



Community rallies for change



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Faculty, students, community members voice opposition to U.Va. sexual assault after Rolling Stone article

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University community members held a number of protests this past weekend, taking a stand against sexual violence among University students in wake of a Rolling Stone article alleging a brutal gang rape at a Phi Kappa Psi fraternity party in Sept. 2012.

The article alleged the administration mishandled the incident.

Rallying action began Thursday, as the Middle Eastern and Islamic Student Association hosted a rally in the Amphitheatre, bringing 1,000 people to protest the prominence of sexual assault on Grounds.

Fourth-year College student Thar Tariq, a member of MEISA, said the responsibility lies in the hands of University students, encouraging attendees to take action to eliminate rape culture.

"We need to promote an environment where sexual assault and rape is not permitted under any circumstance," Tariq said. "We need to set a precedent."

Other speakers asked fraternities to take a stand against sexual assault. Across the board, speakers emphasized that fraternities are not the cause of rape culture, though rapes often occur in fraternity houses.

English Prof. Jahan Ramazani said the fraternities "do many good honorable things, but have also been involved for

too long in making a safe space for criminal violent acts that we all need to decry and denounce and say we're not going to stand for any more."

Picketing continued Friday when students joined to stage a "Slut Walk" protesting rape culture and sexual assault on Grounds. Protesters walked from the Amphitheatre to the Lawn, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house and Brooks Hall before ending at Peabody Hall.

Maria Dehart, a first-year College student and one of the main organizers of the event, said that the "Slut Walk" movement began in Toronto in response to a police officer who said women could avoid being raped if they did not dress "like sluts."

"There was a lot of anger," Dehart said. "[Slut Walk] is trying to fight against this victim-blaming, slut-shaming culture we have that sexualizes women, yet shames them for being sexual. The movement tries to [take the word slut and] turn it around and take the shame out of it."

At Friday's "Slut Walk," protestors and survivors of sexual assault spoke at the different stops to share personal experiences and opinions on rape culture at the University. Protesters chanted, "My dress is not a yes," "Hoos University? Our University," "One in Four, let's change the score" and "you can't get away

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Sullivan suspends fraternities, social activities until Jan. 9

Action response to Phi Psi rape allegations, IFC President Reid says decision 'grants our fraternity system time to develop substantive and actionable solutions'

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University President Teresa Sullivan announced the suspension of "all fraternal organizations and associ-

ated social activities" until Jan. 9 in an email to the University community Saturday.

During the period of suspension "we will assemble groups of students, faculty, alumni and other concerned parties to discuss our next steps in

preventing sexual assault and sexual violence on Grounds," Sullivan said in the email.

The Inter-Fraternity Council had previously announced all fraternities would voluntarily suspend their social activities for this weekend.

Inter-Fraternity Council President Tommy Reid, a fourth-year College student, issued a statement shortly after Sullivan's email. In it, he emphasized a mission of action by fraternities to act as primary agents for change in sexual assault.

"This is a temporary, short-term action that will ultimately benefit our University and our community in the

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Corrections

In a Nov. 20 edition of The Cavalier Daily, an article about the Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Museum, which appeared on page 8, incorrectly stated the size and nature of the Kluge-Ruhe collection. It contained 1,800 — not 18,000 — pieces.

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with this.”

Several participants wrote their thoughts on Post-it notes at the end of the event, which they then stuck on the doors of Peabody Hall. Some of the Post-it notes read, “Don’t let us down again,” “I don’t feel protected” and “People before tradition.”

Community members, alumni and parents joined the efforts Saturday, when a protest was held directly outside the Phi Kappa Psi house. Four people were arrested for trespassing at the event.

“The police response was astounding,” fourth-year College student Greg Lewis said. “The arrests seemed unnecessary due to the peaceful nature of the protest.”

Protesters at that event gathered into groups for survivors to share their experiences and for others to express their concerns.

“No matter how much a person has been drinking, if he or she can-

not say ‘no,’ it does not mean ‘yes,’” one survivor said.

Another survivor added there will always be predators, no matter how many people are educated, and that the community needs to support survivors.

Passionate community members suggested immediate action, such as putting sober supervisors from the community in each of the fraternity houses and having the fraternities publicly sign a pledge endorsing the prevention of sexual assault.

Charlottesville resident Deborah Norton said she came to the protest because nothing would change if people did not stand up for what is right.

“My husband works at U.Va., and I was just horrified by the article,” Norton said. “I know that that stuff happens, but having it be so real and so graphic — I feel really strongly that fraternities need to stop and be held accountable.”

Later that night, protesters gathered outside Scott Stadium to send

their message to those attending the football game against Miami.

After the game ended, a swath of faculty — some dressed in full academic regalia — held a protest on Beta Bridge under the name “Take Back the Party.” Rally members marched down Rugby Road to the Corner and back before ending the event outside the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house.

“We’re here because we think there’s an ongoing problem with social life at U.Va.,” said English Prof. Susan Fraiman, one of the rally’s main organizers. “It is centered on fraternities, and as a result, men control who enters parties and women are not on their own turf.”

In addition to marching down Rugby Road, rallyists painted both sides of Beta Bridge with the words “Take Back the Party: End Rape!” As they marched, attendees shouted a series of chants, including:

“What do we want? / An end to rape! / When do we want it? / Now!” and “Hey Hey, ho ho / Sexual assault / Has got to go! / Hey Hey,

ho ho / Yes means yes / No means no!”

At the end of the rally, attendees gathered in front of the Phi Kappa Psi house and listened to a series of professors, students and survivors share personal anecdotes and demand change at the University.

Many professors expressed disappointment that though rape and sexual violence have been prevalent on Grounds for many years, no collective action has been taken so far.

“It’s shocking,” English Prof. and Poet Laureate Rita Dove said. “It’s shocking that nothing has been done. It’s shocking that it took an article by the Rolling Stone in order to get this started. I think many faculty members are strongly shocked at the level to which the administration has kept this quiet.”

While no more protests have been scheduled, several discussions and other events have been scheduled before Thanksgiving break to continue the dialogue about sexual assault on Grounds.

Second-year student dies in reported suicide

Second-year College student Peter D’Agostino died Thursday afternoon from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police responded to the incident at 1309 Wertland Street at 2:08 p.m., when the suicide was reported by D’Agostino’s roommate.

Sgt. Detective Jim Mooney of the Charlottesville Police Department said D’Agostino was deceased when police arrived on the scene.

D’Agostino was from Greenwich,

Connecticut. His parents, Walter and Marybeth, were notified of his death Thursday.

D’Agostino was involved in the improv comedy group, The Whethermen, as well as the Virginia Alpine Ski and Snowboard Team.

The Whethermen have canceled their show planned for this weekend.

Vice President and Chief Student Affairs officer Pat Lampkin sent an email to students Friday morning

informing them of D’Agostino’s death and encouraging them to seek counseling and other appropriate resources if needed.

“This news comes in the midst of a very difficult time for the University community,” she said in the email. “Let’s look out for one another as a community as we grieve Peter’s loss and begin to heal together.”

Second-Year Council President Abraham Axler encouraged

distressed students to reach out to friends or loved ones for support.

“The events of this semester have truly been unfathomable,” he said. “As we come to the close of what I can only hope is the most trying semester of our college careers, I remain immensely proud of the resolve our class has demonstrated and how we continue to demonstrate our support for one another.”

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Alumni respond to recent Rolling Stone article

Two alumni call for total abolition of Greek community, President Tom Faulders creates forum for additional sexual misconduct policy feedback

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The recently released Rolling Stone article portraying a graphic gang rape of a then-first-year student by seven men at a fraternity party has produced a wave of reactions among the University's alumni. Many have been motivated to take action and demand the University administration — portrayed in the article as failing to address survivors' needs or pursue justice against perpetrators of sexual violence — immediately do the same.

Robert Viccellio, the Alumni Association vice president of communications, said many alumni are taken aback by the article.

"Alumni are expressing anger, as well as deep concern for the survivors of sexual assaults and for the overall safety of students on Grounds," he said.

In response to the article, the Alumni Association established an online portal Friday for alumni to express their concerns and give their feedback on the University's handling of sexual assault cases. In an email, Alumni Association President Tom Faulders also encouraged alumni to post in the Alumni Forum to start a dialogue about how to address the issue.

"We will take your comments and ensure that they are delivered to the right people here at the University," Faulders said in the email. "We realize that this is a difficult and painful sub-

ject, but we also know that through your ideas and debate, a stronger University will emerge."

Dean T. Janis, alumnus of the Commerce and Law Schools, cited the disturbing fact that no student has ever been expelled from the University for sexual assault as one of his greatest points of discontent.

"This is staggering," he said. "This cannot solely be the result of the underreporting of sexual assaults. This can only be the result of a system designed to discourage reporting, to gloss over reported incidents and to emasculate any system having the purported authority to punish student violations."

A 2013 alum of the Engineering School, who wanted to remain anonymous, said, "The first thing to come across my mind was disgust. ... The graphic account of the incident left me feeling literally sick to my stomach."

According to this alumnus, "The consensus among friends is that this is not the Virginia we do recently remember."

Through petitions to the University and contact with the Alumni Association, many have proposed specific courses of action to be taken in response to the article.

Viccellio said demands have included, "a complete investigation of the events described in the Rolling Stone article" and "real and immediate change in the way that the University prevents and responds to rape and sexual misconduct."

Above all, alumni have requested a "thorough review of the fraternity

system" and to be kept involved in the discussion of the issue and its potential solutions, Viccellio said.

Two alumni — Carey Albertine and Saira Rao — have called for the abolition of the Greek system at the University entirely through a change.org petition which has garnered nearly 400 signatures as of Friday afternoon.

"As alumni of U.Va. — and of the Greek system — we can attest to the insidious culture bred therein," they write. "We can attest to the racism, classism and sexism contingent to this system's success."

Lisa Richey, a 2003 University alumna and Charlottesville resident, launched the "UVrApe Alumni Victims Defense Fund" in response to the article, which has already raised more than \$15,000.

"[We want] to raise as much money as possible from as many donors as possible in order to fund an outside counsel who will be available to victims of sexual assault," she said.

This will provide confidentiality and qualified counsel to victims of sexual assault, giving them the confidence to take the "enormous leap of making this terribly private thing into a [court] case," Richey said.

Among donors to her foundation, she said "the most common reactions are outrage at the details of the crimes, overwhelming disappointment at the actions (or inactions) of the administrators and embarrassment at being depicted as a student body that would rather keep the party going strong than stand up for victims."

One of those donors was Board of Visitors member Helen Dragas, who graduated from both the College and the Darden School in the 1980s.

"Obviously we have a serious crisis here, and we have to face that squarely," she said in an email. "Established University representatives and defined, incremental protocols clearly aren't doing enough to change the status quo. Survivors need and deserve objective, forceful advocates to speak for them."

She said that the University needed to increase transparency and open up channels of communication to best address sexual assault.

"I've learned over the last several years that we shouldn't try to figure out the big problems behind closed doors, only listening to self-congratulatory presentations in public," she said. "We need more people in on the problem solving. I want to encourage students, alumni and citizens to send us ideas for concrete steps the university can take to address this problem."

The story told in the article has caused many alumni to question the University culture more broadly.

"As a fraternity man at U.Va., it was shocking and horrific that people in any sort of organization at U.Va. could ... condone or not actively fight against gang rape," the Engineering alumnus said.

He said though many readers are skeptical due to the article's level of

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The Alumni Association, housed at Alumni Hall (above), received feedback from a number of alumni regarding recent rape allegations and potential changes to the University's sexual misconduct policy.

Phi Kappa Psi vandals send letter demanding change

Protestors spray paint 'U.Va. Center for Rape Studies' and 'Suspend Us' outside fraternity house, anonymous students take responsibility in open letter

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An anonymous letter submitted to various news organizations claims responsibility for the vandalism of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house which occurred early Thursday morning.

The letter was submitted via email shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday by "John Doe" at the email address strawberryqueen1717@gmail.com.

The vandalism came as a response to a Rolling Stone article published online Wednesday which detailed an instance of gang rape which allegedly occurred at the fraternity house in Sept. 2012.

"We applaud the bravery of those who have shared their stories, and we promise that their bravery will not be in vain," the

letter read. "This situation is just beginning. We will escalate and we will provoke until justice is achieved for the countless victims of rampant sexual violence at this University and around the nation."

The letter included four demands:

— "An immediate revision of University policy mandating expulsion as the only sanction for rape and sexual assault."

— "The immediate suspension of UVA's Phi Kappa Psi chapter, and a thorough review of the entire fraternity system."

— "A thorough overhaul of the University's Sexual Misconduct Board and the resignation of Dean Nicole Eramo."

— "The immediate implementation of harm reduction policies at fraternity parties, such as policing, University supervision, or permission for parties to be held in safer envi-

ronments such as sorority houses."

In a statement released Thursday afternoon, Phi Kappa Psi's University chapter said they would voluntarily suspend their FOA and all fraternity activities.

Charlottesville Police responded to the reported vandalism at 2:45 a.m. Thursday.

"A number of windows had been broken with bottles and chunks of cinder block and a portion of the building had been spray painted," according to a police press release. "Police officers collected evidence from the scene and the incident is under investigation."

The words "SUSPEND US" were spray painted on part of the house, along with the words "UVA Center for Rape Studies."

The anonymous letter, which was signed by "the students who vandalized the Phi Psi house,"

criticized administrators and other members of the University community for inaction.

"We appeal for action to President Sullivan, who has shown promise as a strong and progressive administrator, but we will no

longer confine ourselves to working through a bureaucratic [sic] and ineffective system," the letter read. "UVA will not be the same after this — we will not allow it."



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Police responded to a vandalism call at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house (above) early on Thursday morning, finding broken windows and bottles inside the house.

U.Va. Sexual Assault Policy: What you need to know

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HOW THE SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION/ TRIAL PROCESS CURRENTLY WORKS

The University's Sexual Misconduct Policy outlines three different processes for filing a report: a criminal complaint, a university complaint or an anonymous complaint.

For the first two types, it is important for the victim to preserve any evidence. A victim who goes to the hospital may choose to have the hospital preserve evidence of the assault, regardless of whether they choose to eventually ask for an investigation.

For criminal investigations, police will follow up with a criminal report by interviewing the victim to gain detailed information about the circumstances surrounding the assault. An investigator then conducts further interviews and gathers evidence, which is sent to the Commonwealth's Attorney in consideration for prosecution. If the attorney concludes there is enough evidence, criminal charges are brought against the assailant. The next steps include a preliminary hearing and a circuit court trial, both of which call for the victim to appear on the witness stand. Sentencing for rape and sexual assault charges range from five years to life in prison.

If the assailant is a University student, a complaint of sexual misconduct can also be filed through the Office of the Dean of Students. Once the complaint is filed, the complainant has two options: a formal or informal resolution. An **informal resolution** allows the complainant to confront the accused in an informal setting facilitated by a university staff member. These proceedings do not result in formal disciplinary action.

In a **formal resolution**, two investigators from the Office of the Vice President and the Chief Student Affairs Officer decide if there is enough evidence to bring the case for a hearing before the Sexual Misconduct Board. In a hearing before the Sexual Misconduct Board, both assailant and complainant relate their versions of the incident before a panel of three to five University students and staff. Both parties may bring in evidence and witnesses. Assailants found culpable are subject to a range of disciplinary action from suspension to permanent expulsion.

"Just Report It" is another option through the University, which enables students to report any incident of harassment, hazing or sexual misconduct anonymously. However, the University cautions that investigations regarding reports sent anonymously are extremely restricted.

Rape or any type of sexual misconduct, as an honor offense, presents complications because of the nature of Title IX's burden of proof requirements. Student-run trials such as the Honor Committee and the University Judiciary Committee require a 99 percent burden of proof, or proof beyond reasonable doubt, while Title IX mandates 51 percent of proof, or a preponderance of the evidence. As such, rape as an honor offense would be a violation of Title IX.

In June 2011, the University was brought under a Title IX federal investigation over concern of its handling of sexual assault cases on Grounds. According to a recent Rolling Stone article, the University is one of 86 schools under a Title IX investigation, and one of 12 schools under a more intensive investigation known as a "compliance review." Investigations occur either under the direction of a compliance review, or as the result of a specific Title IX complaint by a student or alumni.

Compliance reviews are not routine examinations; rather, they are investigations submitted by the Office of Civil Rights following a report from statistics, news reports, community organizations and other sources which indicate the school in question could be violating Title IX. If a school is declared in violation, the OCR can move to suspend all federal funding, though it has never exercised this power.

"These [investigations] can be driven by one of two things: either a standard compliance review or a review triggered by a specific complaint," Groves said at a Board of Visitors meeting held on Sept. 12. "In 2011, we were notified we were getting one of these standard compliance reviews."

Following notification of the standard compliance review, the University received a second letter indicating a complaint had been filed from the 2011 academic year. The University was then notified that the complaint would be folded into the standard compliance review investigation.

"A bulk of that investigation from our end has occurred," Groves said.

According to Groves, the OCR requested certain files and records on their initial visit, which were provided on a subsequent visit. The OCR also interviewed key members involved with the handling of sexual assault cases and students from focus groups of student athletes, dormitory residents and advocacy groups members.

"We have been in touch with them throughout the summer," Groves said. "Ours is one of the oldest reviews that has not yet been concluded. We plan to supplement probably in the coming months with some of the new initiatives we've been putting into place and then we will simply wait for them to contact us and tell us they're ready to close the review."

THE UNIVERSITY'S TITLE IX REVIEW

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY FROM THIS WEEK

The University recently released a number of proposed changes to the Sexual Misconduct Policy. The proposal adds new definitions for "Intimate Partner Violence," "Domestic Violence" and "Stalking" as contained in the Clery Act, redefines "effective consent" and "incapacitation," and clarifies the definition of "sexual harassment."

The current policy defines effective consent as "words or actions that show a knowing and voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity." The Proposed New Policy emphasizes effective consent as "informed (knowing), voluntary (freely given) and active (not passive)." It also includes the definition of an act of force.

The proposed changes also incorporate a policy instituted in August making all "responsible employees" mandatory reporters. This means if a student reveals an act of sexual misconduct, the employee must report it. "Responsible employees" constitute any employee who is not a "confidential employee." "Confidential employees," for the most part, are found in medical and mental health services on Grounds.

The proposed changes outline an Evaluation Panel which will weigh reporting students' requests for confidentiality. The policy describes several factors which may require the University to waive requests for confidentiality, including indication that the alleged perpetrator will commit further acts of sexual misconduct.

Under the proposed new policies, the individuals investigating a formal complaint must provide a report summarizing the evidence and make a recommendation of "responsibility" or "no responsibility" regarding the assailant.

The proposed changes also limit the role of the Sexual Misconduct Board to conducting hearings on sanctions. While OCR guidelines discourage schools from allowing students to serve on hearing boards in cases of sexual misconduct, the policy defends students serving on the Sexual Misconduct Board as true to the tradition of student self-governance.

A public commentary on the proposed new policy is open until Dec. 12.

There are a number of organizations and initiatives on Grounds aimed to prevent and educate about sexual assault. Here are a few of them:

Not on Our Grounds is a University of Virginia initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in the community through a series of awareness campaigns and prevention efforts. Its website includes information on prevention and advocacy groups, bystander and sexual assault awareness videos, news articles and links to a number of other campaigns around the country.

The **Hoos Got Your Back** campaign is a bystander awareness program started by University student leaders. The University has partnered with Corner merchants to create a collaborative initiative they hope will be the benchmark for future programs at other universities. As part of the partnership, the University has asked merchants to have their staff members watch informative videos about how to be an active bystander so that they can intervene if they believe someone is in danger.

One Less at U.Va. is an "all-female student run organization committed to educating students about sexual and domestic violence and empowering survivors in our community," according to the group's Facebook page. The group works alongside One in Four under the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition.

One in Four is an all-male sexual assault peer education group that presents a program, called "How to Help a Sexual Assault Survivor: What Men Can Do," to groups of men in sports teams, residence halls, student organizations, fraternities and off-Grounds groups. The group partners with One Less on education and outreach efforts.

CURRENT INITIATIVES ON GROUNDS

University Glee Club temporarily retires 'Rugby Road'

University historian Sandy Gilliam says song likely originated after World War I during Prohibition

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The University Glee Club announced last week it would temporarily retire the song "Rugby Road" in the wake of the Rolling Stone article published Nov. 19 alleging a brutal gang rape by several individuals at a party at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in Sept. 2012.

In the article, author Sabrina Rubin Erdely periodically employed lyrics from the song to highlight the presence of a "rape culture" on Grounds. Erdely described "Rugby Road" as a "jolly fight song which celebrates the sexual triumphs of U.Va. fraternity men."

Fourth-year College student Zachary Seid, president of the Glee Club, said the group would retire the song, "at least through the end of this semester, and potentially the next."

Seid announced the decision in an email sent to the entire Glee Club Nov. 19. In the email, he said this action was necessary "to protect the Club and its endeavors from being sidetracked or waylaid by those who would object to our singing it."

The first two verses of the song — which are the commonly known — span the subjects of heavy drinking,

comradery and sexual encounters.

The first verse reads: "From Rugby Road to Vinegar Hill, we're gonna get drunk tonight/ The faculty's afraid of us; they know we're in the right/ So fill your cups, your loving cups, as full as full can be/ For as long as love and liquor last we'll drink to the U. of V."

The second verse, meanwhile, reads: "All you girls from Mary Washington/ And R.M.W.C., never let a Cavalier an inch above your knee/ He'll take you to his fraternity house and fill you full of beer/ And soon you'll be the mother of a bastard Cavalier!"

According to University Historian Sandy Gilliam, the song comes from a long tradition of university fight songs and is not unique in content. Old editions of Corks and Curls, the University's yearbook, are filled with drinking songs and stories.

Gilliam said he does not know where the song originated, but speculates it developed sometime after World War I, perhaps as a way for students to protest against restrictions during Prohibition.

Some say the song is based off the Georgia Tech marching song, but Gilliam said he believes the tune comes from an old drinking song called the "Bastard King of England."

Gilliam, who graduated from the University in 1955, was only aware

of the first two verses, and a chorus, which reads, "Oh, I think we need another drink. Hey!/ I think we need another drink. Hey!/ I think we need another drink for the glory of the U.V.A.!" In her article, Erdely said the song has 35 verses, some written by students through recent decades.

"We sang it all the time," Gilliam said of his student days.

The Rolling Stone article said the song is still performed by The Virginia Gentlemen, the University's oldest a cappella group. Third-year Engineering student Rohan Deshpande, president of The Virginia Gentlemen, said the group only sings "Rugby Road" on occasion.

"It's not really our song," Deshpande said.

A version of "Rugby Road," recorded in the 1970s and including only the first two verses, is included on the group's 2010 album.

"I was surprised it was so long," Deshpande said on the number of verses referenced in the Rolling Stone article. He said he spoke with some Virginia Gentlemen alumni who "were shocked."

"[They] thought it was only two verses long," he said.

Deshpande said the song was originally performed by the Glee Club, which included The Virginia Gentlemen members until the 1980s.

"The Glee Club has only ever sung the first two verses," Seid said. "The Rolling Stone article was the first time I'd ever heard of the others."

The other verses mentioned in the article are more sexually explicit and mention some sororities by name.

Seid said Erdely contacted him in September to ask for the whole song, which she believed to be more than just the first two verses.

b has sung the song for at least 12 years — as long as the choir's current conductor has been with the University.

Seid said it can be seen as "a fun-spirited drinking song" which does not imply lack of consent, but noted the Glee Club has gone back and forth on whether they wanted to sing the song in a public setting even before the publication of the Rolling Stone article.

"We only [perform it] once a year, by popular request — at the Rotunda Sing," he said.

Seid said there has been significant alumni outreach regarding ties to the song, and that many members — old and new — have said the song is not how they would like to promote the group.

"Most of them agree with me when they say we need to be sensitive with the presentation of the song and performance of it," Seid said.

Rolling Stone prompts threats

Numerous parties mentioned in the Nov. 19 Rolling Stone article, which graphically detailed the gang rape of a then-first year student at the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house in Sept. 2012, have faced a number of unspecified threats in recent days.

Members of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity have vacated their fraternity house due to safety concerns.

"Understandably, the safety of every house resident is of paramount concern," said Stephen Scipione, president of the University's Phi Kappa Psi chapter and a third-year College student, in an email. "The decision to vacate came after discussion and deliberation with our brothers and our housing corporation."

Scipione said the fraternity and individual members have faced a litany of threats since the article was published.

"Considering the vandalism, hate emails, voice messages, and general threats of continued violence, our brothers are obviously concerned with their personal safety and the safety of the house," he said.

In an email sent Friday, University Police Chief Michael Gibson detailed a number of nonspecific threats directed at University offices. In the Rolling Stone article, members of the University Dean of Students Office — specifically Associate Dean of Students Nicole Eramo and Dean of Students Allen Groves — were lambasted for allegedly providing inadequate support to survivors and attempting to sweep University-wide problems of sexual assault under the rug.

"The Rolling Stone magazine article released earlier this week has sparked an emotional response within the University community and beyond," the email read. "A number of University offices have received threats. These threats have not been specific or directed at any particular person or organization."

Gibson said measures have been taken to heighten security on Grounds.

"We have reached out to the FBI, Albemarle and Charlottesville Police Departments and will continue to collaborate and call upon the resources of those agencies as appropriate," the email said.

— compiled by Julia Horowitz

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long-term, not an impulsive move to blame rape on fraternities," he said in an email. "The temporary suspension grants our fraternity system time to develop substantive and actionable solutions for the future."

Reid said sexual assault was not just a fraternity problem, but a University-wide problem.

"At times, our organizations are placed with a disproportionate share of the blame for sexual misconduct," he said. "The IFC recognizes that sexual assault is a problem in fraternities; we also recognize that we can be catalysts for the solution. Banning

fraternities will not solve the complicated problem of rape in our society."

The Board of Visitors will also meet Tuesday to discuss University policy and procedure, as well as the recent allegations.

Sullivan also called upon individuals with knowledge about the sexual assault detailed in a Rolling Stone article published Wednesday to come forward.

"There are individuals in our community who know what happened that night, and I am calling on them to come forward to the police to report the facts," she said. "Only you can shed light on the truth, and it is your responsibility to do so."

Sullivan said many members of

the University community have contacted her since the Rolling Stone article was published, and she said now is the time for a strong re-evaluation of the University's policies and culture.

"Alongside this investigation, we as a community must also do a systematic evaluation of our culture to ensure that one of our founding principles - the pursuit of truth - remains a pillar on which we can stand," she said. "There is no greater threat to honor than secrecy and indifference."

She said the email and decision to suspend fraternity organizations' activities were in direct response to the outpouring of messages she has received.

"At UVa we speak in idealistic terms: honor and tradition inform our thinking, and balance our daily actions," she said. "And it is easy here, where success is demanded as much as it is sought, to let our idealism outweigh our reality."

Sullivan once again asked the fourth-year class to "embrace your role as leaders and demonstrate a renewed sense of responsibility to our community."

She also expressed her grief for the passing of second-year College student Peter D'Agostino, "whose passing adds overwhelming emotion to what has been a difficult semester for all of us."

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sensationalism, the University administration and Greek life have been publicly implicated in such a negative manner that the article can be nothing but bad for both parties.

Ultimately, Richey said, alumni are calling for clear and decisive action.

"It's not a new problem, and it's not a U.Va. problem — it's a college problem," she said. "However, U.Va. has never considered herself average, and I cannot see anyone accepting the idea that this is a problem on most college campuses as an excuse to do nothing. Until victims are getting all the support and representation they need, until administrators are honest about what they are able to do and where they know they will fall short

— for example, admitting to victims how unlikely it is that prosecution will lead to expulsion — I don't think anyone can say we as a University are doing enough."

Richey said the University needs to give survivors access to qualified professional counseling, if they desire it, and allow state authorities to play a more significant role in sexual assault investigation.

"We cannot stop all rape, but we

absolutely can support all rape victims," she said.

On the other end, many alumni want to see harsher punishments for offenders.

"People cannot let rape or assault go unpunished," the Engineering alumnus said. "Immediate expulsion should exist as an appropriate punishment."

Maddy Weingast contributed to reporting on this story



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Facing its first true test of the season against George Washington Friday, the Virginia basketball team found itself overly anxious toward the start. In the first half, the Cavaliers missed six of their first seven shots, made just 3-of-7 free throws and finished with 22 points.

Junior guard Justin Anderson scored a game-high 18 points Friday night against George Washington.



Ryan O'Connor | The Cavalier Daily

No. 9 Virginia sinks Colonials, 59-42

Cavaliers score 37 second-half points following slow start, move to 4-0, Anderson leads Virginia with 18 points

Ball movement ceased. Tough shots clanged off the rim. The Colonials took a four-point lead into the break.

“Offensively, our unwillingness to be patient and break the defense down ... was really a problem,” coach Tony Bennett said. “We were fortunate to be down four.”

With fans at John Paul Jones Arena screaming for the team to step on the gas in the second half, Bennett implored his team to slow down. Virginia (4-0) responded with its most impressive 20-minute

stretch of the season, using a more deliberate offensive approach to outscore George Washington (2-1) by 21 points in the second half of its 59-42 victory.

“They came in here extremely hungry like we knew they were going to be, and I think our crowd was so good tonight that we got a little bit ahead of ourselves,” junior Justin Anderson said, who finished with a team-high 18 points. “At halftime, coach got us in the locker room and got us relaxed and settled in. He told us to run our stuff and work longer and harder to wear them down.”

The more patient approach paid dividends early, as the Cavaliers quickly turned the 26-22 deficit into a four-point lead. Anderson then ignited a game-sealing run with the highlight of the night. With Virginia leading 38-34, the 6-foot-6 guard eyed a baseline 3-pointer by junior forward Evan Nolte. As the ball clanged off the rim, Anderson bolted forward and soared toward the basket, finishing with a one-handed jam in one fluid motion.

After the basket, Anderson hollered and the crowd roared. The dunk helped reinvigorate the home crowd and demoralize the Colonials, who scored just 16 second-half points. Virginia closed on a 21-8 run to remain perfect on the season and extend its home winning streak to 14 games.

“The tip dunk, he always makes those explosive plays that ignite the crowd and get things going,” Bennett said.

After Anderson’s slam, the Colonials crumbled. George Washington coach Mike Lonergan picked up a technical with 4:32 remaining as

his team scored just eight points in the final 10 minutes.

“He’s just got that energy,” Lonergan said of Anderson. “We didn’t match his energy. He’s one of those guys you love to coach and hate to play against, because he’s happy out there and he plays hard all the time and he had terrific numbers tonight.”

George Washington led by as many as seven in the opening period, but Virginia was able to stay close despite an uncharacteristically sloppy showing. The Cavaliers shot just 9-of-27 from the floor, had as many turnovers as assists and settled for contested jump shots early in the shot clock. They also struggled from beyond the arc, making only one of six attempts, and trailed for more than 16 minutes in the half.

The Colonials capitalized on the other end, shooting 45.8 percent from the field, knocking down three long balls and scoring 16 points in the paint. They also took advantage of Virginia’s miscues, scoring eight points off turnovers. During one stretch, junior forward Anthony Gill twice had the ball struck away from him, leading to transition layups by junior guard Joe McDonald and sophomore guard Nick Griffin which gave George Washington a 24-17 lead.

“We had a lot of mental lapses,” Gill said. “I know me, myself, I had a lot of turnovers in the first half that were really not helping the team out, so I just decided in the second half to focus down and play team basketball.”

Virginia set the tone for its second half dominance with a strong close to the first half. Out of the

under-four timeout, the team swung the ball four times without it hitting the floor, before senior forward Darion Atkins threw a lob to Anderson for a layup that closed the deficit to five. On the very next possession, junior guard Malcolm Brogdon delivered a pinpoint pass from 10 feet beyond the 3-point line. Anderson was on the receiving end again, finishing with an emphatic reverse slam.

The momentum carried over after the break. Virginia opened with a 5-0 run to pull in front before Colonial junior guard Patricio Garino gave his team its last lead of the game, 28-27. Gill opened up a 9-0 run with a powerful drop step for a lay-up. During the spurt, Anderson converted an and-one off a midrange jumper, while Brogdon earned two points on a goaltend, and junior center Mike Tobey rattled home a difficult lefty flip shot inside.

The Cavalier bigs dominated inside at both ends of the floor. On one play, Atkins and Tobey rebounded three consecutive missed layups before Atkins finally converted inside, to extend the lead to 42-35 with 8:59 remaining. Virginia scored 28 of its 37 second-half points in the paint.

“That was a glimpse of what we can achieve every night,” Atkins said. “If we just bring that every single day, every single night, I think it’s gonna be a really good team this year. I think this is a really big statement that we played that well in the second half against a really good George Washington team.”

Virginia will host Tennessee State Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Atkins rises to the occasion

Darion Atkins started his second consecutive game Friday night at John Paul Jones Arena, as the Virginia men’s basketball team posted a 59-42 win against 2014 NCAA Tournament participant George Washington. At halftime, the No. 9 Cavaliers’ sole senior in the rotation had a forgettable stat line: no points, three rebounds and one assist in 10 minutes of play.

As a team, Virginia picked up its play after shooting 9-of-27 from the field with zero fast-break points in the first half. Returning from the locker room, the Cavaliers displayed both energy — Virginia outrebounded George Washington 25-11, and

blocked nine Colonial shots in the second half — and flair, as junior guard Justin Anderson tip-slammed junior forward Evan Nolte’s missed 3-pointer with his off hand.

In this period, Atkins provided a critical boost for Virginia — racking up eight points, eight rebounds and three blocks after the break. After the game, coach Tony Bennett praised his most experienced Cavalier.

“I always tell [Darion] to be the anchor for us defensively, protect the paint, give us activity, be all over the glass and be opportunistic,” Bennett said. “When he does that, he is at his best and it helps us the most. It comes down to who you are as

a player and what can you do to serve the team, and when he is locked into that it gives us a real good fit. He made some big plays at crucial times.”

Playing against Joe McDonald, George Washington’s starting point guard and his former teammate at Landon School, Atkins showed just how important he is to Virginia. He twice scored off putbacks — cleaning up his own miss first and then Anderson’s — and tricked his Colonial defender with an up-and-under. Atkins also blocked McDonald, forward Kevin Larsen and wing Patricio Garino — three of George Washington’s four junior starters — once apiece.

Atkins scored all eight of his points in the last 10 minutes of the game, including four in a row to give Virginia a nine-point lead at 44-35 with 8:37 to play. The senior provided a true spark in the Cava-

liers’ biggest win of the year so far.

Or, as junior guard Malcolm Brogdon said, “He was a beast tonight.”

“I just wanted to come out in the second half and give us energy,” Atkins said. “During halftime [associate head] coach [Ritchie] McKay had a talk with me. He said he really wanted me to step it up energy-wise and crash the glass, and I just took it to heart. And that’s what I came out and did.”

Atkins matched up with Larsen — the Colonials’ best post player — and helped hold him to two points, three rebounds and three shots in just 31 minutes on court. Virginia repeatedly trapped Larsen in the post, forcing him to move the ball, and coaxed four turnovers from him by game’s end. Bennett, who holds his team to exacting defensive standards, said he gives his team’s post-trapping against

George Washington “a B-minus.”

He also said Virginia’s strategy for defending Larsen came from his father, former Green Bay coach Dick Bennett.

“It’s stuck in my head and it’ll be tested through this year, but, from playing for my father saying, you know, ‘You should never let a good big man beat you,’” Bennett said. “You should always be able to find a way — whether it’s with traps or things like that — and he’s going to have to be unbelievable to get his looks, his shots. ... Perhaps [Larsen] had an off game, but I hope it was somewhat because our defense disrupted him.”

Atkins’ response to the first half — and Virginia’s as a whole — was important against George Wash-



MATTHEW MORRIS
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Cavaliers quell Hurricanes on Senior Night, 30-13

Football team snaps four-game losing streak, remains in contention for bowl eligibility, team concludes season Friday night in Blacksburg

Matthew Morris
Senior Associate Editor

Junior place kicker Ian Frye stepped into a 21-yard field goal late in the third quarter against Miami Saturday night at Scott Stadium, his kick splitting the uprights for an apparent 16-7 Virginia lead.

But Hurricanes sophomore defensive back Artie Burns roughed Frye on the play, and the resulting penalty refreshed the Cavaliers' set of downs.

Set up at the Miami two-yard line with four chances for the touchdown, Virginia twice handed off to senior running back Khalek Shepherd for snuffed-out rushes. Then, senior receiver Darius Jennings — wearing No. 17 in honor of injured fellow senior wideout Miles Gooch — took the ball from sophomore quarterback Greyson Lambert on a jet sweep, breaking the goal line seconds later at the 1:37 mark.

After Frye's extra point, Virginia widened its lead to 20-7. From there, the Cavaliers gradually added to the good feeling — momentarily halting when medical personnel carted Miami junior receiver Herb Waters off the field — that suffused the Virginia football scene on a cold night in Charlottesville.

Back at Scott Stadium for the first time since a disheartening 28-27 loss to North Carolina four weeks ago, Virginia seized a 13-7 halftime lead against the Hurricanes and only improved after the break, shutting out Miami until garbage time and scoring 17 points to post a 30-13 win on Senior Night. The Cavaliers (5-6, 3-4

ACC) halted a four-game losing streak to stay bowl eligible, heading into next Saturday's road finale at Virginia Tech.

"The locker room was ecstatic," junior receiver Canaan Severin said. "That's what we needed. When you lose four in a row, you need something to pick you back up, especially when you're still eligible. It'd be easy to put your head down and just say, you know, 'We lost four in a row. We'll play the last two [and] be done.' But that's not what this team is about."

At the final horn, Virginia fans stormed the field, celebrating the Cavaliers' fourth victory against the Hurricanes (6-5, 3-4 ACC) in the past five years.

Standout Cavaliers including Jennings, running backs Kevin Parks and Shepherd, linebackers Daquan Romero and Henry Coley and safety Anthony Harris played their final home games. The seniors led the charge on both sides of the ball — Harris registered a team-high 10 tackles and Shepherd paced the Cavaliers with 128 all-purpose yards — but the underclassmen stepped up as well.

"We've got 25 seniors, and this is our last ride," sophomore outside linebacker Max Valles said. "As one of the younger guys, I felt like I had to give it everything I had. As a team, everyone did his job tonight and it was a great win."

Valles brought Miami freshman quarterback Brad Kaaya to the turf three times as the Virginia defense limited the Hurricanes — the nation's 46th-ranked rushing offense — to 64 net yards on the ground. Miami junior running back Duke Johnson came into the game 122 yards short of Ottis Anderson for No. 1 on the Hur-

ricanes' all-time rushing list. After carrying 15 times for a season-low of 88 yards, he is still No. 2.

With Virginia nursing a 10-7 advantage as the first-half clock wound down, Romero blocked Miami freshman place kicker Michael Badgley's 34-yard field goal attempt. Junior cornerback Maurice Canady came up with the ball and rumbled 65 yards downfield to the Hurricane three-yard line. Though the Cavaliers ended up kicking a field goal, coach Mike London said Romero's block changed the game.

"We talked about flying to the ball," London said. "Turnovers ... big sacks, caused fumbles. That's the type of defense that we were playing early on in the season that got us to that 4-2 mark. It's the type of defense we need to continue to play in order to finish out this regular season."

Parks left the game in the first quarter after suffering an injury on a first-down run, placing the onus on Shepherd and sophomore running back Taquan "Smoke" Mizzell to churn out rushing yardage. Shepherd answered the call, rushing for a season-high 97 yards — including a critical 28-yard gain that London said set up Jennings' critical third-quarter score.

"Wasn't it outstanding?" London said of Shepherd's performance. "It was an outstanding job for a guy that is a selfless guy. ... I can't say enough about a guy that's played his last home football game here that has been such an instrumental part in just the overall aspects of what we do here offensively."

Severin made the play of the game, hauling in a one-handed, 23-yard touchdown reception with

the safety closing in to spot Virginia a 10-7 lead with 3:21 to play in the first quarter. Severin reached out as far as he could to bring the ball in, and his momentum carried him across the goal line.

The athletic play prompted calls for inclusion on SportsCenter's Top 10 and earned high praise from London, who called Severin's grab "one of the best catches I have ever seen."

"I was surprised I even caught it, to be honest," Severin said. "Greyson put me in a good spot to make a catch. I made it."

Virginia will now travel to Blacksburg for a Friday-night

battle between two 5-6 teams who hope to remain in the running for a bowl game. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. London said his players deserved a night to enjoy what they accomplished against Miami before turning to the Hokies.

"Big guy upstairs is shining down on us for this day, this moment," London said. "They deserve it. It's short lived because now, you know, we've got a short week, short turnaround and have to go play our last regular-season game on the road. But, I'm sure those guys are excited about that. So we're moving forward, we're moving on."



John Pappas | The Cavalier Daily

Junior receiver Canaan Severin hauled in an acrobatic, one-handed catch for 23 yards and a first-half touchdown which put the Cavaliers up 10-7 following the extra point.

Women's basketball tames Auburn, remains undefeated

Imovbioh scores 21 points, grabs game-high 13 rebounds in 66-51 victory, guards Randolph, Venson also finish in double figures

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Associate Editor

In a battle of the orange and blue, the Virginia women's basketball team faced Auburn Sunday afternoon at John Paul Jones Arena. From the tip, the game featured three-quarter-court pressure and a steady barrage of 3-point attempts from both squads.

After a string of turnovers in the first five minutes of the game, the Cavaliers (4-0) settled down offensively, trusting the complementary play of senior forward

Sarah Imovbioh and junior guard Faith Randolph against the Tigers (3-1). Ultimately, the squad would come away with a convincing 66-51 victory.

"We had our bad moments, but they didn't last long," coach Joanne Boyle said. "When it really mattered, we were able to get on track after a couple of turnovers in a row."

Imovbioh dominated the glass on both ends of the court, tallying 11 rebounds — five offensive and six defensive — in the first half alone. Heading into the break, she added a team-high

12 points, converting 6-of-6 attempts from the charity stripe.

"[Imovbioh] is a bully on the boards," Randolph said. "She is always posting up hard and we don't mind giving her the ball."

Meanwhile, Imovbioh's backcourt sidekick, Randolph — averaging a Virginia-best 20.7 points per game to start the season — continued to do damage from the perimeter, paint and free-throw line. She ended the first half with nine points and made a game-changing defensive stop with nearly a minute remaining.

Driving frantically to the basket, a Tiger player darted into Randolph, who held her ground and drew a significant charge call.

Acknowledging her sacrifice, teammates rushed to help her up, and the entire Cavalier bench erupted with enthusiasm. Senior forward Sarah Beth Barnette then drained a three-pointer from the left corner, increasing the Cavalier lead to eight points.

A prompt Auburn layup and an ill-advised foul from Virginia allowed the Tigers to sink one-of-two free throws and reduce

Virginia's lead to five points by the midway point, 33-28. If not for the play of sophomore guard Brandy Montgomery, the Tigers would have practically been down for the count.

Montgomery, averaging 10 points per game this season, exploded for 16 points in her 18 first-half minutes. Sporting a quick release, she drained four of her nine three-point attempts. But, her team only combined to shoot 35.5 percent from the

Wrestling hosts No. 4 Buckeyes

Virginia seeks highest ranked win against Ohio State Monday at John Paul Jones Arena

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The 9th-ranked Virginia wrestling team will welcome No. 4 Ohio State for a primetime showdown Monday at John Paul Jones Arena. This top-10 bout will showcase a near-bottomless pool of talent.

The Buckeyes (3-1) are the highest ranked foe the Cavaliers (5-0) have faced since then-No. 4 Iowa downed Virginia 26-12 at the UTC Duals Nov. 16, 2012. Today's Cavalier squad retains only three starters from that dual — sophomore George DiCamillo and seniors Joe Spisak and Nick Sulzer.

For coach Steve Garland, the decision to invite a national powerhouse to Charlottesville was a simple one. His wrestlers need to be pushed in November to excel in March — and iron sharpens iron.

"Our guys need to be able to test themselves," Garland said. "We want this dual meet to be a practice for the NCAA tourna-

ment. We want our guys to feel the heat as much as possible."

And Ohio State can certainly bring the heat. The team finished in sixth place at last year's NCAA tournament. The Buckeye's greatness is not lost on anyone, and they are one of four teams to garner first place votes in the most recent coaches' poll.

But the team is not invincible. Ohio State enters Monday's contest following a loss to No. 10 Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The match ended 18-18, but the Hokies earned the upset based on tie-breaking criteria.

Nine of 10 of Ohio State's starters are ranked in the top-25 of their respective weight classes — and all but three sit in the top-10. The Buckeyes' starting 10 contains three national championships, five All-American selections and 13 collective trips to the big dance.

A wrestler's accolades give him no advantage during a match, however — no matter how glamorous they may appear on paper.

"You have to wrestle the guy, not the singlet," Garland said.

"Anyone can lose on any given day which makes it so much fun. Our guys aren't too shabby either."

The Cavaliers boast their own All-American in senior Nick Sulzer — a two-time selection at the 165-pound weight class. Including Sulzer, six Virginia wrestlers are ranked among the top-25 of their weight classes.

But injuries threaten to keep two ranked Cavaliers on the bench. Senior Gus Sako — No. 9 at 149 pounds — has yet to step onto the mat this season and Virginia's 197-pounder, No. 14 junior Zach Nye, did not compete last week due to an apparent knee injury.

Wrestling is a hyper-physical sport, and injuries are a natural part of competition.

"We can't make the excuse that we're injured because, frankly, we don't know how injured our opponents might be," Garland said. "We're not where we want to be at the end of the year, but we will be."

Returning to John Paul Jones Arena should give Virginia an emotional lift, compensating for the team's ailments. The Cavaliers



Lauren Hornsby | The Cavalier Daily

Senior Nick Sulzer, the second-ranked wrestler at the 165-pound weight class and two-time All-American, will lead the Cavaliers Monday against their toughest opponent of the season thus far.

made history the last time they left the friendly confines of Memorial Gymnasium for JPJ when they defeated then-No. 8 Virginia Tech — the highest-ranked foe Virginia has ever felled — 19-16.

Junior Blaise Butler was pivotal in the victory. He pinned Hokie sophomore Sal Mastriani to put the Cavaliers ahead for good. Butler said he enjoyed his time under the lights and cannot wait to create more highlights.

"Wrestling at John Paul Jones makes our sport a little more fun," Butler said. "You have to go into your match thinking you're going to dominate, and then the win will

take care of itself. I'm looking for bonus points."

The fans are an undeniable factor of the big-time feel of John Paul Jones Arena. Virginia students transform the venue into a fortress during men's basketball season, and Garland would like to see the same happen against Ohio State.

"The fans are going to see top-flight athleticism," Garland said. "This goes back to the time of the gladiators. I guarantee that anyone who attends this match will be entertained and will become hooked on wrestling."

The match begins at 7 p.m.

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ington, which plays a tough and unafraid brand of basketball. The Colonials ran the Flex — a motion offense featuring a series of screens and baseline cuts — and forced the

Cavaliers to raise their game.

"Sometimes it looks like someone said rugby with a basketball," Bennett said. "You know, you're in there and there's screening and grinding, and I don't know if the physicality knocked us back a little bit where we were

a little fatigued or anxious. ... We tried to prepare for it, but when you go against that tight Flex and know how physical it is, it takes a little bit to get used to."

Atkins was not the only Cavalier to improve after the break. Bennett said Brogdon and Ander-

son both raised their games, and Brogdon said the Cavaliers played "Virginia basketball" in the second half against George Washington.

"We knew they were going to be a great team," Atkins said. "We were really excited to have a good

test — a good challenge right in front of us — and I feel like we won out. We were a little sloppy in the first half, but we brought it together in the second half, and I'm really proud of my team for playing as well as we did against this team."

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field and 33.3 percent from the foul line, missing a handful of chances.

The Tigers came out of the break hungry — still pressuring past half court — and narrowed the margin to three with another trey from their knockdown shooter Montgomery. But

by the 13-minute mark, the Cavaliers — led by Imovbioh, Randolph and freshman point guard Mikayla Venson — had increased their lead to 13-points.

Defensively, Virginia settled into its "morphed version of the pack-line" half-court defense after spending the early part of the afternoon in a press, and Randolph began to limit Montgomery's effectiveness down the stretch.

"[Montgomery] has a quick release," Randolph said. "I locked up more on her towards the end of the game."

Without Montgomery burying threes and with impressive defense from Imovbioh on team-leader and junior forward Tra'cee Tanner — recording only six points — the Tigers were overwhelmed in the final minutes.

"We came into the game believing that [Tanner] wasn't going to go off on us," Randolph said.

By the end of the afternoon, Virginia had won handedly, behind its trio of scorers and a stellar all-around shooting percentage — 70 percent from beyond the arc and 50 percent from the field.

Venson ran the show for the Cavaliers and finished with 10 points, while Randolph and

Imovbioh combined for 39 points and 18 rebounds.

"Three or four people are in double figures," Boyle said. "That's the goal as a coach, to share the basketball, ... to have multiple people step up and score the ball."

Now 4-0, the team is off to a fast start and has reason to feel good about how it has played so far. Boyle said she is particularly proud of certain qualities that this group possesses.

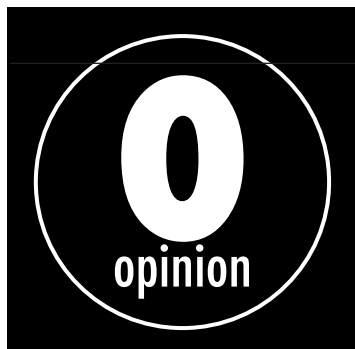
"I like our togetherness, our unity, our work ethic, our attention to detail, confidence, our understanding of roles, our taking initiative of defending, and our [knack] for making the extra pass," Boyle said.

Next, the Cavaliers will travel to Miami to take on Toledo in the opener of the Florida International Tournament Nov. 28.



Senior center Sarah Imovbioh tallied 21 points and a game-high 13 rebounds Sunday against Auburn.

Marshall Bronfin | The Cavalier Daily



Comment of the day

“Given the appalling lack of results the administration has shown survivors, even those who haven’t read the RS article would feel discouraged about what the administration has actually done. The burden is on the administration to demonstrate a commitment to actually helping survivors, who choose to report. The message sent by the administration is that if you report nothing will likely happen and definitely no one will be expelled. It’s up to the administration to earn that trust back, and I agree that the stakes are high, so they better start with high impact, meaningful change. Now.

“Earn our trust” responding to the Nov. 20 lead editorial, “Struggle today, strength tomorrow.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

The devil is in the details

The University community must recognize the complexity of the issue of violence against women

Responses to Rolling Stone’s article have been eager to lay blame — on the Greek system, on the University, on President Sullivan, on Dean Eramo...somewhere. The responses seem to be dividing into two poles — vilifying the University or defending it; vilifying the Greek system or defending it. An entire bureaucracy becomes a mass of either good or evil; a point person at the top of the hierarchy becomes culpable for a problem that is more widely rooted in culture. Honing in on these targets ignores the nuances we need to pay attention to in order to address this issue.

The nuance gets even more lost when people conflate multiple problems into one. One protester on Saturday night held a sign that said “No more Yearleys. No more Hannahs. No more Jackies. No more violence against women.” All

of those incidents do qualify as violence against women, and we can talk about violence against women broadly as a cultural issue. But because the issue is so broad and so wide-reaching, there is no catch-all solution.

Calls to abolish the Greek system abound, but banning Greek life will not eliminate rape. Rape occurs at universities that have no fraternities. And as we have discussed, punishing the entire Greek system for offenses which not all fraternities have committed is unfair and will likely inhibit any kind of meaningful improvement in the University community. Policy changes do not necessarily change culture. Banning fraternities is not guaranteed to eliminate dangerous situations, alcohol abuse and sexual violence. Parties will likely go on but move further out of the pur-

view of the administration.

There are calls to eliminate the University’s Sexual Misconduct Board and turn all reports of sexual assault over to the police. But Title IX does not allow the University to take a pass on adjudicating these cases. And the victim’s choice of who to report to — or whether to report at all — must be respected. If we are to be victims’ advocates, we must respect their wishes.

Because we want change immediately, it is tempting to pinpoint a single figure as the cause of violence and fight to tear it down. But such an approach is self-defeating. President Sullivan could be fired and we would wake up in exactly the same position, still confronting violence. After we march down Rugby Road and chant and vent our anger to the world, we must lay down our picket signs, sit down at

our computers and educate ourselves about the complexities we are dealing with. Read the new sexual misconduct policy. Read about Title IX. Read about how to be a victim’s advocate. Come to the discussion table and listen to other people’s opinions.

Before we direct blame at a greater system or a higher-up, we must turn inward. Each and every member of this community must think about how we could be to blame, and how we could do better. Have you ever heard a story about a rape and thought: she’s probably lying? Have you ever seen an intoxicated woman being taken upstairs at a party and looked the other way? Have you ever heard a rape joke and held your tongue? Have you ever blamed a survivor, or let her blame herself?

If yes, you can do better. We can all do better.

Students can create positive change

Students now have the opportunity to create positive change in the University community

One Less, One in Four and the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition Guest Viewpoint

This past Wednesday, Rolling Stone published an article that greatly impacted our community. From those directly involved in the story to those who have never before been touched by this issue, everyone has been affected. Our community will never be the same. The range of emotions, from mild to intense, felt by our peers is apparent in every class, every conversation and every gathering. These emotions, however, cannot and should not be ignored. Instead, we must channel these sentiments into something productive that moves our community forward. Far too often, the things we become passionate about fall by the wayside. No more. We must create productive and sustainable change that drives forward the conversation, and creates dialogue that we can build on. We recognize that individuals and organizations have the desire

to act — that they are unable to sit idly while there is so much pain among our fellow Wahoos. We encourage thoughtful and intentional activism as opposed to reactionary responses in dealing with this trying issue. With the support of each other, we can unite to become the resounding voice needed in our movement forward.

Regardless of our personal affiliations, we must not lose sight of our humanity. We have an opportunity to recognize the spaces for change in our community. We have an opportunity to unite and channel our emotions into constructive conversations and productive actions. We know this means different things for different people. But we ask that as you move forward you keep a few things in mind. There are many survivors in our community. They are survivors of sexual harassment, stalking, intimate partner violence and sexual assault. They have various gender identities, sexual orientations and backgrounds. It is important that we recognize the unique experiences

of the survivors in our community, and respect the voices that act as catalysts for cultural and institutional change.

As we move forward we must recognize that this shift will not happen overnight, but rather must be a deliberate, collaborative and continuous effort. Real change will not be driven just by advocacy groups, activists and the administration, but by the entire community. Our emotions are raw, but they must not consume us.

There is no easy solution. This will not be solved overnight. Yet, if we come together, we can improve our community’s treatment and awareness of this issue. If we continue to think and talk about this openly, we can and will make positive change. These changes have been coming, driven by peer education groups and embraced by so many students. Initiatives such as #HoosGotYourBack, the

Hand Print Project, and the upcoming GreenDot program are all supported by many students and members of the administration. At the present, we have the tools available to work toward a health-



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ier community, and we have the passion to make it happen. A call to action is echoing across grounds, a message burning loud and clear, waiting for us to hear it.

Many of us may feel attacked in the wake of this article and feel our culture is being blamed, but we cannot ignore the article’s central truth: acts of sexual assault such as this have occurred and will continue to occur on our grounds

until we truly come together to prevent them. Yet, after all of the actions and reactions in response to this article, there is hope. There is hope that we as a community will care enough about this issue to fight and to affect lasting change — so that those who follow us will be proud. It happens together, but it begins with each one of us. We have the power to change our own behavior and to stand together to say “no more.” We have the power to end the cycle of violence that is pervasive in our community. We have the power to set precedence for all universities, to choose our actions wisely as we move forward. This is a national problem, but it is one that we have the power to change at our University — starting right now. We have the power. Let’s be the change.

Today, just as every other day, we stand with survivors.

This piece was written by the leadership of One Less, One in Four and the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition.

On sexual assault: Letters from the Community

The Greek system should be part of the solution

In the wake of the Rolling Stones article there has been a lot of discussion of the Greek societies role in what occurred. Most recently a petition on Change.org has been created to encourage President Sullivan to abolish the Greek system. It is not surprising that someone would present this as a possible solution. However, it does not address the real problem. You cannot solve the issues surrounding sexual assault by abolishing the Greek system. Sadly sexual assaults would still occur, just not in fraternities.

Rather than demonizing the entire Greek system, we should figure out how to make it part of the solution. I am fortunate enough to know who to call and who could give me proper guidance should something happen to me or one of my friends — a member of my sorority. There are many sorority members who are actively involved in trying to prevent sexual assault on grounds. The ISC is one of the largest group of women on grounds. We should not be abolishing it, we should be mobilizing it.

As Julia Horowitz points out in her article "What I didn't know then" is that the Greek sys-

tem comes across as a mythical system and is the center of social life at UVa. It is true fraternities have huge social capital. They are the only place available for first-years who want to go out since they cannot go to bars, do not know upperclassmen, and



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cannot be invited to a party with alcohol by a sorority member. Horowitz points out first-years have very little guidance when it comes to how the Greek system works. This lack of understanding results in tragic situations such as fear that reporting an assault is social suicide and would bar you from joining a sorority or fraternity. It does not; in fact there are survivors in many ISC and IFC organizations.

It is our responsibility as a Greek community to provide

first year women with the guidance they so desperately need in the first semester of college. We should be offering every available resource to help first years educate them. I was unaware until I read Horowitz's article that you are more vulnerable to

sexual assault in the first 6 weeks of college. That is important information. The Greek community needs to reach out and help mentor and educate first-year women about sexual assault whether they choose to rush or not. We should actively work to decrease victim blaming, combat rape culture and provide support for survivors. It is our responsibility to work with the community to protect our members Greek or not.

This is not only limited to women. If it is only women who are being educated then it is only one half of the people who need to be involved. Men are just as important. They can be sexual assaulted as well. The IFC has the potential to do tremendous

good for our community. They can promote education about sexual assault and how to prevent it starting with their own members. We need the IFC just as much as the ISC to push for better education about the sexual misconduct rules and the resources available to survivors. If it is only women who understand this nothing is going to change.

The Greek community provides so many resources for its members in regards to sexual assault. They have a women's concerns chair to advise you in multiple situations. They have risk management to look out for members when they go out. It is time that these sort of resources are made available to everyone. We as a community need to do our part. We have to look out for each other and serve as a resource for education instead of being source of mystery and confusion. We have so many resources to offer this community. It is time to unite with everyone on grounds and do our part to make our community safe.

Laura Merriman
CLAS '15

Let the legal system handle it

Dear Rector George Keith Martin,

As a member of the Faculty of The University of Virginia, I welcome, finally, your message to us today, on the evening of November 20th. You state that rape "should be punished as a crime under applicable law," that "we must do everything possible to ensure that the opportunity for a timely and appropriate law enforcement response is maximized." You lead us in the right direction. Rape is a crime.

Rape is a crime everywhere in this nation. On college and university campuses it is possible for rape not to be treated as a crime. As you state, at our university a victim of rape can file either a "criminal or administrative complaint."

We should not harbor administrative complaints of criminal behavior. Colleges and universities cannot adjudicate crime. Only law enforcement institutions can. The administrative complaint must be eliminated.

To protect and support our students who come to us as victims of sexual assault, we should encourage them to seek assistance at our hospital as soon as they can. They can file a criminal complaint or decide not to do so. This is a decision no one can take easily. Nor is it a decision they need to take immediately. They are our students. As teachers and role models, we are in a singular position to support them over the days and weeks as they decide what to do.

The University should work together with the Charlottesville and Albemarle police departments to assure that our students are treated by law enforcement officers with the respect and dignity that all human beings deserve. We are fortunate in this city and in this county to have highly professional police departments.

As we now know too well, administrative complaints have served to coddle the perpetrators of rape more often than not. We have made it possible for the perpetrators of rape to walk free too often on our Grounds. This needs to stop. The legal system determines culpability.

Herbert Braun
Department of History

Honor will pursue the ideals it stands for

Sexual assault is an appalling crime and a fundamental violation of the community of trust that our Honor System seeks to uphold. Last week's Rolling Stone article has tragically reminded us that this community is not always the safe, trusting, and caring place we envision. Our trust has been shaken, and we, your classmates, are angry. We are angry that we attend a school where members of our community assault others. We are angry that many perpetrators continue to walk among us. And we are angry with ourselves—angry that we, as the Honor Committee, have failed to address the crimes that most egregiously violate our community. Impassioned for our friends and peers, we all seek opportunities to channel our anger toward facilitating justice for survivors.

The complicated intersection of Title IX and due process legally prevents the Honor Com-

mittee from taking part in the adjudication of sexual assault. As a student-run system with the highest possible standard of proof, the Honor System cannot



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fulfill all federal requirements for hearing cases of sexual misconduct. While we are prohibited from adjudicating these cases, that is no excuse for inaction. The Honor Committee is wholly dedicated to encouraging advocacy, supporting survivors, and fostering a community that we can be proud to call our own. To that end, the Honor Com-

mittee and its support officers will train in comprehensive violence prevention strategies through the University's new Green Dot program, a program that can produce necessary cultural change at our University. We urge other student organizations to join us and do the same. Starting now, the Honor Committee will also strive to

support student advocacy across Grounds and further promote discussion about the ideal of honor as it relates to sexual assault. We acknowledge that the Honor Committee cannot directly adjudicate the cases at hand, but we will — and must — continue to work with the community toward a safer University.

No matter the constraints of federal legislation or personal feelings about Honor Committee policies, we must remain united in our pursuit of the highest standards of trust, integrity and accountability in our University. The community of trust belongs to all of us, and change within a community begins with the individual. Institutional or administrative change cannot occur overnight — but personal change can. In each moment, honor is not about adjudication or trials; it is about always doing what is right. It is about always looking after one another. Sexual assault is a repugnant affront to our community, and we know that each of our individual actions is key in eliminating it and creating the University we desire. We must do more.

The Honor Committee

This is the dark power of fraternities

Over thirty years ago, when I was a new student at the University, I went out to lunch with a young man I'd dated a few times, with the intention of breaking things off. (This was back in the days when even a short and unserious relationship required a formal exit interview.) He was a very nice guy, and popular — he belonged to a big fraternity on campus — and although he seemed disappointed, he wasn't in any way crushed. But at the end of the lunch, he did something I never forgot. He reached across the table, grabbed my hand and said I had to promise him something: that I would never, under any circumstances go upstairs alone at a fraternity house. Yes of course, I said, and tried to change the subject — I was young! I knew everything. "No," he said sharply. I needed to listen to him. This was important.

There was something so urgent in the way he said those words, that I heeded them — in all my time at the university, I only went upstairs at a fraternity party a single time, with three friends, and we went back downstairs in five minutes.

During my years at the Uni-

versity there was an unspoken understanding that something very dark and very bad was happening upstairs at those fraternities to women. It was the young women's job — not the fraternities' and not the university's — to make sure it didn't



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happen to them. While I was a student, a notorious gang rape took place at the Phi Kappa Psi house, and a dean told the victim to be more careful and to consider transferring to another college.

I have never sought to demonize the young men who belong at the UVa fraternities — many were among my closest friends, and I married one of

them — but there is something rotten in the system, and the university itself is deeply complicit in that rottenness.

All of these facts — starting with the young man's grabbing my hand at a restaurant three decades ago — led me to write a long essay in the Atlantic this year: "The Dark Power of Fraternities." In it I explored the powerful hold that the fraternity industry has over the colleges and universities that host their chapters — and the ways in which those colleges and universities (our beloved UVa among them)

are complicit in the rapes that all too often take place in the houses.

Violence took place at the Phi Kappa Psi house after the Rolling Stone article appeared. I applaud the reasoned and thoughtful response of the editorial board of The Cavalier Daily, urging patience and persistence in the newest efforts to reform the sexual assault prob-

lem in the UVa fraternities. Violence is never the answer. But in the thirty years since I graduated, how far has patience and persistence gotten us? Exactly nowhere.

The vandalism of last Thursday night, and the moral outrage of the people who occasioned it, brings to mind the long-ago words of Mario Savio, speaking at another American college campus in need of systemic reform: "There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part. You can't even passively take part. You've got to put your bodies upon the gears and upon the wheels, upon the levers, upon all the apparatuses, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it — that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working at all."

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Among city residents, fear is prevalent

Having lived in Charlottesville since November, 1964 and having my family's residence in the University of Virginia neighborhood (just off Rugby Road) I have witnessed some rather shocking and disturbing behavior on the part of UVa students, particularly at fraternity houses in and around "Mad Bowl" and the Grady Avenue and Rugby Road area.

Everything from "streaking" to the out of control behavior during "Easters" weekends. Drunkenness, fights, indifference to private property, disturbing noise, mistreatment of women, unacceptable mountains of litter; it runs the gamut ...

Raising two children, both my wife and I were in constant vigilance for the safety of our son and daughter. Our daughter had an incident on University Circle where some rowdy young men tried to accost her and her friend, trying to get into her car. She only managed to escape by going the wrong direction on a one way street and received a citation (later dismissed) for her action.

The latest alleged incident of a gang rape by seven men in a UVa sanctioned fraternity house is extremely frightening to many of my neighbors with young teenage daughters. If true, and these criminals get away with this, the fear my neighbors feel is justified.

The alleged criminal violence of these young men could appropriately be called "Taliban-Lite." Attacking and violating an innocent woman is really no different than the behavior we condemn in any nation...

I must also state: the large majority of UVa students I have known as neighbors — and in a few cases as employees — have been exemplary and would surely be deeply offended by the allegations reported in the "Rolling Stones" magazine report.

There simply must be complete transparency and unflinching pursuit of these criminals and likewise a constant vigilance with severe penalties for any hint of such behavior in the future.

Sincerely,
Harry Tenney
Charlottesville

Create a mandatory course on gender-based violence

For several semesters in 2010, 2011, and 2012, I taught a large lecture course, at the University of Virginia, on gender-based violence: SOC 2380. Enrollment for the course varied from 100 to 175 students per term. It was a depressing course to teach, and I was never happy teaching it. And yet, the course seemed to help some of the women students enrolled, some in terms of understanding their situation if they were survivors, and also — a hopeful thing — some in terms of how to avoid becoming victims. After its publication, I taught Liz Securo's memoir as one text, among others, for this class.

But the idea that the course was helpful in teaching women students about gender-based violence left a bad taste in my mouth. Because one thing of which I was certain: the course was not changing the perception of gender-based violence amongst male students. Some guys who took the class apparently did so because they were already concerned with what other men did to women, which was of course a good motivation; but some male students apparently enrolled in the class for antagonistic reasons. Unbe-

lievably, I was often interrupted during my lectures by male students who would say out loud and without fear of — or respect for — me as a professor that my



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statistics were wrong, or that I did not care about men. I would then counter that I was married to a man, which brought laughs. It was a completely absurd situation.

In no other course that I've ever taught at UVa has there been that kind of disrespect in the lecture hall. My course evaluations, for SOC 2380, were studded with comments like "She is a man-hating lesbian." When the class was discontinued, I was filled with relief — also guilt, but profound relief — and that leads to the question of what could be done seriously

and for a sustained period of time, by UVa faculty to change the patterns of gender-based violence at UVa.

What could be done? One path would be to make Claire Kaplan's course on gender-based violence more central, integral, and essential to academics at UVa. She has taught for years an excellent class on gender-based violence, and that class could be a model

for an interdisciplinary course that would be mandatory for all first years to take their first semester at UVa. Obviously people in addition to Claire Kaplan would have to begin to teach this course if it were mandatory for all students, but as an interdisciplinary course it could draw from many disciplinary perspectives and so many faculty could teach the course. Pull from the faculties of philosophy, psychology, English, and history to teach an introductory course on gender-based violence. Get male faculty teaching it.

Would such a course really change patterns of student violence? It seems to me that by making it mandatory for every student enrolled at UVa to take a semester-long course on gender-based violence, and by pulling in faculty from across the disciplines to teach such a course, the problem of gender-based violence would receive more light and that might change patterns in the students' social world. I think we need to get this social problem of gender-based violence out of the enclave of women and gender studies if we are to really affect social change. The problem with the course I taught was that it was a class not seen as central to the curriculum by anyone, including in the end myself. But if the university were to implement a mandatory full-semester course that all students had to take, and that many different faculty had to teach, I think that could begin to shift the ground. It could be the beginning of a real dialogue.

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Comprehensive coverage

The Cavalier Daily staff reported on every angle and development of the Rolling Stone story

Christopher Broom
Public Editor

I imagine that the staff of The Cavalier Daily had other stories planned for the end of last week. I certainly had a different column in process before an article in Rolling Stone was published last Wednesday detailing heinous allegations of rape and what is described as a response from the University administration that is woefully insufficient. The foci of virtually everyone on and around Grounds shifted immediately to the story and the response to it. I watched, in part, as those seeking information and those who had something to say turned increasingly to The Cavalier Daily.

I have written in this space previously wondering what the purpose of a college newspaper is and musing on various possibilities. What The Cavalier Daily has been for the last week is a lot of how I'd like to define any good newspaper. Unlike the Hannah Graham story for which The Cavalier Daily leveraged a small group spearheaded by Kelly Kaler to effectively report a story that unfolded over weeks

(and continued, in fact, this past Thursday), the breadth of what the CD can do was shown this week. I stopped counting at a dozen different bylines on articles related to the Rolling Stone piece and reactions to it. There were reports from many corners



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of the University and from virtually all groups of stakeholders including faculty, alumni, undergraduate and graduate students, the Board of Visitors, state-level politicians and so on. On Twitter there were photos in real time of protests that sprung up including the few arrests outside of the Phi Kappa Psi house. I watched as my personal twitter feed (one separate from my @cdpubliceditor handle) shift-

ed from links to national news sources to sharing Cavalier Daily articles. That was notable for me because in the past, even with University-related news, people I follow tend to stick with national publications. The Cavalier Daily was simply doing a better job of working the story than anyone else. The articles they ran were informative, concisely written and above all, timely. The reaction roundup article published Thursday night by Peter Simonsen was a particularly good idea, I'd very much like to see it

updated as warranted. Any time I learned of a reaction from anywhere else, The Cavalier Daily already had it. It really felt like the CD was just everywhere on this, which is about as high praise as I can think to give a newsroom working a story.

The one story that really fell flat for me was the article on the University administration's proposed changes to its sexual misconduct policy. It was pub-

lished early Thursday morning online and in the Thursday print edition and had nothing referencing the Rolling Stone article or reaction to that article and felt like it was lacking as a result. Making another phone call to ask whether or how the policy would be moved forward in response (even if met with no comment or demurrer) would have helped readers locate the information in the article in the changing landscape. As is, it read like it was already old news and the quotations in the article were already out of date.

But that is really a nitpick in what was a fantastic job of reporting overall. Beyond giving us the news, the Cavalier Daily website was important as a digital gathering place. The comment sections on several articles blossomed quickly with hundreds of comments across several pieces. Of course not all of the comments are helpful, reasonable or even accurate, but a place to feel that one's voice can be heard is important — a tremendous service to the community. The "Letters from the Community" feature on the website is invaluable. The one thing that felt disconnected for

me was the mobile app. With no comments available on the articles and without updates as frequent as the website it just wasn't as useful as other ways of accessing The Cavalier Daily.

Beyond everything I've just written and as good a job as I think the Cavalier Daily staff has done covering the Rolling Stone article reaction, I think the most important thing the staff did from the perspective of publishing a good newspaper was not lose the handle on the other important things going on at the University. Second year student Peter D'Agostino died suddenly on Thursday and The Cavalier Daily had a news article up immediately and followed with updates, a letter from Peter's friends and, eventually, his obituary as provided by his family. All of these were top news items on the website, which I think was the right place for them.

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Obituary for Peter D'Agostino



Peter Cuskley D'Agostino, 20, of Greenwich, died suddenly on Thursday, Nov. 20, in Charlottesville, Va.

A second-year student at the University of Virginia, Peter graduated in 2013 from St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Del., where he was student body president. Upon graduation from St. Andrew's, he earned the William H. Cameron Award for outstanding service to the school — the highest honor conferred by St. Andrew's.

"At St. Andrew's, we work hard and we hold ourselves accountable to the people around us," he said, addressing the gathering for St. Andrew's 2013 Commencement. "Our end of the bargain in these relationships means working beyond exhaustion and creating the types of intangible achievements that will ultimately reflect lives well lived."

Peter was a serious and highly talented scholar in several disciplines, including English literature, the Classics, and creative writing.

Friends recalled Peter for his "immediately impressive intelligence," his "spot-on impersonations," and particularly for his "ever-present ability to appreciate life in the face of adversity."

Known especially for his humor and wit, he was a loyal and caring friend and mentor to so many. They included those at Camp Winona, an all-boys camp on the shores of Moose Pond, in Bridgton, Maine, to which Peter had returned every year since he was 7.

At Camp Winona, Peter spent eight summers as a camper and then the following four summers as a counselor. He became a member of the Winona family, finding a knack for leading younger boys through many of the same traditions and adventures he had enjoyed there growing up.

An athlete as well, he was a varsity oarsman on the highly competitive St. Andrew's School rowing team, having learned to row at Brunswick School, where he attended 2nd through 9th grade.

More recently, Peter had coached younger rowers in Greenwich. While at UVa, he pursued an American Studies major, had been writing fiction, and was also a member of The Whethermen, an Improv group.

The third-youngest in a family of four, Peter was born in Manhattan. His family moved to Greenwich when he was 7.

He leaves his parents, Mary Beth and Walter D'Agostino, and sisters Alexandra, Jane, and Polly, all of Greenwich. He is also survived by his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and friends.

A wake will be held from 2-4pm and 6-9pm on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014 at the Leo P. Gallagher & Son Funeral Home, 31 Arch Street, Greenwich, CT. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30am on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014 at St. Mary's Church, 178 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Peter's memory to The Winona Camps for Boys, 35 Winona Rd., Bridgton, Maine, 04009.



Meg Thornberry
Health & Science Editor

Joint team finds key cancer blocker

Newly discovered compound prevents start of pathway responsible for tumor formation in multiple cancers

at the University along with those at Indiana University, the University of Colorado and Yale University, has led to the discovery of a compound capable of inhibiting a key step in the growth of cancer tumors. This discovery may lead to novel therapies for lung, bladder, prostate, colon and pancreas cancers — most of which were not previously known to be related.

The key factor is the signaling protein, Ral, which acts as an on-off switch for the Ras pathway, a chain reaction that results in tumor-causing mutations. The Ras pathway is critical to a large number of cancers and was originally discovered in bladder cancer research by Dr. Dan Theodorescu, director of the NCI designated Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Colorado.

"I think it's going to have — if we are able to block the invasions — very significant ramifications," Theodorescu said. "The protein Ral is important in pancreatic [cancer], bladder cancer, ... a number of the cancers that are driven by the the protein."

Center for Cell Signaling Director David Brautigan, who worked with Theodorescu, said the research is particularly important for bladder cancer research.

"[Bladder cancer is] one of the underserved tumors — it impacts a lot of people, and it's one of those things that doesn't get a lot of press coverage or attention or research dollars," Brautigan said. "And so Dan has really made bladder cancer the center of his entire research career."

The team initially studied the pathway hoping to find a means of stopping metastatic bladder cancer — a cancer that starts in the bladder but soon spreads elsewhere in the body. The discovery that the pathway caused metastasis came from analyzing multiple studies, including genetic analysis lead by the NIH.

Once the pathway was discovered, the challenge became finding a molecule small enough to bind to Ral, which is in itself a very small protein. According to Brautigan, scientists have known that Ral was a target for about 20 years.

"It's basically a small protein that switches between two states," Brautigan said. "And it functions as a switch, to switch on the growth of the tumor. So the challenge was, how do you get a small molecule that stops a small protein from switching between the two states."

The process started with a struc-

tural biologist at the University of Indiana, who created a computer model of the Ral protein and tested 500,000 small virtual molecules, to see which ones would bind to Ral when it was switched "off."

"It depended on the work of structural biologists, computer scientists and biochemists — people who wrote the algorithms," Brautigan said. "It's people that you wouldn't otherwise think are cancer researchers."

The University team, Theodorescu, Brautigan and Yale Prof. Martin Schwartz, then had a much shorter list of molecules they knew would bind to Ral. They then tested for their effectiveness in stopping the protein from switching to its "on" state. They reduced the list of possible candidates from about 200 to 12.

Those compounds were administered as drugs, and their ability to shrink human bladder tumors grown in mice was measured.

The compound found to work best, RBC10, was then passed along to NantBioScience, a California-based pharmaceutical company

working to create a "targeted therapy" drug that will administer the compound directly to the Ral molecule.

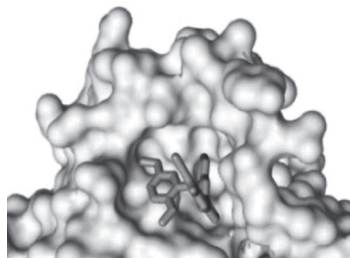
Though this research is focused on treating cancer once it has manifested, Brautigan said it is even more important to take preventative measures.

"Smoking turns out to be the huge, dominant risk factor for bladder cancer," Brautigan said. "You stop and think, 'Yeah, it's not just everything you eat.' All those noxious chemicals end up passing through the urine, and so they get into the bladder."

Researchers hope this new discovery will eventually slow down if not stop solid tumor cancers developed by mutations of Ras.

"In cancer the genetics really determine the cancer you have," Theodorescu said. "Not every single tumor cancer will be driven by the Ral protein, ... it will help the ones that are."

— Urvi Singhania contributed to reporting on this story.



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The newly discovered compound binds to Ral, preventing it from signaling tumors to form.

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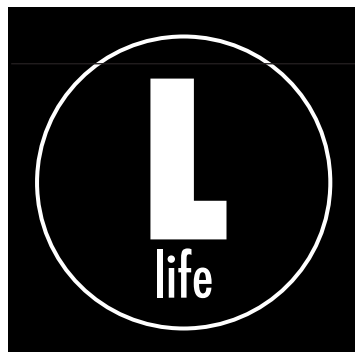
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Through its Thanksgiving Meal Match program, the Lorna Sundberg International Center offers international students who cannot make the trip home an opportunity to experience Thanksgiving with a Charlottesville family.

Thanksgiving Meal Match has been a University tradition since 1983, said International Center Program Coordinator Quynh Nguyen.

"If you've ever been at U.Va. over Thanksgiving break, [you know] it's very lonely," Nguyen said. "The meal exchange is supposed to help students feel not so lonely — [and] it's also an opportunity to get international students

into an American home and let them experience American family life."

This year, the Center will match 98 international students with 49 different Charlottesville families.

Amy Anderson, a Darden Student Affairs employee, will participate in the meal exchange for the second time this year.

"It was such an enriching experience for both [my family] and the students," Anderson said. "I loved being able to give these students a chance to be in a home when most people are no longer on Grounds."

Through the program, international students bond while participating in quintessential Thanksgiving activities — from hiking to watching football to decorating gingerbread houses.

Ee-Wern Yap, an international student from Malaysia who joined the Andersons for Thanksgiving last year, said the experience was

one of her most memorable since coming to the University.

Third-year Commerce student "Green bean casserole is now my favorite Thanksgiving dish because of [the Andersons]," Yap said. "I remember there was a full tray on the dinner table and I didn't know what it was until they offered it to me. I couldn't stop myself after that. It was embarrassing."

The dinner was also a learning experience for the host family, Anderson said.

"One of the motivators for me doing [the program] is that I have two teenage daughters, and I wanted them to hear from an international student what it's like to come here," Anderson said.

Yap reflected on the kindness of her host family.

"These kind folks proved how people can be generous to others, even if they're strangers," Yap said. "I'm extremely grateful to them."



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Students who are unable to make the trip home for Thanksgiving have said they are grateful for the opportunity to spend the occasion in a home setting.

Campus Kitchen caters to local families

Student group, community partners provide holiday meals for low-income Charlottesville residents

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The University chapter of Campus Kitchen held TurkeyPalooza this past weekend in an annual event which provides Thanksgiving meals to low-income families in the Charlottesville community.

Campus Kitchen collaborated with community partners, including Hope House, Emergency Food Bank and Love Link, who picked up the food prepared by the student group Friday at St. Paul's Church.

"This is a tangible experience, and you do not feel like you are sitting behind a desk — it is active volunteering," first-year College student Jessica Lakshmi Chandrasekhar said.

Volunteers compiled pre-packaged foods that families can re-heat in their homes and prepared classic Thanksgiving staples including green bean casserole, pumpkin pie, roasted sweet potatoes, turkey and stuffing.

Various fundraising efforts, including food drives, bake sales and donations, were held over several weeks to

acquire food. Campus Kitchen allied with the Inter-Sorority Council to raise funds through a coin jar competition held between sororities.

Campus Kitchen Co-chair Estelle Gong, a fourth-year College student, said TurkeyPalooza sheds light on larger structural issues within Charlottesville.

"[Volunteering] is more than feeling good — it is realizing that you are part of the Charlottesville community," Gong said. "Volunteering is important, but giving food is not enough. It is about understanding why the problems exist."

TurkeyPalooza also marks a shift in focus for the University's Campus Kitchen chapter — which spends a majority of the year focusing on University sustainability goals and recovering food waste.

Gong said she hopes to expand the event in the future by serving more families and engaging with more community partners.

"We are trying to grow how many people we serve, from 30 to 50 families," Gong said.



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Student volunteers worked to provide Thanksgiving dinners for local low-income families.

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Competition on a global scale

First-year Engineering student brings commitment to Irish dance to the University

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In her first semester, first-year Engineering student Erin Murphy has balanced adjusting to a new environment with daily practices for regional, national and global Irish dancing competitions.

Influenced by her family, Murphy began Irish dancing at the age of five.

"My dad's side of the family is really Irish, so when my dad was a kid, all my aunts Irish danced," Murphy said. "When I was five, a family friend started [Irish dancing] and they [suggested that I] start too."

When Murphy moved from New Jersey to Richmond, she began dancing with the Broesler School of Irish Dance, where she still dances today. Throughout high school, Murphy would drive from Richmond to Baltimore every Monday for practice, and would travel to New Jersey on the weekends.

At the University, Murphy has to work to balance her practice schedule with her college course load. In addition to practicing in the Memorial Gym studio almost every day, Murphy travels to Warrenton on Wednesdays to train

with an instructor.

"I considered, before college, that I would become too absorbed in everything else and [dancing would be] too much of a time commitment, but I definitely don't feel that way [now]," Murphy said. "I feel like when I didn't [dance], there was something missing, and I can't imagine not doing it."

Eileen Paulson, one of Murphy's dance instructors at Broesler, likes to think she had some influence over Murphy's decision, but she says making the choice to dance in college is up to each individual student.

"As much as I want it for any college student, they must have that inner desire to keep going," Paulson said. "The students are on their own when they go off to college. We can email them and text them and encourage them to continue, but they are the ones that must coordinate their class time, study time, practice time and social time."

With hours blocked off for practicing each day, Murphy admits Irish dance is a big time commitment. But rather than adding to the high-pressure environment of college, dance practice helps Murphy organize her time, she said.

"I actually think it's better for me, because when I'm not busy ...

I feel like I waste more time," Murphy said. "When I'm really busy, even though I do have to spend a lot of time dancing, I feel like it makes me more organized and I actually get more things done. It is a big commitment, but I don't think it really hurts me a lot."

One of Murphy's major goals is to earn a medal at the World Irish Dance Championship, informally called "Worlds." Leading up to this year's spring competition in Canada, Murphy has already placed at both the regional and national levels. Though she has qualified for Worlds five times before and has competed three times, Murphy has never been ranked high enough to earn a prize.

"A lot of people stop [dancing] after high school," Murphy said. "It might not be as difficult because there's not as many people in the competition, but it also condenses out. There are less people, but they're all really good. I'm definitely going to be training really hard to try [to place], because I don't know how many more [World Competitions] I can go to."

Paulson said Murphy's self-discipline and enthusiasm for the sport are "infectious."

"She inconspicuously raises the standard, not just here and there,



First-year Engineering student Erin Murphy has displayed her talent as an Irish dancer at competitions in countries across the globe.

Courtesy Erin Murphy

but at every practice, competition or event," Paulson said. "Erin not only has a work ethic that is amazing, but she has an underlying passion that is her driving force."

Murphy said that even after she decides to stop dancing in competitions, the Irish dance community will remain a part of her life.

"Even after I stop competing, I

really want to do a show," Murphy said. "They have shows like 'Lord of the Dance' and 'Riverdance' that go on tour. I really want to go on at least one tour. ... I would [also] love to teach a dance class once a week for someone else and just be part of a dance school, so that Irish dance could still be a part of my life."

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