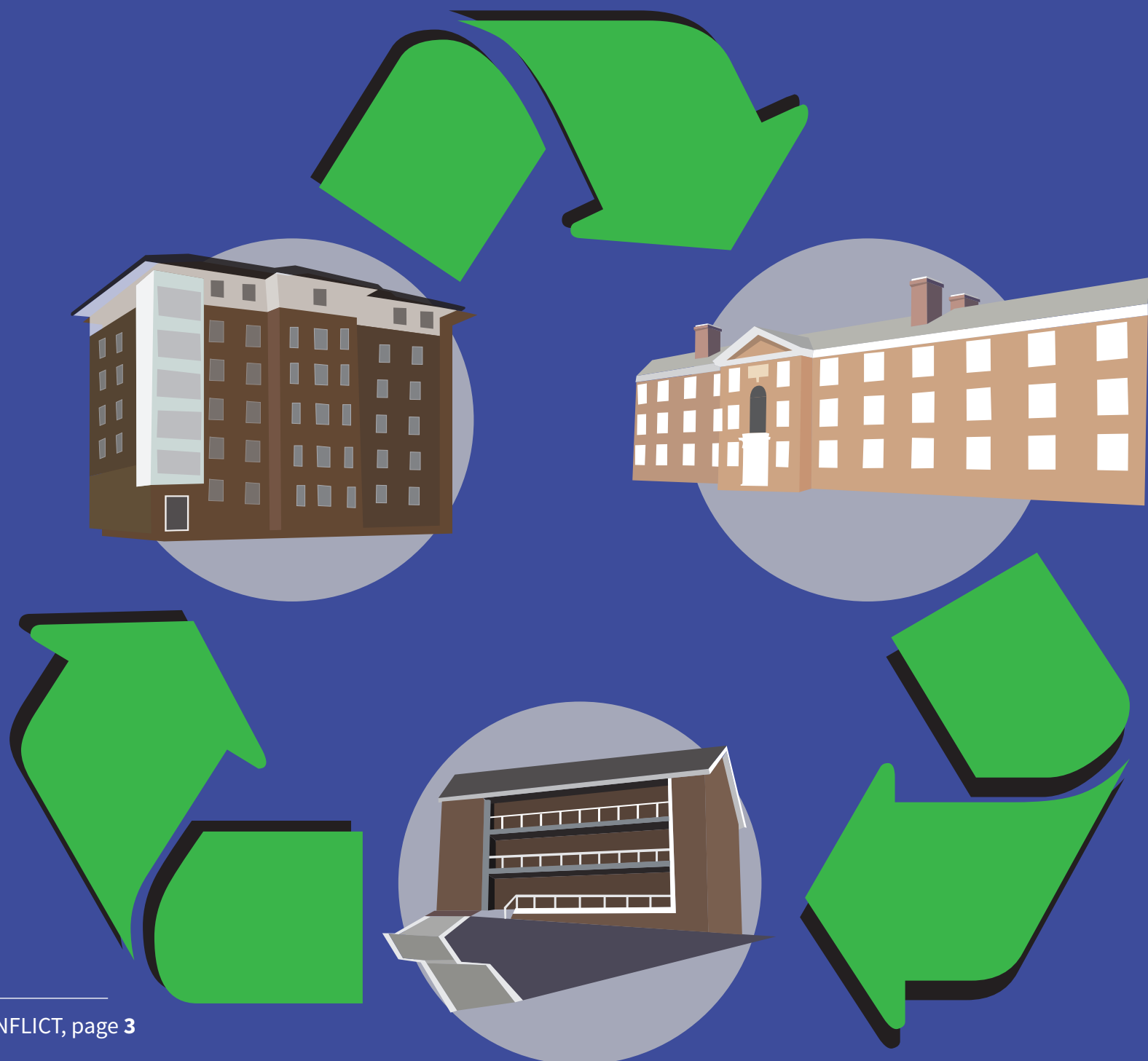


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Recycling efforts face participation challenges

Programs working toward greener Grounds conflict with individual student practices

MAGGIE SNOW | STAFF WRITER

While sustainability initiatives have become much more popular in recent years among students, many still do not recycle in on-Grounds housing.

"Every student makes waste. Every day, every student makes choices that affect their individual footprint and it affects the University's overall footprint. These choices are about things like waste, water, energy, food," said Jesse Warren, the University's sustainability program manager for buildings and operations.

One of these choices is whether to recycle one's personal waste in on-Grounds housing. This requires sorting products into three major groups — plastic, metal and glass; paper and cardboard; and landfill waste — then bringing the recycling out to bins located next to the dumpsters outside of buildings.

"We don't look at it as being that much harder than taking out the trash," Warren said. "You're already making a trip down there to empty the landfill material, so if you sort, it's easy to deposit your plastic, metal, glass as well as the paper and cardboard while you're there."

In first-year dorms, individual recycling bins are a fairly standard feature for each room, but are not always provided because they are not part of the official move-in equipment.

Sonny Beale, recycling programs superintendent, said when the individual bin program was first in-

troduced a couple years ago, some students used the bins, while others returned them to facilities management.

"This year it's been more of a by-request type system. We tried to get them out to each of the dorm rooms, both in first-year and upperclass dorms and have found that many of them end up in closets or left outside of the recycling centers from people that either have little or no interest in participating in the programs," Beale said.

Beale said the returning of bins makes it difficult to determine what approaches should be considered next. If bins are included in housing move-in equipment, this adds another item that may need to be replaced each year. If they are not included, students may be less likely to find ways to recycle on their own.

"There're no recycling bins in our room unless the roommates specify that one of their trash cans is going to be for recycling and one of them's gonna be the trash, but let's be honest, not many rooms do that," Min Soo Choi, a first-year College student living in Lefevre, said.

Choi said he knows he could request a bin from facilities management if he felt so inclined, but said communal hall recycling bins may be even more efficient than individual bins.

Mary Beth Barksdale and Aurora Bays-Muchmore, first-year College students living in Balz-Dobie, said communal bins would add another

task to the list of housekeepers' tasks, but may motivate students to recycle things like soda bottles or paper boxes in communal dorm areas.

Housing and Residence Life works to include sustainability as a part of dorm life.

"We work with our partners at Sustainability to really get the best practices for our dorm and residential living, including in our opening meetings and in some of our later programming, so that that is very oriented to educating residents on those values and then incentivizing and promoting a norm around those values," said Jackson Nell, current resident staff chair and a fourth-year College student.

Much of this information is spread by Sustainability Advocates, student volunteers who work with the Office of Sustainability to disseminate information to their peers about ways they can reduce their environmental footprint.

"Some of U.Va.'s brightest sustainability leaders, who go on to have careers in sustainability, started out in the SA program," Nina Morris, sustainability outreach and engagement manager, said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. "The SAs are instrumental in the planning, promotion and implementation of some of UVA's biggest sustainability events, such as Game Day Challenge Football and Basketball."

A current initiative is a one-month composting pilot in the International Residential College and



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Dorm residents are encouraged to bring recycling to bins located near dumpsters.

Brown College. Students residing in these areas have the option of composting food waste in a bin outside of their buildings.

"The idea is this is entirely student-run, so the students take responsibility for the success of the program and the fact that we're going to get good clean compost that's not contaminated from the facilities," Warren said.

In terms of daily actions, students have many opportunities to improve the environment at a personal level through their diet and by using reusable to-go containers at dining halls.

"[One way is] to incorporate plant-forward meals into your diet. U.Va. Dining offers great vegetarian and vegan options in dining halls and student groups like Greens to Grounds can help bring fresh, local produce right to U.Va. students," Morris said. "Another good practice is to be thoughtful of the electricity and water that you consume."

At an administrative level, sus-

tainable construction projects, such as the Alderman Road first-year dorms and future McCormick Road renovations, will reduce energy and water use on-Grounds.

For Morris, she said her biggest hope for the future is meeting the goals and actions described in the University's Sustainability Plan, an initiative "developed by over 100 students, faculty, staff and community members."

Beale said he hopes prospective students will be drawn to the University because they know students care about green practices here.

"I hope that U.Va. will continue to increase the opportunities for sustainability-related curriculum, research and leadership, to send students out in the world with the knowledge and passion to take on global environmental challenges," Andrea Trimble, director of the Office of Sustainability, said in an email statement.

U.Va. Dining to incorporate more meatless options

Students react to Aramark sustainability efforts

ELIZA HAVERSTOCK | STAFF WRITER

The University's dining services program plans to offer more vegetarian and vegan options in response to student demand for increased variety and healthier food. This is also part of an ongoing effort to incorporate more sustainable practices into the dining halls.

According to U.Va. Dining Sustainability Coordinator Samantha Jameson, there are currently a variety of practices in place in the dining halls that promote sustainability and create a more inclusive experience for students. This includes Meatless Mondays and all-vegetarian theme meals, as well as events on World Water Day, Earth Week and World Vegetarian Day.

"[The Observatory Hill Dining Hall] participates in a variation of

Meatless Monday that provides an additional meat-free option at each station; if a cheeseburger is on the menu, there will also be a black bean or Garden burger to choose instead," Jameson said. "Our nutritionist works directly with managers and students to incorporate vegan and vegetarian options."

Jameson also said their goal of providing more meatless options would not reduce the availability of meat for students who want it.

"While we do not want to remove items, we do want to make sure we offer a range of options that will satisfy student wants and needs in all aspects of dining," Jameson said.

However, these initiatives have been met with skepticism from some students. Second-year College

student Grayham Lohrey said he did not think an emphasis on more meatless options in the dining halls would actually be healthier.

"When they've done the vegetarian nights, I don't think it's gone well, because it hasn't been healthy food. It's just pasta and cheese. There are not a lot of other protein options," Lohrey said. "If they try to implement it the way they've been doing it now, it's not going to be healthy. The current system is not the way they should do it."

Second-year Engineering student Sydney Applegate, who also works in the University's Office of Sustainability, said she thinks that U.Va. Dining should focus on switching from a buffet style in the dining halls to a single-meal serving style as a way to

implement more sustainable practices.

"The most important thing that the dining halls can do to be more sustainable and reduce waste is switching from a buffet style to single meal. This is more important than eliminating meat," Applegate said. "Aramark also needs to offer green and sustainable meals as the default, not the exception."

Third-year Architecture student Courtney Sigloh is a Sustainability Dining Educator for Green Dining — a student group that works with U.Va. Dining to plan and promote sustainable food initiatives. Sigloh said she was optimistic that offering more meatless options in the dining halls would be beneficial to students and sustainability, as meat produc-

tion results in a large carbon footprint.

"Meat on the side is our new movement, where we look at meat as more of a condiment. So if we think about a baked potato bar, having bacon sprinkles," Sigloh said. "We are not asking people to go vegetarian. Rather, we are asking them to be more mindful about how much meat they consume."

She encouraged students to take advantage of what dining services have to offer.

"This year we started a lot of new initiatives, and they were successful," Sigloh said. "We are going to be moving forward, and you can expect to see twice as many sustainable events happening through dining next year."

Student Council releases admissions investigation report

Report finds no evidence of donations influencing admissions, but claims lack of response from administrators

THOMAS ROADES | SENIOR WRITER

A Student Council representative's investigation into alleged preferential treatment in the University's admissions system came to a conclusion Tuesday at Student Council's General Body meeting.

Third-year College student and Chair of the Representative Body David Birkenthal announced at the meeting that second-year College student and Representative Ian Ware would be releasing his final report on the matter.

The report concluded "that there is no direct evidence that applicants to the University of Virginia have had their admissions decisions changed because of donations to the University," though it also claimed "several key administrators were not permitted to speak with anyone involved in this investigation."

The "findings" of the report also commented that "it is deeply worrying that our university spends time and money to track high profile applicants."

Documents given to The Cavalier Daily by author Jeff Thomas revealed the University's advancement office has monitored a "heads-up list" of applicants connected to major do-

nors, although the University maintains that admissions officials solely determine whether an applicant is admitted.

Birkenthal oversaw the investigation, but Ware was personally tasked with conducting the research, meeting with administrators and compiling the report.

"We finished the investigation into the allegations of donations buying admissions at U.Va," Ware said at Tuesday's meeting, supplementing Birkenthal's remarks. "It's going to be released today."

The report, originally commissioned by third-year College student and Student Council President Sarah Kenny, was released with multiple disclaimers saying the report represents Ware's views and not those of Student Council itself.

"The views expressed in this report are solely those of Representative Ware and do not reflect the views of the University of Virginia Student Council as a whole," a note prefacing the report reads.

At the end of the nine-page document, a nearly identical disclaimer from Birkenthal and Kenny again reminds readers the report does not

reflect the views of the entire Student Council.

Kenny declined to comment on why the report did not receive Student Council's endorsement. She also declined to comment on Student Council's official position on the allegations against University admissions in light of the investigation's findings.

The document consists of an introduction, background information on how the allegations emerged and an analysis of the documents released through Thomas' FOIA request. There is also a section detailing a meeting between Kenny and Dean of Admissions Gregory Roberts and Dean of Students Allen Groves, which is followed by a summary of the investigation's findings and a brief note from Kenny and Birkenthal.

Under the section titled "Conversations with Administrators," the report said investigators were allowed to speak only with Roberts and Groves.

It also says requests to speak with Sean Jenkins, senior assistant to the University president, and Mark Luellen, vice president for advancement, were specifically denied by University Spokesperson Anthony de Bruyn.

The documents — obtained from Luellen's office through the FOIA request — noted there were meetings between applicants and Jenkins, although it was unclear from the documents what specific role Jenkins played in the admissions process.

The report says in the meeting with Roberts, Groves and Kenny, Roberts "clarified" Jenkins' role in the admissions process and said Jenkins is "the intermediary between the offices of advancement and admissions, acting as a go-between in the situations where collaboration or communication would be helpful."

The description of the meeting also notes Roberts responded to a question about whether donations have influenced any admissions decisions "with a firm no."

In his findings, however, Ware said he felt Jenkins could have provided important insight to the investigation.

"As the person described as the intermediary between admissions and advancement, Sean Jenkins ... could have provided us with more detailed information on his role in the admissions process for high profile applicants," the report reads.

In a brief email to The Cavalier Daily on Tuesday evening, de Bruyn said Roberts answered Kenny's questions regarding University admissions in their meeting.

"The University provided the requisite background information and context on this issue in the spirit of transparency and collaboration with student leaders," de Bruyn said.

Kenny declined to comment on the administration's responsiveness to her and Ware's requests to meet with Jenkins and Luellen.

Ware said despite his satisfaction with the results of the investigation, those administrators' inaccessibility was a hindrance to the investigation.

"I'm happy with how it turned out, but still disappointed in the lack of response from some administrators," Ware said.

Z Society honors underrepresented groups with letters

Secret society wants conversation to continue on history of slavery, racism, sexism on Grounds

MEGHAN TONNER | SENIOR WRITER

Late Tuesday night the Z Society placed letters in specific locations on Grounds in order to continue the conversation about the history of the University's founder and culture.

The letters were unique to each location and could be found at the Enslaved Labor Plaque at the Rotunda, Gibbons Dorm, Thornton Hall, Old Cabell Hall, Munford Dorm at the International Residential College and the Multicultural Student Center. The Z Society's actions came just days after the University's various Founder's Day celebrations commemorated Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

"As we commemorate and respect Thomas Jefferson's life and legacy, so too must we acknowledge Jefferson and the University's history regarding slavery, racism, and sexism," the Z Society said in a statement to The Cavalier Daily. "The Z Society has designed a journey through the University's history that marks just a few of the important sites that have shaped our community over the past two hundred years. It is our goal to recognize the struggles of students, both past and present, so that we are better informed when facing issues of inequ-

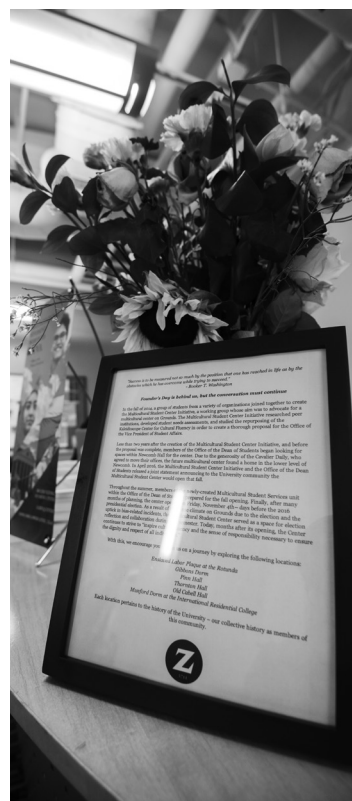
ity that persist at the University."

Each letter had a quotation at the top relating to the letter's individual story and message. The quoted figures include President Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman and Eleanor Roosevelt — individuals who fought for equality and social justice on a national scale.

The letters highlight the accomplishments and hardships of minority communities on grounds.

"I appreciate their focus on stories — the ways that real people were mistreated in our University's past or that real people fought for change in our community," Jack Chellman, a third-year College student and Queer Student Union president, said in an email to The Cavalier Daily.

Three of the locations — the Enslaved Labor Plaque at the Rotunda, Gibbons Dorm and the MSC — are sites of recent efforts at the University to make amends for past injustices and create a more inclusive atmosphere on Grounds. Another project of this nature is currently in the design phase — the Memorial for Enslaved Laborers, which aims to make the history of enslaved labor on



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Grounds more visible.

"I was happy to see the Multicultural Student Center was among the locations on the list, as a symbol of inclusivity both in physical space and historical recognition at the University," Catalina Pinto, a fourth-year College student and student director of the MSC, said in an email statement. "I was elated to see the emphasis on student self-governance in getting the Center — I don't know if everyone who walks into the MSC realizes that students advocated for and won that space."

Despite the apparent progress, some minority groups may still feel unwelcome or uncomfortable on Grounds. Chellman noted the QSU in particular has met off-Grounds for over 40 years "because the University was not safe for queer people when we were founded and still remains a challenging space for many queer students."

"I'm satisfied with the letters insofar as I think they highlight important spaces on Grounds with historic ties to the University's relationship with minority communities. These letters of course should not be un-

derstood as a comprehensive outline of such spaces," Chellman said. "The LGBTQ Center, for example, remains unacknowledged in these letters, despite its historic connection to the fight for queer safety and inclusion on Grounds."

Chellman said he hopes the letters encourage new dialogue on Grounds.

It is unclear if the Z Society plans to add more installments to the existing letters or create another exhibition in the future.

Pinto said honoring these spots will allow students to think more critically about the University's past and how they can affect its future.

"I was happy to see the letters address Founder's Day from a different angle — one that doesn't shy away from the complexity of our University's history," Pinto said. "I certainly think the letters are a great first step in 'continuing the conversation.' I look forward to seeing what else comes out of this initiative."



Top 10 ways to celebrate Earth Day

Activities in and around Charlottesville that let you pay your respects to Mother Nature

ASHLEY BOTKIN | FEATURE WRITER

1 Academical Vintage

Need some cute new clothes and want to be environmentally friendly? Head down to the Academical Vintage event Friday from noon to 4 p.m. at 1515 University Ave. It's a pop-up vintage market and clothing swap featuring local Charlottesville vendors. The event is a great way to learn more about sustainable fashion and supporting local businesses — and who doesn't love new clothes?

2 Earth Day meditation on the Lawn

With finals coming up, stress levels are rising among students, so take a breath and take a break on the Lawn. The meditation session is being held by the Contemplative Sciences Center on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's a chance to connect with nature and reflect on your own mental health. They will focus on teaching ways to be sustainable in your everyday life. Plus there will be snacks and a raffle!

3 People's Climate March

If you love the environment, funny signs and empowering chants, the People's Climate March is the place for you. It will be April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Washington D.C., and the Virginia Student Environmental Coalition and Climate Action Society at the University are holding a Virginia Youth Contingent. You can meet up with other college students from Virginia to share your stories, passion and outrage about the environment. There will be transportation organized, so don't worry first-years, you can go too.

4 Beta Bridge stream cleanup

Beta Bridge is a unique and creative spot on Grounds, but underneath is heaps upon heaps of trash. To fight this, join U.Va. Sustainability this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a Beta Bridge cleanup. Preserving the local Charlottesville ecosystem is important and even you, a very busy student, can find the time to help keep it clean. Well, as long as you have closed-toe shoes, that is.

5 Greens to Grounds

If you've ever been to a University dining hall, you know that sometimes the fruits and veggies leave a lot to be desired (Newcomb, all I'm asking is that my fruit be thawed before I eat it. Sincerely, a girl with sensitive teeth). So skip the dining hall and get your local produce from Greens to Grounds. This often under-utilized service puts together yummy produce and snack boxes for only \$10 each. Most of their products can be eaten raw so there's no cooking required, which is even better. Box pick-ups are at Mad Bowl on Fridays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., so start taking advantage!

6 Spring chalking competition

If you have five friends and / or creativity, Student Council's spring chalking competition is the perfect way for you to kick off your Earth Day festivities. The event is happening on the South Lawn from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., and all years are invited. Form a team and show off your chalking skills, whether they are amazing or not. If you're not into the competition aspect, you are still welcome to chalk and enjoy being outside.

7 Starry Nights at Shenandoah

One of the best ways to really connect with nature is to go stargazing, especially in a wide open space without light pollution. If this sounds like fun to you, take the short drive down to Shenandoah National Park for James Madison University's Starry Nights program this Friday. There will be a speaker at 7:30 p.m. and stargazing and constellation tours will start at 8:30 p.m. at Big Meadows. Go explore your national parks and the services they have to offer! This would also be a cute first date idea for you astronomy nerds.

8 March for Science

If you don't have the time to go all the way to D.C., there is still a march that you can participate in. Cville Comm-UNI-ty is hosting a March for Science this Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the IX Art Park. The march aims to show support for scientists and science enthusiasts everywhere and express the importance of scientific research. You would be making Bill Nye proud.

9 Study in one of the Lawn gardens

Maybe your busy finals studying schedule is too full to take a few hours off for some of these events, but you still want a natural Earth Day experience. I have the perfect solution for you — study in the gardens on the Lawn! The beautiful designs of the gardens will take you back in history while the chirps of birds and squirrels create a lulling background soundtrack. Before you know it, you'll be ready to ace that Comm final and have flowers growing out of your nose from your oneness with nature.

10 Wellness Walk

Now that spring has sprung, the flora on Grounds is in full bloom. Go appreciate all that the plants have to offer Friday April 28 at 4 p.m. and go on the Wellness Walk hosted by Green Grounds and Peer Health Educators. This is a great way to relieve stress, and there will be dogs! I repeat, there will be dogs!



COURTESY WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Maybe your busy finals schedule is too full to take a few hours off for one of these events, but you still want a natural Earth Day experience. I have the perfect solution for you — study in the gardens on the Lawn!



No. 11 baseball completes midweek sweep

Sophomore starter Daniel Lynch throws complete game

ALEC DOUGHERTY | SENIOR ASSOCIATE

After seeing its eight-game win streak snapped Saturday at Virginia Tech, the No. 11 Virginia baseball team rolled into this week looking to get started on a new streak. The Cavaliers (31-9, 10-8 ACC) did just that, cruising to wins over Longwood (12-23, 4-8 Big South) and James Madison (18-18, 3-9 CAA) at Davenport Field behind solid pitching efforts and a couple big rallies from the plate.

Virginia delivered yet another complete performance in a midweek game when it downed Longwood, 13-2, Tuesday night. The Cavaliers jumped out to a lead on the strength of big hits from its hottest hitters. Sophomore outfielder Cameron Simmons belted a two-run homer in the second inning to open up the scoring — his third in the past week. Graduate catcher Robbie Coman added a two-run blast of his own in the seventh inning — his fifth of the year — extending his hitting streak to 12 games. The blasts gave Virginia its 10th-consecutive

game with a home run, the longest streak for the team since the 1998 season when the team homered for 11-straight games.

Junior first baseman Pavin Smith extended his reign as one of the hottest hitters in the nation, going 4-4 with three RBIs. His second RBI came in six-run fifth inning that broke the game open, putting Virginia up 9-1. Sophomore infielder Andy Weber chipped in three RBIs on two hits, and junior Adam Haseley kept his average over .400 with two hits of his own.

While the Virginia offense rolled against Longwood's pitching, the Cavaliers gave a solid effort on the mound. Sophomore starter Evan Sperling gave Virginia 4.2 innings of one-run ball — striking out seven in one of his better outings of the year. Sperling's five walks on the day shows there is still room for improvement, but the righty continues to show signs of promise. Junior reliever Bennett Sousa gave a stellar performance out of the bullpen, pitching 2.1 innings and striking out five Lancers

while not allowing a base runner. Longwood only mustered two runs on two hits against Virginia's pitchers.

The Cavaliers once again delivered on both sides of the ball against in-state rival James Madison Wednesday. The Virginia bats wasted little time in backing sophomore starter Daniel Lynch, bursting out with a five-run second inning to take a commanding lead over the Dukes. The outburst chased James Madison's starter from the game after only 1.2 innings of work. Junior shortstop Ernie Clement led the charge for the Cavaliers, tallying three RBIs on two hits, both game highs for the team. Haseley added two RBIs.

The star of the game for Virginia was undoubtedly Lynch. The southpaw fired a complete game for the Cavaliers, allowing only two runs on six hits while striking out seven Dukes. The complete game was the first midweek complete game for Virginia since 2011 when pitcher Will Roberts fired a perfect game against George Washington. After a rough start



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Against Longwood Tuesday night, sophomore outfielder Cameron Simmons belted a two-run homer in the second inning to open up the scoring for Virginia.

to the year as a weekend starter, Lynch has thrived in his role as a midweek starter as he continually improved. The sophomore picked up his sixth win of the season in Virginia's 7-2 win over the Dukes.

The two big wins put Virginia over the 30-win threshold for the year with 15 games left in the season. The Cavaliers have dominated its non-conference schedule this

season, improving to 21-1 against non-ACC foes with the wins this week.

Virginia will get a visit from ACC foe Notre Dame this weekend as it looks to better its 10-8 conference record. First pitch of the series between the Cavaliers and Fighting Irish is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Davenport Field Friday.

Men's golf looks to win first ACC Championship

Virginia heads to ACC Tournament this weekend

JACK GALLAGHER | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Virginia men's golf program has had many excellent teams throughout its history.

The program's history includes teams led by All-American selected players, like the 1999-2000 Virginia team led by James Driscoll. It includes teams who have won multiple regular season tournaments, like the 2010-11 Virginia team that won three. It even includes teams who have competed in the NCAA Championships, like last year's Virginia team.

However, the Cavaliers believe they have the talent this year to achieve something that no previous Virginia men's golf team has ever been able to do — win the ACC Championship. The team will compete for the conference title Friday to Sunday at the Musgrove Mill Golf Club in Clinton, S.C.

"I think the work ethic as a collective unit sets this team apart from the past teams I have been on," senior co-captain Derek Bard said. "Everyone shows up hungry to practice to get better, and it's shown in our play on the course. We want to win the thing."

Virginia's impressive regular season has established the team as a

serious contender. With four tournament victories this year, the Cavaliers are currently ranked No. 17 in the country by golfstat.com. They will enter the ACC Championship as the No. 3 team in the conference.

"This is my favorite team I've been on in my four years here," Bard said. "Everyone is working toward the same end goal, which is to tear it up in the postseason."

Much of Virginia's success this season can be attributed to the outstanding play by Bard and senior co-captain Jimmy Stanger. The two lead the team in best stroke average per round, with Stanger leading the team at 70.38 strokes per round and Bard in second at 70.83 strokes per round.

Both Bard and Stanger are individually ranked in the top 40 nationally and were named to last year's All-ACC team.

Coach Bowen Sargent offered some high praise for his team's leading duo.

"We've had some strong classes, but ... Derek and Jimmy are very good," Sargent said. "If they both go on to be All-Americans, they will be the best class I've had at [the Univer-

sity]."

Strong play from Bard and Stanger will be critical to the Cavaliers' success this weekend.

While Virginia enters the ACC Championship with one of its strongest teams in recent memory, the competition will be as tough as ever. Eight of the 12 competing ACC teams are ranked nationally in the top 50.

The top competitors include Clemson, who is ranked No. 15 and is the defending ACC champion, as well as Wake Forest, who is ranked No. 9 and ended the regular season finishing in the top three in its last five tournaments. This will also mark the first time that Virginia will play at the Musgrove Mill Golf Club. The ACC Championship was previously hosted in New London, N.C. for the past 15 years. However, the conference elected to move the tournament site in response to the controversial North Carolina House Bill 2.

Sargent said he is confident in Virginia's ability to play well on the unfamiliar course.

"I've never seen Musgrove, as this is the first year we've played at this venue," Sargent said. "From speaking with people and drawing up a yard-

age book, it appears it's tight off the tee and has very undulating greens. It should suit our team well. We have a team that drives it well and hits short irons well."

With a chance to make school history, the Cavaliers will be as motivated as ever in what should be a highly

competitive tournament, Bard said.

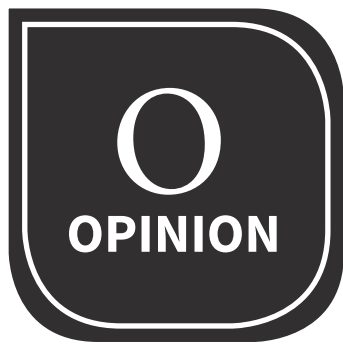
"I think we're all ready to get going," Bard said.

Virginia is scheduled to tee off Friday at 10 a.m. The ACC Championship will be covered live on www.theacc.com.



COURTESY VIRGINIA ATHLETICS

Senior co-captain Derek Bard comes in at second in average strokes per round for Virginia with 70.83.



COMMENT OF THE DAY

“He’s already the president. The fact that he was elected means not enough people cared. If you want to see them before the 2020 election, that’s fine.”

“TonyXL” in response to Frank Clemente’s April 13 guest column: “Top 3 reasons Trump must release his tax returns”

LEAD EDITORIAL

Virginia’s path toward a sustainable future

U.Va. has put itself at the forefront of the solar energy movement in the Commonwealth

On Tuesday, Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Pat Hogan, University executive vice president and chief operating officer, unveiled the University’s action plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions during an Earth Week Expo at the Newcomb Hall Ballroom. The plan consists of directly powering University buildings with solar energy and making University employees and students more aware of sustainable practices and programs — an important milestone in the University’s work on sustainability. It is important to recognize the contributions our University is making in the renewable energy movement, and to encourage a move to more sustainable practices throughout

Virginia. The ceremony dedicated the first University-owned, large-scale solar array, located on Clemmons Library. The 324-panel solar array, which began construction last October, will be producing about 199,600 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, or about 15 percent of the library’s annual electric draw. Moreover, the University’s action plan includes improvements to the efficiency of buildings’ heating plants, chiller plants and distribution systems, as well as a shift to alternate energy technologies. Sustainability systems such as these not only provide for a cleaner environment, but also lower energy costs and create jobs for local workers. According to McAuliffe, Virgin-

ia has gone from 1,600 to almost 3,500 jobs in the solar industry. The University administration’s efforts to promote sustainability have been extensive in recent years. Last year, the University launched its Sustainability Plan, a comprehensive five-year plan which outlines 23 goals and specific milestones along the way toward sustainability. One of its most notable goals is to reduce University-wide greenhouse gas emissions to 25 percent below 2009 levels by 2025. In 2013, the Board of Visitors also agreed to reduce the University’s nitrogen footprint, and signed on to the U.S. Department of Energy’s goal of reducing building energy use to 20 percent below 2010 levels by 2020. Through

initiatives like these, the University has put itself at the forefront of the renewable energy movement in Virginia.

As University students, we have a responsibility to actively contribute to the University’s sustainable future. We also have an obligation to educate ourselves on sustainable practices and programs, so that we are able to make certain modifications in our daily routines which could cumulatively add up to a reduction in greenhouse gases. Other public institutions in the Commonwealth should follow the University’s example in minimizing their environmental impact and improving Virginia’s contribution to solar energy generation.

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COLLEGE SHOULD BETTER PREPARE STUDENTS FOR WORKFORCE

Universities do students a disservice by sending them out into the job market without the skills they need to succeed

When a degree costs as much as it does now, it's important to make sure students are getting their money's worth. Yet, recent evidence suggests U.S. universities are not preparing their students for life in the workforce. In today's economy, a college degree is no longer sufficient for success. In fact, a recent study found a disturbing discrepancy between the skills valued by employers and a student's assessments of their own workforce readiness. This study demonstrated that while students graduate feeling confident in their own readiness, employers sense weakness in "soft skills," such as leadership and organization. This problem demands institutions of higher education to adapt and meet a changing economic environment.

The findings in the study above are not unique. In a similar vein, a Gallup poll found that business leaders have serious doubts about the capability of higher education institutions in the United States to prepare students for the workplace.

While some might argue higher education has value in itself, it's also important that universities be aware of the demands of employers so as to prepare their students for the real world. The key area in which universities are falling behind the curve is

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in providing students with soft skills, which include teamwork and communication. David Deming, an associate professor at Harvard University, pointed out that high-growth jobs are often the ones which require effective employees to have both technical and social skills.

New learning techniques, including high-impact educational practices,

can be readily adopted to shore up student's skills in these areas. They connect lessons in the classroom with the realistic problems they should be applied to, ultimately ensuring students are also learning skills necessary for partnership and critical

thinking. These practices at universities can include research community-based jobs, which allows students to improve their skills while receiving feedback from other students and professors. The most important aspect of these activities is they provide students with an opportunity to work in environments similar to the working world rather than situations that

are purely academic.

Northeastern University provides a great example of a higher education institution which prepares its students for life outside the confines of the classroom. As a member of the U.S. Department of Education's Innovative Partnerships initiative, it has partnered with General Electric to provide a degree in advanced manufacturing, ensuring participating students graduate with real-world experience. In addition, Northeastern also has a well-developed cooperation program which allows students to gain experience by adding work assignments in between semesters of study. As Susan A. Ambrose, a senior vice provost at Northeastern, says, "connecting theory to practice in the real world is incredibly important."

Despite these issues, it's clear students leave their campuses feeling prepared. The Association of American Colleges and Universities recently published a paper showing that large majorities of graduates are confident in their college's role preparing

them for professional life. However, similar studies have simultaneously shown that significant numbers of employers are disappointed with recent graduates' attention to detail, leadership qualities and interpersonal skills. These are qualities which don't come from a classroom alone but from applying academic knowledge to real-world problems. Liberal arts colleges may not be trade schools made to prepare students only for a specific job, but they do need to prepare students for the real world. The only way to do this is by providing students with the experience and skills which are essential in all fields of employment. Currently, they are failing to do so.

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PARTING SHOTS

Fourth Years reflect on their experiences as Cavalier Daily Editors

WHAT MATTERS THE MOST

We joke that as college students, we can have good grades, sleep or social lives — conditional, of course, upon never having all three. If you're lucky, you may be able to manage academics, friends and wellness with ease. But add on a fourth category for extracurriculars and nothing is guaranteed; at no point over the past three years did I ever come close to striking a healthy balance.

The question we should ask ourselves, though, is whether the choices we're making are worth it. We're told academics come first and that we should be getting double the amount of sleep we actually do. We see our friends somehow making it to the gym seven days per week while fearlessly leading anything and everything. We try to live up to the "work hard, play hard" reputation we're given as students at this University. But there are only so many hours in a day, and frankly, I'm just not that efficient of a person.

Managing *The Cavalier Daily* has certainly been unique. Work days start at 3:30 p.m. and often don't end until 2 a.m. the next morning. There is, in fact, an actual person who puts together the daily e-newsletter you receive at an ungodly hour five days per

week. We don't get funding from the University, and we do pay rent for our space. And while I loved my time on the paper, there were certainly moments when I wasn't sure if I was making the best decision for me.

Yet year after year, I persisted. Looking back at first-year me,

Many of my favorite moments at this University are connected in some way to my time with the paper; the same can also be said for my hardest.

I'm not entirely sure how I did it. Perhaps it was an underlying desire to not let anyone down, or simply pure stubbornness to prove that a first-year could do the job. But self-doubt and motivations aside, I'm glad I kept going; I'm glad I didn't give up.

Three managing boards and countless polaroids later — thank you, Dani — I am left with experiences and friendships I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. I'm fairly certain I'll never again set an alarm for 1:45 a.m. just to go to IHOP, or live off of candy in the way I did in the basement of Newcomb. I'll always remember

furiously taking notes at press conferences, caring perhaps too much about student politics and, despite overwhelming internet advice advising against, reading thousands of comments in the midst of the fallout of Rolling Stone. But these things, in some ways, are expected; these things

within the first week of the term. As a member of this paper, I had always felt that I had the support of those around me — and really, that's all that matters.

There are times at which I try to picture what my college experience would have looked like without this organization, and, put simply, I can't. To the members, past and present, of the organization we irrationally love; to the 125th, 126th and 127th managing boards; to Allie, for dragging me to that fateful information session in 2013; to my wonderful friends who put up with my admittedly insane schedule; to all of the people who shaped the past three years of my life — thank you. Thank you for being there, and thank you for believing in me.

During my time on the paper, I wasn't a perfect student. I didn't go to the gym nearly as much as I wanted to — although, let's be honest, who does? — and I never regularly got the right amount of sleep. My efforts at having it all were less than successful — but honestly, that's fine by me. What I'll take with me are the countless moments in which this experience was totally worth it. And even remembering the times in which I wasn't so sure, just knowing I was surrounded by people



LIANNE PROVENZANO
125th Operations Manager,
126th Operations Manager,
127th Chief Financial Officer

who cared about me (and, in times of stress, cared enough to ask how I was really doing) will remain what matters most.

For the first time in a long time, I can take a break without feeling guilty and leave my inbox unmonitored for more than two hours at a time. Retirement is a great thing, but it will never beat who I met or how much I learned over the past three years. This experience wasn't at all what I thought it would be; realistically, I'm not entirely sure I knew what I was getting into.

But was it worth it?
Unequivocally, yes.



EVENTS

Thursday 4/20
Take Back the Night Vigil for Survivors, 8-10pm, McIntire Amphitheatre
Paul Robeson Players Presents: For Colored Girls, 8pm, IX Art Park

Friday 4/21
Take Back the Night Day of Healing, all day, U.Va. Grounds
Take Back the Night Gala, 7-9pm, Fralin Museum of Art
UPC Presents: Springfest 2017, 5-10:30pm, The Lawn
Track & Field and Cross Country's Virginia Challenge, 10am, Lannigan Field
Women's Tennis vs. Florida State, 3:30pm, Snyder Tennis Center
Baseball vs. Notre Dame, 6pm, Davenport Field
Theta Chi's First Annual Pig-n-Putt, 2:30-8pm, 600 Preston Place
Paul Robeson Players Presents: For Colored Girls, 8pm, IX Art Park

Saturday 4/22
March for Science, 1:30-4pm, IX Art Park
Track & Field and Cross Country's Virginia Challenge, 10am, Lannigan Field
Women's Lacrosse vs. Virginia Tech, 1pm, Klockner Stadium
Baseball vs. Notre Dame, 4pm, Davenport Field
Growing for Change Build Day Volunteer Event, 10am-1pm, A School
Sig Delt Presents: Spring Carnival, 1-3pm, Mad Bowl
The AchOOstics Present: biSINGtennial Spring Concert, 1:30-3:30pm, St. Paul's Church
Take Back the Night Hackathon, 9am, Rice Hall
Class of 2019 Presents: Earth Day at the Rivanna Trail, 9am-12pm, The Chapel
DKE Beach Benefit, 2-5pm, Delta Kappa Epsilon

Sunday 4/23
CASPCA Presents: Compassionate Care Clinic, 12-4pm, Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA
Women's Tennis vs. Miami, 11am, Snyder Tennis Center
Baseball vs. Notre Dame, 12pm, Davenport Field
Madewell Loves the ISC, 11am-1pm, Madewell

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There aren't a lot of movies about sensible environmental policies being executed to the desired effect. In the film world, it's all about the opposite — and it's hard to top a great ecological disaster film. There's something thrilling about watching an asteroid "the size of Texas" hurtling towards Earth, or a tornado ripping its way through Oklahoman houses and movie theaters. Here are five of the best ecological disaster movies of all time.

No. 5: "The Happening"

A classic example of the "so-bad-it's-good" genre, "The Happening" stars Mark Wahlberg and Zooey Deschanel as husband and wife fighting for their lives against rogue plants. Yes, plants — leafy greens all over the globe releasing toxins that kill humans. The plot is a little too muddled to understand why this is happening. However, it's implied humans have become too much of a threat to Earth, so Earth is fighting back. Despite the bizarre premise, this could potentially — potentially — make for a relevant, environmen-

tal cautionary tale, but it falls flat in every way imaginable. M. Night Shyamalan's bumbling direction has never been more heavy-handed than in "The Happening," as evidenced by the famously horrible dialogue and the countless extreme close-ups of Marky Mark's face warped into hilarious horror. It's an incredibly bad movie, but an incredibly good time.

No. 4: "Armageddon"

Though far from an intellectual movie — it could be argued that it actively discourages thinking too hard — "Armageddon" is nonetheless a step up in movie-making quality. For those unfamiliar with the plot, an enormous, imminent asteroid is on its way to destroy Earth, and only a group of mediocre white male actors — Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck among them — can save the world. The movie tries a little too hard to be a father-son bonding experience, as evidenced by the cast, the plot and dad-rock soundtrack that features everything from Aerosmith to Journey. Despite its shameless catering and lack of a brain, "Armageddon" is still a great way to spend a couple hours — just don't think too hard.

No. 3: "Twister"

This is essentially just "Arma-

geddon" with a tornado instead of an asteroid as the antagonist — it's just as fun and almost as stupid. To be fair, the cast is a little more diverse, featuring a few female roles alongside Bill Paxton's lead. Helen Hunt is especially notable as Paxton's love interest — a tornado-hunter obsessed with the phenomena ever since her father was killed by one of them. The film still is not terribly heavy on plot, but that doesn't stop it from being enjoyable. When a movie is arguably more famous for its theme park ride counterpart — something that both "Armageddon" and "Twister" have — it's safe to say that it isn't going to be incredibly thought-provoking.

No. 2: "Wall-E"

With two "Cars" movies in existence and a third on the way, it's no longer accurate to claim that Pixar can do no wrong. That being said, "Wall-E" is a prime example of the studio's golden age. As a well-balanced blend of interesting storyline, gorgeous animation and just enough politics to get younger watchers thinking, the movie works by being both an entertaining and cautionary tale. Wall-E is an adorable robot and one of Earth's last inhabitants, whose job it is to compact the world's trash

into manageable cubes. Things get interesting with the introduction of love interest Eve, along with all of the humans who abandoned their home planet and its problems long ago. One of Pixar's most thought-provoking films, "Wall-E" is a timeless, beautiful classic.

No. 1: "Children of Men"

This brilliant, complex film is the clear standout in the list. In the year 2027, no babies have been born for the past 18 years. The reason for this is never explicitly stated, but it is implied that decreased air quality due to pollution is the main culprit. Clive

Owen plays a political defector who joins forces with Claire-Hope Ashitey's character, a pregnant immigrant who may be the only woman on Earth still able to conceive. What follows is a gripping — at times brutal — film. "Children of Men" is notable on multiple levels. It juggles several themes at once, such as pollution and reproductive and immigration rights. Not only is it a beautifully-shot and well-acted movie, but it also contains messages that only become more relevant with time.



COURTESY WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

"Children of Men" is one of the greatest ecological disaster movies of all time.



The new sustainability committee of the Engineering Student Council held its second event Wednesday, "SEA(d)S and Sustainability," to raise awareness for its cause.

The event took place on the Wilsdorf patio on Engineers Way, and it aimed to get students walking by the nearby lecture buildings between classes to think about sustainability. Each participant was given a palm-size compostable pot to fill with soil and wildflower seeds, which could then be grown when the students went home.

Sydney Applegate and Victoria Bartlett, students, are the co-directors of the new committee.

"The Engineering Student Council partnered with [University] sustainability for the renewable energy research fair last fall, and since then, I've been working to collaborate much more and this committee was founded," Applegate said. "We have a couple different focuses, they being infrastructure, curriculum and programming."

While the co-directors have iden-

tified many ways in which each of these three main branches could improve, they see education as the most prevalent area to tackle as the committee's first goal.

"Every first-year engineer takes an introduction to engineering class," Bartlett said. "We've talked with Professor [Dana] Elzey about adding a component of sustainability to that, and we'll like to do that in the upcoming fall semester. It's our idea that professors will incorporate this into their curriculum so that every project that they do would consider 'how is this sustainable?'"

Applegate, who plans to major in civil engineering, said other professors, especially in her department, have shown increasing interest in sustainability and how it is being integrated into civil design.

Concerning the programming branch of the committee, the co-directors see significant potential for improving the Engineering Student Council's events. Applegate said recent events within the council have been procuring compostable items

only, and producing zero waste.

The co-directors also discussed their plans for infrastructure.

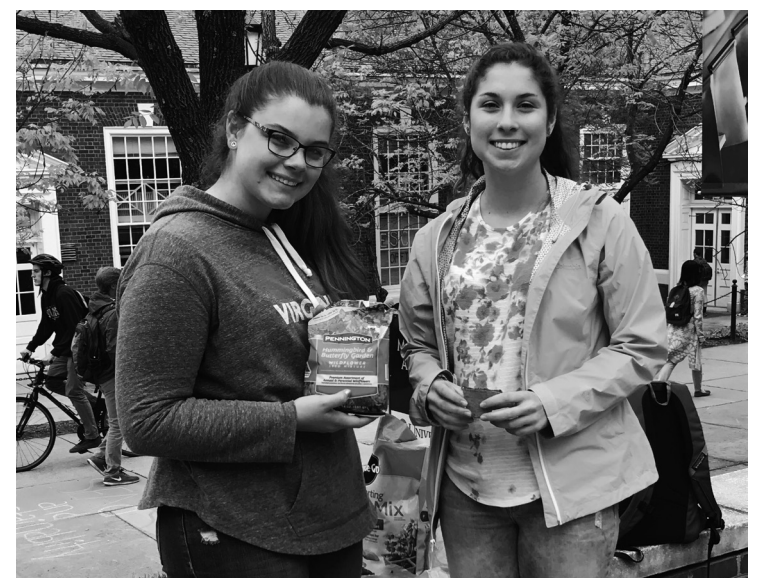
"There's a lot of construction going on right now, so we want to work with the architect's office and some of the builders," Bartlett said. "I'm sure they are taking sustainability into account, but we want to see if there's anything else we can add."

On the other hand, Applegate said work can be done with existing underused infrastructure, and she hopes that outdoor spaces in engineering buildings can be used more frequently.

Bartlett said the committee provides particular applications of sustainability for engineers.

"You have to be conscious of what you are designing [and] what materials you use," Bartlett said. "Labs use a huge amount of energy and water on Grounds. Obviously, we want their research to be done, but we want to see if we can make it a little bit more sustainable."

Both co-directors said collective action is important, and that they



MADDIE OXFORD | THE CAVALIER DAILY

Second-year Engineering students Victoria Bartlett and Sydney Applegate co-direct the Engineering Student Council's new sustainability committee.

would welcome small actions by everybody.

"It's not every little thing — it's all the big things," Bartlett says. "If we all

come together and we all do something, we can accomplish some very meaningful things."

Sustainability committee plants 'SEA(d)S'

New committee of Engineering Student Council hands out free wildflower seeds in outreach initiative

TOMOYA KANNO | SENIOR WRITER

U.Va. kicks off Earth Week with farmers market

On-Grounds event promotes fresh, local foods

EMMA WILLIAMS | STAFF WRITER

The University hosted an on-Grounds farmers market Monday in the Amphitheatre to kick off Earth Week festivities. Earth Week is a University tradition in which members of the community are invited to participate in celebrating the planet and in promoting sustainability. The farmers market was coordinated by the University's Office for Sustainability and incorporated local vendors from all over Charlottesville.

Samantha Jameson, the sustainability coordinator of U.Va. Dining, was the head organizer of the farmers market.

"[The farmers market] is in partnership with the [University] Office for Sustainability, and University Programs Council helped," Jameson said. "Greens to Grounds has their Produce Party every year and they, thankfully, attached all of their event coordination, marketing and produce partying to this event, which helps enormously. So it's been a huge collaborative effort."

Greens to Grounds, a student-run non-profit, is a modified Community Supported Agriculture model, which is a system where consumers get fresh, seasonal products on a continual basis directly from local

farmers and businesses. Greens to Grounds ran a table at the event with local produce for its Produce Party. Second-year College student Ellis Champion, worked at the farmers market with Greens to Grounds.

"It [was] crazy successful," Champion said. "We ran out of strawberries in the first 30 minutes. People are going crazy for the local produce, and I think that shows there's not enough of it on Grounds because they're really excited when it's here."

In addition to fresh produce, the farmers market also had vendors that sold kimchi, coffee, desserts, pastries and more. Some businesses represented were Sussex Farms, Family Ties & Pies, Wonderment Bakeshop & Creamery and LUMI Juice.

Mad Hatter Foods, a hot sauce company, was represented by Sean Wallace at the farmers market.

"We've been around for about five years, and we're a local company that started out as a small company," Wallace said. "We actually ran the company through the iLab at the Darden school, and did a lot of research there."

The Office for Sustainability strove to incorporate local businesses and to promote sustainability with

their partners for this farmers market event. Vendors felt that this was an event with strong community support.

"The University came to us and said 'hey, we're doing this whole local sustainability thing, and we'd love to bring you guys on board,'" Wallace said. "We've had great support from the University."

Mad Hatter sauce can be found around Grounds, as it has had contracts with the University in the past.

"We sell it at Burrito Theory and over at the Art Café," Wallace said. "They have a Mad Hatter Quesadilla. We grow all of our red savina habaneros here in Albemarle County."

Jameson said students were pleased by the options offered at the event, which they were able to use their plus dollars to pay for.

"My favorite part is seeing the reactions of students," Jameson said. "At [U.Va.] Dining, we are committed to sustainability, but being able to bring all of the amazing things that happen in Charlottesville to ... Grounds has been sort of a dream come true."

Second-year College student Alyzeh Umerani, was passing by when she saw the amphitheater full of tents and people. Umerani said she



ASHLEY BOTKIN | THE CAVALIER DAILY

Monday's farmers market featured local vendors and student-run groups.

was intrigued by the food and learned that it was Earth Week by attending.

"Everyone is really friendly here, and they're all Charlottesville-made products, so it's cool to see that they are coming from this area," Umerani said. "Now I'm excited [for Earth Week]."

This year's farmers market was the kickoff to Earth Week, and events will continue to be held until the end of the week.

"We've got a whole bunch more partner events and food-related

things," Jameson said. "We've got a Farm-to-Fork meal at O'Hill on Thursday for lunch. I think a big part of my job is trying to increase sustainability and transparency in [U.Va.] Dining, and I feel like this is a really good start."

U.Va. Dining hopes to hold a farmers market every semester in the future.

"We've gotten such an overwhelmingly positive response that we'd like to continue this," Jameson said.

Governor rings in new solar array

Demonstrators protest his support of Atlantic Coast Pipeline

KATIE MEAD | STAFF WRITER

University Sustainability hosted the seventh annual Earth Week Expo featuring student research and interactive projects Tuesday. Gov. Terry McAuliffe joined the symposium for the Solar Ribbon Cutting ceremony commemorating the latest solar array on the roof of Clemons library, and during his remarks was interrupted by protesters.

The Earth Week Expo is a multi-organization event planned by the Committee on Sustainability Events Task Force. This committee involves Student Council Sustainability Committee representatives, the Office for Sustainability, U.Va. Dining, Madison House, Parking and Transportation and University Communications.

"The Earth Week Expo is the keynote Earth Week event," said Nina Morris, the outreach and engagement program manager in the University Office for Sustainability. "Each year we try and create an event that reflects what's happening around sustainability both at [the University] and in the wider community."

The components of the Expo in-

cluded interactive and educational displays, the solar ribbon cutting ceremony with McAuliffe and a student research symposium to show what University students are contributing to the future of sustainability. The entire event highlighted the University's Greenhouse Gas Action Plan and the latest on-Grounds solar array.

The first half hour of the event featured several on-Grounds initiatives and organizations focused on sustainability. The latter part of the event featured a reception provided by U.Va. Dining and a student research symposium featuring sustainability and food-related student projects. The University Health System was present and shared several of their initiatives.

"We have made it possible for people at the hospital who have office supplies, [who] have a printer cartridge or half a box of pencils or pens that [they're] not going to use anymore ... [to] bring those in and leave them for other people to collect," said Reba Camp, chair of the Health System Sustainability Committee. "You can also do your own shopping."

Several student organizations were present at the event. Laura Cross, third-year College student and member of the Climate Action Society, shared that the society is rallying students to attend the Climate March in Washington, D.C. April 29.

"We have been organizing for this national march ... So that we can keep fighting here in our state on the issues that are impacting Virginia," Cross said.

The presenters at the ceremony included Pat Hogan, the University's executive vice president and chief operating officer, Angela Navarro, deputy secretary of natural resources at the Office of the Governor, Taylor Brown, co-founder of Sun Tribe Solar, Suchita Chharia, fourth-year College student and a student representative from the University's Committee on Sustainability and McAuliffe.

All presenters reaffirmed a commitment to sustainability in the Commonwealth and at the University. Navarro spoke to the governor's initiatives to ensure job growth in Virginia.

McAuliffe approached the po-

dium to share his commitment to sustainability in the Commonwealth when a group of several student protesters from the University of Mary Washington Environmental Action Collective, an anti-fossil fuel activist group, interrupted his speech and called for him to address the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline, a federal project that will frack oil from West Virginia, was the subject of controversy throughout the governor's visit. The construction of the pipeline is set to begin late 2017.

"The governor has zero say in the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, so if you want to protest, do what you're supposed to do — go talk to FERC [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission], which has 100 percent of the purging capacity," McAuliffe said in response to the interruption.

Noah Goodwin, third-year student at the University of Mary Washington and a officer in the school's Environmental Action Collective, commented on the group's stance on McAuliffe's position on the pipeline.

"Governor McAuliffe's lack of action on the pipeline and the influ-

ence Dominion Energy exerts on our governmental bodies is inexcusable," Goodwin said. "We, as young Virginians, deserve to have a government looking out for us and our futures, and for all Virginians. We are grateful for the activists and organizers who have stood up to this unjust pipeline."

Several other activist groups have approached the governor regarding the pipeline. McAuliffe is a proponent of the pipeline, as it will create manufacturing jobs and be a cheap source of energy for Virginia residents.

"There is some irony there that he is pushing for a pipeline while at the same time fighting for climate change," Cross said.

McAuliffe said he has no control over the construction of the pipeline as it is a federal project and state Clean Water permits are by statute in the Virginia legislature. Still, protesters want the governor to use his authority to discourage the issuance of the state permits.

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