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## Countdown to Winter Break

Charlottesville illuminated its 22-foot holiday tree Friday evening to kick off the season.



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## Gun purchases rise; crime falls

*VCU Prof. Thomas Baker's analysis shows inverse correlation between firearm sales, gun violence*

By **Julia Horowitz**  
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A recent analysis by Virginia Commonwealth University Prof. Thomas R. Baker shows that selling more guns does not necessarily equal more crime.

At the request of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Baker studied Virginia state crime data and gun-dealer sales estimates from 2006 to 2011. Whereas gun purchases rose by 73 percent

during the six-year period, the number of gun-related violent crimes fell by 24 percent.

The falling crime rate has little to do with more people buying guns, Charlottesville Police Lt. Ronnie Roberts said. "Police departments across the country are taking a more proactive approach [to crime] and are [undergoing] more collaborative efforts on the state

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## School sees bomb threat

An anonymous bomb threat was called in to Monticello High School at 8:15 a.m. Monday. Albemarle County Police do not have any information about a suspect, but students were given the all-clear to reenter the building by 11:45 a.m. Officials did not find a bomb in the school.

School officials quickly alerted police to the threat, Albemarle County Police spokesperson Carter Johnson said. "School officials were on scene this morning and got [the bomb threat] call around 8:15 [a.m.]," Johnson said. "We took the appropriate

steps to close down the school, evacuate the students, and begin the search."

K-9 units from University Police, County Police, State Police and Capital Police led the search efforts, Johnson said.

The county fire marshal's office is taking the lead in the follow-up investigation, Johnson said. But no information is ready to be released publicly, Assistant Fire Marshal Elie Jones said.

"We're still gathering facts," Jones said. "I'm hoping to have something I can release [on Tuesday]."

Students were evacuated to the

school's football field and then to Cale Elementary School because of cold temperatures, Johnson said.

"The call was certainly made, but the [bomb] wasn't found there," Johnson said. "We wouldn't have allowed students back in the building if there was a threat" or if a device had been found but removed from the building.

Monticello High School has 1,096 students in grades nine through 12 and 161 staff and faculty members, according to the school's website.

"Our first concern was clearing the building and making sure students and staff were safe," Johnson said.

—compiled by Joseph Liss



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Monticello High School received an anonymous bomb threat Monday morning. Students were given the all-clear to reenter the building later that day.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## SPORTS

## Virginia splits Puerto Rico tilts

*After upsetting No. 17 Vanderbilt, Cavaliers endure last-second loss to Syracuse at San Juan Shootout*



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Sophomore Sarah Imovbioh totaled 35 points in Virginia's two weekend games. During her first year of play the forward leads the team with 15 points a contest.

By **Michael Eilbacher**  
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Less than a second separated the Virginia women's basketball team from perfection Saturday, but even a last-second loss could not spoil the team's weekend at Puerto Rico, where it split games against No. 19 Vanderbilt

(3-3) and Syracuse (6-0). The Cavaliers (4-1) powered past a tough Vanderbilt team Friday in a 73-66 victory, thanks in large part to junior forward Jazmin Pitts' 20 points off the bench.

"It was a great weekend for

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## Cavs suffer sweep at Tech

The Virginia volleyball team brought a tumultuous season to a disappointing end Friday, suffering a sweep to Virginia Tech.

The Cavaliers (9-22, 3-17 ACC) opened the season with five freshman players and a new head coach, Dennis Hohenshelt. After dropping its first six conference home matches, the team went 3-2 to end its home schedule, including a Senior Night win against Boston College.

The Cavaliers then dropped consecutive road games to NC State and North Carolina but hoped to salvage a final win Friday against their in-state rivals.

The season finale against the Hokies (16-14, 9-11 ACC) opened with a first-set thriller featuring six ties and two lead changes. Down 23-18, Virginia tallied five straight points to even the score. The teams traded points up to 26-26

before Virginia Tech broke the stalemate for a 28-26 victory.

In the second set the Cavaliers saw a 4-2 lead evaporate into a 9-4 deficit. Virginia ultimately lost the round 25-14. The Hokies finished the 3-0 sweep with a 25-17 win in the third set.

Senior middle Jessica O'Shoney recorded eight kills and junior libero Emily Rottman led the team with 12 digs, but the Hokies held Virginia to a mere .059 hitting percentage on the match.

—compiled by Peter Nance

## SPORTS IN BRIEF



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Coach Dennis Hohenshelt finished 9-22 in his debut season for the Cavaliers. After a rocky start to conference play, the Cavaliers won three of their next five games before struggling on the road to end the campaign.

## A plea for civility

"J-E-T-S! Jets! Jets! Jets!" Whether or not you identify with Gang Green fans, you have almost certainly heard their signature chant.

And though the chant will live on, the fan who created it will not. Ed Anzalone — better known to Jets fans as "Fireman Ed" — hung up his fireman's helmet after leaving before halftime during the Jets' crushing Thanksgiving

Day defeat to the Patriots.

Anzalone wrote a guest column for Metro New York explaining his character's retirement. The 4-7 Jets' poor play this season did not drive him out. During his fandom, which stretches back to 1975, Anzalone has witnessed 10 seasons in which New York amassed four wins or fewer

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for the entire campaign, and 15 losing seasons in total. One more losing season was unlikely to break the camel's back.

Anzalone blamed his departure on the rest of the Jets' faithful, saying confrontations with other fans "have become more common."

He believes much of the heat directed his way stems from his

support of quarterback Mark Sanchez, who many Jets fans feel isn't the right choice for the franchise. Anzalone wrote that because he wears a Sanchez jersey and supports the former USC quarterback, other fans think he is "on the [Jets'] payroll."

Anzalone said he will still attend games — just not dressed as Fireman Ed.

Fireman Ed's retirement reflects the unfortunate evolution of today's fans and raises questions about their proper role in sports. There have always been "superfans" — supporters who voice their opinions louder than the rest, who wear their hearts on the sleeve of their team apparel — but their hard-core

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# McDonnell unlikely to call special session

Governor, General Assembly at odds about health insurance exchange formulations; program must comply with Affordable Care Act

**By Emily Hutt**  
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell will likely not call a special session of the Virginia General Assembly to formulate a state-based health insurance exchange despite requests from state legislators.

The General Assembly in 2011 approved a bill requiring the commonwealth to create and operate its own health benefits exchange to “preserve and enhance competition in the health insurance market.”

The plan for the state-exchange program would meet the federal requirements established in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. U.S. Secretary of Health and

Human Services Kathleen Sebelius earlier this month sent letters to state governors granting them an additional month to submit a plan for their health insurance exchanges. States now have until Dec. 14 of this year.

The governor, however, did not deem it necessary to call an additional meeting before the General Assembly reconvenes Jan. 9, when Sebelius’ deadline will already have passed.

“Governor McDonnell believes there’s absolutely no need for a special session,” McDonnell Deputy Press Secretary Paul Logan said. “More importantly, the states are waiting for additional guidelines and we’re hopeful that we’ll have that [in a few weeks].”

McDonnell recently indicated the state may resort to a federal exchange because of what he is concerned is a lack of information given about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The governor’s office has requested additional data about the federal health program’s effects on the commonwealth’s already strained finances.

“The governor has sent numerous emails to Secretary Sebelius but hasn’t yet felt like he’s received an adequate response,” Logan said.

Legislators are unsure about how to fund the program, regardless of its state or federal exchange status. On top of costs for Medicaid and additional, state-funded health provisions, some governors have questions

about whether state governments can sustain additional costs.

“We don’t know exactly what it will cost Virginia,” Logan said.

State Sen. R. Creigh Deeds, D-Charlottesville, said legislators who favor the state-based exchange called for the special session to develop a plan designed for Virginians’ specific needs, in contrast with the more generalized federal exchange.

“The reason why it makes sense for us to have a state exchange is we’re making rules that are affecting our doctors,” Deeds said. “If we don’t have a state exchange we’re going to be stuck in a one-size fits all program, and it just makes

more sense for us if we’re going to have any control at all to have a state exchange.”

Logan said the state’s decision will comply with the Patient Protect and Affordable Care Act regardless of the route it decides to take.

The deadline extension will not affect the plan’s implementation timeline. The Department of Health and Human Services is required by law to ensure each state is ready to open an exchange by 2014.

“Consumers in all fifty states and the District of Columbia will have access to insurance through these new marketplaces on January 1, 2014, as scheduled, with no delays,” Sebelius said in her letter to state governors.

# University doctor cautions against bath salts

Holstege says maligned psychoactive stimulant compound outsmarts drug screenings; predicts more designer drugs to come

**By Alexander Stock**  
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

A University doctor and poison expert is speaking out against the dangers of bath salts and other synthetic drugs. Bath salts — a street name for drugs containing mephedrone and other psychoactive stimulants — affects users in ways similar to amphetamines and cocaine.

It first appeared in Europe in 2009 and became prominent in the U.S. in late 2010.

In early 2011 nearly 600 people each month were calling U.S. poison control centers after taking the drug, said Christopher Holstege, an associate professor in the department of emergency medicine and the director of the Blue Ridge Poison Control Center.

The drug’s preparation by “illegal street chemists” makes it difficult to pin down the substance’s chemical makeup, said Zane Horowitz, medical director of the Oregon Poison Center at the Oregon Health & Science University. “Nobody really knows [the chemical makeup], because there is no way to test

for these substances,” Horowitz said.

Synthetic drug manufacturers aim to stay a step ahead of federal drug laws. When bath salts first came to the United States, they were new and completely legal.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration last October reclassified mephedrone, a compound found in bath salts, as a Schedule I substance, citing the drug’s high potential for abuse.

Data suggests the use of bath salts is declining after its criminalization, but Holstege said the next concern is “what new synthetics will replace [bath salts]”

Many still use designer drugs such as bath salts to get a high because they are not detectable using drug screenings. “It’s going to be very hard to make sure people aren’t abusing these [substances],” Holstege said.

“Marked agitation” is a prominent symptom of bath salts use, Holstege said. Users are known to fight police and become delusional, he added.

Users are also likely to experience serious health effects.

Adverse effects to the liver, kidneys, heart and brain are all common. Because the drug is often acquired through the Internet and imported , it is difficult for the government to track.

“To society as a whole, there’s a tremendous danger here,” Holstege said.

University Police Officer Angela Tabler, the unit’s community service and crime prevention coordinator, said she has not run into any cases of people using bath salts in Charlottesville or Albemarle County.

# Startup Va. launches six-city tour at Darden

National initiative aims to strengthen, motivate local communities, enlist local entrepreneurs, foster high-growth companies

**By Abby Mergenmeier**  
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

The Darden School was the first stop in Startup Virginia’s six-city tour across the state Monday afternoon, drawing a crowd eager to discuss Charlottesville’s future plans to create what entrepreneurial enthusiasts called “strong startup ecosystems.”

Startup Virginia, a community of Virginia entrepreneurs and investors launched in January, aims to support new business ventures. “Through Startup

America Regions, like Startup Virginia, we are working with entrepreneurs in local communities to help them craft bold visions for the future of their local ecosystems, bring them resources ... and highlight their successes,” Donna Harris, managing director of Startup Regions for the Startup America Partnership, said in an email.

The Darden School event featured speakers such as Aneesh Chopra, former White House Chief Technology Officer; Thomas Skalak, the University’s

vice president for research; and Mark Crowell, executive director of U.Va. Innovation and associate vice president for research.

Charlottesville was selected as the tour’s kickoff location because of its status as a potential hub for entrepreneurship.

“When you think about how jobs have been created in our nation, we tend to think of really big corporations,” Harris said. “But the data shows that it’s actually young, high-growth companies that are responsible for nearly all net new job creation in the U.S. in the last 30 years.”

The Virginia Innovation Partnership — a fund that supports startups and is managed by the University, Virginia Tech and SRI International, an independent, nonprofit research institute — received a \$1 million federal grant in September as part of the Department of Commerce’s i6 Challenge, an annual initiative promoting innovation-based entrepreneurial projects.

Two University student groups pitched original business concepts to the room as part of the event’s agenda.

First-year College student Evan Slotnick was a team leader of one of the groups.

“The insight the panel of business professionals had was terrific for any aspiring entrepreneur,” Slotnick said. “We got some great tips from many people with very interesting and successful business backgrounds.”

Startup Virginia also plans to stop off in Arlington, Blacksburg, Hampton Roads, Richmond and Roanoke.

# Guns | Correlation does not equal causation, Toscano says

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and local level,” Roberts said. “More than anything else, this is impacting the crime rate. If you look across the country, crime rates are down in big cities too, not just Virginia.”

Local gun store owner Greg Armstrong, however, said he saw the rise in firearm sales as a major factor in deterring crime. “More criminals and predators are realizing that people have the ability to defend themselves with lethal force,” Armstrong said. “They

are looking for victims, not people who have decided they are not going to be a victim.”

Armstrong said he has noticed a steady increase in gun sales since 2005.

Property crime and violent crime in the Albemarle region fell from 2,208 to 1,736 cases between 2005 and 2011, a 21.4 percent drop, according to Albemarle County Police.

The numbers reflect a wider trend statewide. Between 2006 and 2011 violent crime dropped from 23,431 cases to 18,196 cases.

State police estimate there were 420,829 gun purchases in 2011, a marked increase from 243,251 purchases in 2006.

Philip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, a gun-rights organization, described what he calls the “perfect storm” for increased gun purchases. Black Friday this year, for example, set a new record for retail gun sales, as 154,873 federal background checks — a common indicator of retail gun sales — were conducted that day.

Van Cleave said one possible

reason for the recent rise in gun purchases was the election and recent reelection of President Barack Obama.

“Our president as a senator in Illinois had a very bad record as far as promoting gun rights,” Van Cleave said. “When he was elected, people decided some things might be coming our way ... it’s no longer just the sporting and hunting people that are buying guns. More people are buying it for self-defense.”

Delegate David J. Toscano, D-Charlottesville, stood by his

stance on gun control.

“Decreasing crime rates are a function of a lot of things,” Toscano said. “All the studies indicate that the rise and fall of the crime rate has very little to do with gun purchases.”

The recent findings will not affect the state’s future gun policy, Toscano said. “There is a difference between what people call correlation and causation,” he noted. “There may be a correlation, but that does not mean that one causes the other. People need to remember this.”



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# AROUND THE ACC

and standout defensive end Jadeveon Clowney silenced the typically explosive Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd for a 27-17 win and the fourth consecutive victory in the rivalry.

—compiled by Ashley Robertson

## IN BRIEF

Dillon Harding  
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Aboushi, meanwhile, not only claimed the ACC accolade but also received an early invitation to the 2013 Senior Bowl, which includes the nation's top players at each position. Aboushi entered the year as a pre-season All-American and graded out at better than 90 percent in all 12 games. He averaged more than 10 knockdowns per game while anchoring an offensive line that allowed the conference's second-fewest sacks.

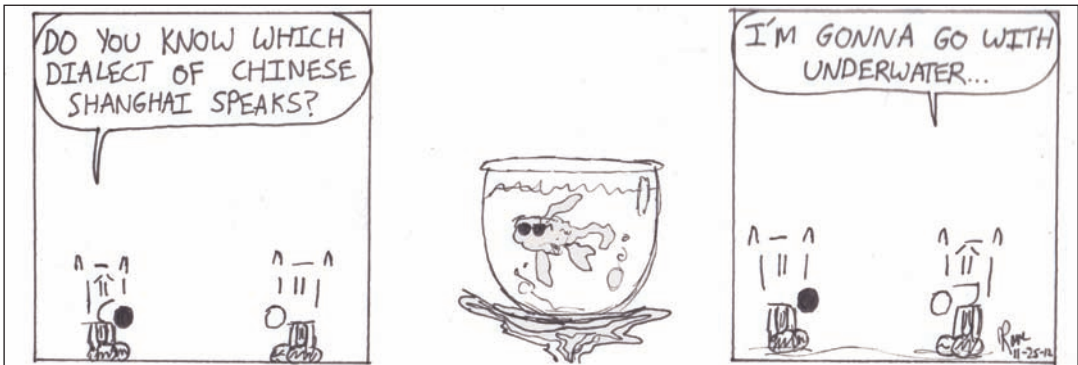
"We have to learn from it, move forward, but not forget it," Boyle said.

By all means, wear your logoed apparel, and wear your heart on your sleeve. Just remember that, as Winston said, the athletes who cheer or boo — and the management that puts those teams together — are people too.

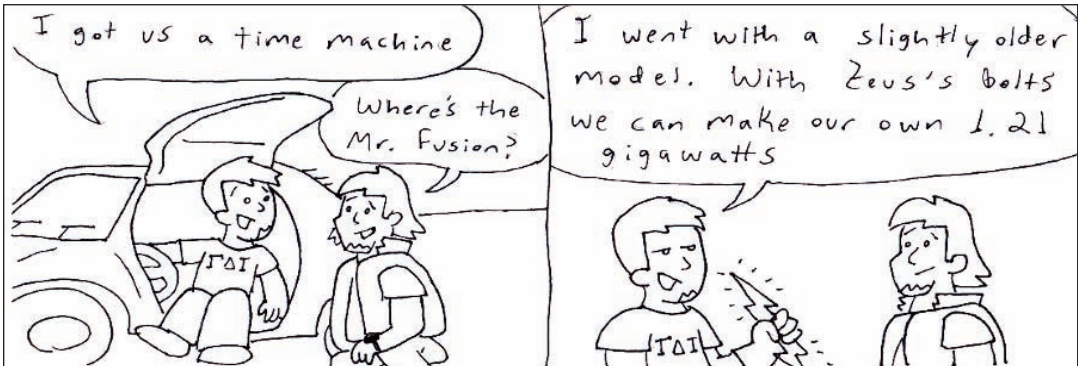
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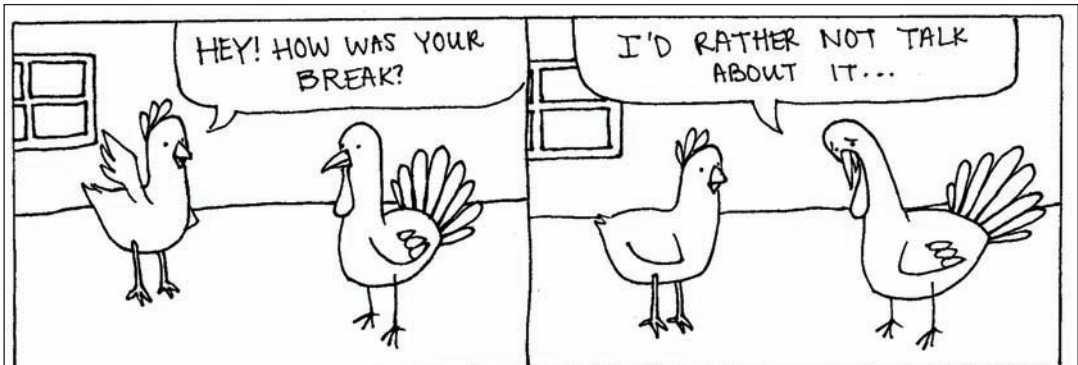
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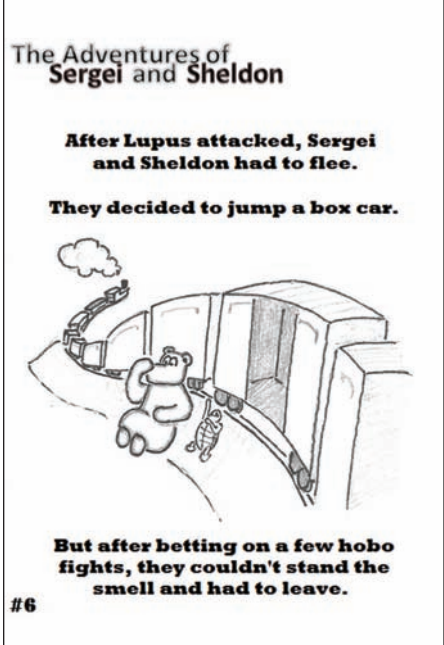
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be doing your creative deeds alongside people who work in a more structured way than you do. You can appreciate different working styles and you get along with everyone around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even as you spend time with family, play and socialize, thoughts about your work and finances dance through your head. Relax and let your subconscious finagle the details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's validating to connect with someone who thinks like you, but it's when you talk to those who don't think like you that real understanding begins. You're able to expand your mind and heart to include other points of view.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be exposed to materialistic attitudes and tempted to buy into the idea that the luxuries in life all cost big money. It's not true! Find priceless beauty around you. Remember that you are more than what you earn or own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Inspiration strikes. The heat of the moment is something not to be wasted. Once you know what you want, move quickly before you lose your initial enthusiasm. Over-thinking is dangerous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in high demand. Many people are counting on your arrival to their gathering, and for good reason. You are a jolt of energy, spreading the kind of warmth that puts people at ease.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a talented futurist. You think ahead and anticipate what people will need. You are also the one to decide what will be the most pleasurable endeavor for yourself and those around you.

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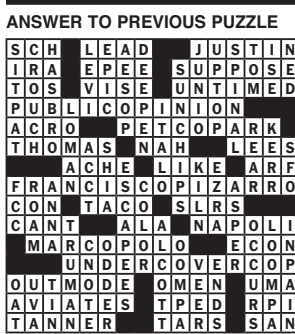
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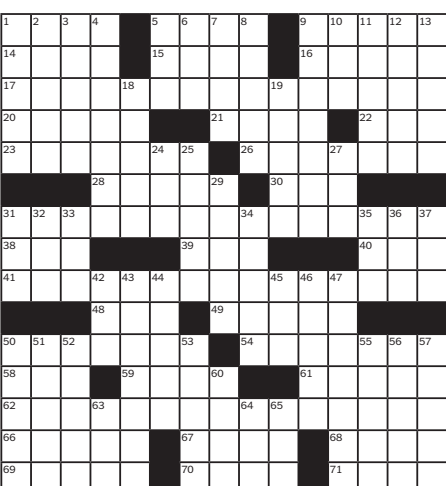
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# Difference in degree

*A plan in Florida to charge higher tuition for humanities majors would unfairly disadvantage those students*

The future of higher education is not so sunny in Florida. The Blue Ribbon Task Force, organized by Florida Gov. Rick Scott, came to policymakers recently with an audacious recommendation: to charge differential tuition for majors at state universities. Although the notion of differential tuition is promising in other contexts, such as at the University’s Commerce School and Engineering School, the plan proposed in Florida would charge the highest rate for humanities. This logic goes against the standard deployment of differential tuition and would threaten the academics at public institutions in Florida.

Differential tuition is a measure to ensure that students enrolled in a certain school or program pay a higher price than their peers. Such is the case at the Commerce School, where students pay \$3,000 more in tuition annually. Similarly, in the Engineering School, students pay an additional \$32 per credit. There are a number of reasons why differential tuition most often occurs in the fields of business and science. First, the classes in these departments may require technological or laboratory equipment, thus the students pay fees to cover the cost of their usage. Also, the professors in these fields often have skill-sets that are appealing outside of academia, and increased tuition allows universities to pay these faculty more to keep their competitive salaries. And finally, the estimation that students in these majors will eventually receive more earnings is used as justification by universities that are looking to squeeze their students a little tighter for revenue not provided by states.

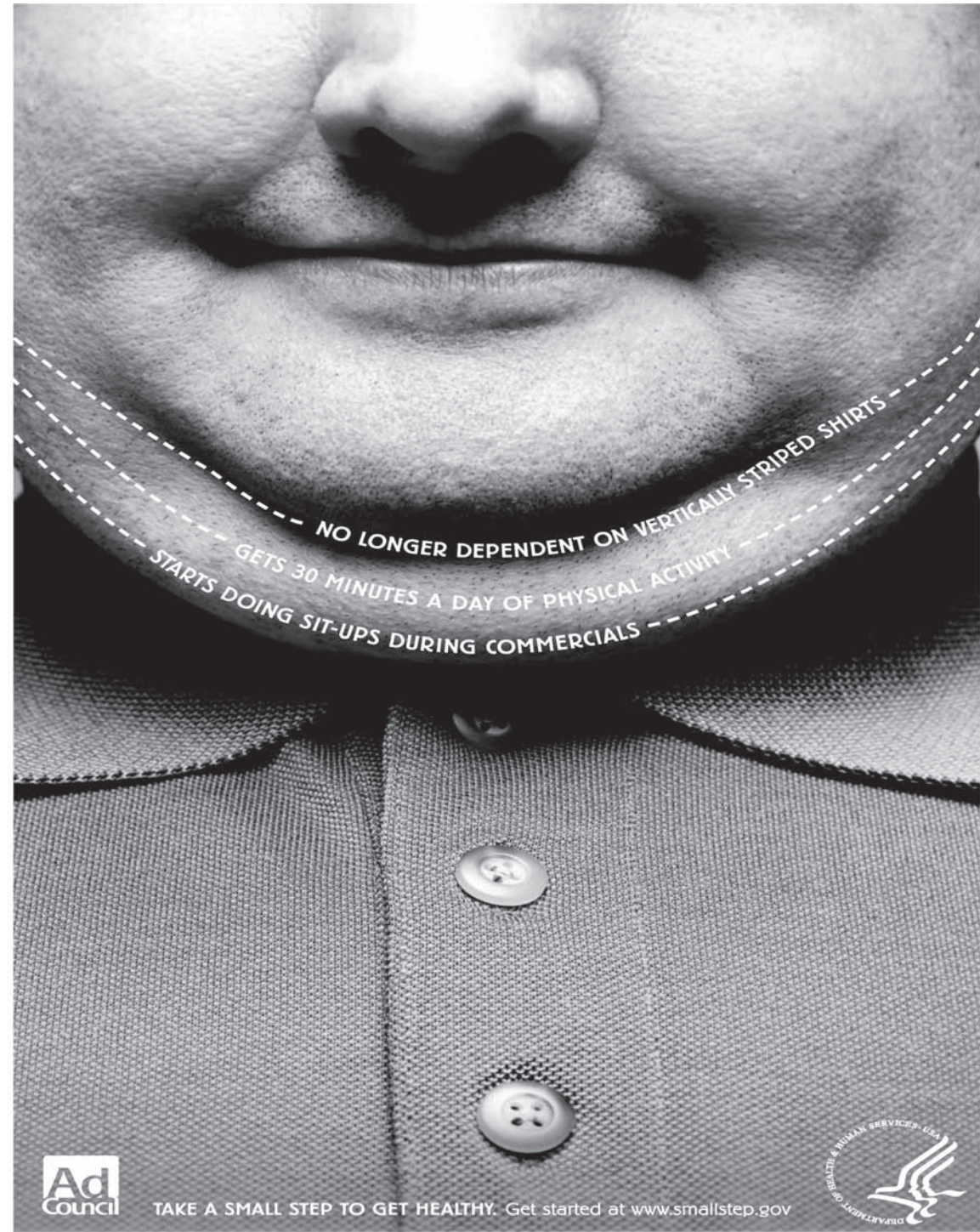
In presenting its plan, the Florida task force subscribed to a different reasoning. The seven-person task force of political appointees divided all majors into those they found “strategic” and those “non-strategic.” The strategic majors are those

that provide “high-skill, high-wage, high-demand (market determined strategic demand) degree programs,” and include no majors in the humanities but many in science and math. The task force then determined that it would be financially optimal for the state to charge a higher tuition rate for the non-strategic majors to decrease demand for those majors and increase demand for the strategic majors. This would entice more students to major in strategic fields. Most crucially, the tuition differential of the non-strategic majors would be directed to strategic programs.

This rationale, then, goes against the traditional line of assumptions about differential tuition. Instead of charging more for those programs that require more resources, the Florida task force suggests charging more for less expensive humanities majors and using the revenue to subsidize strategic programs. This, critics fear, would ignore the already overlooked and cash-strapped liberal arts all the while discouraging students from studying in the humanities. And why would they — under this program, students would be greatly incentivized to choose a cheaper and more “strategic” major.

The task force’s ideas, however, belie the actual value of liberal arts fields. Not only are there the standard arguments for the non-economic value of a humanities major, but employment statistics also reveal that the “non-strategic” majors are not drastically underperforming in the job market. Moreover, there is the notion of popularity — and though lawmakers may see a humanities degree as worthless, those students drawn to those fields in spite of the caveats should not have to pay any extra. Plus, if the humanities majors suddenly become more expensive, there could be fewer people trained in the ethical mindset necessary to administer law — a skill Florida legislators apparently need.

### Editorial Cartoon by Stephen Rowe



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“I agree with pretty much everything in the article. I love London and think he is a fantastic ambassador for the school. I do think with Tech, Carolina and a resurgent Miami, it will be tough to win the division in the near term – and I would just like to play in the ACC championship game one time in my life (I graduated in the late 80’s). Please.

*But I don’t see anyone better out there and I love what Coach London brings. That said, I will just add that if Coach does not acknowledge that the Hoos were not coached well enough this year, then the future is likely to be bleak. The special teams were atrocious and, while our returner had a nice couple of games at the start of the year and an ok finish, what was done in between was awful but we never made a move to find a replacement. The specialists were incredibly poor and showed no signs of improvement (and with no confidence in our kicker, there was an ill-advised fake FG attempt vs. VT that really was the turning point of the game).*

*All year long, the unsung biggest issue (in my opinion) with the team was the poor play of the O-line, expected to be a strength with two stud (and probably over-hyped) tackles. Coupled with some disappointing drop-offs from one of the RB’s and a QB (no doubt shellshocked from the yo-yo treatment) and we lost many games we should have won (though of course PSU and arguably Miami are two we were fortunate to win). In addition, 3 of our L’s were blowouts.*

*So I hope there is much soul-searching done. I felt so great after last year and now my good feelings are mostly about having a great person and leader than any expectation that the Hoos will win the Coastal soon.”*

“Jay,” responding to Ashley Robertson’s Nov. 24 column. “I believe in Coach London.”

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# Playing fair

*Sports articles about Virginia football coach Mike London should have offered him a chance to comment*

RED SMITH, one of the great est sports writers of all time, was among those who called the sports section the toy department of the newspaper business — a harmless diversion tucked behind stories about crime and politics and serious issues. But in Smith’s day — or for many of his days — professional athletes were often paid little enough that they took blue collar jobs in the off-season to help pay their mortgages or buy their children’s shoes. Now, of course, it’s common for an athlete to make more than many small businesses. Once upon a time, Babe Ruth had to justify his making \$5,000 more than the president of the United States. (“I had a better year than he did,” the Bambino said.) Last season, Alex Rodriguez’s compensation eclipsed the president’s before A-Rod was three games into the season.

Even among amateurs, the stakes are pretty high. Nearly every college athletics department spends more money than it makes — even including the fees students are required to pay.

Yet athletes often get free educations and lots of perquisites,

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OMBUDSMAN

and coaches pull down millions of dollars. And journalists — college and professional — spend hours and hours writing and talking and debating what goes on collegiate athletic fields. The Cavaliers’ most recent loss to Virginia Tech’s football team has spawned one story, two columns and a whole bunch of online comments and tweets through The Cavalier Daily alone.

Fritz Metzinger’s game day story (“Virginia loses season-ending heartbreaker to Tech,” Nov. 24) began a theme that’s run through most, if not all of what followed. Metzinger wrote: “Controversial time-management from Coach Mike London in the buildup to [Hokie kicker Cody] Journell’s game-winner overshadowed a mostly stout defensive performance for the Cavaliers ... With the Hokies (6-6, 4-4 ACC) facing third and seven at the Virginia 10 with slightly more than a minute remaining following a costly interception by Cavalier junior quarterback Michael Rocco, London elected against using either of his team’s two remaining timeouts. As a result, Virginia Tech was able to run the clock down to 0:04 for Jour-

nell’s attempt — at which point London called both timeouts in an apparent effort to ‘ice’ the kicker.”

In his column two days later, (“An avoidable collapse,” Nov. 26) Metzinger wrote of the “Virginia coaching staff’s collective brain fart” and declared, “the failure to preserve time for a final Virginia drive robbed the team of a chance for its first Commonwealth Cup since ‘The Cat in the Hat’ topped the box office — no, really — and giftwrapped a bowl bid for a hated rival whose helmet features a turkey that resembles a villain in a straight-to-DVD Disney movie.

“London’s refusal to start dispensing Virginia’s timeouts when the Hokies faced a third and seven with just more than a minute remaining was more inexcusably inane than the standard Metta World Peace quote.”

Ashley Robertson, in a game day column, (“I believe in Coach London,” Nov. 24) wrote, “London’s timeout use — or lack thereof — was admittedly an

indefensible, inexplicable decision. During the game’s waning seconds, I futilely screamed at the television for a whistle. We may not have beaten Virginia Tech with an extra 45 seconds, but the team deserved an opportunity to try.

“Worse, the botched decision follows a series of bone-headed mistakes this year: a crippling quarterback controversy, 12-men-on-the-field-gate, even the failed fake field goal against Tech earlier that game. Such critical errors raise red flags about London’s ability to manage games successfully.” Then she threw in a caveat: “But that doesn’t mean London can’t be a successful — or even a great — college football coach at Virginia.” London was the ACC’s coach of the year in 2011, after all.

It’s good to see differing views among The Cavalier Daily’s columnists. It shows that people are actually thinking, instead of engaging in groupthink. It’s good to see the spirited discus-

sions those columns generated. But one thing about the columns and the game story and — unless I missed something — the tweets is disturbing. The man at their collective focal point wasn’t there.

There was no quote from London about late game time management or any other problem the writers found with this season’s football team. Robertson included an old quote: “Earlier this season London told his fans, ‘Hang with us. Don’t leave. Hang with us. We’ll be fine. We’ll be all right. We need your support. I’ll coach the guys harder; I’ll coach the guys better. We’ll be representatives of this University.” That was it. How a coach and a team represents a university really does involve more than wins and losses. Ask supporters of Penn State, one of the teams the Cavaliers defeated this year, about that. But that’s a philosophical issue. The main journalistic issue with this coverage is that if a man is going to be pilloried in print, that man ought to have a chance to defend himself.

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# Location, location, location!

*A fourth-year trustee advises students to vary their study locations*

WITH THANKSGIVING break behind us and no more tryptophan-induced, 18-hour naps to recharge our weary scholastic batteries, we have to face the facts: Finals are here to stay until we’re home free on December 18. This inevitably means a lot of late nights, caffeine headaches and grade-changing exams. It also means cozying up in a special study spot to crank out all the reading we really should have done in the first place.

For me, strangely enough, the study spot of choice is McDonald’s. When I was a first year, before I knew where the libraries were, I spent a lot of time there for multiple reasons: a) I love chicken nuggets, b) it reminds me of home, and c) it’s nice to get off-Grounds every once and a while. Yeah, I know this is weird, but alternating my studying between my dorm, Runk and McDonald’s shook things up a little bit and made reviewing 300 Art History

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images far less dismal — this could also be because nuggets made everything better.

Turns out I was onto something. Contrary to the common belief that keeping your study space consistent is the most effective way to retain information, studies from as early as 1978 demonstrate that reviewing the same material in multiple spaces results in better retention and memorization. Your mind associates different concepts with different settings, so the smell of coffee in Alderman Cafe might help you remember dates and concepts that the weird tippy chair in your dorm room does not.

So here’s my advice: Use finals week as a time to explore new study spaces around Grounds. If you haven’t found the libraries yet, do so immediately. Admittedly, Clemons is a personal favorite since it offers space for both raucous group conversation and silent, independent study. It also has fish

tanks, media viewing rooms, an extensive DVD collection and a cheerful and attractive desk staff — come say hi from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sundays!

If you already have a favorite library, branch out. The University does have thirteen options, you know. Investigate the charming hobbit hole that is the Music Library in Old Cabell Hall; bask in the 180 degrees of natural light and proximity to Old Dorms in Gilmer’s Bio/Psych Library; grab a black bean and feta quesadilla at the Fine Arts Cafe on Rugby and enjoy it at the library right next door; or hope that some of the med students’ diligent work ethic rubs off on you at the Health Sciences Library on JPA.

Want to get off-Grounds? Exam week, with its absence of classes, meetings and most extra-curricular commitments,

provides the perfect opportunity to explore Charlottesville and find a coffee shop that gets your neurons firing — while making you feel European and oh-so-enlightened at the very same time. We all know that McDonald’s is my venue of choice, but checkoutspaces like Panera and Hotcakes in Barracks that provide caffeine and free Wi-fi... ingredients crucial to effective studying. You can get there easily by hopping on the Northline bus route.

If Barracks isn’t your scene, head the opposite direction down West Main Street and try Sweethaus, a charming bakery within walking distance of Grounds that offers plenty of comfy couches, cupcakes and coffee, making studying almost enjoyable. Mudhouse and Java-Java coffee shops, both located on the Downtown Mall, are also

warm, inviting, intellectually nurturing spaces. The trolley takes you straight there, but it’s also a low-key, cathartic, 20-minute walk.

Bottom line? Finals week doesn’t have to steal your mirth or holiday spirit. Shaking up your study space is not only good for your brain, it’s good for your soul. Take care of yourself by making a commitment to investigate a new study space on every reading day. Grab some friends, hop on a trolley and dedicate three solid hours to assiduous exam cramming at a new coffee shop, then sweat out the stress on the Main Street Arena ice skating rink. Find a new favorite room in Alderman. Try a cup of Para Coffee. Burrow down deep in Clark stacks. Investigate the computer labs in Newcomb Hall. Or come join me at McDonald’s; depending on my mood, I may just share my nuggets.

*Sarah Steely is a Fourth-Year Trustee.*

# Home is where the hurt is

*Going home for the holidays can lead to depression*

LIKE many college students, the feeling of coming home this past weekend filled me with a feeling of content, tryptophan and a resulting laziness that kept me at least five feet away from a school book at all times.

But also like many college students, coming home was an adjustment to communicating, interacting and even sleeping in a way that I was not immediately used to. Between dinner table conversations or asking to take the car out, there is always something eerie about adjusting to home life after over half a semester at the University.

We’ve all experienced how families can be happy and bothersome at the same time, but aside from the occasional “Stall Seat Journal,” the topic is a big part of being a University student that usually goes unaddressed. Whether it’s the act of going home or being away

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from it, however, there’s something about the college experience that can coincide with a feeling of detachment — and sometimes, depression — once a student comes home.

In fact, a study conducted by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center shows that almost 16 percent of college women and a full 10 percent of college men say they have been diagnosed with depression at some point in their lives. The extent to which such depression is directly tied to home-related issues is yet to be determined, but from what I’ve seen, the experience of coming home aligns itself into one of the many reasons a University student may become depressed.

So why is this so? Most parents make an effort to create a loving environment for their visiting children. And although problems like alcoholism and psychological illness also serve as pathways to depression, it’s important to note the less

concrete, and for some, more relatable feeling of awareness developed in college.

And “awareness” I’m talking about is not a simple generation gap. Sure, the invention of the Internet and easy access to almost infinite knowledge bombards the college student with conflicting ideas. But for some, there is an existential crisis that goes beyond a moral philosophy class and online forums about religious doubt. The new “awareness” is most harmful because it puts home life into a new perspective, and consequently, a negative perspective. Expectations change, interactions change and people change. The feeling is summed up perfectly in a Tweet (yes, Tweet) from Daily Show writer

Chris Regan: “I’d be thankful for a little less MINDLESS SMALL TALK!” —college freshman English major, home for the holidays.”

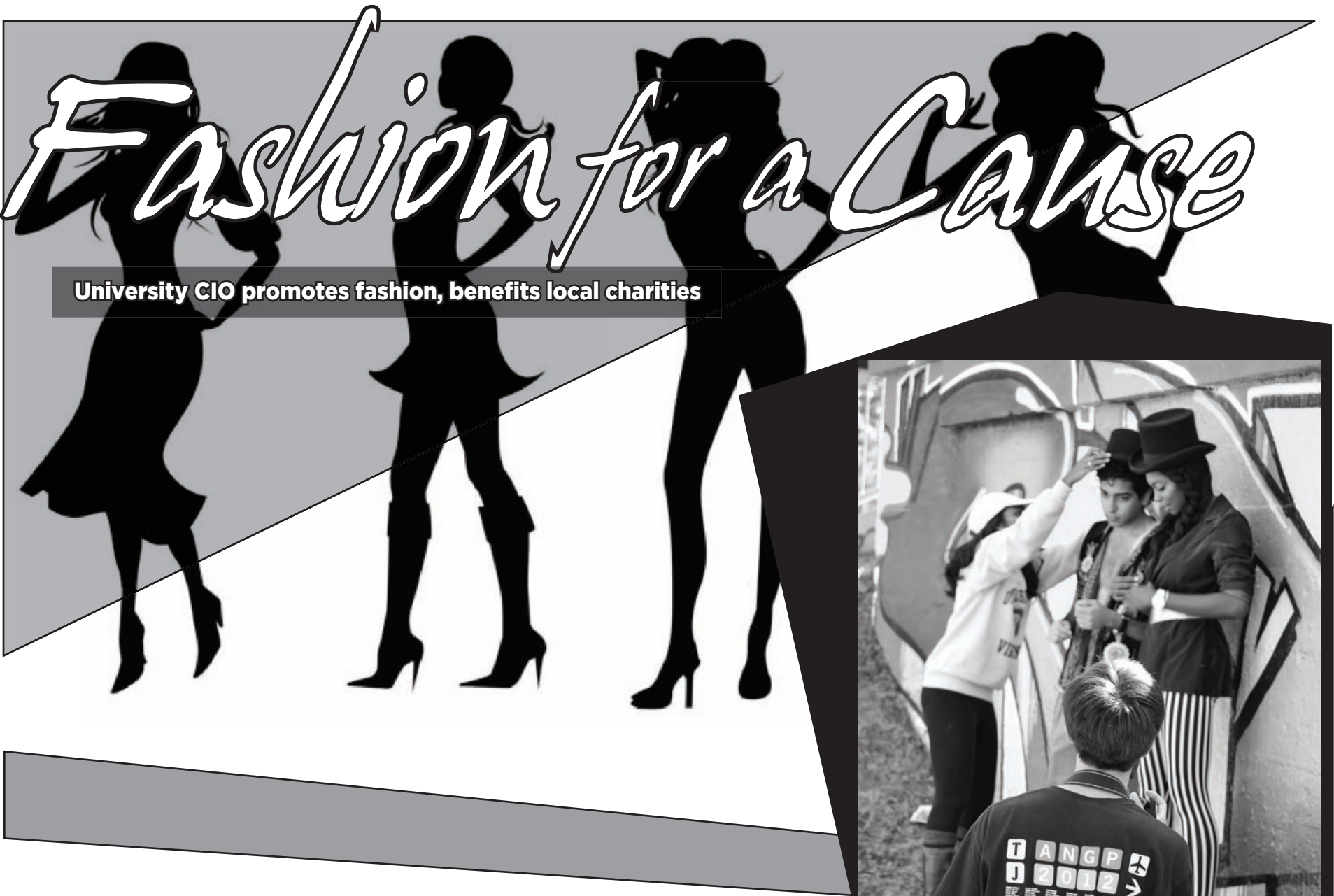
But to those who have it, the feeling is anything but funny. And it often goes beyond a pair of parents failing to acknowledge your references or not valuing them as much as your peers. While the idea of the “burdening awareness” may seem cliché and generations old, the growth of education is causing more and more college students to experience it and is making it harder to combat. Depression in the form of “awareness” can trivialize students’ goals, cause them to be less productive and eventually provoke a

descent into apathy.

At the University, it’s easy to see that we are, by nature, a goal-oriented student body. Any student or parent knows that academics are not the limit when it comes to just how much we contribute. But with these contributions come the psychological byproducts of these goals, the expectation has its limits. And sometimes, especially for those in depression, the disparity between expectation and reality can magnify when awareness is tried at home. Seeking professional help is one thing — the same study showed that counseling in most universities see an almost unmatchable high demand — but students at the University must understand that their awareness, however acute, must not get in the way of their realities, both at home and in school.

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University CIO promotes fashion, benefits local charities

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The student models of Fashion for a Cause hit the catwalk last weekend at Main Street Arena to present their annual fall charity fashion show — this year dubbed “Cirque du Soleil: Le Grand Tour.”

The show featured a creative cornucopia of styles, as the student models worked the runway in attire designed by students or provided by local stores.

Inspired by the famed shows of Cirque du Soleil, fashions were presented in a sequence of nine segments: Quidam, Dralion, Totem, Love, Iris, Michael Jackson, Zumanity, Saltimbanco and Ka. The fashions modeled in each segment corresponded to the themes, colors and moods provoked by various Cirque du Soleil shows.

“The theme that they chose for this year, ‘Cirque du Soleil,’ made for a really great show that was not just about fashion but also dance,” fourth-year College student Sarah Saleeb said. “I could really see the whole audience getting into it and they did an awesome job keeping it versatile.”

By combining a passion for fashion

with a commitment to service, members of Fashion for a Cause work to raise money for various causes in the University and Charlottesville communities through their fall show and other functions. Last year the fall show raised \$3,500 for the Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center. This year, the group is raising money for college scholarships for high school students in the Charlottesville area.

Fashion for a Cause also strives to give minority groups at the University an outlet through which to convey their creativity and share their cultural traditions.

Earlier in the fall, Fashion for a Cause held auditions to cast the models for the Nov. 17 show. Each model had to interview with the group’s chairs and fill out a questionnaire, said second-year College student Carol Yacoub, who modeled for the event. After a series of cuts and callbacks, the directors whittled down the number of participants to 26.

The chosen 26 also participated in other promotional and charitable events as part of their responsibilities as student models. The organization held a “Meet the Models” date auction ear-

lier this month to raise money to put toward this year’s goal.

Preparation for the final event was rigorous, involving two-hour practices twice a week. The week before the show, models were asked to walk the runway every day.

Each portion of the show featured different fashions and different ambiances. During the Michael Jackson segment, models strutted to tunes by the King of Pop, creating images that channeled his music videos and wearing clothes that reflected his personal taste — leather jackets, darker shirts and a little sparkle. During the Love segment, a tribute to The Beatles, more brightly colored, bubbly fashions predominated.

Fashion for a Cause collaborated with other student organizations for the show. Members of The Pride: Lion Dance at U.Va. provided a rousing entry on the Chinese drum to introduce the fashions



Courtesy Fashion for a Cause (UVA)

Models in the Fashion for a Cause organization prepare with the photographer for a photo shoot.

## How To Give Back All Year

Here we are again. Despite the countless promises I made to myself before Thanksgiving, I opted for blissful ignorance above proactive preparedness this break. And I have to tell you: I don’t regret it one bit. As far as I’m concerned, time spent with family is time best spent. Sitting around my Thanksgiving dinner table, listening a little harder than usual — read: talking a lot less — it struck me that the voices I was hearing wouldn’t always be the same. New ones will come and old ones will go, and my question to myself was: What have I done to show each person in my life that I’m thankful for his or her presence? So this year I’m making a Thanksgiving resolution. I don’t really know how to tell you how to do this — I’m no paragon of thankfulness — but I can tell you how I’m going to try.

First: Writing letters. Everyone loves snail mail. It’s tangible and permanent and shows that you put more than a few seconds worth of thought into the words you wrote. I have an 8-year-old sister who writes me faithfully every month, and I owe her at least a dozen letters in return.

Second: Calling the grandparents. Mine taught me

French, built me a doll house with working electricity, bought me a kitten and let me get my ears pierced even when my mom said no way, Jose. They rock, right? I shouldn’t need a reason to call them outside the fact that I love them so much and should tell them that as often as possible.

Third: Getting a job. My parents pay a lot of bills for me. I shudder to think how much it costs to keep Anne-Marie Albracht up and running for business each year. The least I can do is make a concerted effort to give back.

Fourth: Community service. I’m a strong believer that community service is not just a high school graduation requirement or a college resume booster. It’s a lifelong commitment you make as a person who’s been given too much. I personally need to get more involved in my sorority’s philanthropy — insert shameless plug for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital here.

College is a selfish part of life. I worry about my grades, my work schedule, my social life and my newspaper deadlines, forgetting that I’m not the only person with a lot on her plate. Of course it’s important to live in the moment, but it’s also impor-

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ANNE-MARIE ALBRACHT

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## A U.Va. Kind of Holiday

The holidays are here. In another universe, we may be able to ignore this fact, since it’s not even December. There’s no sign of snow and Santa Claus is as sure of his reindeer lineup as Coach Mike London is of his football timeouts — that is, he has no clue what he’s doing. But, after all, this is the 21st century, and ignore it we cannot.

Instead of spending Thanksgiving supping with the family, our mothers quickly departed to go find baby Bobby’s Tickle

Me Elmo Version 15.4, which apparently twitches a different foot or laughs with a different vocal inflection or something so it’s really super important that Mom buys it before the harlot housewife next door does. Instead of the television gods giving us a month of welcome respite after our lengthy inundation of political ads, we are brain-

washed by a new batch of holiday advertisements that also celebrate what it means to be

American. These ads somehow feel more authentic because everyone is carrying a shopping bag. I honestly think that if Mitt Romney had simply realized he could mobilize voters by offering a one-time curtain-buster election booth special with 60 percent off all red-tagged merchandise at polls starting at midnight, he would have a) won and b) won as big as the sale at Macy’s.

We can no longer look back, except maybe to reflect on the beginning of the season and what it means for the end of it. After all, isn’t a family Christmas about cleaning up the messes made at Thanksgiving?

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### Hoos on First



JULIA HOROWITZ

## Holiday Travel

If there is one thing the holidays have taught me, it is that commercial travel is perhaps one of the most unifying and simultaneously divisive forces of our era, especially during the holiday season. It is a far different thing than packing up your car and driving the four, five or even six hours home to see your family. In the car you are usually alone; you are on your own time. You can play the CDs you want and stop at the rest stops and greasy fast food chains you would normally never consider if you were in the company of others. You can be yourself.

### At the End of the Day



SIMONE EGWU

with it. This shared experience can create a bond between some passengers. Some people get to know the strangers sitting next

to them. They chat it up and find out each other’s destinations. They banter back and forth charmingly about the in-flight movie. The flight might go a little smoother for them knowing they have a friend.

I am not one of these people. It’s unfortunate. I’m a little ashamed to admit it, but travel makes me cranky. I know, cranky is a word used largely when referring to toddlers, but it is about the only word that can give an accurate picture of my demeanor when I have to get on an airplane. Let me tell you why I hate flying.

One: You usually have to get up early. I’m a tired person. I value my sleep. And having someone tell me I need to be at a gigantic terminal three hours before my

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Albracht

| ‘There are a million ways to say thank you.’

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tant to think about the world outside of the 22904. Will I complete this list fully? No

way. Are there a million more things I could do? Of course. But I have to start somewhere. I challenge you, despite all the stress of finals, to remember

how you got to this great place and who helped you on your journey. As humans we are never solely responsible for our own success. Behind every

Olympian — or every University student — there’s a proud real or metaphorical mom. The good news is there are a millions ways to say thank you.

You just have to choose one.

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Horowitz

| Tactful silence keeps Thanksgiving peaceful

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Before coming home for Turkey Day, I was concerned about how this year’s festivities would play out. I was living a completely different life away from home, and I didn’t know how far my relatives would probe into my daily affairs. Would they ask the generic, “How do you like school?” I almost wished they would, because, as frustrating as the question can be, it’s simple to get away with giving a blinding smile and an, “I love it! I now know why they call college the best years of your life.” To this, all adults in the room will inevitably gaze off starry-eyed toward an ambiguous corner as

they remember the glory days when they excelled at legally binge drinking and scored the winning touchdown in flag football against what probably was a team of asthmatic Echols Scholars.

As this scenario plays out, you can slip away and Instagram more pictures of the food on the table, flaunting your professional photography skills with your creative angles and expert use of the ever-hip 1933 filter, arguably created exclusively to photograph poultry. Even though your answer is complete bull, you know your nostalgic relatives don’t really care that there are a few caveats to your loving school, such as the fact you’re failing economics

and the boy on the fifth floor with Bradley Cooper’s abs still doesn’t know you exist. Happy with your answer, your relatives won’t even ask why you’re eating as if you’re hibernating for the winter, and you won’t have to explain that you actually are, as it was hard enough to force yourself to walk to O-Hill to eat what looks like groundhog meat without the whole inclement weather thing.

Besides the obvious lack of theatricality, this scenario obviously takes the cake — and maybe even the stuffing — as the golden ideal for handling relatives.

I worried, though, that this wouldn’t be what I would face. Since I left for school, my dad

likes to do this cute thing where he slips in little hints about what he assumes I am doing week-end-wise, executed by taking me to breweries on Family Weekend, where the jokes and beer flow at the expense of a little thing called my dignity. How this would go over with the presence of all four of my grandparents was enough to scare the hangover right out of me.

I figured I could go about this one of two ways. I could beat him to the punch with a charming dose of my infamous sarcasm, chatting gaily about Mike, my tattoo artist and the intricacies of fermenting moonshine while in a dorm. A tempting option, I’ll say. On

the other hand, I could pull the classic “hellfire and brimstone” move, preaching about pitfalls of underage consumption and throwing in mentions of Satan wherever appropriate.

In the end, I decided to keep my mouth shut and hope for the best. The results were disappointingly tame. It may have been one of tamest Thursdays I’ve had since coming to the University. Looks like I’ll be bringing Mike my tattoo artist home with me next break. Maybe then we’d make things interesting.

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flight or they’re going to leave me and destroy all my holiday dreams doesn’t sit well with me. I paid good money for this ticket, sir. Allow me the dignity of hitting snooze a few times.

Two: Airport food sucks. The hungrier I get, the angrier I get.

I also have an extremely snobby coffee addiction, which I realize I don’t have the money for but will dig for loose change to supplement. Very rarely does airport coffee satisfy my needs. And although I’ll come out of pocket for coffee, I will rarely do the same for food with ingredients I am not completely sure of.

To be forced to pay \$8 for a fast food hamburger patty is basically torture.

Three: I am huge. Sitting squashed between strangers with my knees pressed dangerously into the seat in front of me and the width of my body threatening to overtake both armrests, I am uncomfortable, to say the

least. I dare the person in front of me to try and put his or her seat back. I’ll put a stop to that, 5-foot-8-inch woman in heels trying to take a cozy little nap.

In short, I’m basically a bratty toddler on commercial transport and would prefer to drive or take the train any day. At least there I can pick the CD or watch

my own movies. Forget whoever said the journey is the destination. On a plane, the destination is the destination. The journey I’d rather skip.

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