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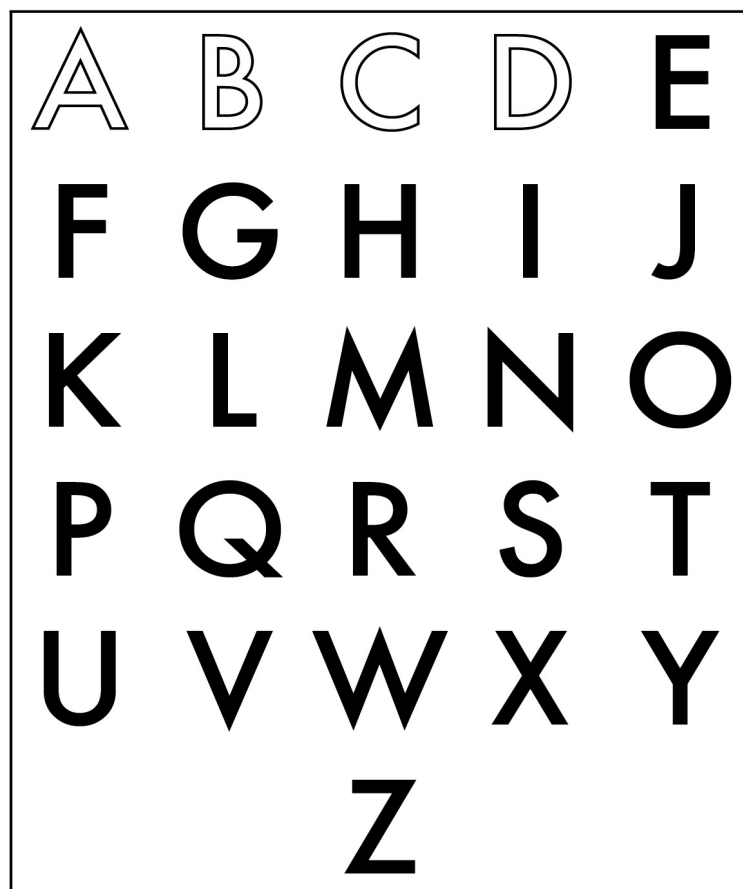
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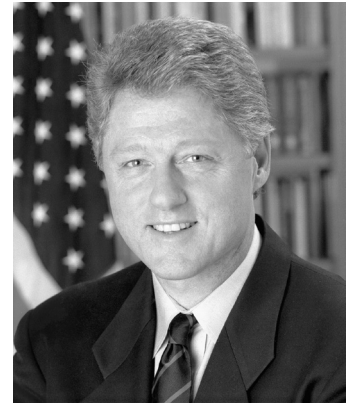
This week in-brief

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Bill Clinton to give keynote address at Miller Center event in May

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton will be delivering the keynote address at the inaugural Presidential Ideas Festival at the University's Miller Center May 23. "PrezFest" — which will be hosted by 1991 University graduate and CBS This Morning co-host John Dickerson — will focus on the notion of "Democracy in Dialogue" and spend three days examining challenges in America today from a presidential perspective. Over 60 White House veterans, journalists and scholars will be present at the festival in order "to inspire and rejuvenate nonpartisan conversations about the presidency that demonstrate the civil dialogue critical to sustaining a functioning constitutional democracy."

The festival will consist of keynote speeches, panel discussions and breakout sessions all focusing on the state of the American presidency. Speakers and discussion leaders include former Clinton cabinet members Madeleine Albright and Bon Rubin, as well as former chief of staffs Mack McLarty, Andy Card, Denis McDonough, Anita McBride and Margot Rogers. According to the Miller Center, the inaugural festival was chosen to align with the University's Bicentennial, which celebrates the school's founding and continuation of carrying on Thomas Jefferson's mission to shape "leaders of tomorrow through ... the candid exchange of ideas."



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The last time Clinton visited the University was in 1989.



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Flooding at GrandMarc has caused interior damage to more than 10 rooms.

Several GrandMarc residents continue to stay at The Draftsman

Student residents at the GrandMarc apartment complex continue to be housed at The Draftsman hotel in downtown Charlottesville for over a month after flooding caused severe interior damage to more than 10 rooms. Several students do not know when they will be able to move back in. The Charlottesville Fire Department sent three units to respond to fire alarm calls at GrandMarc on the Corner — an off-Grounds student residential complex on 15th Street — between 10:16 and 10:31 p.m. the night of Feb. 23. Firefighters responded to an electrical fire and burst pipe that occurred when a sprinkler head in an apartment broke after a University student tied a speaker to it. Several other nearby units were also damaged, including that of third-year Curry student Kiernan

DiMeglio, who says GrandMarc has been vague about when students will be able to move back in to their apartments.

"They've been slightly communicative — like sending us the occasional email to the whole list of people displaced," DiMeglio said. "We'll likely be moving back in during exams.... At that point, it feels like you don't even want to move back in." GrandMarc management made arrangements for the displaced residents to stay at the hotel for no cost — which would typically cost a guest \$189 per night — and gave them a \$100 daily stipend to be used while the rooms are being fixed. Additionally, GrandMarc is not allowing displaced students the option to break their leases for the summer, according to DiMeglio.

Honor Committee announces Lillie Lyon as 2019-20 chair

At their meeting Sunday, the Honor Committee announced third-year College student Lillie Lyon as their new chair for the 2019-2020 school year. The chair and vice-chairs were selected during a closed session at last weekend's annual retreat.

Lyon will be succeeding fourth-year medical student Ory Streeter as Honor Committee Chair. Lyon and the new vice-chairs will begin their term on April 1, with their first official open session meeting on Sunday, April 7.

As a previous support officer and member of the the Alternative Sanction Working Group, Lyon has experience working within the Honor System. The Alternative Sanction Working Group has been responsible for addressing potential changes to the Single Sanction policy at the University.

During the election cycle this year, Lyon advocated for overhauling and streamlining outreach and education in addition to creating an in-

ternal organizational culture that gives individuals more agency to improve the organization.

The Honor Committee vice-chairs were also announced at the meeting. Third-year Engineering student Sally Greenberg will serve as the vice-chair for investigations. Third-year College student Mary Beth Barksdale will serve as vice-chair for education, third-year College student Alex Spratley will serve as vice-chair for hearings, and third-year Commerce student Lucy Krasker will serve as vice-chair for community relations.

All of the vice-chairs have also had prior involvement with Honor as support officers.



COURTESY LILLIE LYON

Lyon will succeed medical student Ory Streeter.

Eminent physician and Nursing dean selected as speakers for Final Exercises



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Webb and Fontaine will address students on the Lawn May 18 and 19, respectively.

Dr. B. Cameron Webb, a renowned doctor and lawyer, and School of Nursing Dean Dorrie Fontaine were announced Wednesday as the speakers for the University's 190th Final Exercises.

Final Exercises will take place May 18 and 19, with Webb addressing students on May 18 on the Lawn and Fontaine addressing students the following day, also on the Lawn.

Galen Green, a fourth-year Commerce student and president of the Fourth Year Trustees said the public occasions committee was evenly split between faculty and student leaders and that the students on the committee comprised mostly elected leaders of student government. The committee would meet and discuss different names for each day.

Webb's background in both medicine and law brought him to the White House where he worked on the White House Health

Care Team and served a leading role on a White House Drug Pricing Task Force. Currently, Webb serves as an assistant professor at the University's School of Medicine, director of health policy and equity in the department of Public Health Sciences and as a hospitalist in the Department of Medicine.

Fontaine also works at the University, but she is retiring this year. Fontaine has worked at the University since 2008. She is the current Sadie Heath Cabaniss Professor of Nursing and Dean of the School of Nursing.

Fontaine had previously worked in "academic and clinical leadership" at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, Georgetown University and the University of California, San Francisco before working as a trauma nurse for 40 years and serving as president of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

New SFS policy draws ire from students

Student Financial Services director says new process of collecting noncustodial parent's financial information is fairer, more verifiable

Kate Bellows | Senior Writer

Student Financial Services is now requiring noncustodial parents to submit a College Scholarship Service Profile for dependent students applying for financial aid. Custodial parents and their dependent students, regardless of the parents' marital status, must also submit a general CSS Profile if applying for financial aid.

The College Board, which distributes the financial aid application, introduced the new application during the 2017-2018 academic year, but SFS did not adopt the requirement until this academic year.

Previously, the CSS Profile only required the financial information — defined by the income and assets — of the custodial parent and the student in a divorced or separated pair. The noncustodial parent was asked to fill out an information form from SFS about the financial support they had provided to the student throughout childhood and planned to provide to the student for college. If the noncustodial parent was unavailable to complete the form, the student and their noncustodial parent were required to submit a blank copy of the form and a signed statement explaining the circumstances.

Now, the noncustodial parent must provide their own financial information, including their income and assets, directly through the new CSS profile. The custodial parent and student must still provide their financial information through the CSS profile, and the SFS form is still required of the noncustodial parent.

Reasoning and rebuke

The change has drawn criticism from some students, who argue that requiring students to ensure their noncustodial parents provide their financial information puts a heavy burden on students to relive their past.

"I've heard specifically from a bunch of students that filling out this form has really put an undue mental burden on them," said Ellie Brasacchio, a third-year College student, Student Council president-elect and co-director of the Alliance for the Low-Income and First Generation Narrative Conference. "It had to make them relive bad circumstances in their lives pertaining to their relations with their parents that if they didn't have to fill out these extra forms and justify saying that they have a parent who's noncustodial, they would not have to go through."

Brasacchio said she has heard from students who said this new requirement has negatively affected their academic performance, led to depression and caused them to consider dropping out if aid is not awarded.

According to SFS Director Scott Miller, the change comes in light of a concern about the verifiability of the information students provide in the SFS forms.

"Based on the signed verification by the student, we expected this information to be accurate," Miller said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. "However, we saw cases where the information on the form did not match our review of actual payments for the student."

Miller said the SFS office started noticing that payments were arriving that came from noncustodial parents who had reported that they were not contributing anything. Miller said these parents were trying to get more financial aid through doing so.

"We knew there was some inconsistencies, but we didn't have a better method of collecting the information," Miller said in an interview with The Cavalier Daily. "When the College Board developed this new application and a new process, we saw a tool that could then help us get better information, and we could have more accurate information."

Now, Miller said, the CSS Profile allows SFS to collect information directly from the noncustodial parent and determine how much the noncustodial parent should contribute to their child's education through data analysis. The process, he said, is fairer.

"Part of [SFS's] responsibility ... is to be a good steward of the universities funds and make sure that the right people were getting the right aid," Miller said.

But Joshua Farris, a fourth-year College student and co-director of the ALiGN Conference, said that SFS must figure out the root cause and pervasiveness of students saying their noncustodial parents are not providing aid and then their noncustodial parents sending checks in.

"The question is, where [is SFS] getting the data from?" Farris said. "Quantify it. If it is an issue, how many, out of all the applicants? How often? What do they do with those that are checks? What is the root cause that they're trying to get at?"

Farris said a spurious factor could be at play for why the parents are sending in checks. He said given the intersection with low-income students and first-generation students, it could be that the parents do not understand how the financial aid process works, as they may not have gone through it themselves.

"With low-income students, the same students who intersect with first generation [students], their parents don't have a four-year degree and don't know a lot about the higher education process," Farris said. "How are they knowing

all these procedures? How are they knowing all the rules and guidelines? How are they knowing to navigate it enough?"

Exceptions to the rule

In fall 2018, the department emailed students currently receiving financial aid grants whose parents were divorced — several hundred in total — notifying them that the information collection method was changing. Those returning for the 2019-2020 academic year would have to ensure their noncustodial parents filled the profile out. Miller said that SFS offers fee waivers for the CSS Profile for students with need or high need, and that noncustodial parents were offered this same waiver.

In certain cases, Miller said, SFS may waive the requirement that a noncustodial parent must fill out the CSS Profile.

"If they're [in] situations where ... they don't have any idea who [the noncustodial parent] is, or if there's an adversarial relationship, there were cases of abuse or abandonment or this kind of thing, where it was problematic for a variety of reasons, we have a waiver form," Miller said.

Miller said that most waiver forms are granted and will not need to be re-filed each year.

"For 2019-2020, we're having to evaluate everyone, because this is a new process, but ... for most of the students where we're granting waivers, we're granting it for a multi-year, so they won't have to go through this process again next year," Miller said. "We're just waiving the noncustodial going forward."

But there are several reasons a waiver may be rejected. Miller mentioned that if a student has a relationship with their noncustodial parent, the parent's unwillingness to pay is not grounds alone for a waiver to be approved.

"It goes back to our philosophy that we expect the parents of the individual children to contribute to their child's educational costs," Miller said.

In some cases, a noncustodial parent simply refuses to fill out the application, which also does not count as a reason for a waiver to be approved.

"We do have some cases like that where they're just unwilling to provide any information and we can't award the aid — we have to have something to be able to evaluate," Miller said. "Again, even in a case like that, if the parent fills out an application, all it does is allow us to be able to evaluate everything else, looking at shared income and assets."

Brasacchio said that in the case the waiver is not approved, the appeals process can be traumatic for students who have difficult histories



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Students have criticized the changes, stating that it forces unwanted interaction with noncustodial parents.

with their noncustodial parents.

"When the waiver is denied, you have to appeal it by basically telling your life story to SFS about how your parents got divorced or if your parents were ever married, or one parent left before your third birthday or something like that, struggles that your parent had to go through to be a single parent and why you should be able to have this waiver, to not have to give your noncustodial parent's information," Brasacchio said. "In that process of having to relive all those memories of a traumatic past between your parents and between the relationship between your parents and yourself, that's where the trauma comes."

One student — whose identity will remain anonymous in order to protect their privacy — said their noncustodial parent refused to complete the CSS Profile. Their waiver was denied.

"[SFS is] saying, regardless of the relationship, 'I have to get [the noncustodial parent's] financial information,'" the student said. "I don't know how I'm supposed to do this without a court order of some form ... My financial well-being and admission to this institution are in the balance."

SFS said they could not verify a particular student's case.

Reflecting back and looking forward

The process of filling out the CSS Profile starts with the student, Miller said. If the student indicates their parents are divorced, the form will ask about which parent the student lives with and which parent is noncustodial. The student, upon providing the information, will receive a message from the CSS Profile requesting the name and email address of the parent.

The noncustodial parent will then get an email from the College Board inviting them to complete the CSS Profile. After the parent provides their income and assets,

SFS will upload the data into the financial management site Oracle PeopleSoft. SFS then will analyze the CSS data alongside data from the University Registrar and the Office of Admissions to calculate student aid eligibility and award aid.

"Prior to 2018-2019, PeopleSoft did not have the capability, without a school specific modification, to receive noncustodial financial aid application data from the College Board," Miller said in an email to The Cavalier Daily.

Miller said that so far, the new process has been successful. The University joins the ranks of Washington & Lee University and the University of Richmond in collecting non-custodial parent information through the CSS Profile but is the first public university in Virginia to adopt the method.

Farris said he wishes SFS had engaged student input before passing the change.

"We're so all about student self-governance here, but we don't get to govern this," Farris said. "This is a collaboration and we need to have more people sit down, between administrators and students. Because if you don't have a seat at the dinner table, then you're on the menu."

Students applying for financial aid for the next academic year need to submit both the FAFSA and CSS Profile by March 1, which has already passed for students applying for financial aid for 2019-2020. The noncustodial parent's CSS Profile must be submitted a reasonable amount of time after the student's deadline.

Proposed changes could lead to less Newcomb student jobs

A budget deficit and restructuring of Newcomb Hall's operations have altered the way student jobs function

Caroline Meyer | Senior Writer

Over the last year, various structural changes have been implemented for the event planning services at Newcomb Hall that have resulted in a decrease in the number of student staff members.

Currently, student employment opportunities at the University are available in areas such as event assistance for the daily operations of Newcomb Hall, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Student Activities Center and technology support.

The division of Student Affairs — which helps promote the intellectual development of students at the University — began to reconsider the University's methods for offering spaces to students and student organizations last fall. Student Affairs concluded that there is a need for improvement in the services and experiences they offer. These improvements will include new methods to reserve spaces at the University as well as new audio and visual equipment.

"The objective is to be more intentional in identifying what our students need and then deliver on that need," University Spokesperson Anthony de Bruyn said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. "We expect these changes will result in increased efficiencies and a better user experience at a reduced operational cost."

In addition to physical and reservation changes for University spaces, de Bruyn also said, "It is likely student and professional staff job responsibilities will change as we use staff in different ways after completing the current assessment."

However, student staff members fear that the real reason these changes are being implemented is to reduce Newcomb Hall's deficit — which will target student employment since there is a significant amount of spending going towards staff. Some student staff members have already felt the negative effects of these changes, saying they are worried about losing their jobs for the upcoming year.

According to fourth-year Engineering student Christian May — an event assistant in Newcomb Hall who assists in the daily operations of Newcomb — these changes have also included hiring freezes and increased workplace responsibilities without added pay. The proposed changes could affect up to 180 student employees, including 50 event assistants and 10 managers. May says these changes appear to be geared towards encouraging students to

quit working.

"They are not hiring any more [event assistants] if someone quits, and they are not promoting any new managers," May said in an interview with The Cavalier Daily. "What that amounts to is as soon as someone quits, everyone else on the shift has to pick up the slack caused by there being one less [event assistant] on the shift."

May and other student staff members first became suspicious of the proposed changes to Newcomb Hall when their longtime boss Kenny Roston — who worked at Newcomb Hall for 17 years — was abruptly moved to the Facilities Management division at the end of last semester.

"At the meeting where Kenny announced that he was leaving for another position, they presented it to us that our boss was just changing, and there were no other changes going on," May said.

According to de Bruyn, no student staff will be cut during the current academic year, and no student staffing decisions have been made for the 2019-2020 academic year. He added that longer-range staffing levels are still being evaluated.

Student staff members planned on writing a letter to University administration regarding the employment changes but refrained from doing so, as they did not want such a letter to negatively affect Roston's career.

Many student staffers feel that the changes occurring in Newcomb Hall were obscured from them and that their job security is in jeopardy due to the phasing out of certain positions.

"It feels like many of these decisions are made behind closed doors, and there is no student input," said James Hutson, a graduate Engineering student and Newcomb Hall manager. "Even when we ask about what happens in these closed meetings, they refrain from telling us."

Approximately a month ago, May filed a Freedom of Information Act request in order to gain access to emails regarding the proposed changes. His request was met, and he was allotted almost 400 pages in emails that discussed the reorganization and restructuring.

May and other student staffers' general impression of the email release was that higher-ups were going to reduce and consolidate the current jobs available as staffing positions are reconsidered. There is a sentiment among student employees that the higher-ups believe all stu-



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Changes have included hiring freezes and increased workplace responsibilities without added pay, according to fourth-year student worker Christian May.

dent staff members "do about the same thing" and that the positions are being phased out in order to cut costs as they move towards a self-service model. May argues that this is impossible due to the physical constraints of space.

Another proposed change to student employment opportunity is the phasing out or complete transitioning of the manager role. Doing so would prevent opportunity for increased wages and would mean less job mobility for students.

Currently, May works a Thursday morning shift where the manager has quit and the hiring freeze has prevented any EA from being promoted to manager, causing May to take on the responsibilities of manager without increased pay.

"Under the old system, I would probably be a manager right now, and now I am taking on the role of the manager without the pay, so that is the main effect for me," May said. "EAs are paid \$8.50 per hour, and managers are paid \$10 per hour. Neither are great wages, but there is a significant difference there."

According to May, building managers' positions were also eliminated, and those who held the former position were demoted to manager.

"Apparently, some are still making \$12 an hour, while others are back at the manager pay of \$10 an hour, and there's no clear rea-

son why," May said.

There will be impacts for those who rely on their jobs at Newcomb Hall as a result of these changes. Many of the students that staff Newcomb Hall require the added income to attend the University, and many of these students belong to low-income and minority groups. This raises the question of what the costs of student well-being will be if the University decides to cut costs by decreasing student jobs opportunities.

The appeal of working in Newcomb Hall is that students would have a job close to their classes where they would also have 30 minutes to one hour to do school work. Many worry that if they are forced to find jobs elsewhere, they will not be close to Grounds, they will be paid less, they will not be given study time and they will lack the sense of community that they once felt at Newcomb Hall.

"If you go through and discuss, [the emails] never once considered the impact that this has on students," May said. "They never think how will this affect low income students who are depending on these sorts of jobs. How will this affect students who are working there and are taking on a greater workload as they refuse to hire more people as people quit?"

May said he and others felt a lack of consideration by the University for their student employees, and were especially angered

after the announcement of the new University policy that would implement a raise in minimum wage for full time employees to \$15 per hour by 2020.

"[I]t seems really disingenuous that they're currently taking advantage of us the way that they are," May said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. "The face that they're trying to present to the outside world is one of compassionate and progressive labor practices but, at least for us part-time student employees, that seems to be far from the case."

De Bruyn said that the changes in Newcomb Hall are independent of President Ryan's announcement to increase full-time wages.

Still, the student employees will not be taking on these changes without a fight. There have been talks of protesting the changes as well as a meeting held Sunday evening to discuss their next steps.

"Best case scenario, we will write a letter," May said. "That will put some pressure on administration to say, 'We screwed up, let's talk about that.' Hopefully, those talks go productively. If not, I do not think it is out of the question that we walk into Dean Groves' office."

Outgoing Honor, UJC chairs reflect on time in office

The University's Honor and Judiciary Committees transitioned to a new administration April 1

Gerimia Di Maro, Jennifer Brice and Erica Sprott | Senior Writers

As the 2018-2019 academic year begins to wind down, the University's Honor and Judiciary Committees are beginning the annual process of transitioning administrations which formally took place April 1. In an interview with The Cavalier Daily, Ory Streeter, a Medical student and outgoing Honor chair, and Kevin Warshaw, fourth-year Engineering student and outgoing UJC chair, reflected upon their time in office and the achievements of their respective organizations during the past year.

Both Streeter and Warshaw said their terms oversaw several major policy accomplishments, including the approval of a series of referenda during University-wide elections in February and increasing outreach efforts through educational and financial co-sponsorships with a variety of student organizations on Grounds.

The Honor Committee is responsible for overseeing the body of support officers who process reports, trials and sanctions for Honor Code violations. The Committee is made up of 27 representatives from every school at the University, with five from the College and two from other schools. According to the Committee's website, "by today's standard, an Honor Offense is defined as a Significant Act of Lying, Cheating or Stealing, which Act is committed with Knowledge."

The UJC oversees case processing, trial hearings and sanctioning for violations of the University's 12 Standards of Conduct. These standards are adopted by the Board of Visitors, who delegated UJC's authority in the University's recognition of student self-governance.

The committee consists of 25 representatives who are elected by the University population — with three representatives for the College and two for all other schools — along with 12 appointed First Year Judiciary Council members and support pools consisting of appointed educators, counselors and investigators.

Honor releases in-depth analysis of case history, reforms mental health impairment policy

Streeter commented on some of the Honor Committee's greatest projects and accomplishments for the 2018-2019 term, noting that one of the Committee's foremost efforts since last summer has been collecting and analyzing years of case data that culminated in the Bicentennial Report — a historical and statistical review of the Honor System at the University compiled and analyzed by the Committee's Assessment and Data Management Working Group.

The report is the largest internal review of Honor at the University, featuring data from a century of annual dismissals, three decades of data on all sanctions and six years of full data from reports and outcomes.

Sanctions are those outcomes of cases in which a student is ultimately considered guilty — whether through an informed or conscientious retraction, leaving the University admitting guilt or through a guilty verdict as handed down through an Honor trial.

The Honor Committee also made internal structural changes, such as the creation of the Support Officer Member at Large position, to help increase communication throughout the Honor process.

Meghan Wingert, a third-year Batten student and Honor support officer at large, attends Honor Committee meetings to serve as a liaison between the support officers and the Committee itself, although the position is non-voting. Streeter emphasized the support officer-at-large's role in keeping the Committee executives tuned into the activities of the majority of the Honor system's workers.

In an interview with The Cavalier Daily, Lillie Lyon, a third-year College student and incoming Honor chair, said the scope of the support officer-large-position will be expanded to include additional responsibilities such as oversight over the support officer pool as a whole and greater involvement in training incoming groups of officers.

The Committee also passed a number of legislative amendments to their bylaws and procedures during the most recent term, including an overhaul of the Contributory Health Impairment policy at the end of March.

The Contributory Health Impairment is a policy that allows students to request a health evaluation prior to moving through Honor proceedings to determine if a mental health condition contributed to the commission of the offense, which is typically overseen by the Office of the Dean of Students and conducted by Student Health or the University's Counseling and Psychological Services.

The Honor Committee's Contributory Mental Disorder (CMD) Working Group, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights, the Office of the University Counsel, the Honor Committee's legal advisor and the CHI Panel were largely responsible for reworking the policy. After undergoing three revision versions, the new CHI policy will go into effect April 14 under the new Committee leadership's term.

Changes include the adjustment of claim timelines from 10 to seven days, the reimplementation of the requirement to admit act during the CHI process, and a restructuring of the process that allows students to take both the Informed Retraction and the CHI.

Other bylaw amendments include a March 23 change allowing students in credit-granting certificate-seeking programs to be representatives on the Honor Committee instead of just de-

gree-seeking students.

In reflection on the term, Streeter also noted the Committee's efforts to reach out to underrepresented groups in the community for co-sponsored events this term.

"We spent 10 to 15 percent of our budget on co-sponsorships trying to amplify the voice of some of the more marginalized communities within the University and sort of proud of that work and the co-sponsorships there," Streeter said.

During the 2019 fiscal year, the Honor Committee had a budget of about \$185,000 from University-allocated funds and almost \$27,000 from the Committee's \$3.3 million endowment overseen by the Alumni Association.

Lyon said Honor's outreach has been focused on underrepresented groups at the University in recent years through the community relations and diversity advisory committee, which is made up of representatives from a variety of minority organizations on Grounds. Lyon added that the committee acts as a liaison between underrepresented communities and Honor.

UJC translates governing documents, looks to grow endowment

The outgoing UJC administration met March 31 for its final meeting of the 2018-19 term, ushering in third-year College student Shannon Cason as the committee's new chair. Warshaw discussed the UJC's year in review during this last meeting of his tenure.

In a presentation during the meeting, Warshaw reflected on a year of cases and committee growth. The UJC heard about 52 percent of cases — 33 cases were tried out of the 61 accused students and two accused groups, who were alleged of a total of 75 Standard of Conduct violations. A UJC newsletter will be shared with the University community this week and will include comprehensive details of the year's case, standard and sanction statistics.

The most commonly alleged of the 12 standards was standard six, which had 31 allegations and references violations of "The Record." The Record is a catalog of information about the University published annually by the University Registrar and includes Housing and Residence Life policies and policies regarding use of University facilities. There were also 21 allegations of standard ten, which references violations of federal, state and local laws that are not explicitly enumerated in UJC standards. The UJC issued 28 admonitions and sanctioned two meetings with deans, five educational classes, 21 essays, 195 hours of community service and one suspension. There were no expulsions sanctioned.

Warshaw also sat down for an exit interview with The Cavalier Daily, where he spoke on specific UJC accomplishments such as recruitment



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Ory Streeter (left) is a Medical student and outgoing Honor chair, and Kevin Warshaw (right) is a fourth-year Engineering student and outgoing UJC chair.

reform, inclusivity and outreach initiatives, creation of an alumni database and the passing of two University-wide referenda.

Warshaw credited Sam Powers, a fourth-year College student and outgoing vice chair for first-years, with revitalizing recruitment efforts in the fall semester to feature an essay-based and name-blind application, which replaced the previous quiz version. Warshaw said this allowed for more substantive analysis of applicants. Warshaw also noted that the committee has placed heightened emphasis on implicit association testing when training its new members, which he said is reinforced throughout the year — "to make sure that we're accounting for that in our trial process."

"We were able to really see who the candidates were instead of how well they could memorize random facts about the UJC, which we found to be pretty useful in terms of actually analyzing our candidates," Warshaw said.

Cason, who previously served as senior educator, led an initiative to translate official UJC documents — this year the UJC Standards of Conduct were translated to Mandarin. Warshaw said that this project is still in progress, and UJC intends to translate all of its official documents to Mandarin and Spanish.

"Shannon Cason has sort of put an emphasis on translating our documents, just so that it's more accessible to students of all backgrounds," Warshaw said. "I think that's been a brilliant success, [but] it's an ongoing process."

Warshaw added that UJC also promoted inclusivity with the implementation of gender-neutral pronouns in its constitution and bylaws. The update was stipulated, along with the use of "contributory health impairments" rather than "psychological conditions," in the University-wide referendum to modernize constitutional language —

one of two UJC referenda passed in the spring general election. The executive committee took the initiative to implement this change in all governing documents, which extended gender neutrality to bylaws.

The other referendum also passed to refine the statute of limitations for complaint resubmissions to 14 calendar days, so that accused students are made aware of any charges that may be against them within the newly defined time period.

Cason's educational efforts, Warshaw said, allowed UJC educators to build this outreach in "a more targeted approach," which delegated educators to specific student organizations as liaisons to foster long term relationships with other groups on Grounds. Warshaw also noted that the creation of a Diversity and Engagement Committee promoted UJC outreach in the committee.

"We were able to hear some of their concerns about how the UJC operates, foster ideas there in terms of what we could be doing better, what we as a Committee need to improve upon," Warshaw said. "That sort of set in motion a few of our other initiatives this year, so I thought that it worked out really well."

Internally, Warshaw said UJC has begun compiling an alumni database of the Committee, which he said will benefit the committee in the long-run, as it builds up its recently-established endowment to expand funding opportunities. The endowment was established in consultation with the Committee by UJC alumni and the University's Office of the Vice President during the 2017-2018 academic year and currently holds about \$13,000 but is not yet in use as a source of funding.



Poetry and Prose: Conveying the fine arts

A behind-the-scenes look into the Thursday night MFA Reading Series

Elise Kim | Feature Writer

Nearly every Thursday night at 8 p.m., small groups of writers and members of the Charlottesville community trickle through the Downtown Mall and into the New Dominion Bookshop. There, light chatter and visible excitement about that respective evening's readings diffuse through the room in anticipation for the poet or the writer.

This weekly reading event has been administered by the University's MFA in Creative Writing program at New Dominion since the fall of 2017. This year, the series began Sept. 6.

The University's two-year MFA program is highly selective in that it accepts a mere five students from prose and five students from poetry each year — resulting in a very high faculty to student ratio. During their time in the program, candidates are designated specific weeks to present their own selections to the Charlottesville community.

Though the writers spend time in workshop together critiquing and providing feedback for each other's works, there is something special about sharing original work with people outside of the classroom.

Bobby Elliott, one of the poets graduating this May with an MFA, has already completed and defended his theses — a collection of approximately 30 poems. He currently teaches creative writing at the University and was most recently the recipient of the 2017-2018 Kahn Prize for Outstanding Teaching in Poetry.

"I think that in some ways, the work begins to live once it's read out loud and once it is shared in public," Elliott said. "And I think that's the big transition and everyone, of course, has a different reading style.... And everyone, in part, is also exploring what that is for each individual writer."

Elliott gave insight concerning the intentions of each writer when they are selecting their respective piece to share.

"It's often the goal to share what we're most passionate about, what we're actively working through and thinking about," Elliott said.

Piers Gelly, another student graduating alongside Elliott this coming May with an MFA, has taught four semesters of undergraduate creative writing at the University and has an essay about 20th century French writer Marcel Proust featured in the latest issue of *The Literary Review* — a distinguished international jour-



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The University's MFA in Creative Writing program holds a weekly reading series event at the New Dominion Bookshop on the Downtown Mall.

nal of contemporary writing. He described what factors he considers in selecting excerpts for his respective reading as a prose writer.

"I try to choose something funny because a listener's experience of a public reading is very different from the private experience of reading words on a page," Gelly said. "If you're not giving people a reason to pay attention and stay engaged, their minds will wander — mine does — so it's important to me that the text be fun in some way."

Though both Gelly and Elliott partook in workshops as part of the MFA program where constant critique and editing is perceived as the norm, Gelly illustrates the lighter and more liberating atmosphere in the bookstore in terms of sharing an original piece in a more casual environment.

"I think [the reading series] is great," Gelly said. "If it weren't for the reading series, I'd never get to hear the poets read. Also,

it's nice to experience others' work in a non-critical setting. At the reading series, my opinion and aesthetic preferences don't matter because the story or poem or essay just is what it is, and I'm always glad for that."

For Gelly, the fine arts transcend boundaries as he relates his involvement in music to how he approaches the reading series' audience with his prose.

"Public reading has to be thought of as a form of entertainment, or at least I think of it like that," Gelly said. "I used to play in bands — this may inform my thinking about one's obligation to be entertaining — and my favorite thing was always trying out a song we'd just written in order to see how people responded."

This perception reverberates in truth for first-year College student Jennifer Cheung as well. She attended Gelly's and MFA graduate student Caleb Nolen's reading March 21, where the former shared an excerpt from his

most recent novel in the works as the evening's MFA candidate in prose. Nolen, the evening's MFA candidate in poetry, painted a real and raw picture with selections illustrating the recent passing of a friend. Cheung spoke about the unique vibes and impression that this particular MFA Reading Series left on her.

"It was a very vulnerable moment — just the environment, like it was a very intimate audience and there was no microphone," Cheung said. "The mediums between the poet and the listener — there was just so few of them, so it felt really private ... I spent all weekend thinking about the [excerpt] of Cain and Abel that was read."

The MFA Reading Series will continue every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the New Dominion Bookshop in Downtown Charlottesville until April 25.

In addition, Elliott will have selections of his poems published in the *Redivider* and *Hampden-Sydney Review*, two distin-

guished literary magazines, later this year. Gelly also has work impending on 99% *Invisible* and in *The Stinging Fly*, a popular independent radio show and an established literary magazine, respectively.

Top 10 moments of guilt at U.Va.

This article is mostly therapeutic

Ben Rosenthal | Top 10 Writer

1. Having literally any downtime

Is this only me? After a good day's work, one in which you cross off every single item on your to-do list, it is still hard to just unwind and relax. Five minutes into the next episode of "The Office," your mind wanders to that Social Psychology test in three weeks and how you could be using this time to get a head start on studying. Note that I'm only using the second person here to distance myself from the fact that this is also the reality of my life.

2. When you don't say hi to that person you kind of, sort of know

What's her name again? Sarah? Hannah? Katie? You had a philosophy discussion with her two semesters ago, and you talked to her two or three times. She wore a Giants shirt once, and you like the Giants. But when you saw her at Newcomb, you chose not to say hi to her. You both saw each other, and she didn't say hi either, so why do you feel so guilty about this? You don't know. You just do.

3. Using Tapingo at Subway

This guilt is two-fold. First of all, your friend told you that the Subway workers hate Tapingo orders because they disrupt the flow, and you're not the type of person to disrupt somebody's flow. You look to your right at the pick-up counter and see a line of at least 30 people. By the time the first 10 of those people order, Subway will be all out of Italian herb and cheese bread. You feel immensely powerful but also immensely guilty.



4. Arriving at Starbucks at 9:59 p.m.

This is kind of a personal anecdote. One time, I arrived at the Newcomb Starbucks at 9:58 p.m., not knowing that they closed at 10 p.m. Of course, I felt incredibly guilty watching them restart the cappuccino machine after I realized this. In this case, however, the guilt immediately subsided — it turns out that, right before closing, Starbucks employees give out old pastries that will otherwise be thrown out. And that cake pop tasted fantastic — sorry.



5. Literally any time you move at night

As a first-year with a roommate, it is suddenly a moral dilemma to go to the bathroom at night. Do you wake up your roommate by climbing down from your bed, putting on your shower shoes and trekking out into the hall? Or do you suffer in silence to protect your fellow man? If you hate your roommate, this is an easy choice. But I like mine, so I feel incredibly guilty that I do this on a regular basis. Sorry, Jonathan. But you snore, so it balances out.

6. Taking two portions at the dining hall

This is possibly the least-merited guilt on this list — meal plans are expensive, so we better get our worth out of them. What's more, most of the dining hall food ranges from raw to medium-raw, so, on the rare occasion you find something that is delicious and desirable, you have the right to grab two portions. However, I find it hard to shake off guilt even here — guilt from the judgments of Newcomb employees, my peers and my doctor.



7. Being lame in front of tour groups

A line I'll never forget from my tour guide, when I was visiting the University as a prospective student was "I chose U.Va. because, when I came, I never saw students walking with their earbuds in. Everyone was always talking to each other around Grounds." As a result, I feel incredibly guilty — and lame — when I pass a tour guide with my earbuds in. Serves the tour guide right for outright lying, though — I mean, really?



8. Asking for no tomatoes at Rising Roll

Who likes tomatoes? I mean, raw tomatoes. Ketchup, salsa and pasta sauce — all fantastic. But raw tomatoes? Do they add anything? People who say they do are lying. You aren't fooling anybody except for yourselves. Still, I feel like quite the burden when I make this request at Rising Roll because the line is literally always 1000 people long around lunch rush. So I've recently given up and decided to suffer through my tomato-filled sandwiches. Guilt: one. Me: zero.



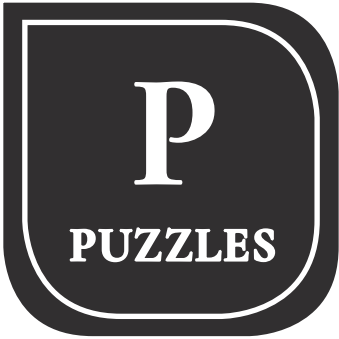
9. Realizing you missed a birthday party invite — that was sent on Facebook

Just kidding. I don't feel guilty at all, Carl. Who sends out a birthday party invite on Facebook? Does anybody even use Facebook? The only reason I have one is because I have the feeling future employers will feel more comfortable if I have some online presence — however sterile it may be. I have never posted anything, and I never will. My Facebook just exists to exist. So, Carl, when you send me an invite over Facebook like a madman or a 43-year-old, I'm not going to feel guilty if I don't ever see it. Guilt: one. Me: one.



10. Way too much

If there is a lesson here, it is that there are ways to feel guilty about everything. If there is a second lesson here, it is that this is no way to live. Watch that episode of "The Office," take two portions at the dining hall and ask for no tomatoes on your sandwich — life is too short not to. You could get run over by a Lime scooter at any moment — the last thing you want to do is die eating a sandwich you aren't fully satisfied with.



WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Dan Goff | Puzzle Master

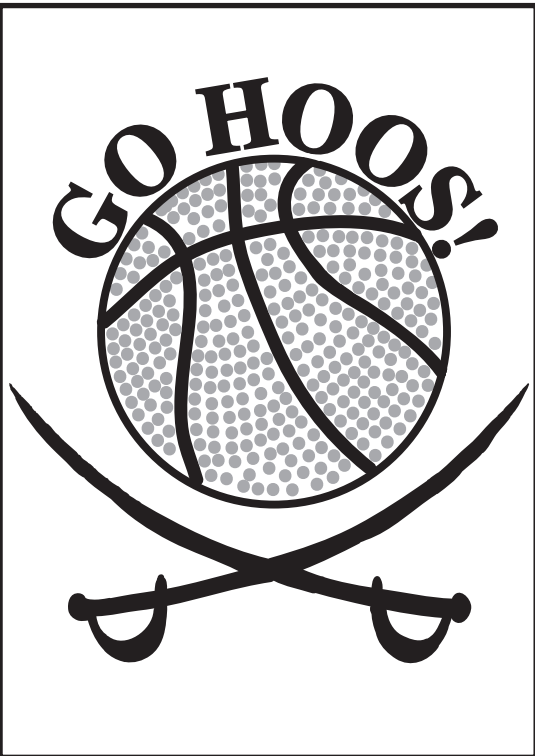
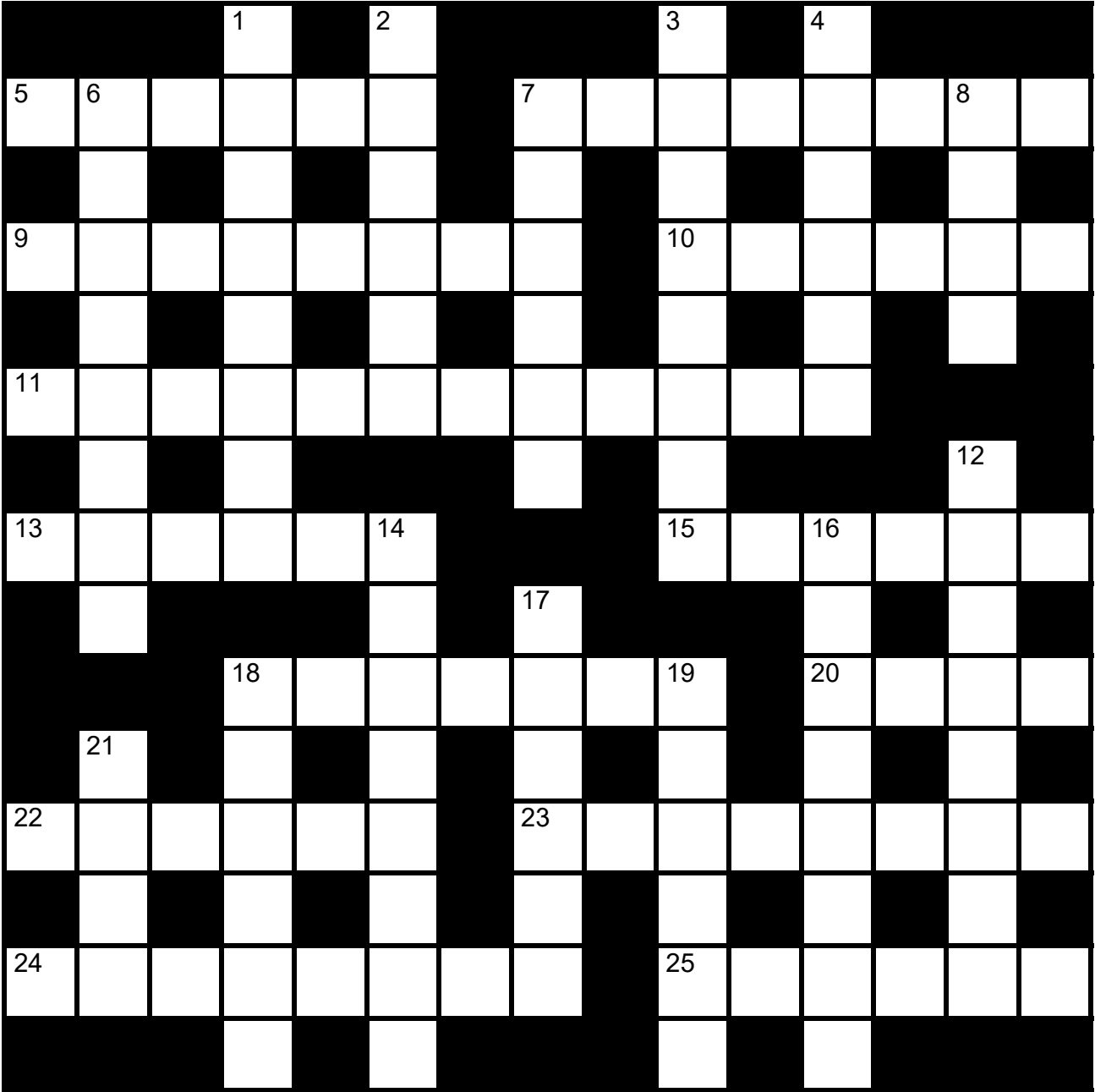
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Across

- 5 There's an itsy bitsy one in a nursery rhyme
- 7 Cause to lose enthusiasm
- 9 Curve that a projectile follows
- 10 Obtain something from
- 11 Three-word reason people were rioting — happily — in the streets Saturday night
- 13 Military groups of a country
- 15 Italian brandy
- 18 A libertarian would scorn this government aid
- 20 Kate DiCamillo wrote this sort of story about a mouse named Despereaux
- 22 Small fish
- 23 Two-word term that probably describes many a sleep-deprived student
- 24 Two-word term meaning loss of electricity
- 25 Types of races which involve multiple members on a team

Down

- 1 Our country is ___ to Mexico, much to Trump's chagrin
- 2 What you do to get on a sports team — two words
- 3 Two-support animal for someone with visual disabilities
- 4 Die from lack of food
- 6 If you have a ___ of anything edible, then you don't have to worry about four-down
- 7 Two-word term for grab or eat hungrily
- 8 It's been thirty-___ years since our basketball team has gone to ... well, you know
- 12 Passage for surplus water from a dam
- 14 John Montagu, Fourth Earl of ___, is also said to have created the foodstuff he shares a name with
- 16 Perceptively
- 17 Nasty stinging bug that should not exist
- 18 Our own De'Andre ___ was just named NABC Defensive Player of the Year
- 19 18-down, along with the rest of the Cavaliers, will face off against the Auburn ___ this Saturday
- 21 CS acronym meaning "bad input equals bad output"



* SOLUTION FROM LAST ISSUE



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Final Four Roundtable

The Cavalier Daily sports staff takes a look at key storylines for Virginia in the Final Four

CD Sports Staff

No. 1 seed Virginia is in the Final Four this weekend in Minneapolis, Minn., for the first time since 1984.

The Cavaliers (33-3, 16-2 ACC) are two games from winning their first ever national championship. Their first game against No. 5 seed Auburn is set for Saturday at 6:09 p.m. It will be aired on CBS.

The Cavalier Daily sports staff takes a look at some key storylines for Virginia in Minneapolis.

What are your predictions for the Virginia-Auburn game?

Christian Guynn, columnist: I am choosing the Cavaliers to win their first Final Four game Saturday night in Minneapolis. It will be an interesting match-up between two very different teams. As we all know, the Cavaliers' game is slow and methodical with efficiency as its focus. This year's Virginia team is the most balanced and efficient team Coach Tony Bennett has ever trained, with both our offense and defense in the top five according to the College Basketball Power Index. On the other side of the court, Auburn tries to dominate pace and possessions, the antithesis to the Cavaliers. The Tigers' offense is ranked No. 8 in the country, but is going into the Final Four missing their dangerous senior Chuma Okeke due to a torn ACL. After grinding out a win against Kentucky, Auburn will be hungry for an upset in their first Final Four ever. Ultimately, we should all look forward to the Cavaliers dominating the pace in a decisive victory.

Lucas Beasey, columnist: Coach Bruce Pearl has transformed Auburn into a bruising SEC powerhouse that wants to run and apply pressure in transition. In many ways, this team is a dangerous matchup for the Cavaliers. The Tigers are known for the outside shooting provided by their veteran guards, and deservedly so, but Auburn will play every bit as physically as the referees allow them to. Even without Okeke on the court, I keep finding myself impressed with the explosiveness of senior forward Malik Dunbar and the toughness of senior forward Horace Spencer. Virginia's duo of senior center Jack Salt and junior forward Mamadi Diakite will likely have their hands full winning contested boards and defending the post. The game may be billed as a battle between two of the best backcourts in the country, but expect an absolute war underneath the basket.

What changes, if any, do the Cavaliers need to make to come out on top in Minneapolis?

Colin Cantwell, sports editor: Purdue junior point guard Carsen Edwards may have had a record-set-



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The Virginia men's basketball team is going to the Final Four for the first time since 1984.

ting run, scoring the most points of anyone in the first four rounds of the tournament ever and dropping 42 points on Virginia Saturday night, but Auburn is a team capable of putting up a similar three-point shooting performance. Senior guard Bryce Brown and junior guards Jared Harper and Samir Doughty are all capable shooters from three. Harper can spread the ball around, averaging 5.8 assists per game, and Brown and Doughty each shoot over 40 percent from three-point range. Virginia guards freshman Kihei Clark and juniors Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome are going to need to contain Auburn's explosive shooters behind the arc and force them into tough shots.

Zach Zamoff, sports editor: There are three changes that would make Virginia more dangerous in Minneapolis. First, Virginia has a great system on offense and defense but needs to have the flexibility to make in-game adjustments that go beyond personnel. Specifically, Bennett must be willing to double-team on defense and run isolation plays for sophomore guard De'Andre Hunter. Edwards lit up Virginia in the Elite Eight without being double-teamed, and Harper and Brown have the potential to do the same. If one of them gets hot, Bennett should be willing to consider making that adjustment. Michigan State junior guard Cassius Winston and Texas Tech sophomore guard Jarrett Culver could pose the same threat in the National Championship game. Bennett needs to get Hunter going. Run-

ning isolation plays outside of the mover-blocker can do this. Match-ups look especially good for Hunter against Auburn, and he needs to be given the freedom to attack. At the same time, Hunter needs to be more aggressive looking for his shot for the entire game. He rode the bench towards the end of the Purdue game and then came in to make the basket to give the Cavaliers the lead in overtime. He needs to attack more against Auburn and should have the confidence to do this — he is a great player. Finally, junior transfer guard Braxton Key needs more minutes. Even though he played poorly in the few minutes he played against Purdue, Bennett needs to have confidence in Key. His ability to defend multiple positions, rebound and shoot the ball well from the perimeter make him crucial.

Who is going to be the key player if Virginia is going to win it all?

Luke Stievater, columnist: Clark. Being one of the Cavaliers' best defenders, Clark will likely be tasked with guarding the opposing team's best guard, starting in the Final Four game with Harper. Harper has reached double digits in three of the Tigers' four NCAA Tournament games and is the team's most dangerous scorer. If Virginia can get past Auburn, Clark could have an even tougher matchup in the National Championship. I believe Michigan State will win the other semifinal game, leading Clark to draw a matchup with Winston. Winston is one of the best players in the country and the Spartans'

go-to player. Clark will likely guard him throughout that game, and it would be of the utmost importance to lock him down.

CG: The key player coming into this weekend's Final Four match-up is Guy. When he gets going, the whole team plays better, and that is exactly what Virginia needs this weekend in Minneapolis. Often times, when Virginia's back was against the wall while playing Purdue, it was Guy's shooting that saved them and kept the game close. When teams have to worry about his three-point shot, it leaves driving lanes and our other elite guards open for shots. I doubt an Auburn team — or the winner of Michigan State versus Texas Tech — will be as forgiving as Oklahoma was if Guy is shooting poorly. With a solid two games to finish the tournament, Guy's draft stock will increase dramatically, and we may have a third declare for the draft. If Virginia is going to finish their redemption story, they need Guy to be hot and lead the team.

What storyline are you most looking forward to following in the Final Four?

LS: Virginia looking to go from nightmare scenario to dream scenario. The end to last season was as bad as it could possibly be. It would have been easy to listen to all of the doubt and hate that lingered with these Cavaliers since that dreadful March night in 2018, but they refused to do so. This team has battled all season long and has the opportunity of a lifetime in front of them. Winning a national champi-

onship for the first time in program history would put to bed all of the jokes and ridicule from last season and would cement this team into eternal glory. Plus, it would make for one of the best ESPN "30 for 30" episodes of all time.

LB: Of the four teams still alive, only Michigan State has won a National Championship. The other contenders are all on rarefied ground. This is Virginia's first Final Four since 1984, and Texas Tech and Auburn will make their debut appearances on Saturday. In the notoriously stratified world of college basketball, only 16 schools have won a national championship since the Tournament expanded in 1985. The last team to win its first championship was Florida in 2006 under Coach Billy Donovan. With the blue bloods eliminated — thanks Auburn — each of this Final Four's unusual suspects has a generational chance to ascend to the rank of NCAA Tournament champion.

CC: If Virginia beats Auburn Saturday night, a victory in the title game over Michigan State would be the cherry on top of the Cavaliers' redemption story. The Spartans knocked Virginia out of the NCAA Tournament in 2014 and 2015, both times as the lower seed, as is the case again this year. Though no current Cavalier played in either game, for Virginia to beat Michigan State in order to win the first national title in program history would be the ultimate proof that a Bennett team can win in March over one of the nation's elite coaches in Tom Izzo.

Previewing the road to the NCAA National Championship

The Cavaliers are just two wins away from the first National Championship in program history

Zach Zamoff | Sports Editor

No. 1 seed Virginia has finally done it. After years of coming up short, Coach Tony Bennett and the Cavaliers (33-3, 16-2 ACC) are headed to the elusive Final Four in Minneapolis, Minn., this weekend. This is what their road to the National Championship looks like.

No. 5 seed Auburn (30-9, 11-7 SEC)

Auburn did not lose in the month of March. Most recently, they defeated No. 2 seed Kentucky to advance to the first Final Four in program history. Auburn's backcourt has been crucial in the Tigers' tournament run. Junior guard Jared Harper is a lightning-quick floor general, and senior guard Bryce Brown is a great scorer adept at creating his own shot who shoots 41 percent from three. Harper and Brown combined for 50 points in Auburn's win over Kentucky in the Elite Eight and have been forced to produce even more after sophomore forward Chuma Okeke — the Tigers' leading rebounder — tore

his ACL late in Auburn's Sweet Sixteen victory over No. 1 seed North Carolina. Auburn relies on a fast pace and prolific three-point shooting to win.

Player to watch:

Harper is the engine of Auburn's offense. Harper, who was named to the All-SEC second team, has averaged 17.5 points per game and 6.5 assists per game in the tournament. He initiates Auburn's offensive attack with his penetration into the lane. His ability to drive and dish frees up Brown and other shooters like junior guards Samir Doughty and J'Von McCormick, all of whom shoot over 40 percent from three. Harper can shoot it too. He is shooting 37.1 percent from three this year. Look for freshman guard Kihei Clark to lock up Harper — both guards are under 6 feet.

How to beat them:

While Virginia sets the tone through its defense, Auburn sets the tone through its offense. Au-

burn Coach Bruce Pearl is all about getting out and running, and the Tigers will do this from the tip. Auburn will take a lot of threes. The Cavaliers must contest three-point shooters — especially Brown — and apply the pressure on Harper to stop the Tigers' offensive attack. On offense, Virginia must limit turnovers and have good ball movement — against Auburn's high pressure defense, the Cavaliers should be able to create open threes.

No. 2 seed Michigan State (32-6, 16-4 Big Ten)

Michigan State has been one of the best basketball teams in the nation throughout this year. Their experience showed against No. 1 seed Duke Sunday night as they managed to narrowly defeat the Blue Devils to advance to the program's 10th Final Four. Michigan State has another great team, led by junior guard Cassius Winston. Besides Winston, sophomore forward Xavier Tillman has emerged

as a great inside scorer, and senior guard Matt McQuaid and senior forward Kenny Goins have the experience to deliver.

Player to watch:

Winston, the Big Ten Player of the Year, is a great point guard and leader. He is averaging 19 points per game and 7.8 assists per game in the tournament and had a double-double to lead Michigan State over Duke in the Elite Eight. He has overcome limited athleticism to become one of the best players in the country. Winston can score in multiple ways — he is adept at drawing fouls, finishing in traffic and is shooting the three at 40.4 percent — and is a great passer.

How to beat them:

The Spartans are difficult to stop. But they can be beat — forcing the ball out of Winston's hands is key, in addition to stopping Tillman's bruising inside. Virginia's pack line defense should go a long way in stopping Winston's penetration, and Texas Tech's defense

could create the havoc needed to disrupt Michigan State's offense. The size of Tillman, Goins and junior forward Nick Ward makes penetration difficult against the Spartans. If the Cavaliers face them in the National Championship, they will need to shoot the three-pointer well.

No. 3 seed Texas Tech (30-6, 14-4 Big 12)

Texas Tech came out of nowhere to emerge as one of the best teams in college basketball this year, and like Virginia, relies on great defense as its trademark. The Red Raiders have had a powerful run in March so far, dominating No. 2 seed Michigan 63-44 — the Wolverines' lowest scoring output of the year — and taking down No. 1 seed Gonzaga 75-69 to advance to the first Final Four appearance in program history. On defense — the best in the nation, per KenPom — Texas Tech's athleticism and help defense make penetration notoriously difficult. On offense, sophomore guard Jarrett Culver is the key.

Player to watch:

Culver is long, athletic and a prolific scorer. He is averaging 21.5 points per game, 6.8 rebounds per game, 4.5 assists per game and 2.3 steals per game in the tournament. His mid-range jumper is lethal and his ability to get to the basket and finish through contact is outstanding. Hunter will likely be tasked with guarding him if Virginia meets Texas Tech in the National Championship.

How to beat them:

The key to beating Texas Tech is keeping calm on offense and limiting Culver. Hunter and Key have the length and lateral quickness to shut Culver down, and the Cavaliers' patient, selfless offense is set up to beat great defenses. Virginia thrives late in the shot clock. The Red Raiders' limitations rebounding can also turn into an opportunity for Virginia — the Cavaliers must attack the offensive glass.

The road to the National Championship

The road to the National Championship will not be easy. But Virginia has what it takes to come out on top — a highly efficient offense and defense, with multiple difference-makers that can step up in clutch time.

Virginia will first have to get past red-hot Auburn Saturday night to get to the program's first ever National Championship game. Tip-off is set for 6:09 p.m. in Minneapolis, Minn.



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The Virginia men's basketball team will face Auburn Saturday night and either Michigan State or Texas Tech if they advance.

Standing out for softball: Lacy Smith

The senior has transformed from great pitcher to great hitter

Caroline Lund | Associate Writer

Lacy Smith has been hot at the plate in her final season with Virginia softball. The senior first baseman leads the team with a career-best .423 batting average and 13 home runs, tied with Virginia's all-time record for home runs in a single season. As she prepares to close out her softball career at Virginia, Smith is determined to leave everything on the field.

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Smith decided in middle school that she wanted to compete at the Division I level. In 10th grade, she remembers writing down a list of schools, deciding which coaches to contact and what camps to attend in order to get recruited. Smith admits that Virginia wasn't on her radar at all until she saw the school on one of her teammate's lists. From there, she made the decision to attend softball camps at Virginia, working on her skills and showcasing her talent.

Like many athletes that choose Virginia, Smith could tell right off the bat that the school was the perfect blend of athletics and academics. She quickly fell in love with Charlottesville and Grounds and committed in September of her junior year.

In her first season with Virginia, Smith served as the team's number two pitcher, taking on tremendous responsibility as a freshman. Smith started 19 games with 25 appearances in the circle, racking up 45 strikeouts for the season. She and freshman pitcher Erika Osherow carried the team through the season, alternating on the mound.

"I think first year really set me up well to be a good leader," Smith said.

But while she served an integral role as one of the team's go-to pitchers, Smith wasn't given many opportunities to prove her strength on offense. Smith had a total of just 47 at-bats her freshman season, finishing with a .213 batting average and scoring just four runs.

In 2017, when Joanna Hardin took on the role of head coach for Virginia, Smith was still on the mound for much of the season but was also positioned in right field. In the circle, she struck out 34 batters in 49.2 innings pitched and had 18 relief appearances, tying for the fifth most in the ACC. A big change, however, was in plate appearances, which almost doubled her previous season's total. She had eight home runs for the season and a .301 on-base percentage. She was finally getting the opportunity to improve her skills on offense and was beginning to prove what she could do at the plate.

When her junior year rolled around, Smith pitched a career-high 118.2 innings and led the team with



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Senior Lacy Smith has moved from the mound to first base during her Virginia career and now leads the team with a .423 batting average and 13 home runs.

six complete games. She also had a total of 164 at-bats and 10 multi-hit games. She split time between pitching and third-base, yet another difficult position to learn to play.

"I think last year ... was the first time I really saw time in the infield at third and [I was] kind of unsure of myself," Smith said. "Here in college, I think the biggest transition is you need to be so vocal and communicate well with the outfield."

Looking at her stats for the 2019 season, it is impressive to see how far Smith has come as a hitter. While the ability has certainly always been there, Smith has proven this season just how good she is at the plate. Number two in the lineup, Smith has been the driving force behind run production alongside other key hitters — sophomore infielder Hayley Busby, senior catcher Olivia Gott and senior pitcher Erika Osherow. She recently concluded a 16-game hitting streak and was named ACC Player of the Week March 12.

Smith's hitting mechanics have always been strong, but her recent success is due to her gaining confidence to perform day in and day out.

"I don't know if she's made many changes to her swing as much as she is executing a quality swing more consistently," Hardin said. "She

doesn't give away swings or at bats, a sign of maturity and confidence in her abilities."

Osherow described her relationship to Smith as special, noting that the two have been through the ups and downs of the past four years together.

"Looking back over the years, I can always picture Lacy and I from day one as first-years just going through it together and kind of pushing each other," Osherow said. "It's kind of this special dynamic because we're competitive with each other but also just want the best for each other and so I'm really happy that she's having such an awesome senior year."

While Osherow and Smith aren't splitting time on the mound as much in their final season together, both have been producing at the plate and in the field, bringing in runs and leading by example.

Smith's ability to focus on offense rather than pitching in her senior year has been crucial to her development at the plate.

"For Lacy, pitching was a huge responsibility that [inevitably] took attention from hitting, be that mental or physical," Hardin said. "I think eliminating pitching from the equation has freed her up to give more

attention to fine tuning her offense. She has always been diligent about investing time into all aspects of her game, but now she has more time to devote to offense."

The transition from pitching to first base has given Smith more time to focus on improving her swing and gain confidence at the plate.

"I think there's so many good pitchers out there who are good hitters, and I'm glad we're seeing that in softball nowadays," Smith said. "It just takes a lot of focus to be able to separate when you're pitching and when you're hitting."

An Economics and Media Studies double major, Smith wants to stay in the sports field after she graduates.

"Right now I think I see my path taking me somewhere in sports marketing or advertising, probably in a big city," Smith said.

She is currently the vice president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a role that has gotten her out of her comfort zone and allowed her to lead and communicate with other athletes.

Outside of softball and her other academic and extracurricular pursuits, Smith maintains a full social life.

"You just have to take advantage

of your free time and be willing to meet people instead of getting stuck in the athlete bubble," Smith said.

Going into the last weeks of the regular season, Smith is optimistic.

"We've had a really good start," Smith said. "This is the first year we have a lot of control over our destiny. Here we're at the point where we really have control to get a good spot in the ACC and so I'm really excited for that."

The ACC Tournament takes place at Florida State, where her entire family went to school, and she hopes the team can finally make it there this year.

Beyond this goal, Smith is enjoying the ride in her last year playing in a Virginia softball uniform.

"I think just staying within myself and just continuing to have fun, and if the stats come and if hits come, that'll be great, but [I'm] not thinking too much about those things," Smith said. "I think the beginning of my college career was just trying to prove to a lot of people that I belonged here and that I needed to prove something and this year my mentality was to kind of have fun and enjoy [my] last year playing the sport."



LEAD EDITORIAL

Trump must revise his Higher Education Act proposal

Several of the provisions contained within Trump's proposed reauthorization for the HEA are concerning

First instituted in 1965, the Higher Education Act plays an essential role in, among other things, providing federal student aid for American colleges and universities. It is usually revisited every four years, but as it was not reauthorized since 2008, the Trump administration is attempting to push a reauthorization containing several changes through Congress — which is already prioritizing the HEA. As Trump plans to alter the student loan repayment process, Pell Grant distributions and the requirements for accreditation, many are concerned about the future of American colleges and universities. While the Trump administration claims these changes are an attempt to repair the severely broken financial system surrounding American higher education, many of these proposed changes will actually harm those who depend on financial assistance.

In part, these changes are the result of President Donald Trump's proposed 2020 budget, which aims to decrease education spending by over 10 percent, equalling around \$7 billion. The White House is proposing that the majority of these cuts

come from higher education funding by eliminating programs such as subsidized student loans, a specific student loan that does not accumulate interest until the student graduates. In addition, Trump plans on cutting the federal work-study program, which provides students the opportunity to finance their education through part-time employment at their school.

Other changes include Trump's attempt to eliminate the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program designed to relieve student debt after 10 years for non-profit and government employees. With the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau estimating that approximately 25 percent of American workers are and could be potentially eligible for the program, this proposal would have severe repercussions, especially considering many of these jobs are not lucrative enough to repay the substantial student debt obtained to qualify for these positions in the first place. Moreover, because these positions in many cases are relatively low paying, many college graduates do not pursue them, making the program that much more essential.

Despite this program being severely mismanaged in the past — making it difficult for many deserving applicants to qualify for loan forgiveness — the idea is beneficial and needs reform, not elimination.

Additionally, Trump aims to implement caps on the amount of money that parents of students and graduate students can borrow through the PLUS program. This could be a significant burden on low-income students, who depend on these loans to finance their education. This coupled with Trump's proposals to freeze Pell Grant awards and cut federal work study funding, puts low-income students at a severe financial disadvantage when seeking higher education, as they are left with relatively few options to meet steadily increasing tuition prices.

The Trump administration also aims to reverse many of the Obama administration's regulations that strictly monitor for-profit colleges, specifically regarding the accreditation process that allows schools to qualify for federal funding. Essentially, Trump's recommendations would make it much easier for schools to receive federal money

with less federal oversight, as the number of requirements they must meet would be greatly reduced. This means that for-profit schools which have a history incredibly high number of default rates and even defrauding students, will be regulated far less stringently.

As concern for American higher education continues to grow, many are looking to Congress in hopes they will stand up against some of Trump's ludicrous proposals — which seems likely with a Democratic House majority. However, with higher education, specifically in regard to finances, becoming more bipartisan, many Republicans are looking at options the president would be willing to sign instead of compromising. Either way, this is an issue Congress hopes to address before the end of the year, but it remains to be seen what the reauthorization will end up looking like. Following these recommendations would be detrimental to the aspirations of many low-income students hoping to attend college in the future.

When discussing how Trump's HEA reauthorization “would end up

hurting students,” Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, referred to the proposals as a “feeble attempt to claim the Trump Administration is helping students.” Though several of these changes aim to address the national student debt crisis, they are actually moving us in the wrong direction. Students seeking higher education need more affordable options while simultaneously taking into account excessive student debt limits opportunities by being too burdensome. Higher education is an area that is ripe for reform, but Trump's proposals risk exacerbating the issue rather than making better. We urge Congress to go back to the drawing board and develop a solution that will address the many glaring issues in this country's higher education system.

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REFORM FINANCIAL AID AT U.VA.

The University needs to better accommodate the financial needs of all students

The University notes that for students it “will meet 100% of their demonstrated financial need through scholarships, grants, work-study and need-based loans.” While the financial aid system at U.Va. is generous among public universities, the application for financial aid creates an unnecessary burden for students with financial need. Additionally, the use of loans to meet that financial need only exacerbates students’ struggles with student debt. The University needs to change its application in order to better serve all students and enable its students to attend U.Va. without accumulating a massive amount of debt before graduation.

As it stands now, the process of applying for financial aid is a needlessly complicated and long. In order to qualify for federal aid, students are required to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. However, the University also requires that any student seeking any form of financial aid from U.Va. itself fill out the College Scholarship Service Profile, which includes much of the same information as the FAFSA. This needlessly complex and long process presents a burden on students in need of this aid, having to coordinate with parents on finishing the application and submitting re-

quired documents while being away at college.

Furthermore, the University is making the application even more cumbersome for students. In previous years, the University only required a student’s custodial parent’s income and information as part of the application process. However, starting the 2019-2020 academic year, it will require students to submit the CSS profile for their noncustodial parent

However, including a non-contributing, noncustodial parent only makes it appear that a student is more able to afford schooling than they really are. This change adds even more complexity and time to an already long and complicated process, as students will now be required to wait on a parent outside of their household to complete their part of the application. Implementing this change will most likely have a huge

the national average overall, it is still indicative of the overwhelming costs of the University. It’s also noteworthy that about one-third of all University students for 2015-2016 had some type of loan in order to afford to attend the University — clearly indicating that many are struggling to afford the massive cost of tuition and other fees. The University needs to work towards remedying this issue by better addressing the ways in

provided through the University are better for students than taking outside loans, it still does not adequately address a student’s needs. Leaving a student with nearly \$30,000 in debt should not be considered meeting their demonstrated need. The University must move away from using loans as a means of meeting demonstrated aid and should rather provide more aid in the form of grants, that do not leave students in further debt after four years.

The University contends that it is committed to reducing students’ debt and meeting their demonstrated aid. However, this is not a promise that they are often able to fulfill. If they really want to meet students’ needs, the University must offer more financial aid options that do not create debt for students who demonstrate the need for aid. Moreover, the application for financial aid needs to be seriously reformed in order to both simplify this difficult process for students and parents and to better indicate a student’s actual need for aid.

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as well, if the student’s parents are divorced or separated or were never married. This aspect of the application should not be required. The CSS profile already asks that the student disclose how much they expect their noncustodial parent to contribute to their tuition and other costs, so this parent’s income should not play a factor in the amount of need-based financial aid awarded.

Waivers to this part of the application are not offered by the University even if a student’s noncustodial parent is not contributing to the financing of the student’s education.

effect on the aid students receive for the upcoming year, which will be detrimental to students who rely on every dollar they received for this past academic year.

Taking into account the complexities of the process it is important to note students are already struggling with debt. U.Va. is already an expensive institution, and its costs are only increasing for both in-state and out-of-state students. For the 2015-2016 academic year, the average debt for in-state students was \$22,688, while for out-of-state students it was \$28,669. While this amount is under

which it meets demonstrated financial need.

The University claims that, in order to cap a student’s debt, they limit need-based loans to \$4,500 per year for in-state students and \$7,000 per year for out-of-state students. After four years, this could leave an in-state student with \$18,000 in unpaid loans, and an out-of-state student would be left with \$28,000 in unpaid loans. The University, with this policy, recognizes that a student is not able to afford the full cost of attendance, and yet still offers loans that leave students in debt. While loans

DON’T IGNORE CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY

Students should seize the opportunity to comment on their safety at the University

Last month, University President Ryan distributed an electronic survey to students concerning sexual assault and sexual misconduct on Grounds. This is the third climate survey that the administration has sent out to students, following similar surveys dispersed in both 2015 and 2017. Students at the University — which is one of only 33 members of the Association of American Universities to participate in the 2019 Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct — are in a unique position to provide vital feedback about critical policies and procedures on Grounds.

The Association of American Universities, an organization of top research universities in the United States and Canada, distributed this survey to 33 of its members, including U.Va. The AAU is dedicated to finding comprehensive solutions to sexual assault and misconduct on college campuses. Specifically, the organization notes that this issue, “disproportionately affects college women and impedes their ability to participate fully in campus life.” This hinders upon educational equity, because those at risk of sexual violence

may have to place their physical and mental safety before their academic lives.

In 2015, only 25.5 percent of undergraduates and 28.8 percent of graduate students responded to the survey. There was an increase in re-

misconduct report. Furthermore, only eight percent of undergraduate female students answered that it is extremely likely that “University officials would take action against the offender(s).” This feedback reflects a lack of confidence in University offi-

terpersonal violence.” During a flash seminar on sexual misconduct policies in October 2018, Babb expressed optimism at the positive trend when comparing the data results from the 2015 and 2017 climate survey reports. Not only was there an increase in the

ty staffs can help prevent and deal with sexual assault on campuses. For example, the AAU recommends that schools have Title IX coordinators and that their offices create mandatory staff training programs. Nevertheless, the 2019 climate survey hopes to shine light on both the accessibility of these programs and students’ knowledge about the resources available to them through the University and Title IX office.

Sexual assault and misconduct are extremely pertinent issues, especially for college students. The University should be commended for its strives to elicit feedback about its role in the prevention and handling of cases involving these matters, but these attempts will make no tangible difference without student input. Participating in this survey not only aids the University improve the programs it has in place, but it makes a positive impact on those on Grounds who may benefit from both prevention and trauma-aid programs.

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sponse rates in the 2017 report, with 55.9 percent of undergraduate and 50.9 graduate responses. While this is an impressive increase, having more student input for the 2019 survey will only improve the new policies with which the University can respond. Despite the response rate, the survey illustrates doubt in University officials to handle these types of cases.

According to the 2017 report, only 12 percent of undergraduate female students answered that it is “extremely likely” that “University officials would conduct a fair investigation” in the case of a sexual assault/

cial concerns concerning sexual assault and misconduct cases. These statistics are particularly concerning considering that only 20 percent of college-age women report sexual violence to law enforcement and only 32 percent of non-female college-age individuals make these reports.

Emily Babb, assistant vice president for Title IX Compliance and Title IX coordinator, finds that the surveys have done a lot to help the office improve its policies and procedures. The Title IX office deals with cases related to “sexual and gender-based harassment and other forms of in-

number of students who answered that it is “likely” or “extremely likely” to be supported by other students if they were to make a report, but Babb reported that the percentage of students that felt sexual misconduct is a significant problem on Grounds fell between 2015 and 2017.

Babb looked to the improvements that the Title IX office has made as a potential reason for these optimistic statistics. For example, the office has implemented in person trainings for students and employees. These programs coincide with the AAU’s recommendations on how universi-

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HUMOR

To the U.Va. Populace,

I would like to address a crisis that has been plaguing our University, nay, our country as a whole. It is the rise of the electric scooter, better known as the Lime and the Bird — but the Birds for some reason are far less irritating, so I won't be talking about them.

The first time I saw an electric scooter was, like, two years ago, and it was just some guy zipping up McCormick with a giant battery/engine (?) taped to what looked like a mid-2000s Razor scooter. You know, the one you had when you were nine years old, and when it hit your ankle you experienced all nine levels of hell simultaneously. He also had on just about every type of pro-

tective padding one can wear, just to complete your mental picture.

Then, suddenly, these black and green electric scooters were everywhere — riding on the downtown mall, stopped outside Nau-Gibson, parked in the very clear “DO NOT PARK, YOU WILL BE TOWED” sign outside my apartment. (Spoiler alert: they were not towed. ‘Twas a sad day.) One was even parked inside a New Cabell girls’ bathroom, or so I’ve been told.

And then, the problem escalated. These daredevil scooterers gained some confidence and began to ride the vehicular equivalent of a stick-bug up and down some major roads at a whopping 15 miles per hour. The thing is they could definitely ride on the side of the road since they’re so narrow, but they insist on being just over enough that an at-

tempt to pass them on the Corner would lead to a squished stick bug. It’s almost as irritating as when you’re stopped at a pedestrian crossing and the pedestrians continuously run to the crossing to be able to cross in front of you. It’s like, you could have just walked like a normal person and kept your heart rate steady, and I could’ve gotten to class on time. But alas.

Now, the scooter fad has spread. These new charge-per-ride electric scooters have taken over not just Charlottesville but our nation as a whole. News articles from outlets like CNN, the Washington Post, and CBS have published pieces on the effects of Lime scooters and Birds from San Francisco to Miami. Many of these effects, you’ve guessed it, are hospital visits.

These issues aren’t only prob-

lematic for car drivers attempting to drive behind what is the speed equivalent of a 90-year-old snake that is texting while driving, but also for the scooterers themselves. Let’s not forget that the Lime company itself recently released a statement saying that its scooters have a technological glitch that causes sudden uncontrollable breaking when they’re ridden downhill at top speed. It’s almost like they said, “What is the worst possible thing we could make these scooters do?” It also sounds like something college students with ample access to large hills would do. Have you ever wondered how many electric scooter-related injuries University Hospital and Student Health have treated? I have. If anyone has that information, hit me up.

So to my community, this is my plea — if you must ride your

stick bugs to get to class on time, to watch the game at Boylan or for a late night Croads run, I implore that you not do so in the middle of the street because you are so tiny and unprotected, and I have about as much faith in you as a squirrel in the middle of the road.

Sincerely,
Most People

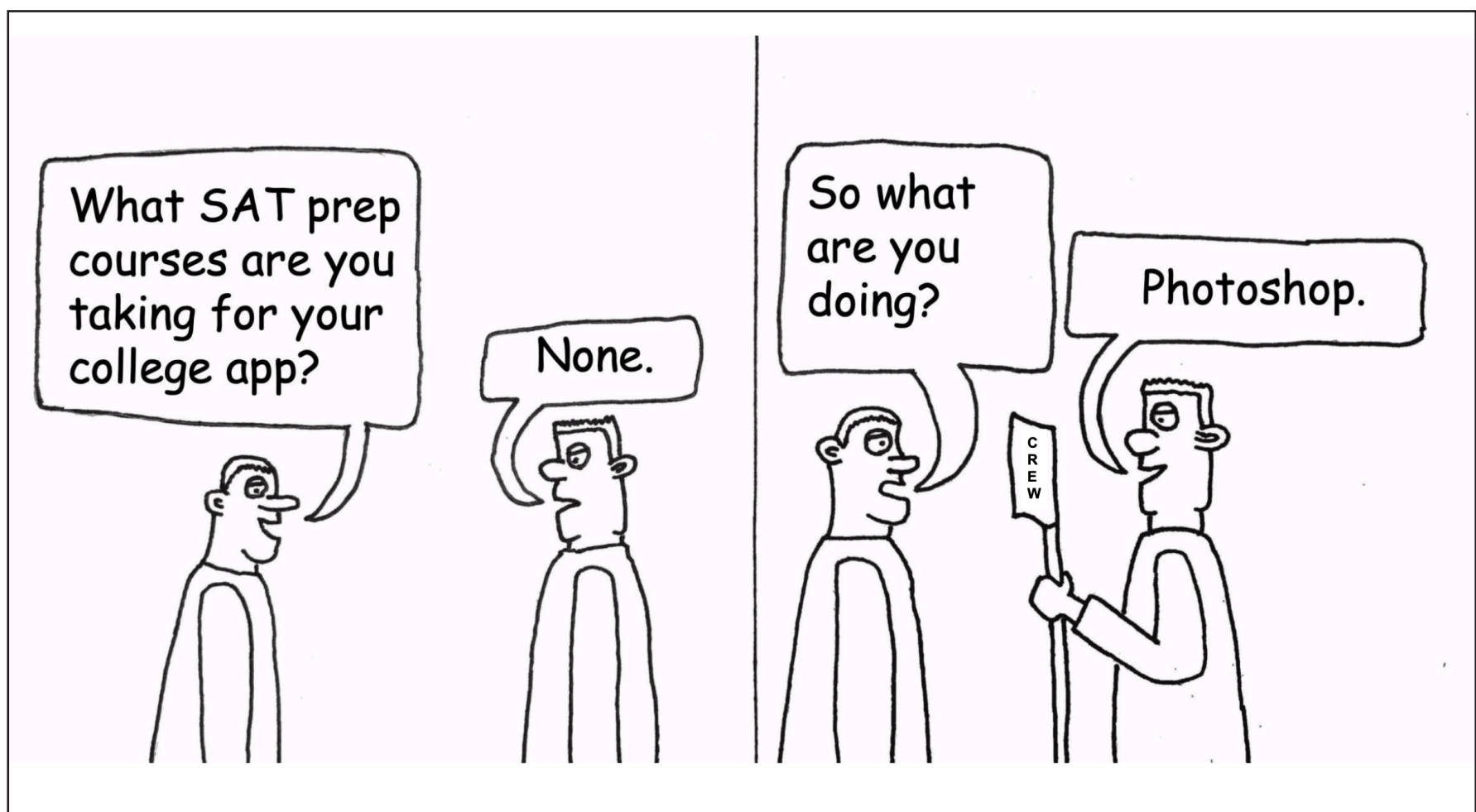
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WTJU relocates to Ivy Road studio

The student radio station's new location represents a broader community focus

Max Patten | Senior Writer

The American college experience is iconically defined in popular culture by several universal markers — lively Greek life, hip campus coffee shops and of course, the cultural force of a student-run radio station. WTJU — and its companion, entirely student-run sister station WXTJ — have served as the University's broadcasters for over 60 years since its founding in 1957.

The radio station finished moving its headquarters Saturday from the common area of the Lambeth Field Apartments — where it has broadcasted from there since 2000 — to a new space at 2244 Ivy Road. The new location is off-Grounds — making commuting a slightly more difficult endeavor for student DJs. As a larger space with a built-in performance stage, it was chosen to meet the needs of a growing station that is trying to be more community-focused.

WTJU hopes in this new era of its existence to collaborate with performers, student CIOs and members of the Charlottesville community as a whole.

"We're at our best when we are the ... bright shining thread that runs through the fabric of our community," said General Manager Nathan Moore, who joined WTJU in 2011 after working in national radio.

To inaugurate their new space officially, WTJU hosted an Open House event on Saturday and distributed free t-shirts and stickers to a diverse crowd of Charlottesville residents, families, University students and volunteers coming together to celebrate the station's milestone.

Guests entered the first floor area, home to the new performance stage where just last week WTJU broke a Guinness World Record the week prior by having over 80 DJs hosting one radio show. Fitting so many bodies in one recording space was only possible because of the 2,600 square feet of room now available to the radio station. The move cost half a million dollars in total, and Moore said that \$300,000 of the funds came from the University directly, with the rest being fundraised on air.

Coming from the confined and dimly lit environment of the Lambeth Field Apartments, the new studio lets in ample light and provides plenty of space for WTJU to grow into. The station hopes to push radio forward and pursue in-person events.

While the new station headquarters provide a more pleasing and well-lit view to the eye, some



MAX PATTEN | THE CAVALIER DAILY

Charlottesville radio staple WTJU has big goals and a new space to achieve them in.

felt conflicted about losing the character of the former Lambeth location.

"I loved the dark-stained wood tables, the low lighting, the minimal wall space because of all the posters and art, the privacy [in the old studio]," said first-year College student and DJ Caroline Hullman. "It felt lived in, and I miss that."

The new features like "brighter walls, un-stained wood, a big window" provide what Hullman feels is a new character of its own that student DJ's like her will likely have to get used to as the station adapts to new priorities beyond traditional radio. She values the added feeling of legitimacy of "not being as dependent on U.Va." by virtue of being off-Grounds — even if much of the move was financed by the University, funds WTJU. The station is also backed by additional funds from private donors.

"I think for radio to adapt and serve as this cultural institution going forward it has to be not just on-air but also online and in-person," said Moore. "While Lamberth served us very well, it was a struggle to grow that in-person part in a dorm complex."

Moore added that an in-person focus would not take away from the station's music and radio legacy.

"We have a foot in both and we're really proud to be a bridge between those two," he said.

In addition to the legacy equipment brought in from Lambeth, WTJU now has access to a more digital and modern suite of tools and technology that will enable new types of content production, such as student-led podcasting efforts.

The station's newer facilities are high-tech, but Moore said they like to envision themselves as "technology-agnostic," viewing the new equipment as a tool providing opportunities for more free creation as opposed to being benefits in their own right. The bulk of excitement centers around the forward-thinking potential that the Ivy Road location presents, though several student DJ's expressed mixed feelings about the move.

"I will miss being on Grounds," said DJ and second-year college student Mara Guyer. "I think there's still some frustration about feeling pushed out and some nostalgia for the station where all the current student DJs started out."

Second year College student and DJ Gabrielle Ringer mentioned missing the unique culture of the classic Lambeth headquarters.

"It was covered in art that students made, posters, and stickers from bands that came to Charlottesville," she said.

Guyer, who has access to a car, finds getting to Ivy Road is not significantly harder, but she worries

about the proposition for students without a vehicle.

"For DJs without access to a car and with show hours that don't line up with the bus schedule, accessibility is a frustrating problem to tackle mid-semester," said Guyer.

For drivers, a parking lot offers a welcome upgrade from Lambeth, but not everyone will benefit from the new arrangement.

"There are parking spaces so it's easier to drive to, but not as pedestrian, bike, or public transport friendly," said Ringer, mentioning the added burden the new location places on car-less commuters.

Beyond site accessibility concerns, Guyer and Wringer both expressed general optimism for the new resources and opportunities available to the station and its volunteers.

"I'm definitely excited to make use of the performance space downstairs, especially since we can play that sound over the air on WXTJ," said Guyer. "The phone in the old studio could be unreliable, too, so I'm [also] excited by the prospect of taking more calls and experimenting more with that side of our show."

The Open House event on Saturday served as a celebration of the station managing to get through the big move and to break a Guinness World Record the week before. That celebration was open

and accessible to the community, with free food and artisanal sodas served out of kegs as tours of the new space were provided.

"We can make this a really nice home and it can be a really nice home that we can share with our broader community," said Moore.

Guests gathered not just for t-shirts and food, but to celebrate a local radio scene that WTJU serves to keep alive. Moore recognizes the importance of these social events and general public engagement, describing what he admits is a corny but useful motto, "A community radio station doesn't get very far without a community."

With the half-million dollar move completed, Moore's WTJU hopes to continue growing into what it envisions as its future potential. Student DJ's are not pleased with the logistical situation but find reason to be hopeful with the new resources available to them.

"I'm optimistic that we will find different ways to make and celebrate art in this new space," said Guyer.

Having recently finished the intensive process of moving, student volunteers like Guyer also have practical reasons to celebrate the occasion.

"I'm looking forward to getting Italian food at the place next door," she added.

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HEALTH & SCIENCE

‘Write Climate’ tackles climate change

Major art installation seeking to raise climate change awareness will be revealed on Earth Day

Ilyas Saltani | Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Environmental Sciences Prof. Deborah Lawrence aimed to intersect the arts and sciences to inform the public about the changing planet. Through her course EVSC 1559, “Write Climate, Right Climate,” Lawrence helped students use literary, artistic and activist means to create a display in the Mural Room of Clark Hall to raise awareness for climate change. This semester is the first time the course has partnered with a local artist to create the culminating display.

“The goal is to try and use art to create some awareness around climate change, a commitment to do something about it and a sense of community,” Lawrence said. “You don’t want to do anything if you’re not feeling connected and if you don’t feel like it’s your job, so we try to take that message out and around Grounds.”

Lawrence’s course convenes in the spring semester, and for the past three weeks, her students tabled around grounds to collect the voices of 1200 of their peers on little pieces of paper.

“We’ve asked community members at U.Va. to write down ... something about how they feel about climate change, what they’re doing about it, do they have questions, you know, their concerns,” said Amanda Nelson, the artist helping Prof. Lawrence and the class on this project. “It’s either a scientific statement, a policy statement or individual statement about climate change.”

Hannah Hervey, first-year College student in EVSC 1559, said that she appreciated getting to know what the University as a whole thinks about climate change. After reading these individual slips of paper, she felt that she was helping connect the community around this topic.

“I’m taking the individual thoughts and ideas from people that play some role in the U.Va. community and literally combining them all together to make a bigger statement about the environment,” Hervey said in an email statement sent to The Cavalier Daily. “[It] is not only a beautiful concept in itself but also symbolic of how we need to come together as a com-



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munity on this issue if we want to make a significant change.”

The class changed its approach to addressing climate change this year by expanding its footprint with a two-step reveal as opposed to last year’s single Clark Hall display. Specifically, students worked alongside Nelson to artistically compile the University community’s notes into a preliminary “teaser” and plan to showcase their major installation at a surprise location on-Grounds on Earth Day, April 22.

The preliminary piece — found in the Clark Hall Mural Room — consists of four panels covered with policy statements and scientific investigations all relating to climate change. The community notes were incorporated into the panels by shaping them into numbers that read the year “2030.”

Nelson explained that this layout was significant to attracting the audience’s attention and inspiring them to think about their actions.

She described the questions that inspired this layout.

“Is it next year that means it’s urgent, is it in the next 11 years, is it now?” Nelson said. “Is it a number, is it a phrase? What invites curiosity, but also empowers action?”

The display’s layout also complements the project’s goal of using impactful art to connect with community members but also to serve as a call to action for the urgency of climate change.

“We’ve tried to look at different websites and different texts — and how you present truth, you know, in science ... without scaring people away,” Nelson said. “To try and invite conversation by trying to not be overly didactic but also not be binary. It’s not you are with us or you’re against us, it’s just let’s have a conversation because this is really important to me, and I feel it’s very urgent.”

Another way this project expanded from last year was with the

formation of the Write Climate Club. Brian Hnat — a third-year College student and president of Write Climate who took EVSC 1559 last spring — talked about how it was difficult to maintain momentum of the productive class within the confines of a classroom.

“We realized that we needed a club to do the things that the class couldn’t do, which included being a little more politically active,” Hnat said.

The club published a website, maintains a social media presence, has led meetings to write to members of Congress advocating their support for the Green New Deal and plans to write on Beta Bridge soon. While the club has a sizeable cohort, Hnat said that that it is always welcoming passionate, new members.

In the future, Lawrence hopes to expand the model of Write Climate and her course to other schools and campuses. Lawrence aims to first

reach local high schools next year to teach them how to create similar projects or even start their own club chapters.

Regardless of her target audience, she wants everyone to be mindful of how their actions contribute to the changing planet.

“Ultimately, we want to write climate for the right climate,” Lawrence said. “It’s something we wanted people to do and think about everyday.”

As a scientist working with an artist and University students, Lawrence hopes the project’s emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration persists through the years.

“Science can only tell us so much about where we need to go, and ultimately, the conversation on climate change has to be bigger than just the science,” Lawrence said. “We have to engage people in a way that gets them thinking and gets them reflecting on what they value.”



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