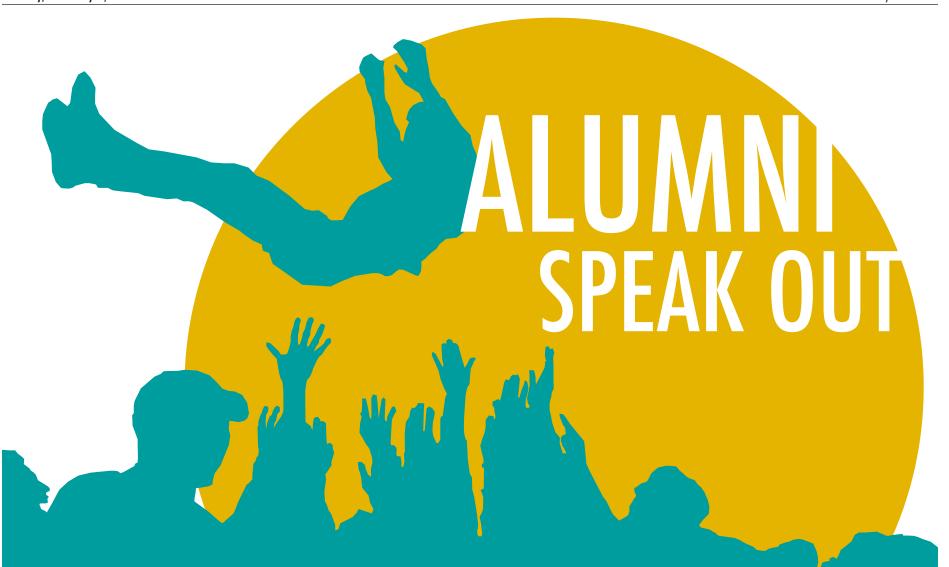
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National Panhellenic Conference restrictions remove agency, instill unnecessary fear, alums say

#### Caitlyn Seed Senior Writer

National sorority presidents requested National Panhellenic Conference sororities with University charters refrain from participating in the 2015 Boys Bid Night last Saturday in a move which generated discontent and confusion from alumni and sorority members.

To adhere to the ban, sorority chapters were largely required to schedule mandatory social events or meetings for new pledges and members in place of organized bid night activities. Despite overall compliance, many students and alumni pushed back against the new restrictions and vocalized their opnosition

Class of 2014 College alumnus Jake

Berman, former president of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, said he was entirely opposed to the ban.

"I think the ban does two things: the most important is that it takes away the freedom of the women within the sororities," Berman said. "It also puts fraternities in a bad light — [it] makes it seem like all fraternity men are unfit to be around sorority girls."

Berman said that following the University's controversial fall semester — during which Rolling Stone published an article, now discredited, describing a gang rape by Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brothers in fall 2012 — the ban only perpetuated the false image of the University and its Greek organizations as unsafe environments for women.

"This ban on going out is spurred from the Rolling Stone incident," Berman said. "I think it's ridiculous to think that the entire University population of women is unsafe around the Greek population of men at the University."

Berman also took issue with the decision because he believed it did not provide students agency.

"I think that on the national level, it really makes it seem like students at the University are not allowed to make their own choices," Berman said. "It makes fraternity men at the University seem dangerous."

Berman's stance echoes many of the

protests and complaints on Grounds.

In a letter dated Jan. 31, more than 60 alumni of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority addressed a letter to Tammie Pink-

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#### Alpha Delta Pi alumni send protest letter BBN

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ston, international president of Alpha Delta Pi, arguing that while the concern for safety is valid, the ban marks a violation of individual

"We fail to see how [the ban] can possibly address the actual problem of sexual assault," the letter read. "Sexual assault occurs at every single university, at parties and outside parties, to Greek women and to non-Greek women.

self-judgment should be trusted."

The alumni said that decisions coming from a national level such as this one - make women involved in Greek life feel infantilized rather than empowered and

"We realize most of us have not set foot on Rugby Road in many years and things have changed, as they always do," the letter read. "If there are particular facets of sorority participation in [Boy's] Bid Night at only [the University] that

are disturbing to the NPC member Presidents, perhaps those facets should have been addressed specifically."

Class of 2014 College alumnus Katie McCafferty said that the responsibility for making Boys Bid Night a safe event should lie with both fraternities and sororities.

"[The National Chapters] do seem like they have the girls' best interest at heart, but I also think that the fraternities need to step up a little bit too," McCafferty said. "The national fraternity chapters

should be the ones sending out a letter, even just something informal requesting to take it easy this year at Boys Bid [Night]."

Berman, McCafferty, like agreed that safety should be a top concern for sororities and fraternities alike, but that the ban is not the most effective way to achieve this goal.

"It's just a very complex problem," McCafferty said of safety on Grounds. "I don't think there's a very easy answer."







University chapters of NPC sororities were asked not to participate in Boy's Bid Day. Many fraternities cancelled parties and opted for daytime-only celebrations, above.

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## LaRock proposes 20-week limit on abortions

Gov. Terry McAuliffe says abortion limitations hinder Virginia's economic growth, violate women's rights

Maddy Weingast
Associate Editor

Del. Dave LaRock, R-Hamilton, recently proposed legislation that would outlaw abortions after 20 weeks. The bill would make it a felony for doctors to perform an abortion after period except in cases of emergency.

The current statute in Virginia allows termination to occur until the end of the second trimester — around 24 to 25 weeks. "We value the lives of all people," LaRock said in an email. "That includes young and old, men and women, those very independent and those much less so. As we learn about what's really happening, it's appropriate to incorporate that into our legal standards of how we treat each other as human beings. It's good when our laws promote respect of life. including the life of the unborn."

Although evidence suggests that babies may experience physical sensation and pain earlier than 20 weeks, LaRock said limits to current methods of observation allow researchers to conclusively pinpoint pain only at the 20 week mark.

"We've known for a while that babies in the womb feel pain," La-Rock said. "For example, doctors observe babies move away from the pain of stimulation of fetal surgery. There's a good reason 64 percent of Americans support a 20 week ban — the voice of decency tells us that when we can act to protect a defenseless baby from experiencing intense pain, we ought to."

Rachel Thomas, traveling press secretary for Gov. Terry McAuliffe, said McAuliffe opposed the proposed bill because such legislation would hinder state development.

"In regard to the specific bill, [McAuliffe] said if it reaches his desk, he would veto it immediately," Thomas said. "The Governor believes that this is a critical issue in building and growing a new Virginia economy, which is what he focuses on every single day. We cannot bring in the best entrepreneurs, business owners and students if we're putting laws up around Virginia that would prevent 50 percent of the population from wanting to live here."

Thomas also said McAuliffe believes the proposed legislation would infringe upon the rights of women.

"[McAuliffe] said on his campaign, he would be a brick wall against any further erosion against women's rights or women's access to healthcare," Thomas said.

The Virginia Senate Committee on Education and Health

defeated three Democratic bills relating to abortion rights on Jan. 29.

The first, proposed by Sen. Mamie Locke, D-Hampton, would have repealed Virginia's mandatory ultrasound law. Sen. Jennifer Wexton, D-Loudoun, proposed a second bill which would have repealed the mandatory waiting period between an ultrasound and an abortion. The third, proposed by Sen. Donald McEachin, D-Henrico, would have permitted women to spend private dollars on private insurance coverage for abortion.

Dr. Chris Chisholm, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, said that laws related to abortion are under state control and vary widely across the country.

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"There are a number of different bills that are proposed in terms of potential regulation," Chisholm said. "What is the case in Virginia may not be the case somewhere else."

LaRock said the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade case allowed for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy in all 50 states. However, 10 states have already adopted similar versions of the proposed pain-capable protection law and no longer allow abortion through all nine months.

Chisholm also said the ar-



Del. Dave LaRock, above, says the proposed bill, which would outlaw abortion after 20 weeks, will "promote respect of life."

gument is very sensitive, and generates significant moral and legal questions.

"I think that it becomes a slippery slope when medical care is legislated," Chisholm said. "The law cannot keep up with changes in medical practice in almost anything." Legislation similar to LaRock's proposal is not uncommon while the General Assembly is in session, Chisholm said.

"Usually a series of bills specifically aimed at limiting or restricting aspects of women's access to abortion services will be proposed," Chisholm said.

## Z Society donates \$30,000 to Faculty Forward initiative

Secret society emphasizes University student self-governance, student-faculty interaction

Juliana Radovanovich

The Z Society announced a \$30,000 donation to the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences' Faculty Forward initiative in a letter addressed to faculty Friday. The donation itself was made in September.

According to the letter, faculty are an essential part of student development — as effective self-governance cannot be achieved without a strong bond between students and faculty.

"The sentiment of student self-governance is too often flattened out to mean student

leadership of flagship organizations, yet here, self-governance is best understood to mean the literal governance of the self—a journey of personal cultivation," the letter said.

The Z Society's gift to the Faculty Forward initiative aims to preserve student self-governance through its support of the

faculty.

The three main objectives of Faculty Forward are the promotion of exceptional teaching, engaged learning and strategic research. These pillars guide decisions in hiring professors, increasing student-faculty interaction, increasing use of technology in instruction and encouraging innovative research.

College Dean Ian Baucom said the Faculty Forward campaign has allowed the College to move forward with a new round of hiring.

"The Legacy of Distinction Fund within the campaign allows us to move ahead with that round of hiring in advance of the retirement of some faculty so that we have a period of overlap with the new faculty coming in," Baucom said. "The younger faculty can learn from and be mentored by the previous generation."

Faculty Forward hopes to add \$100 million for faculty support to the College's endow-

ment in addition to \$30 million in spendable gifts. They hope to accomplish this fundraising goal by June 2016.

"I am enormously grateful for the Z Society for this gift and the long history of philanthropic support that it represents," Baucom said. "There is a very distinguished legacy of that support, generosity and commitment to the teaching and learning of the College and the University."

Baucom said donations, in-

cluding the Z Society's gift, enable efforts to hire the best faculty available. In addition to faculty improvement, donations also support specific undergraduate initiatives, departments or research



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The money from the Z Society, originally donated in September, will assist with faculty hiring practices and student mentorship.

## Sullivan addresses University

President responds to Boys Bid Night ban, discusses student safety initiatives

Kayla Eanes
Associate Editor

University President Teresa Sullivan addressed the University community Friday with an update on recent and upcoming initiatives, and discussed the ongoing University self-examination brought on by the critiques of last semester.

Sullivan also responded to questions concerning the letter from the National Panhellenic Conference requesting University sorority chapters to refrain from participating in Boys Bid Night.

"I have not spoken with national sorority leaders, nor did they consult us about the letter that they sent," Sullivan said. "I would encourage you to talk to our own sorority leaders because I am not certain this came without consultation."

In response to a question on how she would respond were a sorority member at the University, Sullivan said that while she cannot advise specific student reactions, sorority members themselves likely have the best idea of how to appropriately respond.

"It was the choice of those of you in sororities to join the organization, and you must decide the extent of which you wish to abide by the policies of the organization," she said.

Sullivan said that while discus-

sion of the sanctions is important, students must be responsible for making the best decision according to their consciences.

"I do always think that dialogue is helpful in these situations, because there are misunderstandings, especially [in] only communicating with each other in paper and press releases," she said. "Ultimately I trust the maturity of our students to make these good decisions."

Overall, Sullivan sought to focus discussion around larger University initiatives, such as the Ad Hoc Group on Climate and Culture.

"At the beginning of this new year at U.Va., we are deeply engaged in a period of institutional self-examination, with the goal of assessing and improving the climate and culture at our University," Sullivan said. "To lead this work, I assembled an Ad Hoc Group on Climate and Culture that includes administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni and members of the Board of Visitors."

Sullivan said the Ad Hoc Group considered both the cultural roots of harmful student behavior and how to implement effective practices to limit such behavior as a University community.

"We divided the issues into three categories — prevention, response and culture — and we now have a working group of students, faculty,

staff, parents, and alumni assigned to each category," she said. "These groups will be working carefully, but briskly, [and] will deliver interim reports by March 16 and final reports by April 30."

Sullivan announced the University's participation in a sexual assault climate survey organized through the Association of American Universities in April. The University is one of 28 schools participating in the survey.

"The questionnaire is being designed by a team of researchers with experience in sexual violence," Sullivan said. "The participating schools enroll more than 800,000 students, making the survey one of the largest ever on sexual assault."

The team of researchers conducting the survey is headed by University of North Carolina professor Sandra Martin. Data from the survey will be available by July, Sullivan said, allowing the results to inform education and prevention strategies for the next academic year.

"People know that most forms of sexual violence are seriously underreported," Sullivan said, "One of the things a climate survey does, that's one with a large enough response rate, is it lets you estimate the incidents of sexual violence in a different way from reported cases."

Sullivan also outlined some of the initiatives and programs emerg-



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University President Teresa Sullivan, above, discusses sexual assault climate survey to be conducted throughout the spring and recent sorority restrictions regarding Boys Bid Night.

ing from the Cornerstone Plan — a strategic plan submitted in 2013 regarding the future of the University. Programs developed as a part of the Cornerstone Plan include student programs such as the Meriwether Lewis Institute for Citizen Leadership, the Total Advising Initiative and a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular international programs.

"Another strategy in the Cornerstone Plan is to create a series of pan-University research institutes to allow faculty teams to collaborate on research while generating new degree programs, minors, and certificate programs for students," Sul-

livan said.

After a \$3 billion campaign in 2013, Sullivan said the University is focusing on attracting private support for three key priorities: retaining and recruiting top faculty, providing outstanding students with need-based scholarships and restoring the Jeffersonian buildings around Grounds.

"Just as we summoned all of our intellectual capability to study and plan for the complex work of the Rotunda restoration, we will now summon all of the intellectual resources of our great university to make this a stronger, safer university," Sullivan said.

## Jefferson Society hosts reproductive rights advocate

Vice President Liz Master says speakers offer Univeristy students real-world perspectives, experiences in intellectual setting

Jenna Dickerson
Associate Editor

The Jefferson Literary and Debating Society hosted Sarah Slamen, a reproductive rights advocate and political consultant, Friday evening as the first speaker of its Spring 2015 Distinguished Speaker Series.

Third-year College student Liz Master, vice president of the Jefferson Society, said Slamen is known for her fight against Texas' 2013 Omnibus Anti-Abortion Bill.

"Ms. Slamen was sought out primarily because of the media attention she received after her 2013 testimony to the Texas State Senate went viral and essentially catalyzed a statewide reproductive justice movement," Master said in an email. "She is an impressive public speaker and an articulate advocate for women's reproductive rights."

Slamen's speech, "Reproductive Justice and the Fight for a More Civil Society," was co-sponsored by the University

Democrats.

Slamen urged students to seek out opportunities for debate, even outside the binary political system, as such opportunities are beneficial for practicing relaxed conversation about pressing issues.

"Whatever you believe today as a second or third year, you have no idea what it will be five years from now — so keep yourself open, and think outside of this binary that a lot of us are groomed in," Slamen said.

Slamen showed clips of her 2013 testimony towards the beginning of her talk to demonstrate effective debating. The first objective of Slamen's speech was to express the importance of public speaking, Master said.

"She underlined...the importance and power of effectively delivering poignant rhetoric," Master said. "The latter part of the program was largely aimed at redefining the vocabulary used in the dialogue around reproductive justice and explaining the current issues facing the reproductive justice movement."

Master said that while students learn from professors in the classroom and from peers in social and extracurricular settings, it is important to have speakers like Slamen offer real world perspective and experience.

"As University students, many of us have specialized to the point that we might not have access to unrelated fields," Master said. "It's important to bring speakers into our community to provide an approachable introduction to new disciplines. Our speakers offer a window into a new area of expertise and experience in a nonacademic but distinctly intellectual forum."

As per her own experience, Slamen encouraged students to never give up their fight, no matter the obstacles.

"[Reproductive rights legislative lobbyists] weren't technically successful in 2013, but we raised their hackles enough that they had to spend a lot of money to campaign and organize against us — they were literally trying to keep us outside of the Capital," she said.

Slamen ended her speech by listing ways that people can get involved and take action within the government — from working for non-profit organizations to practicing legislative lobbying to fundraising to improve the criminal justice system.

"There is plenty of work to be done, but most people don't know their representatives' names [or] their senator's names — they don't know these things," Slamen said. "You fill up that office two times a week with 40 people, and they get the message."



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Speaker Sarah Slamen, above, encourages students to maintain dialogue about current issues and

## University removes old Rotunda column capitals

Decaying pieces last restored 1896, to be replaced this spring in ongoing renovations

Alison Phanthavong
Senior Writer

The last of the Rotunda's old marble column capitals were removed Friday afternoon to make room for the installation of new, recrafted capitals. The first 10 new capitals are expected to arrive in the United States from Carrara, Italy in the next few weeks. The last six are expected in the spring.

Historic Preservation Project Manager James Zehmer said many aspects of the old capitals' environment likely contributed to their deterioration, including porosity of the stone due to gradual dissolution of the mar-

ble, poor initial marble quality, the presence of "micro-cracks" in the stone — and the seasonal tendency for moisture to undergo freeze-thaw cycles, causing the expansion of these cracks.

The capitals, which date to a restoration of the building in 1896, have also suffered from the degrading properties of bird excrement and bird deterrents. Avian excrement contains salts and acids which can break down the composition of the stone, while deterrents seal moisture and pollutants into the marble.

"All of these different factors led to the degradation," Zehmer said. "They are currently in very poor shape. I took a piece in my

hands today and just broke it in half. The marble is beginning to go through a process called sugaring, where it turns into a very fine grain white marble dust. The old capitals were starting to pose a safety risk to the people below and to the structure itself since they hold up the portico roof."

Senior Historic Preservation Planner Brian Hogg said the old capitals were beginning to take away from the landmark's visual splendor in addition to prompting structural concerns.

"They have been deteriorating to the point where their appearance was extremely compromised," Hogg said. "They were reaching the end of their lives

aesthetically, and we weren't sure how much longer they would continue to function structurally."

Zehmer said there were reasons beyond physical degradation for replacing the capitals, including concerns over adhering to original design. He said the old capitals were modeled from the Jeffersonian period, but the carvings were not necessarily of the best quality.

To ensure closer compliance to its original form, the new capitals will be carved differently from the ones they are replacing. Where the old column capitals were carved after they were secured on top of the columns, Zehmer said the new tops will be carved before installation.

"It's a 3-D textbook," Zehmer said. "Jefferson considered architectural literacy to be a major component of everyone's education [and] the architecture of the Lawn was meant to be learned from. Hopefully these newer, more detailed capitals will play their part in inspiring students and Virginians to explore architecture in a better way and encourage them to learn about and better understand it."

Installation of the first capital is planned for Feb. 9, and Rotunda renovations are projected to be completed during the summer of 2016.

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# ESPN College GameDay airs at John Paul Jones Arena

ESPN College GameDay featured Virginia men's basketball in Charlottesville for the first time this weekend prior to the No. 2 Cavaliers' Saturday night matchup with No. 4 Duke.

Fans showed up at John Paul Jones Arena in droves for the show's morning edition, particularly filling in the seats behind commentators Jay Williams, Seth Greenberg and Jay Bilas, who discussed the Virginia-Duke matchup and college basketball in general from a blue podium just above the center-court "V."

Students and local families waved fatheads, orange foam fingers and signs, some reading: "Our Jefferson is better" (in reference to Blue Devils junior forward Amile Jefferson), "Zone is for Kowards" (referring to Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski or "Coach K") and "Coach K uses Allstate." A fan in an orange Darth Vader mask held a sign reading, "Duke, I'm your father."

Williams — once a star point guard at Duke — drained a one-handed 3-pointer. A group of trampoline dunkers, Acrodunk, put on an aerial display before unveiling a Cavaliers banner. Blue and orange streamers appeared in the stands at the start of the 11 a.m. live telecast and highlights of triumphs against the Blue Devils played on the JumboTron prior.

Famed Virginia center Ralph Sampson high-fived fans behind the scorer's table before joining the Game-Day crew to talk hoops. Coach Tony Bennett addressed the crowd, which showed its appreciation with cheers of "Tony, Tony."

"You hope that someday there will





## Men's basketball falls to No. 4 Duke, 69-63

Blue Devils close game on 11-0 run to hand Virginia first loss of the year

Matthew Morris
Sports Editor

In the final minutes of the Virginia men's basketball team's ESPN College GameDay clash with Duke Saturday night, Blue Devils freshman guard Tyus Jones stepped up and delivered the final blow at the sold-out John Paul Jones Arena.

Up 66-63 with the shot and game clocks running down, the Apple Valley, Minnesota native sized up his defender and unleashed a 3-pointer from the right wing. The ball fell through the net, giving Duke a six-point lead with 9.9 seconds remaining.

Virginia junior guard Malcolm Brogdon looked to quickly cut the lead in half, but Blue Devils sophomore guard Matt Jones blocked his 3-point attempt and No. 4 Duke (18-3, 5-3 ACC) — playing its third road game in six nights — walked off the court with a 69-63 win.

The No. 2 Cavaliers (19-1, 7-1 ACC) led by nine with less than six minutes to play after a flagrant foul on Blue Devil's freshman forward Justise Winslow precipitated a fourpoint swing.

"I'm frustrated right now because I felt like [the win] was in the grasp," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "We had it to take home and we couldn't finish it."

The late Blue Devil rally saddled Virginia with its first loss of the 2014-15 season. Bennett said his team scored enough to win but did not get the job done on the defensive end, where Duke became the Cavaliers' first conference opponent in 45 games to shoot better than 50 percent from the floor.

"We didn't come up with what you have to do [which] is come up with some tough stops," Bennett said. "So I think those errors on our part, or breakdowns, probably cost us."

Coach Mike Krzyzewski's team missed nine of its first 10 3-point attempts before stroking five of its last seven — with help from dominant freshman center Jahlil Okafor, a gifted passer out of the post.

"Our defensive game plan going into the game was when Okafor got the ball, the guard would choke down and help," Brogdon said. "But he was making good passes and they were hitting shots."

Winslow — a hard-driving left-hander from Houston — led the charge for Duke for much of the night, putting up 11 points and six rebounds in the first half and finishing with a 15-point, 11-rebound double-double.

"He was special tonight," Bennett said. "I think you could see why they talk about him the way they do."

But after Winslow drove the lane, ending up on the floor beside Virginia junior guard Justin Anderson with a flagrant one to his name and his team down by five, Duke seemed to be in a bad way.

Trailing by 11 after junior center Mike Tobey's short jump shot with 10:54 remaining, Duke had drawn within two after Okafor scored two baskets and assisted on another despite struggling to that point.

Sophomore point guard London Perrantes stopped the bleeding with a 3-pointer from the left wing, and Winslow's flagrant followed shortly thereafter.

Virginia made Winslow pay —

Anderson knocked down two free throws and junior forward Anthony Gill scored inside. But Jones got down the court quickly, banking in a runner, taking a foul and hitting the free throw to cut the Blue Devil deficit to six.

Perrantes put up a floater that dropped right in before Duke senior guard Quinn Cook hit a corner 3. The Blue Devils, cold from distance for much of the night, were starting to heat up.

Okafor put back Jones' missed 3-pointer, pulling his team within three points at 58-55 with 4:03 to go. Out of the media timeout, Brogdon pushed back, knocking down a long-distance jump shot from the right wing.

Brogdon paced Virginia with 17 points and six rebounds. He played all but three minutes.

"Brogdon is not a good player — he's a great player," Krzyzewski said. "He's one of the best players — so poised and strong. I mean they're all good, but he's exceptional."

The Preseason All-ACC selection's long-range strike, however, only served as prelude to the final sequence.

Cook answered Brogdon with a 3-pointer of his own before Anderson got behind the Blue Devil zone with Perrantes in holding the basketball. Perrantes threw a lob pass that Anderson pulled in and threw down for an alley-oop — and a five-point Virginia lead — with 2:59 to play.

Thirteen seconds later, Matt Jones hit Duke's third 3-pointer of the final five minutes. Perrantes turned the ball over trying to work it into the high post, and Jones found Winslow underneath, who

laid the ball in to tie the score at 63.

Duke went inside to Okafor after Gill missed in close. Okafor kicked the ball out to Cook for a go-ahead 3-pointer.

"We tried to make [Okafor] work," Bennett said. "You can see how capable he is...That job was good, but probably not a good enough job on the other guys."

Tobey missed the front end of a one-and-one. He grabbed his own miss, allowing Virginia to reset, but missed inside after driving from the high post. Cook secured the rebound with 46 seconds left, and the

Cavaliers declined to foul.

Jones then took the air out of the gym.

Virginia plays at No. 13 North Carolina (17-5, 7-2 ACC) at 7 p.m. Monday night in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Tar Heels lost to No. 10 Louisville 78-68 in overtime earlier Saturday.

"We just have to get rid of this, put it behind us and get ready for North Carolina," senior forward Darion Atkins said. "It's a great challenge and I hope we can come through."



Junior guard Malcolm Broadon led the Cavaliers in points with 17 on 7-15 shooting.

#### Winning isn't everything

usually don't go searching for moral victories when my team suffers a loss, as No. 2

Virginia did Saturday night. All that really counts at the end of the day is the score. So, undoubtedly, I was as disappointed as the rest of the University when the Blue Devils mounted an improbable comeback at JPJ to hand the Cavaliers their first loss of the season.

However, this was

one of those rare occasions when something so great happened that I actually felt alright about losing. I didn't go searching for some excuse, or dig up a vague stat that would support a "we should've won" theory.

All it took to dull the post-

loss sting was this video:

This happened with just under six minutes to play in the

game, right at the beginning of Duke's comeback bid. The Cavaliers 11-point lead had been whittled to five and shots weren't falling quite as well for Virginia. JPJ was still raucous — only the energy was fueled more by nervous hope than by confident exuberance as had been the case just 10 minutes

earlier.With momentum starting to shift and frustration building, Duke's star freshman Justise Winslow decides to try to push Justin Anderson over the edge. Lying on the ground, Winslow literally seizes his chance and bear hugs Anderson's leg as he's attempting to change direction and accelerate to join the offense.

Not much tops Winslow's move in terms of dangerous and dumb plays. I'm not sure a flagrant-1 was enough of a penalty for the ridiculous move. I would've tossed him from the game, but I guess I'm a tad bit biased.

Justin, on the other hand, was the epitome of cool. Sure, when he first turns around to try to break the tackle — never thought I'd write that in a basketball article — he looks pretty angry. Who wouldn't be? Both players could have been seriously injured all because Winslow was annoyed momentarily at having missed a layup.

But keep watching that Vine loop. Winslow throws his hands up as if he's done nothing wrong. Maybe he was trying to protect

his face, knowing what he did probably warranted retaliation. Anderson doesn't bite, though. Rather than take the swing he probably wanted to take, he reaches for Winslow's outstretched arms and tries to help him up.

That is something I have never seen before at any level. Players in the NBA don't have that level of composure. Hell, three weeks ago, Kevin Garnett — a potential Hall of Famer — threw the ball at and headbutted Dwight Howard after nothing more than a slight one arm shrug. Anderson showed more poise last night than two of NBA's best.

That's something Virginia fans should be proud of — knowing that our athletes conduct themselves in such a level-headed, respectable manner. It's not just Anderson either. I'm 100 percent sure every single one of

our players would have reacted the exact same way.

The stats back this up — Virginia hasn't been called for a technical foul in more than a year. The last time the Cavaliers were T'ed up was Jan. 25, 2014 against Virginia Tech when Teven Jones hung on the rim a bit too long after a breakaway dunk. That's not quite on the same level as holding onto someone's leg.

Sure, Virginia lost and its undefeated season was spoiled, and that's frustrating. But the Cavaliers are still ranked No. 2 in the country, they're 19-1 and they are first in the ACC. And they've accomplished all that the right way: with class and integrity.

Thank you to Justin Anderson for showing the college basketball world what Virginia is all about, and for showing me the final score isn't all that matters.



Sports Editor

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Twelfth-ranked Virginia wrestling fell to No. 9 Virginia Tech, 18-16, at the Moss Arts Center in Blacksburg, Virginia. The match was tight throughout the afternoon and was undecided until the final bout.

The two teams split the 10 contests, but three major decision victories pushed the Hokies (10-2, 1-0 ACC) past the Cavaliers (10-4,

2-1 ACC), who could muster only one bonus-point victory.

Virginia and Virginia Tech alternated wins in the first four matches. Seventh-ranked junior Blaise Butler took the first match, 3-2, over redshirt freshman Zach Epperly. No. 18 junior Zach Nye then won 3-2, following a major decision victory by junior Austin

The Hokies won the next two matches including a major decision victory by fourth-ranked sophomore Joey Dance to give Virginia Tech an 11-6 edge.

No. 13 sophomore George DiCamillo and junior Justin Van Hoose won consecutive matches at 133 and 141 pounds, respectively, to pull the Cavaliers ahead, 12-11. However, the Hokies responded with two victories to grab the lead for good. No. 12 sophomore Sal Mastriani recorded a major decision victory over junior Chris Yankowich and then fifth-ranked junior Nick Brascetta downed redshirt freshman Andrew Atkinson.

Second-ranked senior Nick Sulzer needed to pin junior Chad Strube to tie the match and send it to criteria. Sulzer could not turn Strube, and instead defeated him 12-3. The pinfall would have given the Cavaliers the victory via the tie-breaking criteria.

Virginia will now turns its attention to North Carolina. The teams wrestle next Saturday in Chapel Hill at 7 p.m.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzburger

## No. 10 Women's tennis downs No. 21 USC, 5-2

The Virginia women's tennis team topped South Carolina by a 5-2 final score Friday afternoon at the Boar's Head Sports Club, bouncing back from a short-handed loss to No. 6 Baylor on Jan. 24 in Waco, Texas.

The No. 10 Cavaliers (3-1) raced out to a 3-0 lead before holding off a late rally by the No. 21 Gamecocks (4-2) when UC-LA-transfer junior Skylar Morton claimed a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 win against No. 99 senior Meghan Blevins at No. 4 singles.

Virginia captured the doubles point with 6-2 wins from its top two pairings. No. 11 Morton and freshman Cassie Mercer downed No. 33 Blevins and sophomore Brigit Folland to get the Cavaliers started.

No. 22 juniors Julia Elbaba and Stephanie Nauta then defeated senior Elixane Lechemia and freshman Hadley Berg on court one to give Virginia the point.

No. 16 Nauta rolled past Folland 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 singles to put the Cavaliers up 2-0, and Epstein kept the ball rolling with a 6-1, 6-4 win against Berg on court five.

South Carolina answered with wins at No. 6 and No. 2 singles, where junior Ximena Siles Luna topped Mercer 6-1, 6-4 and sophomore Caroline Daily edged No. 42 junior Danielle Collins 6-4, 7-6(4), respectively.

Morton then squashed the Gamecock comeback before No. 1 junior Julia Elbaba posted a 6-4, 6-7, 1-0 win at No. 1 singles.

Virginia will host No. 9 Georgia Monday at the Boar's Head. First serve is slated for 6 p.m.

—compiled by Matthew Morris



Top-ranked junior Julia Elbaba posted a 6-4, 6-7, 1-0 victory Friday afternoon.

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#### LEAD EDITORIAL

## Your community, your paper

The 126th Managing Board defines its vision

#### Comment of the day

"This in no way helps an argument that the traditional hostess practices breed a rape culture...

Let's give gender-related activist articles a rest for a while perhaps."

"GuestAlum" responding to the Managing Board's Jan. 27 editorial, "Regulate recruitment" As The Cavalier Daily enters its 126th term, among myriad ambitions, we have one overarching aim: to serve the students of the University in whatever capacity is needed.

Last semester proved the value of student journalism — not just for the news it provides, but for the initiative it spurs. With this in mind, we have defined a mission statement for this term: "to provide the University community with new, relevant and insightful information that inspires critical conversation and even action on Grounds."

We are indebted to the incredible work of the 125th Managing Board, who handled tumult bravely, never shied away from unprecedented challenges and admirably delved into topics that affected not only our readers but also we, ourselves — the

students who put this paper together.

And this demonstrates the inherent difficulty of our work: we must report on a community in which we are also members. We write about a populace we are a part of — and as such, we challenge ourselves to be critical, to research and to face facts we might otherwise choose to ignore.

Like our predecessors, we have specific goals: to maximize efficiency, to make a more visually accessible product and to be transparent to our staff and to our readers. But our most important goal is — and will remain — to serve you. Use us as your resource. We have the tools and manpower to investigate, to interview and to analyze; over the course of the cumulative hundreds of hours we put into this paper each week, our

deepest desire is to be of service to our peers and the community at large. Just as we aim to support you, we ask that you support us — by engaging with the critical issues and questions facing our school, and by demanding from us the high quality content to which you have grown accustomed. It is your recognition of the importance of this work that motivates us to do it in the first place.

Over the coming year, when we find ourselves exhausted in the office late into the night, or deep in Freedom of Information Act requests, or skipping classes to go to press conferences, we will never feel compelled to question our decision to prioritize this work over ourselves. We asked ourselves as we began this term, "Why journalism? Why The Cavalier Daily?"

Our answers differ across

sections and positions, ages and interests. But we have one thing in common: we know we are the platform for the student narrative, and in that capacity, we aspire to do justice to the plethora of student experiences surrounding us. With your help, we will continue to be your platform and your resource. We implore you to stay informed and engage with us. We will seek out your stories and anticipate the information you need to hear. We are determined to be proactive, not simply reactive. At first we will face a steep learning curve, but we are prepared for this challenge. As the University grows and develops and, we hope, improves — so will we.

We cannot overemphasize your role in this endeavor. This is your community, and this is your paper. We are merely the messengers.

## Why effective sourcing matters

Recent news articles have been lacking in effective source attribution and clarification

#### Christopher Broom Public Editor

One of the most important things about the information we get from a news article is where that information comes from. The Cavalier Daily reporters don't always do a good job of explaining their sources and in many cases simply don't use enough sources or the right kinds of sources to give readers a complete picture. I'll use recently published news pieces to illustrate the kinds of problems I think The Cavalier Daily runs into in its news reporting.

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Some articles don't have enough sources. In an article about the Virginia General Assembly considering a bill that would alter how sexual assault allegations are handled on college campuses, the position of supporters of the bill is described without attribution. The position of opponents of the bill is described and then extensively explained by the only person to be quoted in the article. I agree with one commenter online that the article ends up reading like an opinion piece instead of a news article. It effectively presents one side of

an issue as true because it is being reported as news.

Similarly, some articles have effective sources for some information and then fall off in other parts. For example, in an otherwise interesting (and really well-conceived) article comparing fraternity party rules at four other universities there is a discrepancy about the information the reader is given about those other schools. In two cases there are quotations from administrators at those schools responsible for fraternity rules while for the other two schools we're offered nothing but a summary of rules without attribution. I was left wondering why there weren't quotations in those spots and what someone from the school might have said about their rules. It's a well-done article in parts but it doesn't seem like something that was so time sensitive it needed to be published before getting some comments about the other two schools. I will, though, note the effective use of links in the lede of the article. I'd very much like to see more of this as a reader; it was simple to click over and refresh my memory of what the new rules at the UniThen there are articles that either don't seem to have appropriate sources or don't have sources appropriately explained or described for the reader. In a piece on the rejection of gun control legislation in the Virginia State

Senate the only sources are two University undergraduate students. The College Republicans Chairman and the University Democrats Financial Officer are quoted (with the same political platitudes we hear from, it seems, all political spokespersons). Why look

to these students for information about the bills apart from their choice to engage in politics? With an absence of sources that have substantial information to offer, there isn't much to learn from this article beyond the headline. In another article about legislation currently being considered in the Virginia State Senate the reporter included quotations from the sponsoring Senator and from the spokesperson for the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates.

The latter piece gave the reader a much clearer understanding of the landscape in which the legislation is being considered and because the sources are involved in it, better reason to think the information is good and accurate.

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Sometimes the sources are good but need further explanation or description. In a report about resolutions for a constitutional convention all of the sources seem like good ones but two are lacking in description that would help the reader assess the information they offer. Robert Kelly is described as "General Counsel," but we are not told of what and Batten Professor Jim Savage is described simply as "Batten Professor." Some information about his areas of expertise

makes all the difference in judging what he's saying. It is important to remember that not all readers of The Cavalier Daily will know the Batten School is the School of Leadership and Public Policy and even if they do, it is not a given that all faculty there would make sense as a source in an article about a possible constitutional

These issues don't exist in all of the articles in The Cavalier Daily by any stretch but they come up repeatedly. There are many articles that are quite well done, for example, the piece on Virginia Commonwealth University dropping the SAT as an application requirement for many students makes excellent use of sources to offer the reader a range of information. This sort of reporting better serves readers. When sources are appropriate to the kind of information they offer and when those sources are effectively described readers can better assess the information reported.

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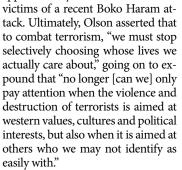
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## Support selective news

News media will naturally opt to cover Western information to cater to American interests

**L**arlier this week, guest writer David Olson reprimanded the mainstream media for failing

to cover the Boko Haram massacre in Nigeria in lieu of the shootings at the Charlie Hebdo offices that garnered international tion. Olson noted the hypocrisy of western journalism, lampooning how the American news networks slaved after reporting every minute detail of the Paris shootings while staying mute on the approximately 2000

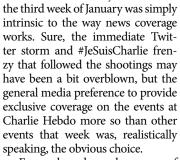


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From a humanitarian perspective, Olson has a sound argument. The media shouldn't under any circumstances turn a blind eye to acts of terrorism committed against non-Western peoples simply be-

cause they are not "us"; such selectivity would clearly betray a crumbling of the morals of equality the west

upholds so dearly. Unfortunately, the specific example Olson provides is testament to just such a blind eye, an example of western media at its worst, wherein an enormous foreign massacre was ignored. But from a purely pragmatic perspective, mainstream news networks' coverage of the Charlie Hebdo shooting and subsequent non-coverage of other major stories in



France has always been one of America's closest allies, and the American and French people share common Western values that automatically make news coming from that part of the world higher on the list of reporting priorities. A terrorist shooting in the heart of Paris is bound to have a more relevance and resounding impact on American audiences than an equally large massacre in Nigeria, regardless of whether we should have the same reaction. And indeed we should — all lives matter equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or religion. But it is simply human nature to care more about one's friends than about strangers; and while the media may not necessarily be comparable to an individual, mainstream American news corporations are comprised of

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mostly American staff who focus on topics relevant to them and their audiences. To expect the media to offer equal coverage on all acts of terrorism, however humane and fair that may sound in principle, ignores the reality that selectivity is part of human nature.

When a relative or best friend is admitted to the hospital for a serious illness, one doesn't tend to care much for the neighboring patient's sickness. The crux of Olson's idea is that "selectively choosing" whom to care about is morally wrong. Such an argument, while true in a broad humanitarian sense, is simply impossible to internalize in the pragmatic sense. The deaths in Nigeria were just as — if not more — horrific as the deaths of the 12 in Paris. But to Western audiences, it would

be more difficult to relate the incident in Nigeria. This is definitely not to say the media can go about practicing whatever arbitrary news coverage it desires, or that some lives matter more than others. Nor should news coverage simply feed people only the headlines they want to hear, as my fellow columnist

Sawan Patel argued a few months back. But hounding the journalistic system for focusing coverage on specific events and places is just as much a critique on the human tendency of selectivity than it is about intentional coverage choice.

As I write this article, 140,000 people are living as homeless refugees in Myanmar. In the Central African Republic (CAR), genocidal warring militias hold the country in a hellish lockdown. Yet most Americans don't know about much about these conflicts, primarily because they have little to do with us. Nor will knowing about such conflicts necessarily help anyone in the areas affected, taking into consideration how low areas like the CAR and Myanmar are on the United States' foreign policy agenda. The truth is there are numerous conflicts in remote parts of the world that we "should" know about, but don't. And while a good news source may cover these distant situations occasionally, we shouldn't necessarily hold the mainstream media responsible for providing us coverage on every possible foreign atrocity. At the end of the day, media corporations are businesses, targeted to a certain audience. To get the views, clicks and shares, networks will cater to the audience the information that relates most to them, inevitably leading to selective coverage.

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## To credit, or not to credit

The University should extend its deadline for changing grading options

Adecent GPA is necessary for many college students' achievements. A higher GPA gives students

looking to apply for competitive interdisciplinary majors or graduate programs an advantage, and it also plays an important role in the pre-screening process in job recruitment. It is also crucial to gaining admission to the Commerce School. One way to earn a higher GPA is to sign up for courses on a credit/no credit basis. However, the dead-

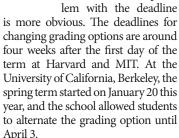
line for changing grading options in the College of Arts and Sciences is the same as the add/drop deadline, which is usually around two weeks after the semester begins.

SASHA WAN

This deadline is arguably too early and leaves too little time for students to make informed decisions. The first week of a class is usually spent on general introductions and administrivia, and students typically don't take a test in the first two weeks. As a result, because they fear getting stuck with a course with a rigorous grading poli-

cy and ending up with a low grade, students refrain from signing up for intense courses which could poten-

tially harm their GPAs. In addition, because students cannot anticipate their commitment in extracurricular activities in the early stages of a semester, they might try to avoid the risk by not signing up altogether. This policy turns exploring unknown topics into risky gambling. When compared with various other schools, the prob-



While the grading system is admittedly a strong incentive for students to achieve academic excellence, if the policy undermines the liberal arts education essential to the

University and leads to significant inconvenience for students, reforms are necessary. One possible solution is to extend the add/drop period. However, this change may result in administrative inconvenience for the instructors, as an article on the Harvard Crimson explains. Extending

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the add/drop period would also result in the negative effect of discouraging students from trying harder in a difficult course. With the option of dropping the course by clicking several buttons on the SIS, students may feel less motivated to consult the professors and challenge themselves academically.

Therefore, as a middle ground, extending the deadline for altering grading option is a better approach. While no letter grade would be given, it still takes effort to pass a credit/no credit course. Extending the deadline for changing the grading option can effectively reduce the cost, allow stu-

dents to make better informed decisions on their course selection and provide an important incentive for exploring unknown fields. With the option of switching to credit/ no credit grading later in the semester students would feel more comfortable developing a more diverse course of study and be more willing to re-

main in a challenging course without worrying that the grade may adversely affect their GPAs. Students pursuing challenging degrees or applying for competitive programs can thus stay exploratory in their study with the reduced workload, focusing more on learning in other disciplines rather than carefully only choosing classes

based on their ability to get an A.

There are worries about the possible impact of the credit/no credit option on the overall educational quality. The College stipulates that no more than 24 credits that count toward the degree requirement can be taken on credit/no credit basis, and credit/no credit course credits cannot apply to area or major requirements. These restrictions can effectively deter the grade inflation caused by the credit/no credit option.

The University offers classes in a wide range of disciplines taught by outstanding faculty. Shrinking away from fully utilizing these resources and challenging oneself would surely be a waste of tuition and time in college. While concerns about GPA could be a significant burden for students, an extended period for changing the grading option would ameliorate the dilemma and provide a way out.

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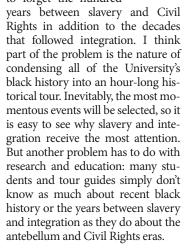
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## Don't skip the middle

Students should better address the history of African Americans at the University between slavery and Civil Rights

The history of African Americans at the University is often presented in two phases: slavery

and Civil Rights. Last semester, I penned a column in which I commended the University Guide Service (UGS) for its efforts to confront our history of slavery. And while it is important for members of our community to take a critical look at the institution that hangs so heavily over our history, we must be careful not to forget the hundred



A cursory look at the UGS Historical Information Sheet given to students interested in joining

Guides reveals the facts regarding African Americans at the University pertain almost exclusively to slavery and integration. The probationary packet I received upon joining similarly emphasized slavery and integration, with less attention given to African American history outside of those periods. When I began giving historical tours, I

found I would tell the story of students approaching the Rotunda to raise the Confederate flag prior to the Civil War and then the story of students walking in the other direction towards Old Cabell Hall to see Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak in 1963. In jumping from slavery to the Civil Rights era, I would skip over a hundred years of black history.

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Opinion Columnist

Consider the story of Alice Jackson, the first African-American to apply to the University. Jackson sought admission in 1935 for a master's degree program in French and was denied. The rector of the Board of Visitors wrote after her rejection

that "the education of white and colored persons in the same schools is contrary to the long established and fixed policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia." Public controversy followed the decision, and several Virginia newspapers attacked Jackson for "unnecessarily rocking the boat." Jackson's story provides insight into the history of African Americans in the decades that ultimately led to integration.

Also consider the story of the Kitty Foster homestead adjacent to cultural differences in spite of its close proximity to the Academical Village. These hundred years between slavery and Civil Rights were an era in which blacks were neither slaves nor students, an era that deserves greater attention. I would like to see more research and education aimed at this time period.

The years that followed integration saw the establishment of the Office of African American Affairs (OAA), black Greek organizations, the Black Student Alliance and Af-

> rican American Studies programs. These recent years are often left out of historical tours. Last semester, Professor Claudrena Harold spoke to my probationary UGS class about recent African-American history at the University and its importance in understanding our current racial climate. Harold teaches a

course titled Black Fire that examines the history and contemporary experiences of African-Americans at the University since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Alice Burgess, UGS Historian and a student of Harold's course, writes: "I think [the Guide Service's] biggest weakness is the history of African Americans at the University, since so often we speak about the University's late integration in the 60s and 70s and skip straight to the present. These are decades of history we alltoo-often leave out, yet these years are absolutely critical to painting an accurate picture of the student experience at the University today.

We must remember the stories of enslaved laborers and the first black students at the University. Henry Martin, the University's enslaved bell ringer for 50 years, and Robert Bland, the first black graduate of the College, are two such figures who have shaped our school and whose names will enter any black history conversation. But we must also remember the black men and women who belonged to the period between slavery and Civil Rights, as well as the individuals in the following years whose progressive spirit brought us to where we are today.

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the University. It existed as community for free blacks until the 1920s when it was purchased by white speculators. To the University, it became known as Canada, a term that refers to the free black community's

## **Unequal treatment**

Efforts at suicide prevention should be as comprehensive as those aimed at improving student safety and reducing sexual assault

This week the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) sponsored a series of Suicide Preven-

tion Training sessions for staff and faculty at the University. The training sessions, in response to last semester's unfortunate student suicides, are one of the first steps the University has taken this semester toward suicide prevention and awareness. These steps, however, pale in comparison to the steps that have been taken thus far to prevent sexual assault and promote student

safety on Grounds. Although these are very different causes, the University needs to devote more time and effort to a cause that was responsible for taking the lives of three University students last semester.

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**Opinion Columnist** 

Two major developments are taking place at the University right now. The first, though not directly caused by the University, involves the banning of sororities from attending Boy's Bid Night. This contested decision is a direct response to the Rolling Stone article, and the end goal, presumably, is to prevent sexual assault. Although the specific merits of this policy — implemented by the international presidents of National

Panhellenic Conference sororities — are being disputed, it is a significant measure to combat sexual assault and safety concerns. Another major in-

itiative funded by the University is the opening of a new police substation across from the Corner, as well as plans to establish a permanent substation this summer, located in the building once occupied by Free-

man-Victorius frame shop. Moreover, the University will implement an "ambassadors" program to provide escorts to members of the University community at night and increase the security presence in the area. Once again, this is a significant measure that was implemented in response to both the Hannah Graham case and the Rolling Stone article.

Though these suicide prevention training sessions are also in response to the tragedies of last semester, they are not as comprehensive nor as serious as the developments I have outlined above. The Department of Student Health website emphasizes "research shows that when any community experiences suicide, a likelihood of additional suicides exists in that community in the future." This means that now, more than ever, significant measures must be taken toward spreading awareness. Andrea Iglesias, assistant director of outreach and liaison programming for CAPS, said in a Cavalier Daily article that the training is open to everyone in the University community, yet the department of student health web-

site only mentions that it is for fac-

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ulty and staff.

In order to effectively combat suicide and mental illness, the University as well as CAPS must reach out to the whole University community, not just faculty and staff. This could be in the form of suicide prevention sessions for students or other awareness events and dialogue. Either way, it is crucial that the entirety of our community understand the warning signs of suicide and know possible ways to find help either for themselves or others.

I am not implying CAPS is not an effective outlet for student help; in fact, there is a multitude of resources available on the CAPS website. The training sessions are a step in the right direction for the cause of

suicide prevention. Additionally, CAPS is hosting free mental wellness screenings February 19th. Rather, I wish to contrast the actions the University has taken towards combatting sexual assault with those it has taken towards combating suicide and depression. The urgency for action, especially

after the events of last semester, does not appear to be present. Such action may not have to be as large-scale as a police substation or a ban on sorority

activities, but there should be a push for awareness nevertheless.

Last October, my fellow columnist Lauren Horne brought up a similar argument. She focused on the disparity between the University's response to a student suicide and a disappearance. Yet, her article centered more on the public attention that each case was receiving rather than awareness and prevention efforts themselves. This disparity was likely due to the privacy each family wished to have in their time of mourning. But at the same time, Horne stresses the need for "open discussion about mental illness, suicide, or how to handle grief." To this end, my argument highlights the need for more significant action this semester, through open discussion and awareness as well as teaching students the warning signs and how to respond. These efforts cannot keep taking a backseat to the issues of sexual assault and student safety; rather, they must be elevated to a level of equal or near-equal importance.

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#### Anthony Skaff

potentially beneficialthat occurs after a central nervous system injury. This discovery may change the way doctors treat brain and spinal cord injuries and could potentially help develop tools to predict how patients respond to treatments.Dr. Jonathan Kipnis, a University Prof. of neuroscience and director of the Center for Brain Immunology and Glia and PhD. student James T. Walsh were two of the co-authors of a recently published paper outlining the discovery.

The blood-brain barrier, which protects brain tissue from certain substances in the blood, has precise control over what enters and leaves the brain. This makes treatment of central nervous system injuries and diseases difficult. Most accepted treatment methods rely on immune suppression to decrease collateral damage in the brain. However, the exact mech-

## Discovery reveals insights to immune reponses

Researchers trigger immune system to aid in brain recovery while treating nervous system injuries

anism has been misunderstood, as shown through recent work by Kipnis and Walsh.

The immune system is a more interesting and easy target," Kipnis said. "If we figure out how the brain recruits the immune system and how it is activated, then we can target it and intensify the whole response.'

In a series of two papers, Kipnis and lead author Walsh published their discoveries about the role of certain immune cells in nervous system injuries, and a mechanism by which those immune cells protect injured CNS neurons. There is significant debate in the scientific community as to whether regulatory T cells — mediating cells in the immune system — are beneficial or detrimental when it comes to immune response to a CNS injury. According to Walsh, the previously accepted and only FDA approved method of treating these CNS injuries was to administer steroids to reduce inflammation and tissue swelling. These steroids are very potent immunosuppressants that wipe out regulatory T cells, strongly reducing the immune system's response.

"By taking away these T cells

completely, you're allowing an excessive autoimmune response that destroys the neurons directly," Walsh said. "Whereas, if you add back more regulatory T cells, you're decreasing the protective response."

Essentially, too few regulatory T cells would cause the immune

system to act without any direction, and too many T cells would over-regulate the immune system and suppress any possible response.

Kipnis and Walsh studied this effect by inducing CNS injuries in mice and observing the response following the addition or removal of T cells. Their first paper outlines the

'double-edged sword," where the desirable outcome is to maintain a certain level of regulatory T cells to achieve a normal immune response.

The second paper outlines the discovery of the mechanism by which the brain communicates with the immune system during CNS trauma. The source was located in the deep cervical lymph node, where immune response is initiated. Lymph cells, called monocytes, receive messages from the brain signaling injury. After activation in the deep cervical lymph node, they release a molecule called interleukin 4

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> (IL4). By pinpointing the exact location where the brain's signals are received, treatment can be targeted and the immune response can be amplified.

> "The first story we're looking at [is] regulatory T cells, how IL4 is able to induce these alternatively activated macrophages," Walsh

"[In] the second story, we show that IL4 is also acting directly on the neurons themselves which [increases] protective signaling ... [and] protective response."

Currently, diseases in which the CNS is targeted directly are untreatable.

"We know the mechanism now, how it gets triggered, what gets activated, and we can come up with ways to boost this response locally by targeting just the lymph nodes to produce IL4," Kipnis said.

The research shows promise for future treatment of neurodegenerative trauma, with implications for Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease and other degenerative conditions.

"If you can deliver IL4 in these models, you'll have enhanced neuroprotective signaling directly on the neurons," Walsh said. "I think a lot of science is pigeonholed into thinking that it's only applicable to one situation, but I think with what we've shown there's really the possibility that it can influence a wide variety of CNS trauma."

## University students initiate Patronus Project

Group aims to educate, raise awareness about mental health

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A group of University students gathered to start the Patronus Project last October to educate students and raise awareness about the issues surrounding mental

"We are mostly members of Charlottesville Book Club who love Harry Potter, so that's why

we named it the Patronus Project," said fourth-year Engineering student Caitlin Reilly, who is currently leading the Project.

Mental illness is a more commonplace problem than people realize - nearly one in four are diagnosed with some form of mental illness in their lifetime. Reilly says that many students have experienced personal trauma or mental illness but usually are not willing to take the initiative to share with

"I think there is a lot of space at U.Va. to make it change and get people started talking about

mental illness and changing the stigma," Reilly said.

In addition to discussing mental illness, members of the Patronus Project have been planning diverse events for students to reduce daily stress and protect general mental health. Their first events will be held Feb. 16-20.

"We will also have a guest speaker to discuss emergency care, such as how to identify the warning symptoms of mental illness from your family and friends and how to approach such a subject with them," Reilly said. "Sometimes people are too afraid to talk about it because they think they may offend someone. However, starting a conversation is always a great way to get people help in

During the week of Feb. 16, Reilly recommends students participate in the group's events, which include art therapy and an exposition with University health-related organizations, in order to learn about how to deal with a situation of mental illness.

"I am hoping to get people to talk about their personal experience and understand that it is everywhere," Reilly added.

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### **LOVE CONNECTION:**

Year: Third Major: Commerce

U. Va. Involvement: Dance Marathon, Madison

House Tutoring, SAE

Hometown: Collegeville, Pennsylvania

Ideal Date Personality: Challenging, intelligent and witty.

Ideal Date Activity: Dinner, drinks and a good conversation.

Deal breakers? Snapbacks and tattoos. Hobbies: Trivia and watching "Suits."

What makes you a good catch? I'm great at ironing and well-liked by family members. I also have good posture, or so I've been told. What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I'm less than adventurous and hardly punctual. What is your spirit animal? George Costanza. Describe yourself in one sentence: I'm a nice enough guy with an awful habit of underselling myself.

Courtesy Ryan

Late start and botched reservations saved by burgers, good conversation

Alex Stock Love Guru

Ryan and Miranda met at the Commerce School at 6:50 p.m. on Friday and went to Citizen Burger.

Ryan: I have been having a hard time scoring dates for the past couple of decades and I saw Love Connection as the perfect opportunity to land a date before being seen or heard from. I had never been on a blind date before, but I had certain expectations based on television shows, movies and horror stories labeled "Love Connection" in the Cavalier Daily. I didn't expect to fall in love immediately, but I was open

Miranda: I knew I'd be disappointed if he didn't whisk me away to be married at the Chapel, then spend our flight to Tahiti discussing the names of our future children.

Ryan: I arrived at promptly 6:30 p.m. our agreed-upon meeting time. I was neither early nor late, yet still fashionable. I waited outside for five minutes before [I was] notified that my date was running late or in the process of standing me up. As I [waited], my phone died, so I knew the night was off to a good start.

Miranda: I was almost 20 minutes late because I'm a mess of a human being. We finally found each other and he said he had made a reservation downtown and had an Uber driver waiting. I ruined those plans by being late — sorry Ryan! I'll let you choose the honeymoon destination to make up for

Ryan: Knowing that women love decisiveness, I made a reservation at The Local and arranged for a taxi to pick us up behind the Comm School. With a useless phone and no date in sight, I had to call off the cab

Year: Second Major: Biology and Global Health U.Va. Involvement: Peer Health Education, UN Women Executive Board, Madison House, Sig Delt, Public Health Research Assistant

Hometown: Leesburg, Virginia Ideal Date: Looks cute and huggable, but still masculine, like a Care Bear on steroids.

Ideal Date Personality: Funny, cultured and easy to talk to. Deal breakers? Closed-minded, anti-feminist or if his name is Gary or Jerry. Ew.

Describe a typical weekend: A party one night, baking and Netflix with friends the other night, homework and sleep. Hobbies: Hiking, yoga, baking, reading, being sarcastic, kayaking.

What is your spirit animal? Andy Dwyer and April Ludgate's future baby.



and the reservation.

Miranda: While I was apologizing, half my brain thought he was pretty cute. The other half worried about how he must think I suck, but he was a perfect gentleman

Ryan: Once we arrived downtown, I recommended we eat at Citizen Burger.

Miranda: While waiting for our table at the restaurant, we wandered [down the] Mall a little. We passed the tea bazaar, one of my favorite places, and I got really excited to show it to him. But sitting down, I realized he probably thought it was a weird place, since he's kind of traditional and unadventurous with food and traveling.

Ryan: While waiting for a table, we were able to visit a tea lounge, Twisted Branch Tea Bazaar, which was as strange as advertised. She suggested we check it out and I [know] all good relationships require compromises from time to time.

Miranda: He told me he's not too adventurous with food, which is the complete opposite of me.

**Ryan**: Other than being odd enough to submit a survey to Love Connection, we really did not have much in common. She lives on-Grounds and hails from England, while I live off-Grounds and represent the U.S. of A. We run with different crowds, but opposites do attract.

Miranda: It felt pretty casual — there was rarely an awkward pause. He was a laid back guy, so it was easy. I didn't have to use my many charms to coax him into conver-

Ryan: I paid for dinner. We caught a cab, after waiting for quite a while and were dropped off at separate locations. I was being coy, but I think she was making eyes at

Miranda: He said I have nice teeth, so obviously he's in love with me.

Ryan: I had a great time talking to her and would consider grabbing coffee or even dinner again. I wouldn't say there was a romantic connection, but I'm also not adept at reading the signs when it comes to women.

Miranda: I'd hang out with him again. He was pretty easy to talk to and it was refreshing to talk to someone different from me. The question is, on a scale of 1-10, how crazy does he think I am?

Ryan: I would rate the date a 7.

Miranda: I'd [rate the date a] 7 out of 10. It was fun and casual, but he didn't quote Shakespeare or hire a mariachi band to follow us around — huge deal breakers for me.

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## Latif brings World Hijab Day to Grounds

First-year student provides platform for discussion of cultural tolerance

**Brittany Hsieh** Feature Writer

From the moment she arrived at the University, first-year College student Attiya Latif knew she wanted to promote diversity, tolerance and acceptance of students of all backgrounds. On Sunday, Latif channeled these interests towards establishing World Hijab Day on Grounds - aan occasion where students could don the hijab for a day and engage in open dialogue regarding cultural tolerance.

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1, World Hijab Day in an opportuni-"I wasn't very comfortable with ty for people to wear the hijab — or headscarf — and demonstrate soli-[these experiences] because U.Va. is supposed to be my home," Latif said. darity with Muslim women who face "People of all colors, genders, orienintolerance daily. tations and religions should be able "It is a way to kind of show that to lay claim to their school because you are accepting the decision of that is what they call home for four these young women to choose vears of their lives. So, I wanted to to wear the scarf, and you are accreate this event that would make it

knowledging the fact that some

people don't have the opportunity to

conservative town in Maryland, Latif

expected to tolerance on Grounds

far from it. From snide, ignorant

comments and general discom-

fort among peers to being followed

home by a stranger on Sept. 11, Latif

said she has endured a great deal

of hardship due to her cultural

- but said what she received was

Having arrived from a small,

choose," Latif said.

feel more like a home for me." Participants were prompted to go about their daily lives for 12 hours while donning a hijabhich so they could experience the comments and interactions that women who wear it daily face.

"It is a way to promote acceptance and tolerance," Latif said. "I do feel like we have a very big problem with exclusiveness at our school, and we stigmatize a lot of issues. I just thought it would be a really great idea to bring that idea of acceptance and tolerance to U.Va. and host an event that would bring us together and rally around a cause in a very ositive way."

Dialogue is something Latif said she believes is very important in raising awareness and promoting open-minded thinking. "I think at

U.Va. we tend to acknowledge that

there is diversity and then brush it under the rug," Latif said. "We are satisfied with having groups of people that are different and knowing that they are there, but not reaching out...We should be actively going out and seeking people who are different than us and then realizing that they are the same as us, no matter what they look like or what they wear."

First-year Engineering student Suhaib Radwan, a moderator of World Hijab Day, said he shared Latif's views. He said that as a Muslim male, his role is to debunk any misconceptions as well as to educate people on the true meaning of the

one deserves to belong

jab is a beautiful thing, and it should not be looked at as a 'piece of cloth women are forced to wear.' I want people to think of it as a symbol for beauty and self-effacement." Beyond the event.

Latif plans to major in government and Middle Eastern Studies and continue her pursuit of a more tolerant University.

"I love this place," Latif said. "This is my home now, and I want to make it feel more like a home...I don't feel like anyone should come to this university and feel like they don't belong, because they do. Everyone deserves to fit in. Every-



## Shifting focus to underclassmen

University Career Services hosts Second Year Week

**Allison Turner Feature Writer** 

University Career Services concluded its first Second Year Week — a new initiative to provide second-year students with professional opportunities this past Friday.

Everette Fortner, associate vice president of career and professional development, worked with UCS to spearhead the program.

'We wanted to do something big, but we had so many things that we wanted to cover, so we decided [to] create [a] second year advising week," Fortner said. "It's a whole week, so it [gets] more attention, more publicity, more share of mind, more people

involved."

The program brought a variety of advising activities to students, such as panel discussions, meetings with alumni, guest speakers and workshops, to lead up to the Spring Job and Internship Fair.

"[The career fair] was something for us to build around because we know a lot of students go to that, but not as many second years [go] and we feel like they should," Fortner said.

The week kicked off with an opening ceremony on Monday. Panels and workshops starting on Tuesday, and an employer reception was held Tuesday night with College Dean Ian Baucom.

"[On Tuesday] we had an opportunity to engage with employers around a reception, which we

thought would be an icebreaker so students could feel comfortable going to the career fair the next day," Fortner said.

In addition to the career fair, Wednesday and Thursday featured a number of panels and an address from University President Teresa Sullivan.

"[We] had probably 500 unique second years participate in the first four days," Fortner said. "A lot of people went to multiple [events] and a lot of people just went to one — that's kind of the goal. I think it [was] a huge success for the first time."

The week's activities concluded Friday with advising hours held for second-years.

"The first four days you just generate a ton of questions," Fortner said. "So [we had] second year advising hours with our career advisors, academic advisors, study abroad [advisors], any kind of advisors, so you [could] be in one place [at] one time and get all your questions answered."

Carrie Weimar, director for career counseling and advising, also played a role in organizing the event. Weimar said access to career resources is crucial for underclassmen.

"We really like to pay attention to first and second-years, because the earlier you become connected with our office and connected with resources, the less anxiety you have about what you might major in, what career options you have, your resume being built and where to look for internships," Weimar said. "We just want to get you in earlier so you can be more successful by your fourth year."

Weimar said she hoped the week would help second-years get on track after a difficult semester.

"This class has taken a number of hits with last semester," Weimar said. "I think [this week] has been a way that we have positively brought the class back together to talk about moving forward."

UCS has said it is considering moving Second Year Week to the fall next year, and will increase its focus on majors and reach out to more alumni.

"Access to alumni is the key to engaging students," Fortner said. 'To us, making these connections with alumni is the top thing we can do for you."

## Students jam along to NostraJAMus

University students launch new music application

Joslyn Chesson Feature Writer

Nearly a year ago, fourth-year Commerce student Collin Waldoch received a message from his brother containing only the song "I Wanna Get Better" by the Bleachers and the words: "so good." The message gave Waldoch the idea for NostraJAMus — a website where you can win cash prizes for submitting songs that might soon become popular.

When you discover a new song we think a lot of times people are like, 'I know this is going to be big — I know it's going to blow up," Waldoch said. "And we are providing a platform where you can kind of claim a stake to that song and reap the rewards when it does get big."

Waldoch - who has been developing the website in collaboration with fourth-year Commerce students Robert Koch and Tony Olmert, fourth-year College student Vincent Ning and fourth-year Engineering student Michael Paris — named the website after 16th century French clairvoyant Nostradamus. Nostradamus is notable for his collections of quatrains — or prophesies — that have been cited for predicting major world events.

The website similar to fantasy sports leagues, but for music. In order to gauge how a song's popularity changes over the course of the contest, users accumulate "jam" points.

"You will be rewarded for finding a song early," Koch said. "But, we also want to incentivize people to find artists with smaller numbers of followers, and in our algorithms, we kind of incorporate this?

The website fosters competition by allowing individuals to be "tastemakers" amongst their friends and family and awarding cash prizes to those who discover a big hit. Additionally, NostraJAMus aims to strengthen the connection between listeners and artists by giving out musical prizes, such as concert tickets or band posters.

"When you submit a song that does really well, we are going to reach out to the artist and kind of let them know and say, 'Hey, you were just supported big time," Waldoch said. "We're hoping to foster that band-fan interaction and hopefully parlay that into the band supporting the site as well.

The website launched two new contests this weekend, with Remix/ Covers and Original content categories. Data from the songs, such as increases in its playcount, are tracked and used to calculate "jam" points. Additionally, each user has his or her own user profile, where the songs entered into the contest are recorded and other users can view results.

"We are trying to essentially democratize 'tastemaking," doch said. "We want to allow you to



Several fourth-year students, who participated in the University's Entrepreneurship Cup, won \$12,000 toward their original website NostraJAMus.

be a 'tastemaker' and let vou build up your reputation by finding good songs before they get big."

To earn funds to get the website up and running, the group participated in the University's Entrepreneurship Cup in November and won over \$12,000 between the semi-final and final rounds.

"We got second place, and so [the money] was an accolade," Ning said. "The money is going to the company, and we are using it to further build our business."

Currently, the website is free of charge for those who wish to sign up and enter contests.

"For the spring, we are trying to build a user base and we are going to keep it free for now," Waldoch said. "We're just trying to build something and have fun — we're not as concerned with the monetary as-

Ultimately, NostraJAMus aims to encourage people to discover more music.

"At the end of the day, if 300 people spend an extra 30 minutes discovering music next week, I'd be happy," Waldoch said. "I think there is so much good music out there that just needs to get noticed."





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## An open letter from Hawaii healthcare workers

Aloha UVA students, faculty and administrators,

What would you do if a multi-billion dollar non-profit healthcare company tried to cut your parents' guaranteed retirement benefits?

We and our co-workers at Kaiser Permanente have been struggling to stop Kaiser from cutting the modest guaranteed retirement benefits we have fought for years to achieve and maintain. Dr. Richard Shannon is UVA's executive vice president of Health Affairs and he sits on the board of directors at Kaiser. Kaiser is one of the nation's largest HMOs with 500,000 health insurance customers and 6,000 employees in the Virginia/Maryland/D.C. region alone.

We want to retire with the benefits we earned through years of hard work. We take care of Kaiser's patients - Kaiser should take care of us.

Kaiser is a profitable non-profit organization. Here are some facts:

- Kaiser made \$2.7 billion in net income in 2013, and \$3.1 billion in net income in just the first nine months of 2014.
- In 2012, the average pay of the top 20 highest-paid Kaiser executives was over \$2 million the CEO earned \$10 million.
- The company has over \$25 billion in net worth.
- Still, Kaiser wants to hurt us, its own workers, by taking away guaranteed retirement benefits.

We reached out to Dr. Shannon but he never even gave us the courtesy of a response. So far, he has ignored us, but he might listen to you.

Please take sixty seconds and add your voice to ours. Go to www.DrRichardShannonWatch.org right now to fill out our online petition and to learn more about Dr. Shannon and Kaiser.

Mahalo for your time, attention and support,

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