Court Wednesday. Matthew's trial for Graham's murder was originally set for July 5. The trial for Harrington's

murder was set for Oct. 24.

Matthew was sentenced to four consecutive life sentences for the murder and abduction of Graham and the murder and abduction of Harrington. The capital murder charge in Graham's case was nolle prosequi.

As part of the plea bargain, Matthew waived his right to apply for conditional release, early release and parole, including geriatric release.

At a press conference following the hearing, Matthew's lead counsel said his client took the deal to avoid the death penalty.

Prior to his plea, Matthew was

charged with capital murder and abduction with intent to defile in the murder of Graham, as well as with the charges of first-degree murder and abduction with intent to defile in the murder of Harrington.

Graham — whose disappearance in the fall of 2014 sent shockwaves through the University community — was last seen on the Downtown Mall on Sept. 13 of the same year. Matthew was arrested for her abduction in Galveston, Texas on Sept. 24, 2014. He had fled the state after the Charlottesville Police Department labeled him a person of interest in their

investigation.

After Matthew's arrest, human remains were found on an abandoned property eight miles from the University in October. Charlottesville Police confirmed the remains belonged to Graham on Oct. 24, 2014 — over a month after she disappeared.

Harrington's disappearance remained unsolved for six years. She disappeared following a concert at John Paul Jones arena in October of 2009. Similar to Graham, her remains were found several months later in rural farmland.

These cases follow a history of criminal activity. In October,

Matthew was sentenced to three life sentences by a Fairfax judge in connection to an attempted sexual assault of a Fairfax woman in 2005.

In the Fairfax case, following an Alford Plea — in which a defendant pleads guilty without admitting guilt — Matthew was sentenced without the aid of the jury. The judge instead relied on Matthew's history and character descriptions, which included a letter from an ex-girlfriend, in sentencing.

At the hearing, Matthew apologized for his actions through his lawyer.

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# U.Va. community continues to live in Cville

*Local alumni discuss why they chose to stay*

**Hailey Ross and Tim Dodson**  
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Nearly 10 percent of University alumni live in Charlottesville after graduating, according to LinkedIn data.

Everette Fortner, University associate vice president of career and professional development, said many students may be returning to Charlottesville because of positive experiences at the University.

“Anecdotally many students want to stay in Charlottesville after graduation because their experience has been quite positive,” Fortner said in an email statement. “Of the 116,152 U.Va. alumni and students who are on LinkedIn, 12,929 state they are in Charlottesville. It’s hard to pull current students out of that, but I think the 10 percent number is pretty accurate.”

Additionally, Fortner said the “growing entrepreneurial eco system [sic] that the city and University provide” encourages alumni to start businesses.

John Elder, CEO of Elder Research Inc., is one alumnus who decided to stay in the city.

Elder attended Rice University for his undergraduate and master’s degrees in electrical engineering and lived in Charlottesville prior to attending the University for a doctorate in systems engineering.

“I was actually a townie when I went back to grad school,” Elder said. “I had five years between my masters and starting my Ph.D. at U.Va. so it was the obvious choice to just go down the street to this wonderful University right in town.”

Elder said he was not excited about living in Charlottesville when he first arrived, but his opinion changed over time.

“After about a month in Charlottesville, I was like, ‘This is an awesome city and I love the cultural food scene and the countryside is so beautiful,’” Elder said. “It’s just a lot to love here, and the University of Virginia was a big part of that.”

Elder currently works in data

science, a field which makes predictions based on measurable data for a variety of subjects, such as studying financial transactions or the marketing of a product.

The Darden School — where he has been a guest lecturer and has taught several courses — has given Elder an honorary appointment.

Alumnus Toan Nguyen, owner of C’Ville Coffee, also decided to live in Charlottesville after earning degrees from the Architecture School and Darden School and traveling around the world.

Nguyen first came to the area when his wife went to the Law School. After they lived in Houston and San Francisco, they moved back to Charlottesville and Nguyen earned his bachelor’s degree in architecture and his master’s at the University. The Nguyen family moved to Connecticut and Paris, and eventually settled down in Charlottesville.

“After you live in a big city you appreciate how amazing Charlottesville is,” Nguyen said. “Paris and San Francisco are amazing,

but to start a family, to have a family, Charlottesville is the best place to raise children.”

Nguyen, who has a daughter who graduated from the University, said he had a positive experience while at school.

“I loved the Architecture School. It was an amazing education, and then the Darden business school is incredible and taught me so much and I love the bond that you make with all the people down there and the faculty,” he said.

Oscar Chow, who majored in economics at the University, is a digital marketing analyst in town. Chow said he wanted to explore aspects of the city he wasn’t able to as an undergraduate student.

“I just really like Charlottesville as a town. There were a lot of things as a student that I felt I wasn’t able to do,” Chow said. “You have exploring the Pantops and the Downtown Mall, places like that where I’m around a lot. I wanted to experience it more.”

Chow said his experience with

diverse groups of contracted independent organizations was a memorable part of his University experience.

“I think U.Va allowed me to explore many different things, not just academically,” Chow said. “I think what really highlights that are the diverse CIOs we have I couldn’t imagine being a part of all of them, but I had a great experience with all sorts of different multicultural events.”

Fourth-year College student Lyons Sanchezconcha said he is thinking about living in Charlottesville after graduation.

“As a transfer student I only got two years here so it would be nice to get to stay a little longer,” Sanchezconcha said.

Sanchezconcha said he isn’t ready to move on.

“My experience with U.Va was awesome, and I learned that there is a lot to see here in Charlottesville and a lot to experience, so I guess I’m kind of not done with it yet,” Sanchezconcha said.

# U.Va. has profound impacts on local economy

*Spending, employment has both positive, negative effects*

**Caitlyn Seed**  
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The University plays a large economic role in the Charlottesville area, acting as both a center for tourism and spending, as well as a major employer.

The University employs more than 20,000 individuals annually, University Deputy Spokesperson Matt Charles said in an email statement.

University alumni also often remain in the Charlottesville area and work for employers such as the University Health System, Albemarle County Public Schools, State Farm, Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital, SNL Financial and University graduate schools, among others.

Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce President Timothy Hulbert said the University is the crucial center to the economy of the city.

“There is an enormous amount of spending and purchasing by the students and faculty and staff,” Hulbert said.

A 2007 study by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service found there was more than \$1 billion in University-associated

spending in 2005 in the Charlottesville area, stimulating local economic growth year-round.

“The University of Virginia has been a part of our existence from the get go,” Hulbert said. “It is the single most important economic engine in our community. The two largest economic components of that engine would be the academic and the health systems.”

The University Health System is the largest employer in Charlottesville, Everette Fortner, University associate vice president of Career and Professional Development, said in an email statement.

Currently, more than 300 students and alumni from the University are employed through the Health System, and more than 10,000 individuals altogether currently work through the Health System.

The University and Charlottesville communities also encourage a great deal of entrepreneurship for students and alumni, Fortner said.

In a recent 2014 Batten Institute case study to measure the economic impact of University alumni, results showed entrepreneurially active alumni have created 65,000 companies and are responsible for creating upwards of 371,000 jobs

in Virginia alone.

Currently, University President Teresa Sullivan serves on the Board of Directors of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, providing another foundation for collaborations between the University and the Charlottesville community, Charles said.

“I can’t imagine Charlottesville without the University of Virginia, and we don’t have to,” Hulbert said.

Charlottesville City Councilor Kristin Szakos said she believes the University’s economic role in the community — while doubtlessly substantial — has both positive and negative impacts.

“The University is a huge intellectual capital we have here in Charlottesville. That’s valuable,” Szakos said. “As our largest employer, it is also responsible for a lot of real low-wage jobs, which I believe drives wages down in general, which is a big issue.”

The University played a key role in maintaining the Charlottesville economy during the recession, but it exacerbates other issues within the community, Szakos said.

Not only does the University drive down wages for certain industries by not requiring a living wage, but the University student



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“[The University] is the single most important economic engine in our community,” Hulbert said.

and faculty community can also negatively impact the availability of affordable housing and the congestion of parking and traffic, Szakos said.

“Students can often pay more rent and so houses get divided into apartments rather than be available for families,” Szakos said.

Szakos said she would like to see several changes by the University to encourage a better sense of

community and economic prosperity in Charlottesville.

“I would love to see the University adopt a robust living wage and require contractors on University grounds to do the same,” Szakos said. “Around housing, I would love to see more collaboration with the city to provide more workforce housing for folks who find it really difficult to live in the city.”



# Batten fellows intern for Charlottesville mayor

*Students say they hope to make impact*

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First-year Batten MPP students Ali Barta and Jered Dominey were recently hired as Mayor's Fellows by Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer. Barta and Dominey will work as research policy interns on a number of current projects for Signer and the City Council.

Signer — a lecturer within the Politics department and at the Batten School — said this is the first established graduate school fellowship program.

"It might surprise folks to know that Charlottesville's City Council has very little infrastructure," he said in an email statement. "Our only employee is our clerk, who works extremely hard and has limited bandwidth to research policy."

Signer said the program



*Courtesy Ali Barta and Jered Dominey*

First-year Batten MPP students Ali Barta and Jered Dominey were recently hired as Mayor's Fellows by Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer.

would benefit both the City Council and Batten students.

"As a lecturer ... it occurred to me that this program could be a win-win both for City Council,

which will get a high-quality of policy research, and for Batten students, who will get wonderful experience in local government," he said.

Dominey, who previously worked as a national defense analyst, said he wanted to gain experience working with local government in a "relatively successful and high-quality city."

"My previous work experience as an analyst frequently involved research and briefings or creating reports, but rarely, if ever, affected policy itself," Dominey said in an email statement. "Some of my past work experience at the federal level was very frustrating at times, but I've always believed things can be done better and want to facilitate those improvements in any way I can."

Barta, who is also an MBA student at Darden, said she looks forward to working as a fellow with the mayor on potential opportunities to improve Charlottesville.

"I believe we can always do better, which is where public

policy comes in," Barta said in an email statement. "By looking at other places that are doing things well ... we can be properly positioned to make Charlottesville an even better version of itself."

Barta and Dominey will work with the New Mayor's Council on Innovation and Technology to develop proposals for enhancing the city's innovation ecosystem, research new options for transparency and open data in government and working with stakeholders on ideas for a new arts festival in the city, Signer said.

"Batten is a terrific school and our fellows will bring the research skills and energy of public policy graduate students to bear on ideas that myself and the other Councilors are exploring," Signer said.

# Career Center serves one-third of U.Va. students

*Students discuss experiences learning about internships, job skills*

**Matt Brown and Elizabeth Parker**  
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About one-third of all students will use services provided by the University Career Center during their time at the University, Everette Fortner, University associate vice president of career and professional development, said in an email statement.

Amy Jorgensen, the associate director of marketing and communications, said Career Center staff help students in the "exploratory process" when they are trying to figure out what to major in and, later down the road, what to do with their majors.

"It's kind of every step, from choosing a major and seeing how that could potentially relate to careers, to getting their resume and their [recommendation] materials together, all the way to finding an internship or a job," Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen also said frequently asked questions tend to differ depending on a student's year, which can drastically impact suggested services.

"With a first-year, often times we're helping them choose their major and helping them understand how their major can potentially relate to different career options," Jorgensen said. "Once you

get up to the fourth-years, it's much more job development."

Jorgensen said services include "tailored content" specific to each student and focused on his or her personal needs through "career communities," which are based on a certain industry a student is interested in or a job he or she may want in the future. In this way, Jorgensen said, career counselors can best address individual need in a variety of different ways.

There are six career communities: Business; Education; Engineering, Science and Technology; Media and Design; Government and Law; Creative Arts; and Public Service.

"If I'm interested in becoming a computer engineer, we have an engineering, science and technology community, and that gives [the student] personalized, tailored content for what to do with interviews and what types of industries and groups they could look at," Jorgensen said.

The Career Center connects students with clubs, associations and various opportunities to gain experience in a relevant field, Jorgensen said.

Rob Morris, career counselor and assistant director of the Government and Law Community, said the Career Center puts on various programs to help students find jobs and market themselves to potential employers, as well as to address the

questions many students seem to share.

Morris specializes in advising for students who are interested in interning for local, state and federal government, Super PACs, political campaigns and consulting firms.

"We have our large scale programs like career fairs, we have a marketing symposium coming up," Morris said. "I think that we have a variety of different types of programming to hopefully make it as accessible to all the students here."

Morris said students can use the Internship Center within the Career Center to learn about and take advantage of internships through programs like the upcoming "Internships Unplugged" event.

"We're having an 'Internships Unplugged' event which will sort of go in depth for students that are interested in exploring internships, giving them direct tools on how to go about searching ... [and] hopefully from that, gaining internships," Morris said.

First-year College student Noah Jones attended a job fair hosted by the Career Center earlier this semester. Although he wasn't seeking a job, he said wanted to learn more about the process of looking for one.

"I thought the fair was an effective way to connect students and employers," Jones said. "I think the Career Center is really helpful



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when connecting students with the real world."

Jones said he was surprised by the job fair he attended.

"I expected to just go and feel it out. I was surprised ... I actually might apply to a company that I met at the fair for a summer job," he said.

Second-year College student Kevin O'Boyle said he has sought out help from the Career Center for a variety of reasons.

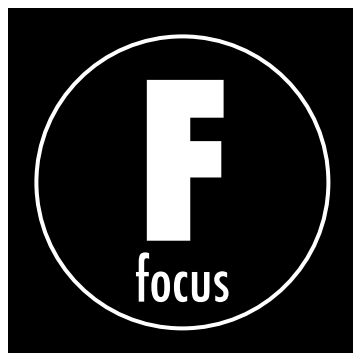
"I was getting my resume looked over, asking about what I could do as a second-year to access info about internships, get kind of a feel

for how the finance recruiting process works and basically get an explanation about CavLink," O'Boyle said in an email statement.

Although the center was helpful, O'Boyle said his experience "didn't change my life."

"I know my resources better now, but I didn't really take much of his resume advice," O'Boyle said. "Definitely would go back, but I don't think they are the be-all and end-all of resources for help in the internship/job finding process."

The Career Center's "Internships Unplugged" event will be held March 15.



# Alumni employment, from NYC to Colombia

*Where students work after graduation, how the Career Center facilitates job opportunities*

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News Writers

After graduation, University students' jobs take them everywhere from New York City to Colombia. The Career Center surveys the outgoing class each year to determine which states and countries employ the most University students. This year, for the first time, the Career Center has adopted a new data management system to give students real-time job search information. The Career Center is also working to bring a larger variety of employers to the University, offering students more options for job locations.

## Post-graduate jobs by geographic location

The top three states of employment for University graduates for the class of 2014 were Virginia, Washington, D.C. and New York, according to the Career Center's First Destinations Report. The Career Center will release post-graduation employment data for the class of 2015 this summer.

David Lapinski, director of Employer Relations at the Career Center, said New York and California are popular locations for post-graduation employment, in addition to Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"There's an uptick and rebound in New York that's contributed to an upbuilding in financial services, and we have seen an increase in [the] number of students going to California, in particular to Silicon Valley," Lapinski said.

For some alumni, location took a backseat to the type of work and the opportunities available. An internship in asset management helped Commerce alumnus Haider Arshad learn he wanted to go into investment banking.

"Location mattered very little," Arshad said. "I knew I wanted to do investment banking. I was looking for the best opportunity. I knew I wanted to do something that would allow me to learn as much as I could."

Commerce alumna Nancy Park worked for Deloitte Consulting Group in McLean, Va., a popular location for post-graduate jobs right after leaving the University.

"Location mattered very little when deciding where to work be-

cause of the nature of consulting — you travel a lot," Park said.

College alumna Natalia Violand, who majored in Foreign Affairs, prioritized purpose over location when accepting her Teach For America assignment in Massachusetts.

"To be honest [location] didn't really factor into my decisions," Violand said. "I went into Teach for America taking on a mission,

of volunteers for the Peace Corps. While the majority of positions within the Peace Corps are in the education category, the organization welcomes volunteers from all majors and schools.

"About 80 percent of U.Va. students do community service on their own through their time at the University... so there's a real high level of commitment to service and people pursuing the

it. I'd never had a chance to study abroad at U.Va. and [I] wanted that experience."

## The Career Center's new efforts

Tracking where graduates work when they leave the University is part of the Career Center's mission to provide students with resources necessary to find opportunities in their desired industries or locations.

The University Student Outcome Activity Report is a new system of data collection being implemented for the class of 2016. A departure from past efforts to analyze data concerning post-graduation opportunities, SOAR collects and displays data in real-time to students, parents, employers, faculty and media outlets. This method of collection allows students to access data faster than they could with past efforts, which were more time consuming.

Although geared mainly toward current graduates, SOAR allows any student to enter what types of internships or employment opportunities they have had, their industry and location preference, as well as with whether or not they are still searching for employment.

"We direct students to go ahead and not be afraid to put what's out there ... even if you're still seeking a job, that data helps us as an office to determine where we need to put our support," Lapinski said. "If students wait until May or June, it stops us from being able to help them as much."

With these aggregated data, SOAR allows users to see timelines of the job-search process for graduates in the same major or industry. This gives students easier access to information on when to apply for jobs and what types of opportunities their peers are finding.

The Career Center's first-ever Start-Up Career Fair, held Feb. 2, is another way the center has increasingly responded to student needs. Comprised of local start-ups and fast-growing companies, the fair aimed to expose students to opportunities in the startup sector of the economy. Lapinski said the Career Center plans to expand the fair's success in future years by reaching out to more employers in Silicon Valley.

This might be a challenge, as California tech companies are concerned non-local students present risky ventures since they might become homesick after a

year and leave the company, Lapinski said.

"Our trend data shows that [this is wrong]; students go out there and stay out there," Lapinski said.

## The truth about post-graduation job shortage

While the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports employment for recent college graduates has decreased since the 2008 recession, employment opportunities abound for University graduates.

In a recent roundtable concerning the Virginia economy, Gov. Terry McAuliffe said there are 30,000 vacant jobs in Northern Virginia alone. Each day these positions are unfilled equals \$30,000,000 in lost tax revenue for the state. However, not all of these jobs are entry-level positions appropriate for recent graduates.

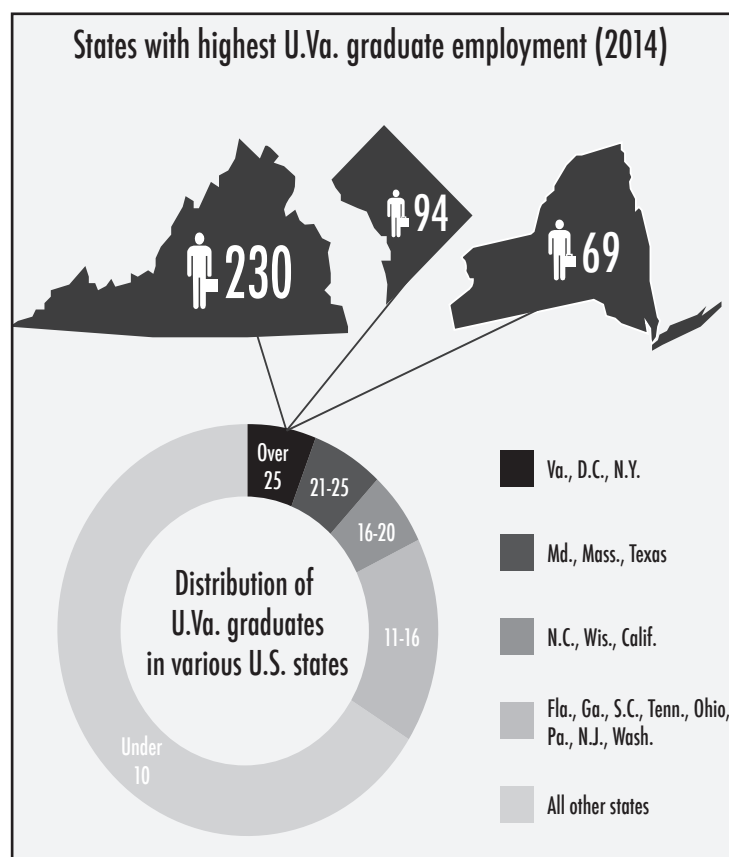
Since the state of Virginia covers many education costs not covered by college tuition, if too many students leave Virginia for employment, the state will develop a deficit, Lapinski said. States use their economic development authority to partner with universities and ensure there is enough talent to fill positions within the state.

"We have a mission as a state institution to help our state, but we want to partner with students too so that we find opportunities for them to go abroad or to San Francisco, for example," Lapinski said.

Lapinski recently visited Florida, a state working to draw students to an abundance of new jobs. The Florida High Tech Corridor, which has become a location of burgeoning growth for start-ups and fast-growing companies, hosted a showcase last week and invited 50 top schools. Lapinski represented the University.

The showcase aimed to connect university representatives with Florida tech companies who are hiring recent graduates. Since Florida universities aren't producing enough students to fill positions at new companies, they will not be able to create or maintain a strong human capital base, Lapinski said.

"We are bringing the word back to students to say, 'Hey, don't just look at Deloitte in Northern Virginia,'" Lapinski said. "Look at Orlando, where it's 80 degrees and there's no state income or property taxes."



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knowing I was committing to something bigger than where I was going to be."

Location was a bigger factor for College and Batten alumnus Sheridan Fuller, a presidential management fellow who works with the Secretary of Health in D.C. Fuller knew he needed to be in a larger city for a career in public service.

"I did have an interest in coming to Washington, D.C., not because of the city, but because of the industry, where the bulk of the action happens at the federal level," Fuller said.

## Working abroad

While most University students end up working in Virginia, D.C. or New York, some find employment abroad, particularly with the Peace Corps. Classified as a "medium-sized" school, the University is the top fifth supplier

opportunity to give back," Peace Corps recruiter Anna Sullivan said.

After living in Charlottesville for four years, some students desire a drastic change in environment.

"The students that I see want an experience that's really going to challenge them and give them the chance to make a difference, and a lot of people want an international experience," Sullivan said. "It really opens up more opportunities for you once you lived and worked in another culture."

Other students find jobs in the United States before deciding to work abroad, like Park, who traveled to Colombia to teach English after three years at Deloitte.

"I wanted to know what it was like to get up every morning and know what it felt like to do something I was genuinely passionate about," Park said. "Deloitte wasn't





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Staff Writer

No. 4 Virginia finishes off the regular season at home Saturday night when they face No. 11 Louisville at John Paul Jones Arena.

The game versus the Cardinals (23-7, 12-5 ACC) has big implications for the Cavaliers (23-6, 12-5 ACC). With a win, Virginia has a shot to capture its third-straight ACC regular-season title.

However, the Cavaliers would have to share it — with either North Carolina or Louisville, or, in a three-way tie, with both Miami and North Carolina. If either the Hurricanes or Tar Heels were to win out, Virginia would not be able to take the crown. In one of the most competitive ACC seasons in recent years, there are five teams within two games of first place.

With a win, the Cavaliers also greatly improve their chances of earning a No. 1 seed when the NCAA Tournament rolls around in a little under two weeks. Right now, ESPN's Bracketology guru Joe Lunardi predicts Virginia to be a No. 1 seed in the South Regional.

The Cavaliers take on a Louisville team that has seemingly little to play for. Just a couple weeks ago, the Cardinals self-imposed a postseason ban stemming from allegations of an escort service provided to players and recruits by a staff member. The Cardinals will not participate in this

# No. 4 Virginia takes on Louisville

*Senior leader Brogdon and company go up against stingy Cardinal defense*



Porter Dickie | The Cavalier Daily

Malcolm Brogdon, the team's leading scorer, will play his final game in John Paul Jones Arena Saturday. Brogdon will be honored along with fellow seniors Anthony Gill, Mike Tobey and Evan Nolte.

year's ACC or NCAA tournaments. Thus, Saturday night marks the final game of the season for Louisville.

Saturday's matchup will also be the final college game for two Louisville players — senior graduate transfers Damion Lee and Trey Lewis. They are the two leading scorers for the Cardinals this season. Both players transferred to the Cardinals last year for the sole reason of getting a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament — something neither player has been able to do in their career.

Now, because of the ban, neither Lee nor Lewis will ever have an opportunity to shine on the big stage.

The Cavaliers, however, will certainly have a chance to shine under the bright lights of this year's March Madness. Virginia will look to senior guard Malcolm Brogdon — the unquestioned leader of this team — to carry them into the postseason. Recently, he has been playing some stellar ball. He leads the team with 18.5 points per game while shooting just under 48 percent from the field,

leading teammates and coaches alike to ask Brogdon to be more aggressive with the ball.

"I am always telling him to be aggressive because it makes our team that much better,"

sophomore forward Isaiah Wilkins said. "After a while he draws two or three defenders. He is a willing passer and he sets other people up."

Even Brogdon knows he has to be aggressive if this team wants any hope of making a deep postseason run.

"I just try to come on and be aggressive," Brogdon said. "I'm one of the better scorers on the team. If I'm not aggressive I feel like I'm doing a disservice to the team."

Brogdon isn't being arrogant when he talks about his own skill set. In fact, he's being downright honest about the reality of the situation. Without him, this group is not a top-10 team.

Even with little to play for, Louisville is still a very strong team that the Cavaliers cannot take lightly. The Cardinals are currently ranked No. 11 nationally — their highest ranking all year. The Cardinals have one of the most formidable defenses in the country, not too far from the level of Virginia's acclaimed defense. The Cavaliers give up a mere 60.1 points per game, which is good for third best in the country. Louisville is right behind them at 60.9 points per game — the sixth-best mark in the nation.

Virginia cannot overlook Louisville, but at the same time, it has to start getting ready for postseason

play. The Cavaliers are hoping for a much better outing after last year's early exit from the NCAA Tournament as a two seed. This year, however, players and coaches alike think that the team has learned a lot from the failure to live up to expectations in last year's postseason.

"I definitely think we are more equipped," Brogdon said. "I think we are a more experienced team that has evolved and learned from past experiences of having a great regular season and then relaxing in the postseason."

Coach Tony Bennett had some similar things to say about the value of learning from mistakes.

"One thing I do know is that last year, we lived off our success," he said. "Not in a bad way, but we were 16-1. We always won. When you lose and you struggle, then you learn."

"We realized how fine of a line it is with this year having lost and struggled in some tough conference games as of late. I think when you're aware of that, it makes you understand how on point you have to be in all those areas that are important to us."

Virginia hopes to have a similar result against Louisville as in the first meeting of the season between the two teams. The Cavaliers won easily on the road 63-47. If they win Saturday, Virginia will get its 13th ACC victory of the year. The Cavaliers already have 12 ACC victories for the third-straight year in a row. It is the first time they've done that since 1981-83.

Tipoff is set for 8:30 p.m.

## Virginia looks to compete in UNCW tournament

*Cavaliers to square off against UNC Wilmington, Radford*

Rahul Shah  
Associate Editor

The Virginia softball team is coming off a strong weekend in which they went 3-2, picking up key victories against Ohio, La Salle, and Furman along the way. This weekend, the Cavaliers (6-9, 0-0 ACC) will head to Wilmington, NC to participate in the UNCW Tournament to face off against UNC-Wilmington and Radford.

After beginning the season with two consecutive losing weekends, the Cavaliers are starting to gain some momentum. Virginia has started to play with newfound confidence that is energizing the entire team. Coach Blake Miller knows the hard work that his players have put in, and he is beginning to see this belief beginning to emerge.

"It's been a building process really for them; they're finally starting to get confidence in their abilities," he said. "It's a long road and going through this building process, finally just to see them believe in themselves and that they can win and just consistently drive doubles in the gaps."

This past weekend also saw the return of freshman shortstop Allie Arneson, who missed some time in the beginning of the season. Arneson wasted no time in contributing to the team, as she stepped up right out of the gate. In the final game of the weekend, a win over Furman, Arneson hit leadoff and had a big day, going 3-for-4. Miller talked about the positive impact she has on her teammates, especially on the defensive side of the field.

"It's really solid to have our shortstop back now and the rest of the infielders just step up around her,"

Miller said. "Its really solidifying everything we do on the field."

Though Virginia had a solid weekend, it knows there is no time to start relaxing. The Cavaliers understand that they must find a way to sustain the success that they had last weekend and try to build off of it. Miller knows that his team must stay focused on both the offensive and defensive sides of the plate.

"Big thing is just consistency and discipline at the plate; that's for hitting, and defensive-wise, our pitchers have to try and get on top, got to believe and hit the spots and then letting the defense works," Miller said. "So that's the big thing, it starts with our bats and then the next big piece is to just get after hitters."

Though Virginia will be playing two teams in Wilmington, UNC-Wilmington (10-4, 0-0 CAA) and Radford (6-4, 0-0 BSC), both

of which have had excellent starts to the season, Miller knows that the Cavaliers must focus on themselves and try to play their game, at their best, in order to compete well this weekend.

"I really don't worry about focusing on other people's strengths or weaknesses," Miller said. "We're more focused on what our strengths are and being disciplined at the plate and controlling the controllables."

The Cavaliers will have to stay focused on their games for this weekend, as they will have a quick turnaround next week. Virginia will travel to Towson, MD Tuesday to take on Towson and then head over to Washington, DC to face George Washington Wednesday.

As for this weekend, the Cavaliers will play UNC-Wilmington at 12:30 p.m. and Radford at 3 p.m. this Saturday. On Sunday, they will get an



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Freshman shortstop Allie Arneson returned to the lineup this past weekend, going 3 for 4 against Furman.

early start to the action, as they take on UNC-Wilmington at 10 a.m. and then finish off the weekend against Radford at 3 p.m.



# Bronco Mendenhall on taking over Virginia football

*Mendenhall energizes program with commitment and focus*

**Porter Dickie**  
Feature Writer

At the end of last year's football season, many people looked at the Virginia program with disappointment. Across the country in Provo, Utah, Bronco Mendenhall looked at it as something quite different — a challenge. Now the head coach of the Virginia football program, Mendenhall wants to bring new opportunities to his young players and hope to the program's disheartened fanbase.

"I craved challenge and I craved hard things — I am drawn to those," Mendenhall said, sitting on the sofa in his new office in the McCue Center. "I also [am] ... drawn motivationally for the chance to make a difference."

He found that chance at the University.

"When I considered the University of Virginia, it was like all



Courtesy Ari Davis

Bronco Mendenhall has brought new energy to the football program, including the phrase #HoosRising.

of those things were in place," he said. "And that, that captivated me. ... I had to take the job. It wasn't any longer optional, I felt

that I had to be here."

The new coach said that he started making changes the moment he stepped foot in Charlottesville to be announced as Mike London's replacement.

"I watched the team and looked at them at the team meeting, and I thought they needed instant accountability and immediate discipline," Mendenhall said. "It is the center pillar [of the program] — accountability, discipline and effort."

Below these pillars for the program, which have been in place since day one, is the foundation of Mendenhall's premise of "earn not given." He wants each of his players to work to earn the honors of wearing their uniform and representing the Virginia football program on and off the field.

"They shouldn't be entitled or expecting anything, other than to contribute with the 'earn not given' mentality through hard work,"

he said.

Mendenhall says that one of his main goals is to rekindle his program's connection to its fans who have lost hope over the past few years. For students and fans alike, he has one message — join the movement.

"When they have kids and grandkids, and U.Va. has a dominant football program, they can say, 'You know, I was there,'" he said. "I would love them to be a part of an electric atmosphere. I think that [with] the simple message of 'come join us,' I think we can do something that hasn't been done consistently here in a long time."

One way fans, players and coaches alike are already engaging in this movement is with the hashtag #HoosRising, which Mendenhall thinks perfectly captures the trajectory of the program.

"When everyone heard it, it

was like, 'This is it!' Because, really what it is talking about is each individual in our program rising, as a verb, collectively as a program, rising, program direction, rising," he said. "And really, I would say, [it's] a campaign and an invitation for anyone in the community, or even in the state, to link arms and take it almost as again an invitation to join up for helping us rise."

There are still many challenges that lie in front of Mendenhall and his new team as they all get to know and learn from each other.

However, Mendenhall added, "As I am meeting this team, man, I would love them to have success. I would love them to feel loved, feel what it feels like to have a great education and a winning football team."

He has high hopes for these Hoos rising up to the challenge by opening day come August.

# Wrestling looks to repeat at ACC Championships

*Cavaliers to host conference tournament at John Paul Jones Arena*

**Marriel Messier**  
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The Virginia wrestling team went into last year's ACC Championships as the underdog. While the team was ranked No. 18 nationally, they had a losing conference record of 2-3 and were seeded fourth overall. The Cavaliers walked into the hostile Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh, Pa. with something to prove — and they left as champions.

Last year's Virginia squad sent six wrestlers to the championship finals, and none of the team's 10 wrestlers finished lower than fourth place. The Cavaliers earned their fifth ACC title in program history, and did so convincingly, finishing with 85.5 points to second-place Pittsburgh's 71.

This year, the Virginia team will attempt to defend their ACC title and win their sixth championship. This time, however, they get to try and do it at home. The tournament will be held Sunday at John Paul Jones Arena, and the action will kick off at 11 a.m.

The Cavaliers (6-7, 1-4 ACC) dropped out of the rankings at the end of the regular season after suffering a tough loss to No. 25 Chattanooga. Virginia had a challenging schedule, facing several

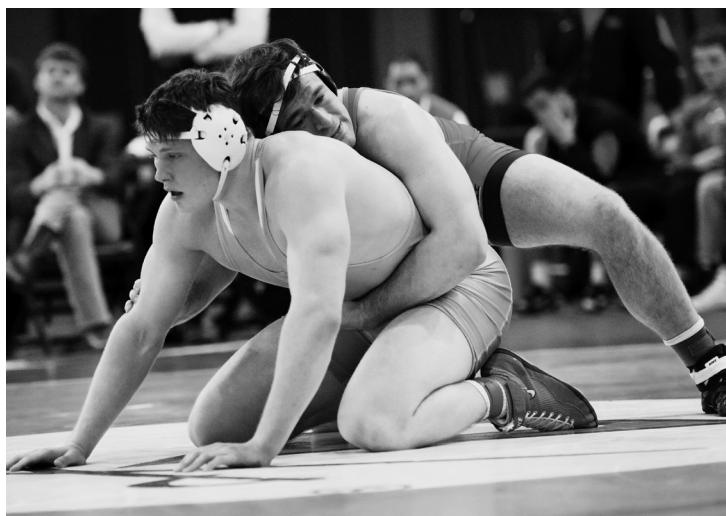
nationally-ranked teams in the regular season.

"We've always been training for the ACCs and the national tournament," coach Steve Garland said. "Coach [Keith] Gavin has been running amazing practices, and our guys have been training and working hard."

However, the Cavaliers will be looking to bounce back in the ACC Championships, after losing their last three straight matches to end the season. Not only have the losses been tough, but they've also been heartbreaking. Virginia lost their final two duals of the season by three points combined.

It won't get any easier for the Cavaliers in the championship. No. 2 N.C. State and No. 3 Virginia Tech, who are coming in as the one and two seeds in the tournament, make up the highest-ranked pair in ACC wrestling history. The Hokies (16-2, 5-0 ACC) are undefeated in the conference, while the Wolfpack (23-1, 4-1 ACC) boasts an incredible out of conference record, with a lone loss to Virginia Tech. N.C. State also has four wrestlers with No. 1 seeds in the tournament, all who are undefeated in ACC dual competition.

Virginia will be looking to bring back some of their tournament magic this weekend, as



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Senior heavyweight Pat Gillen enters the ACC Championships as the No. 4 seed in his weight class.

they return four of their wrestlers that made it to the championship round last year.

Junior George DiCamillo, who is undefeated in ACC dual competition, earned a No. 1 seed in the 133-pound weight class. DiCamillo is the highest-ranking member of the team at No. 6 nationally in his weight class. The junior will be going for his third ACC title as a Cavalier.

Senior Zach Nye, who also made it to the championship round last year, will be eager to win a title before he graduates,

after sitting as the runner up for the last two years. Nye, currently ranked No. 13 nationally at 197 pounds, went on a three-game losing streak late in the season, but won his last match against Pittsburgh senior Nick Bonaccorsi to get out of his slump.

Sophomore Andrew Atkinson is another Virginia wrestler who earned a championship round bid last year. Atkinson, who competes in the 157 pound weight class, has been putting up fights against tough opponents all year.

In last year's tournament, At-

kinson fell in the championship round to Virginia Tech senior Nick Brascetta. The pair competed again this year in the dual match between the Cavaliers and the Hokies, and Atkinson fought back against the No. 5 ranked senior, pushing the bout into extra periods before falling by sudden victory. The bout was praised as one of the best of the season, and it will be interesting to watch if the two wrestlers meet again in the ACC tournament.

"It was two warriors going at it," Garland said. "It was one of the most amazing matches of the year."

There was a trio of wrestlers who placed fourth last year in the tournament, helping propel the Virginia team to the overall tournament win. One of those three was Cavalier senior Patrick Gillen, one of the team's leaders in his final season.

Much like the whole Virginia team, Gillen is coming into the tournament with much to prove, receiving a No. 4 seed in the heavyweight class. The senior is looking forward to a big win, and the thrill of ACC tournament competition.

"We don't peak for dual meets," Gillen said, "We want to build on our training and be our absolute best for the end of the year."



# Virginia meets No. 3 Syracuse in ACC opener

*Jason Murphy faces challenge against Syracuse's Ben Williams at faceoff*

**Mariel Messier**  
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The No. 14 Virginia men's lacrosse team is hoping to make a mark early in the conference schedule heading into its ACC opener against No. 3 Syracuse Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The Cavaliers (2-2) did not start off their season quite like they expected, dropping their season opener to No. 5 Loyola and losing a second-straight home contest to High Point.

However, last Sunday's game was a different story. The Cavaliers finally felt like they were reaching their potential when they defeated Pennsylvania, 15-10.

"I think we came closer to a full 60 minutes," junior defenseman Tanner Scales said. "Our six-on-six defense, we were a lot more consistent. I don't think we're happy giving up 10 [goals], but offense really stuck together today, and gutted us through to a win."

The undefeated Orange (3-0) will bring a challenge to Klöckner Stadium, as coach John Desko, who has coached his teams to five NCAA titles, returns for his 18th season with the team.

Virginia will have its hands full defensively against Syracuse, with senior attackman Dylan Donahue leading the team with six goals and 10 assists and holding the nation's second-highest scoring streak, having scored in the past 28 straight games.

The Orange have a big threat in faceoff specialist Ben Williams, a junior who has garnered a lot of attention in collegiate lacrosse. Williams was 15-of-19 in faceoffs against the Cavaliers last year and is winning 71.2 percent of his challenges going into Friday's match-up.

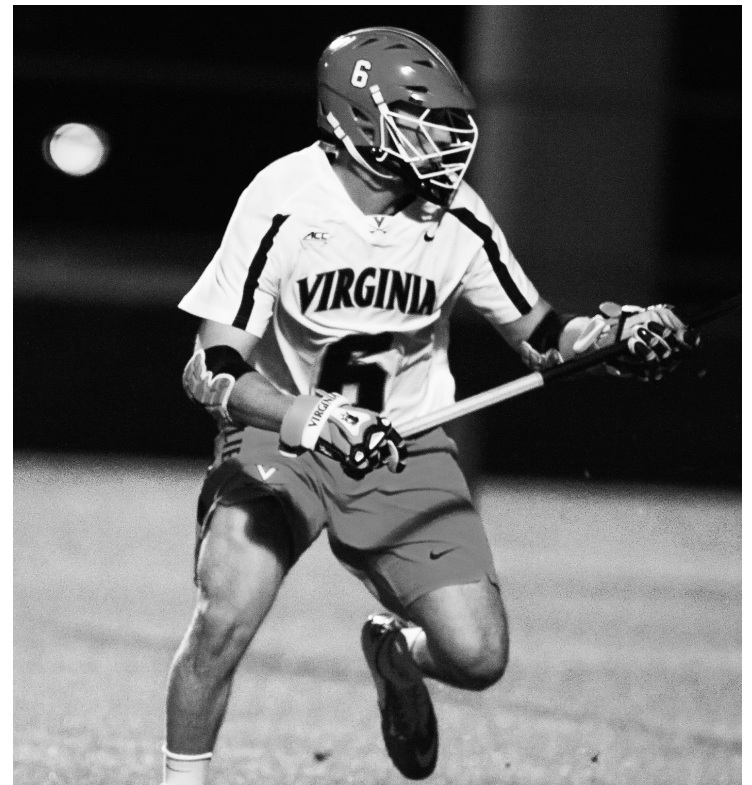
"Faceoffs have been what we had hoped they would be, and maybe exceeded our expectations a little bit," Virginia coach Dom Starsia said. "But the competition continues to get tough-

er, and that Williams kid at Syracuse, we'll have our hands full with that one."

However, Virginia can counter that threat with sophomore midfielder Jason Murphy's performance at the faceoff X. Murphy follows closely behind Williams and is currently No. 2 in the ACC and No. 7 nationally, winning 69.4 percent of his draws.

The Cavaliers will hope to continue their offensive momentum going into Friday's contest. Junior midfielder Zed Williams leads Virginia with nine goals and is tied with senior attackman James Pannell with 10 points. The last time Syracuse traveled to Charlottesville, Pannell put up seven goals to contribute to the 17-12 Cavalier win.

Virginia holds a slim lead, 16-15, of the all-time series, which is heading into its 32nd match-up Friday. Since 2011, the home team in the match-up between the Cavaliers and the Orange has been victorious.



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Junior defenseman Tanner Scales and the Virginia defense will have their hands full, as they will likely face a heavier workload due to the faceoff dominance of Syracuse's Ben Williams.

## Women's lacrosse improves to 4-1 with win against W&M

The No. 7 Virginia women's lacrosse team (4-1) won its third straight game Wednesday in dominant fashion against William & Mary (2-2), 16-8.

The Cavaliers scored their first goal 1:46 into the game and never trailed after that point, leading by as many as 10 in the second half. Virginia outshot William & Mary, 39-26, and held the advantage in draw controls 16-10.

Virginia had 10 players score, and junior midfielder Posey Valis led the team with four goals. Senior attack Kelly Boyd, sophomore midfielder Kasey Behr and sophomore defender Daniela Kelly each scored two goals apiece.

Meanwhile, Virginia junior attacker Kelly Reese, named this past week's ACC Co-Offensive Player of the Week, chipped in one goal. Freshman midfielder Maggie Jackson, junior attacker Besser Dyson, senior midfielder Mary Alati, sophomore midfielder Lilly DiNardo and freshman attacker Avery Shoemaker capped the scoring for the Cav-

aliers.

Sophomore goalie Rachel Vander Kolk, the reigning ACC Defensive Player of the Week, led the team with seven saves.

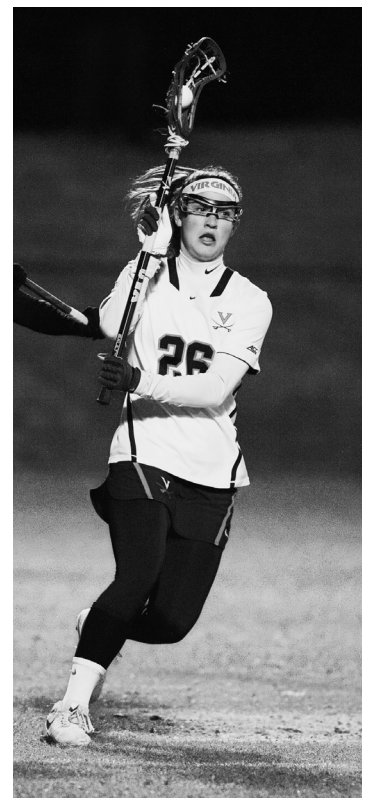
Virginia will next play at home against No. 2 Syracuse (5-1) Saturday to open conference play.

The Orange, NCAA semi-finalists last season, have wins against Loyola, Binghamton, Wagner, Marist and Northwestern. However, Syracuse lost its most recent game Tuesday against No. 3 Florida, 11-10. It will be the first road game of the season for Syracuse, whose high-powered offense ranks the team 14th nationally in goals per game and ties it for 4th in assists per game.

Virginia lost at Syracuse last season 14-13.

Syracuse will be the third top-10 opponent the Cavaliers have faced this season. Virginia defeated then-No. 4 Northwestern and then-No. 6 Penn State earlier this year.

—compiled by Jack Gallagher



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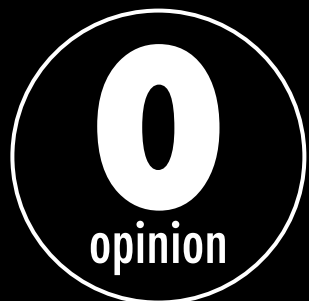
Junior midfielder Posey Valis led Virginia with 4 goals. Three other Cavaliers scored 2 goals apiece.

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## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Don't knock pre-professionalism

*Academia is not a realistic pursuit for every student*

Though some bemoan the decline of the liberal arts education and the rise of undergraduate trade schools, pre-professionalism has a rightful place at universities. At our University, which has several undergraduate trade schools and at which students often pursue internships and employment early on in their scholastic careers, pre-professionalism can aid students for whom the pursuit of a college diploma is not intended to be solely academic.

To decry a pre-professional education because it is not in line with the values of pursuing academia and higher education is to ignore elements of class that often guide students' educational decision-making. For those for whom college is a means to an end, a pre-professional education can be an entry to upward mobility. Negative perceptions of pre-professionalism may stem from a belief that college should convey the importance of academia, but for some students, this is not a realistic option.

A college education has a high sticker price. As such, it is not unreasonable for students to view their educations as investments in their futures, especially those who must take loans to enroll at a university. With student debt at an all-time high, students who attend college with the goal of achieving financial security are justified in pursuing pre-professional majors and programs that have a demonstrated track record of producing well-paid earners. The reality of our current employment structure is that this is not the case for each field of study. Especially as academia becomes more and more competitive, and stable employment that comes with tenured positions can seem out of reach, for some students academia can only be pursued as a supplementary element of their education.

All of this is not to say that the liberal arts should be off limits to those seeking financial stability, nor is it to say that the liberal arts should be the domain of the already well-off. Those who study the liber-

al arts can and often do secure the same employment opportunities as pre-professional students; however, there's no denying that pre-professional programs on the whole set students up for employment better than liberal arts majors do.

Additionally, those who enroll in pre-professional tracks still have access to a well-balanced education. Here at the University, pre-professional programs encourage their students to take wide-ranging courses. Commerce students take two years of electives prior to admission to the program, and Engineering students are required to complete Science, Technology and Society courses, as well as three courses in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

A truly liberal education amounts to more than the sum of classes one is exposed to — it extends to the entire collegiate experience. The University offers a wide range of educational experiences because students have a wide range of needs.

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# Service learning isn't about community

*Some types of volunteering enhance image over effecting change*

With spring break around the corner, I'm thinking about what people are setting out to do with their free time. Spring break is an often-discussed topic at the University. My favorite discussions add nuance to otherwise narrow narratives about what University students can do with their free time. Mine is not a discussion of the merits of Alternative Spring Break, or ASB, but how its trips fit in a larger conversation about service learning at the University. My aim here is to question the motivations behind the community service projects with which so many are eager to engage.

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for a week if the student doesn't think about how the child's family might be pushed toward predatory payday lenders? ASB has tried to respond to critiques of their model by having more local projects, but the question remains: Who do service learning projects serve? This question is not new to college campuses.

By starting with students, service learning disservices the communities with which students engage. Most of the community service I've seen at the University is for students to expand *their* horizons.

Service learning at the University facilitates students' emotional growth by exposing them to communities they would never otherwise interact with under normal circumstances, hoping they gain empathy for those unlike them. This logic is incredibly problematic, as it not only focuses on the student as opposed to the stakeholders in underserved communities but also claims exposure will lead students to be better citizens in the face of these issues without much basis. The projects which the University encourages students to be a part of such as ASB, Madison House,

Jefferson Public Citizens and the like are reactions to poverty. They do not address the causes of poverty, like limited access to fair financial systems. When students are transported to the locations of poverty, poor people and the circumstances in which they live become foreign to students, and students do not see the interconnectedness of their day-to-day actions and poverty. When they return from their short trips, students return to normal circumstances; they are no better off, as they have a limited under-

stand that service learning is part of the product mix our University sells to us. The communities we *serve* are part of a value chain. It appears the University cares more about the "University student experience" than the communities to which you venture when you learn in action. Service learning enhances the University's image to you as a consumer of the University. If serving the community was at the center of service learning, then we would have less short-term projects that send un-

informed students to poor communities.

Those interested in community development know the best way to solve community problems is through community buy-in. You need *interest*. Our University's interest is in the University and us. At the end of your ser-

vice-learning trip, no one is going to ask the people you worked with about the impact of your project on their community. At the end of it, *you* will be asked to write a customer review, because, after all, who would be better in

pushing a product than a real-life consumer? Whether it is for an application to another self-serving project (your career development) or to push other students to join in those efforts, many of our service learning projects are, to be blunt, incredibly selfish. I don't believe this is necessarily a *bad* thing. However, I question the false altruism through which we perform community service, and I am frustrated the by fact that the University facilitates this empty charity. Yes, let's help disadvantaged communities, but let's understand there are better ways to do it than service learning, which our University has created just for us.

If you still want to "help" the poor after this article then please do. But don't get involved — get *interested*. This means looking at the causes of poverty holistically with a focus on what everyday decisions you can make to help — not week-long projects. It may mean working closer to home. It may mean working on projects in which you don't interact with people from your community. At worst it could mean you still participate in service learning, but do not pretend it is for *the community*.



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standing of poverty as something that happens somewhere else.

As consumers of an education, community service becomes a product, which we hope that by buying, we become better people. As students, we need to

## Kesha is just the tip of the iceberg

*We need to do more to support famous women who allege sexual assault*

On Feb. 19, a judge denied a motion made by singer Kesha to release her from her contract with Sony. Kesha wanted to be released from the contract because it requires her to continue working with producer Dr. Luke. She has accused him of physically, verbally and sexually assaulting her for years, also claiming that Sony turned a blind eye to the abuse.

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Opinion Columnist

producer has allegedly assaulted a young artist. Claiming she was inspired by Kesha's bravery, Jackie Fuchs of the Runaways recently came forward to say her producer, Kim Fowley, had raped her decades ago in 1976. The disappointing results of Kesha's decision to come forward may discourage other victims from reporting their abuse in the future.

Dr. Luke has denied all allegations of abuse, claiming Kesha simply wants an excuse to get out of her contract, and apparently the judge agreed. Shooting down the injunction, Justice Shirley Kornreich said, "You're asking the court to decimate a contract that was heavily negotiated and typical for the industry."

It is a disheartening sign of the times when a young woman comes forward to say that she has suffered years of abuse and assault, only to find she will

have to fight just to be believed. This is not to say that there has never been a false accusation of abuse or sexual assault, but the argument that Kesha lied to get



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ahead in her career or get out of a contract she just didn't want anymore makes no sense. She has lost so much and gained nothing through this process, paying countless legal fees while she is unable to release any music whatsoever. Stuck in a contract battle,

Kesha has not released a song since her 2013 collaboration with Pitbull, "Timber." And yet when people see a young woman sobbing in the back of a courtroom — a young woman who was only 18 when she began working with Dr. Luke, a young woman who has since gone to rehab for an eating disorder (a result, she says, of the alleged abuse), a young woman who has asked for nothing more than to be free from her abuser — the instinct

is still to think, "Well, she could have made it all up." While Kesha fights to be believed, Bill Cosby still has some defending his innocence even though the total number of women who have come forward to accuse him of sexual violence is now over 50.

Kesha lost her lawsuit because her allegations highlighted too many realities we'd much rather ignore. It is uncomfortable for us to acknowledge that our sparkly, smiley pop stars might be living a far darker reality when the curtain comes down. We can't stand to imagine that a powerful, well-connected man who helps a young woman gain fame and fortune might take advantage of his power and mistreat that woman. We can't handle the idea that when a young woman finds the courage to accuse someone of abuse, she might actually be telling the truth. Kesha is paying the price for that.

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# The dark side of crowdfunding

*Important cultural values are being lost in the practice*

Another one? It should come as no surprise to the typical Facebook user that an escalating number of their so-called friends publishing posts are asking for money. The most common of these publicized appeals comes from GoFundMe, a fundraising website which allows individuals to receive electronic financial payments for their own personal causes. In many cases, such as freak accidents generating seemingly unpayable medical bills or situations in dire need of crowdfunding help, this method allows people to tap into the vast human network of bountiful capital. However, a serious threat to our cultural identity arises when thousands of people demand money for trips around the world and countless other unnecessary endeavors.

There is absolutely no shame in asking your friends for help. Many people are delighted to help someone have the opportunity to do something they truly love, whether that be a service trip to Uganda or living expenses for an internship in another city. The fundamental idea behind helping people fulfill a personal cause by shifting the financial

burden from the shoulders of one individual to that of many individuals is sound and laudable. Often, people will post asking for money after a horrifying natural disaster or case of extreme financial burden where the need for assistance is abundantly clear. I've seen GoFundMe pages helping to rebuild a home after a natural disaster or offset funeral costs for a beloved family member. From these scenarios, it's obvious these crowdfunding websites do incalculable good by connecting caring and willing donors to people in fraught situations through the rapid power of social networking.

However, when posts with established and substantiated need are increasingly replaced with requests to fund a new Macbook Pro, the implications for our culture are widespread and dangerous. Key to comprehending this peril is understanding what a fundraising post communicates about the original creator. Let's suppose someone just created a GoFundMe drive and shared it to Facebook. When one makes this public appeal for money — which, mind you, has zero expected return — she is essen-

tially saying that not only is she incapable of achieving her stated goal on her own, but also that it is your responsibility, the viewer of the page, to provide the money for her. Furthermore, it communicates an unwillingness to solve the problem through personal proactivity and determination. Maybe this hypothetical person claims to be unable to fund this personal endeavor, but how *really* true is that? For a goal which

a fundraising page, effectively connecting a financial plea with an army of potential donors. Add in several shares on social media, and what started as an online post an hour ago has now reached thousands of people. Judith Newman of The New York Times sums up this new GoFundMe social development incredibly well: "There is nothing new about asking your friends for help...but that help was confined to a small group of people you actually knew. Now, no such boundaries exist."

As for effects, the trend of an ever-increasing number of fundraising appeals ties in perfectly to the documented narrative of our growing entitlement society, making the classification of the Baby Boomer generation as the "me" generation seem paltry compared to the "me, me, me" generation we likely have today. Whether this development is a cause or an effect, the belief that because you want something but are unwilling to do the work to achieve it and therefore it is

the responsibility of others to provide you the funds for it creates a culture contrary to the values of willpower and resolve in our past. As a workable formula for those considering making a GoFundMe, I would suggest clearly demonstrating how your efforts to fund this project have been unsuccessful despite your determination and efforts, over and above the empty claim that it means a lot. More people would certainly be receptive to helping out. Maybe work a job to pay for half?

Certainly, many of the GoFundMe pages are for worthwhile causes that just need a little financial help from some friends and family. One could further argue, to my disagreement, that the implications for these fundraising posts are minimal. But the next time you see a GoFundMe page, I certainly hope you ask yourself whether that person truly needs your help. And, crucially, is it really *your* responsibility to pay for it?

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someone thinks is so important to her that she has requested others to finance it, it's absolutely logical that she should have tried to fund it on her own by working a job.

Part of the problem is the ease with which someone can create

# Dining done right

*New reforms would help revive the University dining experience*

Dining at the University is flawed. The meals could be healthier, students are forced by necessity to buy into plans many don't want or need and there is a staggering amount of waste both in terms of food thrown away and meal content.

While I understand there needs to be a balance between healthiness and universal appeal, I don't understand why we can't have a great combination of both. UVA Dining is wasting resources right now by producing a large variety of different food items that, in my experience, provide variety at the expense of quality. Many people ordinarily settle for the mediocre vastness of our dining halls but could be getting a much more specialized and limited variety of food, which they may enjoy much more, with the same amount of resources spent by the dining hall. UVA Dining should limit the variety it offers

and put more resources toward food quality.

While variety of food should be limited, in terms of meal plan types there should be more options, because unlimited meal swipes are both wasteful and unnecessary. Flexibility and convenience is key; a lack of these is what has driven the creation of an independent Corner meal plan that promises better value, higher quality food and convenience with unused swipes. Perhaps people are responding to this because of the problems I have discussed with UVA Dining. An example of the excess and inconvenience of a normal first-year meal plan is the requirement that they purchase unlimited swipes when many don't eat three meals a day.

Further, the amount of food thrown away per day is horrifying. In October 2011 an audit estimated that around 0.15 pounds

per person per meal were thrown away that day for lunch. According to the audit, this was a conservative estimate. This demonstrates just how wasteful our dining system is.

Finally, a page could be taken



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out of our dear founder Thomas Jefferson's book. The meals should be drastically rebalanced away from meat and grains toward fruits and vegetables. This would be beneficial both for student health and the environment.

Meat is inefficient and Americans already eat too much of it. It takes, according to the beef industry, 441 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef, with more realistic estimates placing that number somewhere between 1,000-1,900 gallons of water per pound of beef. It is also estimated that somewhere between 18 to 51 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the maintenance of livestock. It also takes approximately 8 pounds of grain to make a pound of beef. All of this points to the

fact that meat in itself is costly and environmentally unfriendly. If our dining program is to consider the environmental and health-related impacts of what it serves, moving away from meat would be a big step in the right

direction. I do know, however, that not everyone is open to such drastic change, so even just a small and occasional rebalancing of meals toward fruits and vegetables without the complete removal of meat would still have a positive effect.

UVA Dining is flawed, but with a waste-reduction program, a shift away from variety to quality and a move away from meat, it can be made into a much healthier and environmentally friendly program. If UVA Dining makes changes, more students would be willing to sign on to get a meal plan which will result in better quality overall for everyone.

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## How to tell who voted for whom on Super Tuesday

The long-standing American tradition of secret ballots has protected the privacy of voters and served as a mainstay of our democratic process. However, if you want a surefire way to identify candidates' supporters so you

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know exactly which strangers to sneer at and which to give knowing looks of approval, then please continue reading. The following is a method with a guaranteed success rate of determining which people voted for which candidates in the 2016 primary. My system relies entirely on the tried and true methods of American political decision-making: overgeneralization, ad hominem attacks and entirely fictional facts and figures.

### Who voted for Dr. Ben Carson?

You know your older neighbor who seems like a super nice guy each time you talk to him? And remember that one time you were watching him out of your window, and when he thought no one else was looking, he kicked his dog? That guy voted for Ben Carson.

### Who voted for Sen. Ted Cruz?

Cruz's core support lies in the demographic of other people with the first name of Ted. Ted Danson, Ted Nugent, Ted Koppel, Ted Mosby, Ted Turner, Seth MacFarlane as "Ted"

and Ted Kennedy's ghost have all pledged their support for the candidate, calling the prospect of a man named Ted in the White House "historic and unprecedented." Cruz's biggest supporters Ted Kaczynski and Ted Bundy share the candidate's characteristic lack of empathy for other human lives.

### Who voted for Gov. John Kasich?

Despite fierce competition from the other GOP candidates, Kasich was the only one to receive the coveted endorsement from the Coat Hanger Manufacturer's Guild. His ability to come across as moderate despite his strongly conservative record appeals to grandfathers across the country.

### Who voted for Sen. Marco Rubio?

Rubio retains strong support among Hispanic voters who value betrayal. His attempt at stylizing his name as "Ruby-Yo!" to appeal to urban voters has been dramatically less successful than his campaign expected. Rubio's commitment to women carrying unborn children to term, even in the case



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of rape, has garnered robust support from Marco Rubio.

### Who voted for Gov. Jeb Bush?

One vote was counted for Bush. It was Barbara Bush.

CORRECTION: Barbara Bush did not vote for her son.

### Who voted for Donald Trump?

In 2008 when President Barack Obama was elected, millions of Americans started to horde ammunition in anticipation of the inevitable race war. Trump supporters are the ones who paid extra for the bullets that make

people's skulls explode. Not only do Trump supporters visit water parks entirely too often, they are the people that keep clogging up the Lazy River with their racist turds. Trump supporters are the people who continue to confuse Sikhs with Muslims. They are the people with the little American flags on their lawn, ones that were made in China. They are the people who buy Bud Light Lime-a-Ritas without irony. They are the people who account for 98 percent of all ATV-related deaths. They are going to make America great again.

### Who voted for Sen. Bernie Sanders?

Sanders supporters include the girl who spent all of her last chemistry lab trying to make a bong out of an Erlenmeyer flask, the large trees and most of smaller trees living on the Lawn, Killer Mike, the armed Marxist rebels currently launching an assault on McIntire, that townie that tries to sell me honey, Toyota Priuses that have become sentient and Jed Bartlet.

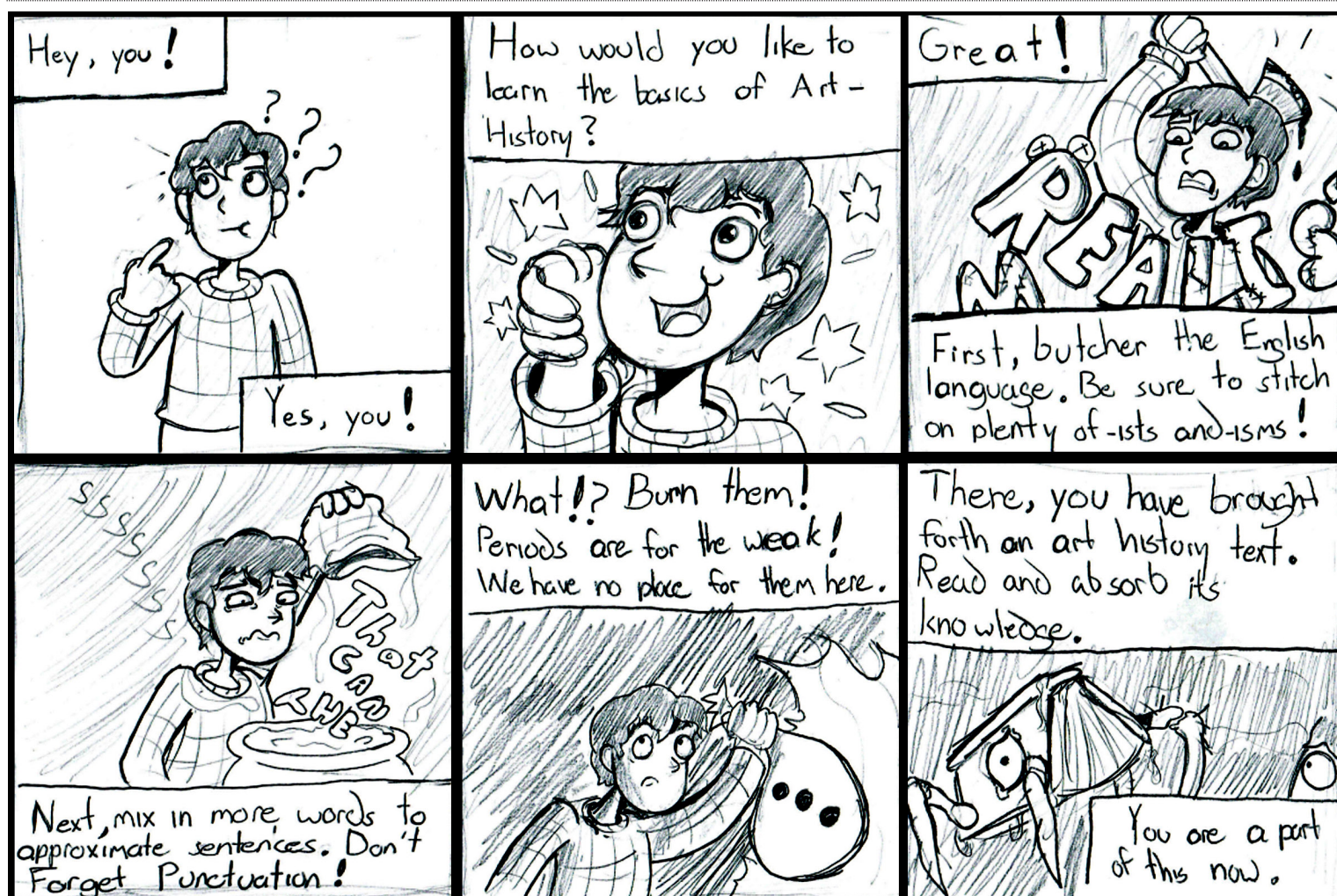
### Who voted for Gov. Martin O'Malley?

The one person who voted for O'Malley on Tuesday was too uninformed to realize he had already dropped out of the race. He vaguely remembered O'Malley was the basis for Councilman Tommy Carcetti on the one episode of "The Wire" that he's seen, and voted based entirely on that.

### Who voted for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton?

Anyone who is not specifically mentioned under one of the other candidates voted for Hillary. She is going to win. Right? ~~Someone~~ has to beat Trump. She has to win. Right, everyone? Right?

MORE AWKWARD THAN SOME BY CHAUNCEY LEE





**WEEKLY CROSSWORD SOLUTION**

By Sam Ezersky

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When two horn players and a drummer walked onstage Saturday night at the Southern Café and Music Hall, it was a surprise to hear them start playing house music, dubstep and even rap. It was more surprising to see one musician place a traffic cone in the bell of his saxophone. These sights and sounds are par for the course at a performance by Brooklyn-based “Cave Music” trio Moon Hooch.

Moon Hooch consists of two horn players, Mike Wilbur and Wenzl McGowan, and a percussionist, James Muschler. The band, who formed at the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music in New York City, frequently performed in Subway stations.

Moon Hooch’s style might as well be a genre of all its own,

# Moon Hooch brings raw musical energy

*Jazz-dance fusion trio turns Southern crowd wild with infectiously fun spirit*

where acoustic, DIY ethic meets dance music paired with the inventive, improvisational spirit of jazz. Throughout their performance, Moon Hooch took almost non-existent pauses between songs, hammering out high-energy dance tunes to keep the glow-stick-clad crowd moving nonstop.

“No. 9,” one of the band’s most recognizable songs from their debut album, featured a saxophone with a traffic cone protruding from its bell to create a new and unusual tone, nearly driving the crowd into a frenzy of awe, disbelief and excitement.

Another surprise came on “Contra Dubstep,” in which a contrabass clarinet was played in a way mimicking the rumbling bass-tone “wubs” characteristic of dubstep music.

Many of the songs performed by Moon Hooch throughout the night featured the use of a drum machine to add depth to the group’s sound, as well as distortion and effects to both the musicians’ instruments and the occa-



Courtesy Shervin Lainez

sional vocals.

Moon Hooch has found a method of innovative music-making to span the influence of both

jazz and house music, discovering the rare space between the two genres. Their strategy worked wonders live — the reaction to a

Moon Hooch performance was a palpable environment of fun, observable not only in the crowd, but onstage with the band as well.

## 88th Academy Awards defy predictions

*A&E reflects on snubs and surprises*

Charles Hancock  
Senior Writer

The 88th Academy Awards were held Sunday, and the show was sharper than it’s been in years, while also bringing quite a few surprises. This Oscar season’s outcome was the least clear in recent memory, and as a result, we can only claim a 66 percent success rate in our predictions.

Our missed categories range from major awards like Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor to all three Shorts categories. Naturally, we also missed the out-of-nowhere Visual Effects win for “Ex Machina,” which beat out big-budget heavyweights like “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” and “The Martian.”

Surprisingly, early season front-runner “Spotlight” won Best Picture. While the journalism drama cleaned up with critics organizations, its only major industry win was the Screen Actors Guild Best Ensemble Prize — an award with traditionally the worst predicative power of all the industry awards. While an incredibly deserving winner — the 12th best-reviewed Best Picture winner ever, according to Rotten Tomatoes — this victory made “Spotlight” the first movie to win Best Picture with only one other Oscar since 1953. It also won Best Original Screenplay,

the first award of the night.

“Mad Max: Fury Road” won the most awards with an early technical sweep of six awards. “The Revenant” won three, including the long-awaited Best Actor win for Leonardo DiCaprio. The latter made history in other ways — cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki won his third consecutive Oscar, while director Alejandro G. Iñárritu became the first in 66 years, and only the third ever, to win back-to-back Best Director awards. Iñárritu claimed another victory over playoff music — his acceptance speech, a powerful statement about industry diversity, overpowered the poorly-timed, premature music urging him off the stage. In a ceremony where diversity was a main issue, the Best Director cate-

gory remained a surprising source of diversity — a white director has not won in four years.

Whenever a handful of movies dominate, many deserving contenders go home empty-handed. The bunch this year included “Star Wars: The Force Awakens,” “The Martian,” “Brooklyn,” “Creed,” “Straight Outta Compton” and “Steve Jobs.”

Host Chris Rock proved to be one of the best hosts in years, showing a comedian may be the best option for hosting an often unwieldy, unenergized show. Rock hit diversity-related criticisms dead-on with sharp jokes.

It wasn’t a perfect show, however. Rock’s opening monologue had some great moments but sacrificed depth for breadth, while a mid-show

Girl Scout cookie bit felt like filler and was too close to Ellen Degeneres’s pizza bit from a few years ago. Likewise, some critics have challenged the show’s treatment of the industry’s diversity woes as a strictly black and white problem, which excluded the problems faced by groups, such as women, Asians and Hispanics, in the industry.

Some of the show’s best moments were in Rock’s pre-recorded bits. One particularly biting and hilarious scene inserted black actors into nominated movies. Leslie Jones, substituted for the bear in the now-famous attack scene in “The Revenant,” was a highlight. Similarly, Rock’s bit of interviewing moviegoers in Compton lampooned both the Oscars’ lack of diversity and the lack of public viewing of the major nominees. A Black History Month Minute segment was another priceless bait and switch.

Many presenters and award recipients also brought their A-game. Louis C.K.’s presentation of the Best Documentary Short award was hilarious while also touching. In addition to Iñárritu’s speech, top speeches of the night include DiCaprio’s stance against climate change, Brie Larson’s crisp and professional Best Actress speech, Mark Rylance’s eloquent receipt of a surprise Best Supporting Actor upset and Pete Docter’s call

for creativity upon receiving Best Animated Feature for “Inside Out.” The winners for “Mad Max: Fury Road” were an entertaining and eclectic bunch, especially the recipients of Best Sound Editing, who spoke of sound’s importance in story telling throughout history.

This year, the show producers tried to encourage more meaningful speeches by having winners provide a list of thank you’s to be shown on the bottom of the screen after their name was announced, but this had minimal impact — most speeches were still lists of names to thank, too much a part of the idea of an Oscar speech to expect a change in behavior after just one year, if ever.

While the broadcast itself had no way to overcome the underlying problems of the Oscars and the broader movie industry, it succeeded in skewering those very problems. Especially in contrast to last year’s show — which felt like it was trying to be the Grammys despite its enthusiastic host, Neil Patrick Harris — this year’s ceremony showed how comedy and a focus on the movies themselves provide the best direction for future awards shows.

However, for viewers to invest in a 3.5 hour show, they need to be invested in the nominees themselves. Hopefully, the nominee slate next year will be more diverse.



Courtesy Open Roads Film

“Spotlight” was the first movie to win Best Picture with only one other Oscar since 1953.



# Macklemore & Ryan Lewis's sophomore album is 'unruly mess'

*"This Unruly Mess I've Made" undermines its power through lack of cohesion*

**Kyle Canady**  
Senior Writer

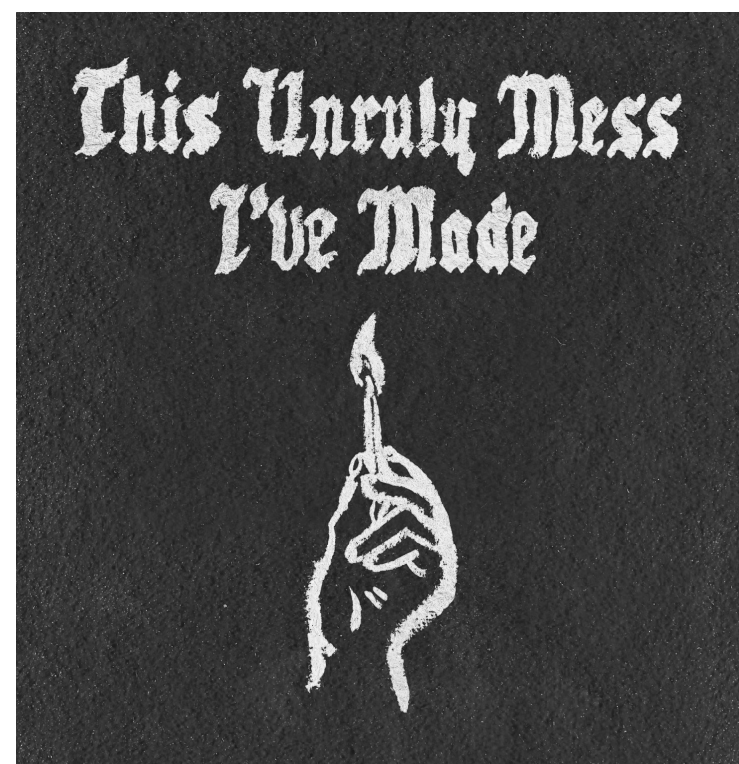
"This Unruly Mess I've Made," the sophomore album from rap team Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, is just as its title states — an unruly mess. The songs on the album are not bad, but the track arrangement makes the album feel confusing and reduces the effectiveness of its more serious tracks.

The album's biggest flaws are its comedic songs, such as "Brad Pitt's Cousin" and "Dance Off." An example of this attempt at comedy can be found within the introduction of the former song, in which Macklemore says, "Hold up, let me get my cat a bar / She's filthy, hey Cairo come here baby / (Meow) Now my cat's more famous than you ever will be." While there is nothing wrong with rapping in a comedic fashion — even the humorous songs on this album are engaging — the execution creates issues on "This Unruly Mess I've Made," as

the songs decrease the project's cohesion.

The album takes on deep social issues, such as racial inequality in "White Privilege II," national superficiality in "Light Tunnels" and flaws in the American medical system in "Kevin." The latter, for example, delivers powerful lines such as, "Got anxiety, better go and give him a Xanax / Focus, give him Adderall, sleep, give him Ambien / 'Til he's walking 'round the city looking like a mannequin / Ups and downs, shooting up prescriptions you're handing him." When meaningful lyrics like these are paired with lines like those from "Dance Off," which refer to a grandma's sexual activity, among other geriatric lewdness, the power of the album's message is significantly diminished.

Many of the songs on "This Unruly Mess I've Made" are very enjoyable and are worth multiple listens. However, the album feels much better as a cohesive project when the intentionally comedic tracks are skipped.



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Album themes include deep social issues, such as racial inequality and national superficiality.



**Allison Turner and  
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Feature Writers

While many students utilize the University Transit Service to get to and from class, most are unaware of the training and care of the driver behind the wheel. Almost entirely student-driven, UTS allows students a flexible work schedule to make money while balancing their academics.

In order to become a bus driver, students must present a valid driver's license, fill out an application and complete extensive training. After finishing their training hours, students can officially begin regular operations.

Third-year College student Isela Pierce has been driving for UTS since last January.

"I wanted to be a bus driver much for the same reason that other people do: money and flexible hours," Pierce said. "UTS is easily the most accommodating job on Grounds when it comes to hours available, and fitting those hours to your schedule."

As a UTS driver, students receive \$10 an hour with the op-

portunity to advance to higher pay levels during their employment.

"Just about anyone can become a bus driver thanks to the great trainers at UTS," Pierce said.

While the application process has been streamlined, all students must pass multiple exams to become a driver. Before getting behind the wheel, drivers must pass both written and verbal tests, along with a driving test.

"The hardest part is getting the [commercial driver's license]," Pierce said. "You have to take four written tests, verbal pre-trip inspection, skills test and a driving test."

Once behind the wheel, drivers must exercise caution and focus despite the non-traditional setting. Along with exercising safety on the road, drivers must ensure passenger safety throughout the route.

"You have to maintain a calm demeanor at all times because if you let external factors affect you and your driving ability, you're putting everyone else around you at risk," Pierce said. "You have to be a dependable driver."

Despite extensive training, UTS drivers must be prepared to respond to a multitude of emer-

gency situations, from breakdowns to detours. Fourth-year Commerce student Alex Stock is experienced in responding swiftly to the unexpected.

"I was driving the Hospital Shuttle and a firefighter was putting out cones blocking the entrance to the hospital due to a chemical spill," Stock said. "I had to take the bus all the way down Wertland — including the S-curve — to turn around and try to get back on route."

Although the job keeps drivers on high alert, Stock notes the route can become repetitive. For Stock, the most exciting part is not about the route but the responsibility as a driver to safely deliver passengers to their destination.

"It's actually a lot of fun — I like to feel large and in charge," Stock said. "And if you ever get bored of the routes you can sign up for charters and drive UTS buses all over Virginia."

Pierce said one of her favorite things about the job is the "bus driver wave" and camaraderie among fellow UTS student drivers.

"It's definitely a thing, especially when you're on the shorter routes like [the Inner Loop and Outer Loop] and you see

the same few drivers every loop," Pierce said. "There are a lot of different kinds of waves. It really depends on your preference, and for me, who you're waving to."

Pierce said she also enjoys interacting with friendly passengers during the route who take the time to recognize their work.

"[One of my favorite things is] passengers who say thank you," Pierce said. "We notice and it

makes a difference."

Pierce also offered a few suggestions to keep in mind as passengers ride the UTS bus route in the future.

"Try not to get overly upset with a driver for small things, especially if it's not something within their power to control, [like] quick stops as a result of being cut off," Pierce said. "Bus drivers are people, too."



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Almost entirely student-driven, UTS allows students a flexible work schedule to make money while balancing their academics.

## A day in the life of a UTS bus driver

*Navigating college as a student driver*



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