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Warner discusses college debt plan

Senator discusses bipartisan effort to increase families' awareness of college financing options

Henry Pflager Associate Editor

Sen. Mark Warner, D-VA, came to O'Hill Forum Wednesday as a stop on his Tackling Student Debt Tour, discussing with students the current issues involved with student debt and potential methods of resolution.

Warner said he empathized with those who had debt, himself graduating from Harvard Law School with \$15,000 owed in student loans. The first company he worked for, an energy startup, went bankrupt; in his second job — this time in real estate — Warner said he "failed miserably." Finally, in the 1980s, he found success as a co-founder of Nextel, joking that from there he was able to "eke out a living."

"The point is that if I had come

out [of college] the way many students are now — with 40, 50, \$60,000 of debt — I'm not sure I would have had the courage or the ability to take those multiple [business] chances," Warner said. "It really is an enormous challenge."

Warner said the key to resolving issues of student debt will be to make sure families are informed about all of their options. To this end, Warner and Senator Marco Rubio, R-FL, have been working on the Student Right to Know Before You Go Act, which would ensure prospective college students and their parents have better access to comparative data as it relates to higher education programs. "It's kind of a no brainer," Warner said. 'Why don't we create a user-friendly website — just like any of the various travel sites out there — that places every college, every community college, every vocational school and technical school with full transparency on what your chances are of graduating, how much average debt you are going to have to take on [and] how long it usually takes to graduate. If you major in a particular field, [the website will inform you of] your chances of getting a job [and] how much it is going to pay."

Warner also said low-income high school students and their families should think about limiting student loan debt by taking AP or dual enrollment credits which can count toward future collegiate degrees.

"How many of you entered college with either AP or dual enrollment credits?" Warner asked the crowd, with the vast majority of the audience raising their hands. "If we asked the same question at

virtually every other university in Virginia, the number would be one-tenth that. But if we're really going to think about first-generation kids and getting them through college, we ought to think: does college still have to be four years? Can we knock a semester or a year off in high school? Can we do dual enrollment in community colleges?"

Specifics aside, Warner reaffirmed his belief in students' inherent right to higher education, but said resources are necessary to back the idea.

"You can say that everyone should have an affordable and accessible option for higher education, but if you're not willing to put the resources behind [that statement], it becomes political talk, not reality," he said.

Joseph Liss contributed to the reporting for this article.

McAuliffe cuts affect University

Administration officials hope cuts won't impact student body

Katherine Wilkin Senior Writer

Gov. Terry McAuliffe contacted Virginia's public colleges and universities last Wednesday requesting they prepare strategies in anticipation of a five percent decrease in state appropriations this coming fiscal year, and a seven percent decrease the following year. Schools were informed via a memo sent by McAuliffe's Chief of Staff Paul Reagan.

"Your respective analyst or manager in the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) will contact you with the across-theboard reduction amounts for your institution," Reagan said in the memo. "General fund support for financial aid is exempted and is not included in calculating your respective reduction amounts."

McAuliffe specifically advised public colleges and universities against increasing tuition to compensate for the decrease in state appropriation.

"Every university is in charge of their own budget, which is different than other parts of state government," McAuliffe Press Secretary Brian Coy said. "[McAuliffe] is very hopeful that these reductions can be done in a way that does not affect students, especially those who have already started the school year under the assumption they would be paying a certain tuition rate."

University funding from the state has been on the decline in recent years. In the 2001-02 aca-

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demic year, the school took in 12 percent of total revenue from the state and 22 percent of the academic revenue. These decreased to eight percent and 14 percent, respectively, the next year, and again to seven percent and 11 percent the following year.

In the past ten years, the percent of total revenue coming from state appropriations has fluctuated between a high of 7.6 percent and a low of 5.8 percent, with the percent of academic revenue from state appropriations remaining between 13.7 percent and 9.2 per-

The University received 5.9 percent of its total revenue for the 2013-14 academic year from state appropriations, which was a slight decrease from the 6.1 percent allotted in the previous academic

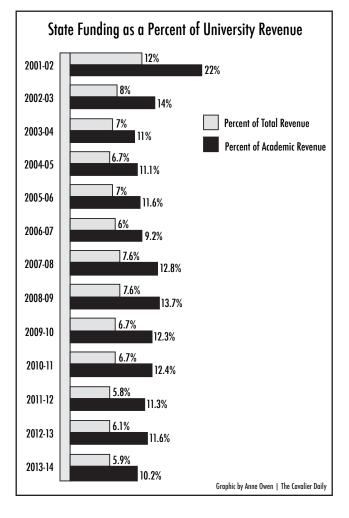
This round of budget cuts would result in the lowest percentage of revenue from state appropriations since 1992.

University President Teresa Sullivan, with the help of her staff, drafted a tentative four-year financial plan for the University in March of 2013. This draft shows the University expected to see an increase in state appropriations between 2014 and 2017, in addition to proposing an increase in tuition by three to four percent.

The budget cuts mentioned for the coming year have been proposed as a way to account for shortcomings in state revenue,

"We do know that because of a spending reductions."

though they have not yet been ap- "It's not guaranteed what those will look like, but there will be some



revenue shortfall that we will have to reduce the budget in order to bring our spending into line with what we had budgeted," Coy said.

The proposed cuts will reduce the University's budget from state appropriations by millions of dollars in the next two years.

"The University will prepare for a 5 percent cut in [FY2015] estimated at \$6.5 million — and a seven percent cut in [FY2016], estimated at \$9.1 million," University Spokesperson McGregor Mc-Cance said in an email.

At this point, there are no future cuts to be expected for FY2017. The budget cuts are a result of state revenue falling below expected and budgeted amounts, with a projected budget shortfall in revenue this year at an estimated \$881 million.

"Obviously we hope Virginia's revenues come in higher than we estimated and we have a surplus, but for the budget that we have and the revenue target that they set, we're coming in well below those, so we have to respond," Coy said.

The University has not yet formulated any plans regarding what portions of the school budget will be scaled back. Final plans are to be submitted to the Governor by the end of the workday Sept. 19.

The administration is just beginning to evaluate options," Mc-Cance said.

Virginia public colleges and universities develop their own budget every year, so the cuts to state appropriation will affect each school differently. Reagan advised universities to focus on sustainable

"I will encourage the use of savings strategies that emphasize recurring savings rather than onetime savings to help us in creating a structurally sound budget for future biennia," Reagan said.

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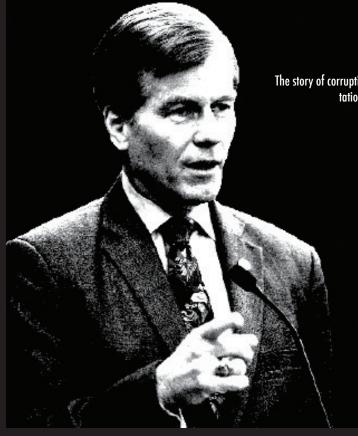
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FAQ: What you should know-

What are the charges against the McDonnells?

The couple faces 11 counts of public corruption made public in a 43-page indictment filed in U.S. District Court. Both are charged with making false statements, and Maureen McDonnell faces an obstruction of official proceeding charge.

Who is Jonnie Williams Sr.? Jonnie Williams is a tobacco entrepreneur from Spotsylvania, Virginia and founder of nutritional supplement company Star Scientific, Inc. His undisclosed gifts and loans to the McDonnells are the source of the corruption charges brought against the former first family. He testified to providing gifts — including wedding catering for McDonnells' daughter Cailin, shopping sprees for Maureen and the use of his vacation home and country club - and loans as described. Williams has since resigned as CEO of Star Scientific, Inc.

What are the penalties faced by either Bob or Maureen McDonnell? The former first couple of Virginia faces a maximum sentence of 70 years in jail and fines of more than \$1 million if they are convicted of all counts.

What is the prosecution's case?

The federal prosecutors are attempting to prove that quid-pro-quo corruption was in actuality an explicit feature of the McDonnells' relationship with Williams, presenting evidence of the McDonnells' promotion of vitams supplement Anatological the governor's mansion and to state officials. Williams testified he was aware of the dubious legality of his favors toward the McDonnells, and said he went through lengths to minimize their exposure.

How have the McDonnells defended themselves?

Rather than take the plea deal, which would have placed sole blame on Bob McDonnell through a charge of felony fraud, the McDonnells elected to take the case to court. The McDonnells claimed marital problems interfered with their communication during the time period in question, allowing them to plead ignorance of one another's actions with regard to specific details of the case. The other line of defense is to push back against the prosecution's claims of financial woe, putting forth the family was in fine financial standing despite the falling value of their Virginia Beach rental properties. The couple would not, in that case, have needed to grant Williams favors to stay afloat.

Information obtained through The Washington Post

McDonnell on Trial

The story of corruption and unethical behavior from within the Virginia governor's mansion, marring former Gov. Bob McDonnell's reputation and initiating a highly publicized trial this year, is coming to a close. Here is a timeline of the saga's major events:

Jan. 21:

Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen McDonnell are indicted on 14 counts, 11 for public corruption for illegally accepting gifts and loans from Richmond businessman Jonnie R. Williams Sr. — then-CEO of Star Scientific, a former cigarette-manufacturer-turned-nutritional-supplement company. The amount of money which changed hands between Williams and the McDonnell family is estimated at \$165,000.

March 25:

The McDonnells and their attorneys petition U.S. District Court Judge James Spencer to dismiss the corruption charges or otherwise be tried separately. Both requests are later

Aug. 1:

With Williams on the stand, prosecutors attempt to prove the former governor's involvement. Williams testifies that he had no way of knowing whether Bob McDonnell was aware of his wife's activities.

Virginia's Health Secretary Bill Hazel testifies that Williams had inflated influence in the governor's mansion, saying he was allowed to shape a guest list for a 2012 reception with big names in state health care. This, the prosecution states, is evidence the governor used the prestige of the office to benefit an outside party.

Aug. 11:

Evidence of the McDonnells' tanking real estate assets in Virginia Beach is revealed. The prosecution uses this to imply the Governor was in dire financial straits, leading him to accept loans from Williams.

Bob McDonnell takes the stand for a day-long cross examination. He testifies he was aware Williams picked up the \$15,000 catering tab for his daughter's wedding, and said he knowingly accepted invitations for golf outings at Williams' club. He also confirms there was tension in the

Aug. 29:

Closing arguments are made. The defense insists that though the gifts and loans appear to be unethical transactions, there was no instance in which Williams explicitly received special treatment in return, framing Williams as merely trying to shield himself from an SEC probe into his prior stock infractions. The prosecution counters that the McDonnells lied on official disclosure forms and loan applications in an attempt to bury the truth about the privileges they bestowed on Williams to promote his vitamin supplements.

Sept. 2:

The testimony period of the trial ends, and a five-women, seven-men jury begins delibera-

Jan. 24:

Bob and Maureen McDonnell enter a not-guilty plea at a federal courthouse in Richmond. It is soon revealed that after behind-the-scenes negotiations with prosecutors, the McDonnells refused to entertain a guilty plea on felony fraud charges.

July 29:

The defense teams unveil their narratives, which center on the couple's marital dysfunction. Maureen McDonnell cites a "crush" on Jonnie Williams and a breakdown in communication with her husband as the causes of the couple's problems.



Kevin Spacey, pictured above as "House of Cards" character Frank Underwood, will address the University community as the second annual President's Speaker for the Arts on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m

Spacey to address U.Va. Arts

Vice-Provost Kielbasa praises award-winning actor ahead of Oct. 18 visit

Lakshmi Kopparan Staff Writer

The University announced Tuesday that Academy Award winning actor Kevin Spacey will address the University as the second annual President's Speaker for the Arts. The speech will take place Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. in John Paul Jones Arena.

The event, sponsored by the Offices of the President and the Provost, the Vice Provost for the Arts and The Joseph & Robert Cornell Memorial Foundation, aims to raise awareness for the arts and demonstrate their impact on the education process.

Our goal with the event is to bring a nationally or internationally renowned artist who can share about their experiences and bring more awareness to the arts and express

what an impact they have had on our world," said Jody Kielbasa, Vice Provost for the Arts.

Last year's speaker, alumna Tina Fey, drew hundreds of students and faculty to the University's Amphitheatre. The high demand for the event prompted the University to allocate seats, and this year the event has been expanded to John Paul Jones Arena so the experience can be opened up to a larger crowd, including members of the Charlottesville community.

Kielbasa said Spacey is the perfect candidate to continue the speaker series. He is not only a criticallyacclaimed actor but has also written, produced, directed and even sung in a number of productions. To students, he may be best known as Frank Underwood in the Netflix series "House of Cards."

"There are so many ways in which he has had a profound impact in the field and to go beyond he is also a passionate advocate for the arts," Kielbasa said. "Seeing him speak in person, I witnessed the clarity with which he spoke for why the arts are so important and crucial for

Spacey founded the Kevin Spacey Foundation, in support of performing arts including dance, drama, music and film. The foundation also supports a scholarship for students pursuing the fine arts.

General admission tickets are free and will be available for pickup starting Wednesday at the University Arts Box Office, John Paul Jones Arena Box Office and the ID Card Office located at the Observatory Hill Dining Hall.

New endowed scholarship honors Goldsmith's legacy

Jefferson Scholars Foundation to administer family-funded grant to Southwest Virginia student

Caelainn Carney Senior Writer

Monday marked the one-year anniversary of the passing of late second-year College student Shelley Goldsmith. In commemoration, the Goldsmith family announced the creation of a new scholarship in her honor. The Shelley Goldsmith Memorial Scholarship, endowed by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, will act as a grant for a meritorious student from the Southwest Virginia region, where Shelley lived.

In a letter to the editor published in SWVa Today, Goldsmith's parents thanked members of the community for their compassion and support in the wake of the tragedy. The Goldsmiths said they wished to commemorate Shelley, who was a Jefferson Scholar during her time at the University, through the creation of a scholarship in her honor.

"As an earthly remembrance of Shelley's rare brilliance, we have set up an endowed scholarship at the University of Virginia through the Jefferson Foundation," the Goldsmiths said in the letter. "When fully funded, it will be awarded to a candidate from Southwest Virginia who did not ultimately receive a Jefferson Scholarship but who did make it to the final selection round and intends to pursue his or her undergraduate education at the U.Va. campus in Charlottesville."

Jefferson Scholars Foundation President Jimmy Wright said the process of setting up the scholarship was rather straightforward once the Goldsmiths established the nature of the scholarship. Nuances in the endowment depend on the donor's intent, but that the process is streamlined, and the scholarship will soon be in effect.

"We have an endowment agreement that will govern the administration of it," Wright said. "We have sort of standard language governing the administration of scholarships."

He said that because the Foundation receives many nominations but has limited resources, the scholarship can not be awarded to every worthy can-

"We contact, I think, 4,000 high schools in, I think, 58 geographical regions around the country and we ask the school to nominate the student in the senior class that best exemplifies leadership," Wright said. "We recognize and appreciate that the pool of candidates that come through our process every year are really talented people."

The scholarship is similar to others endowed by the Jefferson Scholars Foundation in naming a specific region from which the Foundation will pull a recipient.

"Almost all of them are tied to a geographic area and the selection of those recipients," Wright said. "The benefactors wanted to take advantage of our selection process to identify potential recipients.

Wright said the Shelley Gold-Memorial Scholarship is different from the Jefferson Scholarship in that it is not tied to any specific expense at the University but it just a grant to students.

The Goldsmiths said they

hope this scholarship will create a lasting impact.

"It is our dream to grow the Scholarship to such a level that it becomes self-sustaining for years to come, and that the legacy of Shelley's diligence in school, commitment to community and loyalty as a friend will transcend her brief time with us in perpetuity," the Goldsmiths said in their letter.



The family of Shelly Goldsmith funded a scholarship to honor her legacy. Goldsmith's parents announced the scholarship earlier this week.

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Jack Totty Staff Writer

Coach Mike London will face his alma mater and former employer Saturday when Virginia football plays host to Richmond in a showdown of Commonwealth rivals. The Cavaliers (0-1, 0-0 ACC) are coming off a 20-28 loss against No. 11 UCLA last weekend, characterized by the strong play of both teams' defenses.

London played for the Spiders (1-0, 0-0 CAA) from 1979 to 1982, returning as head coach in 2008 and 2009. He led Richmond to a national championship against Montana in his second season before coming to Virginia in 2010.

"It's our second game, and the opportunity to play against my alma mater, a place I spent some pretty good years at," London said. "I have a lot of respect for Danny Rocco — who is a good friend of mine — a lot of coaches on that staff I've known over the years, [and] administrators."

This time, London will face not only his old team, but also a team which features two of his former

Cavaliers host in-state foe Richmond

After hard-fought loss to No. 11 Bruins, football seeks first win since September 2013 against Spiders, former QBs

Virginia quarterbacks: Michael Rocco and Michael Strauss. Strauss transferred to Richmond in spring 2012 with Rocco following in 2013.

But London must face a decision at quarterback for his own team first. The two players in consideration are sophomore Matt Johns, the unpredictable breakout who threw for 154 yards and two touchdowns, and sophomore Greyson Lambert, the sure-fire starter who was removed minutes before halftime after throwing for only 112 yards and two interceptions.

Johns was one pass away from winning the game for Virginia a situation few Cavalier fans expected after the sluggish start from Lambert Saturday. Johns would be the popular choice at starter, but London will not likely disregard all of Lambert's hard work in practice this offseason. Lambert proved himself in camp, but Johns proved himself in a game — now, London will have to decide.

Team members expressed support for whomever takes the field first Saturday.

Whoever is our starting quarterback, we'll feel comfortable with him, because they're both leaders of this team," sophomore outside linebacker Max Valles said. "Every quarterback we have on our team is

a leader, so whoever goes out there as our quarterback. ... We'll play

Many fans who watched what was almost a miraculous win against UCLA this weekend saw how dominant the Cavalier defense was. The pass defense held Heisman-hopeful quarterback Brett Hundley to one touchdown and the Bruins to a total of 10 offensive

And then there is the defense. A number of experienced players bring the defense together, led by senior linebacker Henry Coley, recently named ACC Linebacker of the Week, and senior safety Anthony Harris, last year's national leader in interception. At the same time, youth is represented throughout depth chart — most notably in two former five-star recruits, freshman safety Quin Blanding and freshman defensive tackle Andrew Brown.

"Henry and Anthony are the leaders of our defense, so when they have big games like that we don't really expect anything else because them two are the type of guys who come out here every day and give it their all no matter what," Valles said.

Cavalier fans can complain Johns and company did not pull through for the win Saturday, but they showed up strongly against a highly-ranked team led by one of the nation's best quarterbacks. The defense proved resilient, and Johns gave the offense an extra boost to compete.

"I just feel like everybody's just more bought in this year," Valles said. "Last year we had a bunch of individuals who were out there gunning for themselves, but this year as a team we definitely do it for each other and there's no individuals out on the field."

Last week, Richmond defeated Morehead State, putting up 643 offensive yards in a 55-10 triumph. The competition gets tougher this week for Richmond as they visit Charlottesville, but Rocco and Strauss have shown they can still sling the ball, just like they did in their time at Virginia.

Richmond should prove an easier opponent than UCLA, but the Cavalier defense will need another strong showing to slow the Spiders' offense.

Kickoff between Virginia and Richmond is set for 3:30 p.m. at Scott Stadium.



Sophomore outside linebacker Max Valles tallied six tackles, including two sacks, in Virginia's strong defensive performance against UCLA last Saturday. He will lead the Cavaliers this week against the Richmond Spiders.

McCarthy heads to World Amateur Team Champs

Virginia senior, part of a three-person USGA team, seeks to continue summer success at next week's World Amateur Championships in Japan

Zack Bartee Sports Editor

When the United States Golf Association called Denny Mc-Carthy, the Virginia senior missed the call because he was celebrating a family member's birthday. After calling the number back, McCarthy headed back downstairs to his assembled relatives with news which more than warranted a celebratory glass of champagne.

McCarthy had been selected as one of three golfers to represent the United States in the World Amateur Team Championships, to be played Sept. 10-13 in Karuizawa, Japan.

"This is the Olympics for our sports," Virginia coach Bow-en Sargent said. "We aren't an Olympic sport at this point ... so this is it. You look at past players here — its Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson — it's the who's who of PGA Golf. It's a huge, huge honor to do this."

And though McCarthy may not be a household name yet, one of Virginia's most decorated golfers ever has held quite a bit of recent success.

McCarthy placed sixth at the NCAA Championships in May — the second best finish ever by a Cavalier in the event — finishing just two strokes behind the leaders with a 4-under 206 in 54 holes.

In August, McCarthy advanced to the semifinals of the 114th U.S. Amateur Championships, falling on the final hole and narrowly missing an exemption for the 2015 U.S. Open and an invitation to the 2015 Masters bestowed upon the U.S. Amateur finalists.

Since returning to Charlottesville following his successful summer, the senior's attitude has subtly changed, Sargent

"He's always been confident, but he seems much more confident," Sargent said. "This World Amateur thing is a huge honor

and I think he knows the meaning of it. I think there's been a little extra bounce in his step because of that."

As one of two seniors on this vear's Virginia team, McCarthy's confidence could play an important role in mentoring younger players who want to reach similar heights. Sophomore Derek Bard advanced to the Round of 32 at the U.S. Amateur before being eliminated, while freshman Austen Truslow did not advance past the stroke play portion of the tournament to match

"I'm sure some of the younger freshman I've played with already have learned and observed how I play, how I manage my game on the course and how I handle certain situations," Mc-Carthy said. "I know Derek said he learned a lot from me just by watching my Round of 16 match when he was down there. So I think you can learn a lot just by watching. ... It's a game of continuous learning.

But the Virginia underclassmen will have to wait before they can learn anything else from McCarthy, who will fly the 14 hours to Japan Thursday, Sept. 4 while his team heads to Sugar Grove, Illinois to open its season at the Northern Intercol-

McCarthy will team up with Southern Methodist junior Bryson DeChambeau and Texas sophomore Beau Hossler, the latter of whom McCarthy played with in multiple tournaments this summer.

The biennial event, hosted by the International Golf Federation, spans four days of 18-hole stroke play. Each team's score for the round is comprised of the lowest two individual scores of the day, and the four-day total is the team's score for the championship.

The Eisenhower Trophy is presented to the winner of the event, an honor the United States currently holds. The United States has won 14 of

the 28 World Amateur Team Championships since the event's inception in 1958 — 10 more victories than Great Britain and Ireland, a tandem which has captured the second-most victories in the event's history at four.

And though McCarthy expressed hesitation at the thought of missing almost two weeks of school for the tournament, he was clearly more excited to play in his biggest tournament thus

"I've been waiting for a couple of weeks now — ever since I got the call I've been pretty anxious," McCarthy said. "It's an honor to represent my country, especially in an event like this with such a rich history.

"I feel like my game is intact," he added. "I feel like I'm in more control of my game and my emotions than I ever have been before on the golf course. So I'm ready to go, I'm ready to represent my country well and hopefully bring back a title."

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No. 3 Cavs face pair of road games

Women's soccer team makes first 2014 away matches, will play Alabama, Samford

Daniel Fisher
Senior Writer

The No. 3 Virginia women's soccer team will make a trip south this weekend — starting with a matchup against SEC opponent Alabama Friday, the Cavaliers (3-0, 0-0) will finish off the trip Sunday with a game against Samford in Birmingham, Alabama.

The road trip will be the first of the season for Virginia, who opened the season with three games in Charlottesville. This weekend will also mark the Cavaliers' second consecutive Friday-Sunday turnaround. With little time to rest their legs, players may find the climate change deep in the south to be a major factor in their fatigue.

Coach Steve Swanson, however, insists this is only a minor concern.

"You have to deal with different environments: hostile crowds, small fields, sometimes, weather — those are all parts of the game that you have to deal with," Swanson said. "We're not going to make

any excuses.

Virginia is off to a quick start after reaching the College Cup last season. The team has yet to allow a goal and has outscored opponents 12-0 in its first three wins. Still, there remains a general consensus the team could improve.

"Right now we're scoring a lot of goals, but we're leaving a lot out there that we haven't done well right now," senior midfielder Morgan Brian said. "It's good that we're not playing our best and still winning ... but I think everyone in this program knows that there's a lot we can get better at."

The Cavaliers alleged slow start could be partially attributed to the team's relative youth. Fifteen of the 24 players are underclassmen, including seven true freshmen.

"Half your team's new, and trying to gel together as a team is really hard on the offensive side," Swanson said. "I think we're still getting used to one another and we're still working on our style of play, where people are, where people need to be during certain situations, and trying to read the game from our perspective as a

collective unit and that just takes time."

Alabama (2-1-1, 0-0), on the other hand, has seen most of its successes thus far on the offensive end. The Crimson Tide have tallied 13 goals in four games, 10 of which came in the team's two wins. The scoring has been well balanced, with six different players accounting for the 13 goals and no player scoring more than three.

"They're pretty good — we have good leadership, and they've got good experience," Swanson said.

Coming from a stronger conference than Virginia's previous opponents, Alabama will offer the chance to play a tougher game before getting into ACC play. Currently, the Cavaliers have yet to play a team with a winning record, their opponents' combined record coming in at 3-5-1.

"You can look at [playing weaker opponents] from a multitude of ways," Swanson said. "You can be happy in some instances in some of the things we're doing but we know that as we get into ACC competition, things are going to



Jenna Truong | The Cavalier Daily

Junior defender Emily Sonnett and the Virginia defense have yet to give up a goal through three games in the 2014-15 season, and will look to maintain a clean sheet on their road trip to Alabama.

amp up a bit more so we have to be prepared for that."

Five top-25 teams reside in the ACC, including three of the top-10. Because of the difficult schedule that lies ahead, being tested and challenged will be critical for the Cavaliers if they wish to accomplish their ultimate goals.

"Our goals are set pretty high

— we want to return back to the Final Four — and being top in the ACC is a goal," junior defender Emily Sonnett said. "I think with this group of girls and our work rate and our mentality, we can reach those goals."

Friday's game is set to start at 8 p.m. in Tuscaloosa and the Sunday match will begin at 2 p.m.

Volleyball opens 2014 home schedule with Cavalier Classic

Coming off 3-0 start to season in West Virginia, Cavaliers prepare to battle LIU Brooklyn, Navy, Alabama in first home games of the year

Chanhong Luu Associate Editor

The Virginia volleyball team will welcome LIU Brooklyn, Navy and Alabama for the annual Cavalier Classic this weekend, kicking off Virginia's first home games of the season

The Cavaliers (3-0, 0-0 ACC) opened up the 2014 campaign on



Ryan O'Connor | The Cavalier Dai

Sophomore defensive specialist Karlie Suber was one of three Cavaliers named to the Thunder Invitational All-Tournament team last weekend. the road last weekend against Illinois-Chicago, Eastern Michigan and host Marshall in the Thunder Invitational.

Though the Cavaliers were able to secure three wins in their first opening road tournament sweep since 2010, players and coaches both said they still saw room for improvement.

"We were working out a few kinks, and we still have few kinks to work out, but last weekend was definitely helpful in what we needed to do to keep working and getting better," sophomore defensive specialist Karlie Suber said.

The Cavaliers are currently hitting .194, below last season's .232 average. They committed 66 attacking errors across the three matches, a figure which will need to come down as the season progresses.

"I think we did a lot of things we can get better at," coach Dennis Hohenshelt said. "We have to be better offensively, and the interesting thing is that's always been the strength of our team."

Where the offense fell short, though, defense exceeded expectations, with many Cavalier players reaching career bests in defensive statistics last weekend.

"One of the nice things is that

our blocking and defense are a lot further ahead than they were last year, so that's a really positive from this group right now," Hohenshelt said.

Among the players who reached or matched career highs were junior middle hitter Natalie Bausback, who matched her career-best nine blocks in a game twice last weekend, junior outside hitter Kayla Sears, who posted a career-high eight blocks against Marshall, and sophomore defensive specialist Lexi Riccolo, who added a career-high 23 digs against Eastern Michigan.

Along with Suber, Bausback and Sears were named to the All-Tournament team.

"I was just kind of trying to help out the rest of the team ... talking a lot and doing my share so that we can do what we needed to do to win," Suber said.

Though the Cavaliers have yet to shape a complete team, Hohenshelt said she likes how the team has responded to pressure.

"The first game against Marshall we were down 10-1 or 10-2," she said. "We weren't doing a single thing right, but we didn't panic, and we just slowly grinded to get back in the match, and that's a real positive from this group. So

the question is how do we not get down 10-2."

The Cavaliers will need to put offense, defense, confidence and calmness together this weekend to come back from a 10-2 deficit when they face LIU Brooklyn and Alabama, both of whom made the NCAA Tournament last year.

"I like that we have strength of competition every weekend, and it's a nice progression for us getting ready for ACC play," Hohenshelt said.

Virginia will open the Cavalier Classic against LIU Brooklyn on Friday night. The Blackbirds have won eight of the last 10 North Eastern Conference championships — including last year's, after winning all 16 of their conference games. They have a good chance of doing so again, this season returning the NEC conference player, setter and libero of the year.

The Blackbirds did, however, go 1-2 against non-conference opponents last weekend. LIU Brooklyn lost its first game 0-3 against tournament host Loyola Marymount, hitting only .020 in the match. The Blackbirds were also swept by UCLA before finally securing a 3-0 win against Binghamton to close their weekend.

On Saturday morning, the Cav-

aliers will face Navy, who opened their season at home last weekend. Unlike the Cavaliers, Navy is a young team with only four upperclassmen on the roster.

Navy won its first match against Providence 3-1 before splitting its next two games, falling to Southern Utah 3-1 before defeating Citadel 3-0 in a double-header Saturday.

The Cavaliers will close out the tournament against Alabama, who went 4-0 last weekend against Northern Iowa, Southeastern Missouri, Memphis and Saint Louis.

The Crimson Tide had one of its more successful seasons last year after winning 24 games, the most for the program since 1995, making the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007.

Alabama beat Northern Iowa and Southeast Missouri State 3-1 Friday before beating Memphis 3-2 and sweeping Saint Louis.

"I'm really excited to be back playing at home," Sears said. "These teams will be fun — to see how we match up with them and to work hard."

The tournament tips off at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Gym. Virginia will play its first game at 7 p.m.



Taylor Goodson Senior Writer

Imagine a group comprised of a human being, a green alien, a hulklike creature, a sassy genetic experiment and a talking tree. Is this an impossible team of superheros? No, Marvel pulls it off in "Guardians of the Galaxy." This unique — and often, ridiculous - team is what makes the film so loveable.

The team's formation is led by Star Lord (Chris Pratt), a human who was abducted from Earth as a young boy and becomes a black market trader in the planet Morag. Star Lord maintains a connection to his home planet by listening to a mixtape from the 80s for more than two decades.

'Guardians of the Galaxy' proves truly out of this world

Marvel's latest flick is witty, endearing

Zoe Saldana's character, the green and glamorous Gamora, counters Pratt's boyish Star Lord. Gamora's first interaction with Star Lord is action-filled and ultimately hilarious, as the "Guardians" hero is swiftly duped by the femme fatale. This interaction is only the first of many calamities to befall our hero and each set back is another chance for hilarity and wit.

The screenplay is ingenious. With an abundance of witty one-liners and hilarious banter in the dialogue, Rocket (voiced by Bradley Cooper) consistently sheds a sarcastic, comedic light onto even the most serious and sentimental moments. Toward the climax of the film, the main characters agree to risk their lives as Rocket stands with them exclaiming, "Well, now I'm standing. Happy? We're all standing now. Bunch of jackasses, standing in a circle." Cooper's sardonic delivery is spot on.

Though it would be easy to categorize "Guardians" as an action film, the movie mixes genres surprisingly well. Marvel's latest flick involves action and adventure, sci-fi, romance, comedy and drama. The movie does not take itself too seriously, like some other Marvel movies in the past have done (i.e. "Thor" and "Captain America").

What makes "Guardians of the Galaxy" really stand out is ability to make protagonists out of its anti-heroes. At the start of the film, the characters are introduced as criminals; by the end, their idiosyncrasies are what make their team inseparable and unbeatable.

"Guardians" is perfect for action aficionados as well as those seeking a good laugh or just pure entertainment. This Marvel film may not be known for its intensity, but it will certainly leave an impression on all audiences.



Say 'Yes!' to Jason Mraz

album

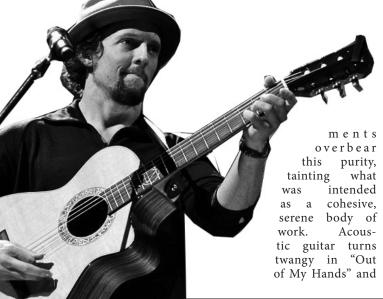
Virginia-born musician releases philosophically brilliant, musically mundane new album

Candace Carter Senior Writer

Pop sensation Iason Mraz released "Yes!" — his fifth fulllength album — earlier this year with both confidence and style. A native of Mechanicsville, Virginia, Mraz rose to fame in 2003 with the release of single "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)," being catapulted even farther into stardom with "I'm Yours" in 2008.

'Yes!" seems to be an experiment in the conventional for Mraz, who usually sticks to his ukulele and

short, simple numbers in terms of structure, form and instrumentation. On this album, the melodies grow increasingly complex. Background singers feature on most tracks. and Mraz grasps each song as a journey in itself (this is particularly evident in the notable song "Long Drive").



opens with "Rise," a relaxing, instrumental track which sets the tone for the remainder of the album, helping set Mraz apart from more cutesy artists like Jack Johnson. Initially, this move succeeds, flowing seamlessly into "Love Someone" — a track full of Mraz's signature instrumental style, pulsing with benevolence and philosophy.

Soon, however, certain ele-

is paired with rooster crows in "Back to the Earth." The hillbilly sounds here are misplaced and distasteful.

"Everywhere" includes distinct pop influences and sharp drums, which together obscure what could be a beautiful, muted guitar melody and more balanced interplay of background and foreground vocals. If Mraz really is trying to send his career down the path to hipsterdom, "Everywhere" is not the way to do so.

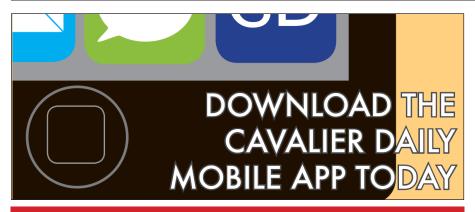
The album's token slow song, "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday," meanwhile, is beautiful in its simplicity, boasting only a piano track and an angelic chorus backing up Mraz's tenor. Coupled with direct, honest lyrics, this track is an album standout. Other standout tracks include album conclusion "Shine," which brings in surprisingly fluid psychedelic sounds. The husky strings in this song create a certain dreaminess and spirituality reminiscent of a drum circle.

"3 Things," on the other

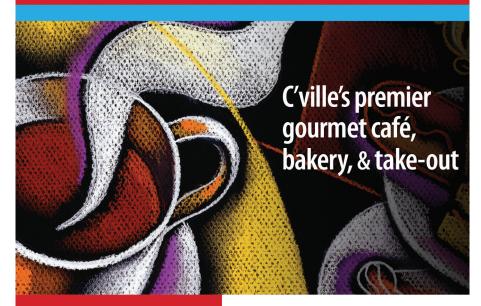
hand, creates a bit of sweet island flair with tambourine rattles, jovial clapping and bouncy strings. A perfectly placed lull in complexity allows Mraz fans to revel in perhaps the best aspect of the musician's work: the comforting and understanding nature of his music.

Other elements Mraz presents, however, do speak to his musical talent, wisdom and maturity of style, effectively placing him above the ranks of today's cynical country-folk brand of indie-rock and sending his reputation in a mellower, more grounded direction. At no point, though, does Mraz manage to recreate the serenity established in "Rise."

Somewhat inconsistent. "Yes!" remains special in its wisdom. Though no single track is one-in-a-million like "I'm Yours," the mixture of profound messages and carefree, rolling sounds help shape the album as a significant stepping stone in Mraz's meaningful ca-



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A 'Stone' cold hit

Passionate new album from Angus & Julia Stone wows fans

Candace Carter Senior Writer

Known best for their breathy, quiet vocals and acoustic indie repertoire, Angus and Julia Stone are the quintessential brother-sister duo.

The pair's self-titled album dropped last month, with a change in direction from the muted, rolling tunes they've released in the past. Some songs are edgy and sexy, while others incorporate more whimsical elements, all helping to break up the near-static of so many bluesy, folksy numbers.

In "A Heartbreak" Julia reveals bitterness, singing, "Girl, you're just a child falling in love" with a regretful voice, mingling with playful guitar pings to create a teasing tone. This appears again in "Death Defying Acts," a smooth, sultry piece reminiscent of The Black Keys' album "Brothers," where the lyrics sound careless and coy. "Grizzly Bear," as the title suggests, sounds dangerous and tantalizing, with a jazzy keyboard riff to give it personality. These characteristics pervade the atmosphere of the entire album, proving the Australian siblings attacked this album with a new energy and passion for their craft.

The introduction of heavier guitar sounds and percussion-driven songs is another interesting facet of the Stones' self-titled album that jolts their music from soothing to intriguing. "Death Defying Acts" triumphs again with an eerily simple guitar melody and well-

timed drumbeats. The structure of "Little Whiskey" relies entirely on constant snare snaps and bass taps. All this reinforces the duo's new direction and emotion.

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The band's lyrics and vocals remain just as thought-provoking as always. Testing out call-and-response style singing, the two give "Heart Beats Slow" a great depth and use the technique to bring in elements of their traditionally soft style in "Wherever You Are," a gorgeous ballad. The latter track would mean more if the band members weren't family, however, as they romantically croon: "Don't take my word for it, just look at me to know that I love you."

"A Heartbreak" exhibits the fine voices of both Angus and Julia, and the two are impossible not to adore, but the music is infinitely more interesting to hear when they sing simultaneously. Other points in the album simply beg for an emotional and ethical analysis — in "Please You," for example, Angus muses to an acquaintance, "She just dying to please you, she won't leave 'till it's done." Such lines spark a maddening intrigue in listeners.

The album's overarching themes and tones are exactly what well-established artists like Angus and Julia Stone should hope for at this later point in their joint career: a reinvigoration of their older, familiar styles and sounds mashed together with wholly experimental elements to maintain popular interest in their material.

Big Brother*: A contemporary labyrinth Season 16 of the CBS series teaches fans to expect the unexpected **Counter Big Brother* brings its unique approach to the reality TV genre for an unforgettable 16th time.

Laura Adjei Senior Writer

"Survivor" strands its participants in a remote settlement away from civilization. "Jersey Shore" experiments with young adults in a house at the beach. CBS's "Big Brother" takes on the same theme, placing houseguests together for three consecutive months ... so what exactly sets it apart from its peers?

The show is unique because it is a true social experiment. Contestants are forced to tolerate each other, form alliances, lie and backstab for a chance to win \$500,000 prize.

The greatest challenge for the show's competitors is being able to keep emotions in check without access to loved ones or access to technology. This show creates a microcosm of society, forcing people to show their true colors.

Currently, the 16th season is shaping up to be uneventful. A big alliance has dominated the game for the past two months and game play has been rather lackluster. Some notable houseguests who have gained recognition outside of the game include Ariana Grande's older brother Frankie Grande, who appears to be the star of the season. Derrick Levasseur, a police officer, has not experienced any threat

to his game this summer, having never reached the chopping block — but he has come close to being evicted. The rest of the house guests do not know he is a police officer, which makes his position all the more fascinating. At this point, Derrick seems poised to win the game scot-free.

Donny Thompson, a school groundskeeper, has stolen the heart of fans, and his humble demeanor makes him hard to dislike. He was the house target since day one, but this underdog has managed to win multiple competitions to ensure his safety week after week. Lastly, Zack Rance (or "Zack Attack"), an unemployed college graduate, became the life of the party and the entertainment in the house. With his constant dance moves and close friendship with Frankie, anticipating what Zack will do next is a game in itself.

Though this season appears very predictable, one thing remains clear: People will do just about anything to win some money. Only one person will win the \$500,000 prize. After 14 years, fans keep coming back because the show and its characters are addicting. Fans follow their favorite competitors, rooting for them to succeed in this labyrinth of greed and betrayal

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The "Big Brother 16" finale airs
Sept. 24 on CBS.



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Beyoncé saves the VMAS MTV's Video Music Awards useless without live perfomances

Vondrae McCoy Senior Writer

For those who missed last week's Video Music Awards — and consequently, Beyonce's performance — you truly missed out.

The VMAs have never been particularly influential — simply another publicity stunt by MTV in which music artists get shiny astronaut trophies for starring in music videos that received a bunch of YouTube views. The only redeeming factor of this otherwise worthless awards show is the musical guest performances.

Throughout the years, the VMAs have proved to be thoroughly entertaining and equally raunchy. In the past, audiences have had the (mis)fortune of seeing Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Madonna kiss; the Kanye West interruption of Taylor Swift's acceptance speech; P!nk performing on a trapeze;

Miley Cyrus' twerking last year and other unspeakably strange performances.

This year, the only scandal was Nicki Minaj's wardrobe malfunction during her rendition of "Bang Bang." The performances were solid, but nothing was out of the ordinary. Minaj assured us she has the biggest butt in the business, Ariana Grande proved she's a singer not a dancer, and Jessie J proved she is still relevant in pop music.

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Iggy Azalea and Rita Ora were slightly underwhelming. Maroon 5 sounded good, but their performance was a bit lackluster and over-rehearsed. At one point, Taylor Swift tried to throw some shade on Nicki Minaj's "Anaconda." It's a sad day when Swift attempts to be sassy.

Thankfully, MTV sensed audiences were tired of watching these mediocre performances and gave everyone what they really wanted: Beyoncé. Who knew MTV would give her a near 16-minute set? I didn't think it

was possible for Queen Bey to surprise me anymore (after she forced fans to fork up \$16 for her last album in December), but she did it again. The star began her set by proclaiming, "MTV, welcome to my world," proving to viewers everywhere she knows how influential her work is.

Beyoncé did what every other artist failed to do: she enraptured the audience and brought them into a different world. That's what pop music should be about: an escape. Her flawless choreography and vocals were a sight to behold and she had pop stars like Jason Derulo, Lorde and Swift up on their feet, moving to her music. At the end of her set, Beyoncé brought her husband and daughter on stage to receive her Michael Jackson Vanguard Award.

Did MTV make up an award to give to Beyoncé? Maybe. But I don't blame them. We can only hope that next year's VMA awards will feature more performances like hers.

'My Everything' lacks nothing but consistency

Ariana Grande's latest album shines despite ill-placed tracks

Vondrae McCoy Senior Writer

In the past year, Ariana Grande has gone from typical teen pop starlet to full-blown international music sensation. Since the release of her top-10 hit "The Way" in 2013, Grande has slowly built an audience and a solid fan base — one which rivals the likes of Lady Gaga and Nicki Minaj.

Grande's first full-length album, released in the fall of last year, was greeted with positive reviews from critics and listeners alike, her voice lauded as a rare gem in the music industry. With comparisons made to Mariah Carey and Beyoncé, Grande's past year has been one of enormous expectations.

In her latest album, "My Everything," Grande expands upon the R&B themes of her first album while demonstrating more thematic maturity. Songs like "Hands On Me" convey the pop star's sensuality — with lyrics like, "skirt off keep the high heels on," it's obvious Ariana isn't the little girl she once was.

Like so many others, the album also explores love — though with a slightly different take. "Be My Baby" marks a standout track and one of Grande's best vocal performances. It is both smooth and silky, and the strength of her voice is superbly demonstrated. With some assistance from Big Sean, "Best Mistake" is also notable. The chemistry present between the two on the track is undeniable.

Though Grande can do no real wrong, a few problems with the album remain. Grande's two most popular songs right now — "Break Free" and summer hit "Problem (feat. Iggy Azalea)" — are the least impressive, both ill-placed among her other works and adding little value to the artist's R&B project. After listening to the beautiful "Intro,"

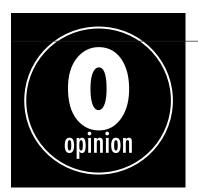
the over-the-top saxophone solo shocks listeners — along with the voice of a notorious female rapper who introduces herself as "Iggy-Igg." "Problem" is undeniably catchy and upbeat, but it is completely out of place among the tracklist, almost sounding tacky next to Grande's other songs.

With "Break Free," the same issue occurs. As the wonderful "Why Try" wraps up, listeners are jarred back to reality with Zedd's fierce production. Though certainly entertaining, these songs should have been bonus tracks.

Despite these issues of transition and consistency, "My Everything" deserves a five-star rating. Grande has proven in this record she is solidly contending to be a lasting fixture of pop. From her currently unparalleled vocal ability to her smooth attitude and instant likeability, Grande is certainly raising the bar for female pop talent.







Comment of the day

"I hope this article will generate the rype of conversation that needs to be had in order to affect a real change. The time of ambivalence and apathy has long passed. Willful ignorance can no longer serve as your excuse of inaction. -VJ, President of UVA Chapter of the NAACP"

"VJ responding to Sara Rourke's Aug 31 article, "Ferguson Ripples Reach Charlottesville."

LEAD EDITORIAL

The other gender gap

Universities should create plans to increase graduation rates of minority male students

According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, minority male students are much more likely to drop out of college, particularly black male students. A report released Tuesday makes several recommendations of how to solve this problem, and these recommendations come from researchers at seven different universities.

One of the report's recommendations is that universities be required to report statistics on race, ethnicity and gender along with graduation rates, as not all currently do. If trends recorded by federal agencies are generalizable to individual institutions, universities should find that their minority male students are less likely to graduate. The University is a top-notch institution with a high six-year graduation rate: 93 percent. The University's rate of graduation for African American students is among the highest in the country — about 83 percent —

but it is still less than the rate of white students, and this disparity needs to be addressed. Even highly ranked universities are not immune from this national trend. All schools, no matter where they rank, should be examining this issue.

The report also recommends that the Department of Education mandate institutions of higher learning create and submit plans to improve graduation rates for minority males. This is a good recommendation, as it gives institutions freedom to design their own strategies in addressing this issue, and also ensures they are prioritizing this issue. If the Department of Education does adopt this policy, it should recognize that universities must be given time to collect data and conduct surveys on their students' success rates to determine why this gap

Universities who have offices for minority resources could coordinate with those staffs to come up with plans, and even reach out to student organizations. It is crucial that the minority groups of concern be involved in this process so that it does not turn into another form of paternalism.

The authors of the report emphasize that primary schools must also participate in addressing this education gap, as the disparities often begin when students are in elementary schools. Universities have no influence over the issues in the primary school system, but they still have a responsibility to help students who may come from less privileged educational backgrounds.

A study reported by The New York Times concluded that classes which focus on participation help black and firstgeneration college students improve academically. One of the study's authors, Kelly A. Hogan, said this more active approach

to learning effectively teaches study skills, which many disadvantaged students lack when they enter college. Universities should encourage first-year students to take smaller classes and recommend that professors demand participation and utilize active learning methods. This may be difficult at large institutions, but the University does offer seminars that specifically target first years, and many lecture classes at the University also require discussion sections where students can engage in active learning.

All universities have resources that can contribute to solving this pervasive gender and racial gap. Hopefully they will confront the problem head on, and develop well-informed, inclusive and practical solutions. Success rates, after all, should not be based on race or gender. Until the disparities go away, we still have a lot more work to do.

The camera's rolling

Mandatory body cameras would benefit both the police force and the citizens of Charlottesville

he public response to national disasters like Ferguson seems to follow a three step process: shock at the tragedy, brief debate about

how to move forward and then quiet indifference as nothing changes. Resignation like this shouldn't be confused with apathy. It is instead the natural result of positive change being beaten back for what feels like forever. Even if a national response to Michael Brown's shooting seems out of reach, there are steps Charlottesville can take to form a more perfect union between law enforce-

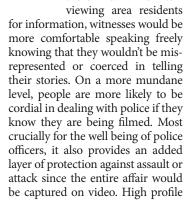
ment personnel and the citizens they are charged with protecting and serving. The first and most important action the City can take to ensure what happened in Ferguson never happens here is to equip police officers with body cameras to monitor their work.

GRAY WHISNANT

Opinion Columnist

The rationale behind the cameras is simple: both Charlottesville police and community members are better protected from violence, intimidation and harassment because video recording ensures a verifiable record of all interactions. In theory, no one is a loser from such an arrangement; neighborhoods that have a heavy police presence will be

safer on multiple counts and police officers will be able to more effectively solve crimes. If an officer was to interrupt a liquor store robbery, for instance, the chase and arrest of the perpetrators would be archived in real time to get better visuals on the physical makeup, attire, weapons and potential vehicles used in the crime. While inter-



controversies in recent history like Mumia Abu-Jamal's and Assata Shakur's convictions of shooting police officers, not to mention the cases of 29 officers killed by gunfire so far this year, could be more satisfyingly resolved.

The greatest beneficiaries from a body camera policy would still undeniably be the residents of the

Charlottesville community. While there have been a few notable accusations of police brutality in recent years, such as with Occupy Charlottesville's eviction from Lee Park in 2012 or a Fluvanna man being allegedly shoved into the pavement, there are likely countless other stories that go

unreported because victims feel powerless to overcome the formidable law enforcement bureaucracy. As Aryn Frazier, Political Action Chair of the Black Student Alliance, notes, "Police brutality and stereotyping African-Americans takes place all across the country - including in Charlottesville." The Ferguson police department has already begun implementing the use of cameras for its officers, and there is no reason Charlottesville shouldn't follow suit.

There is also encouraging data to show that body cameras can make real improvements in the quality of life of Charlottesville residents. In Rialto, California, complaints against police officers in 2012 fell



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> 88 percent compared to the previous year and officer use of force declined 60 percent over the same period. So far, community members and officers themselves have claimed to be mostly satisfied with the results, and civil liberties groups like the ACLU of Southern California see the privacy and surveillance

concerns as heavily outweighed by the increased accountability for the police force. As such, the residents of Virginia should hope to see the same benefits if the policy were enacted here.

Most of the proposals in response to the horrific excesses of Ferguson have focused on the demilitarization of the police and the need to eliminate transfers of weapons of war to untrained young recruits. While these steps are necessary preconditions to tackling the cycle of violence in our neighborhoods, they will be insufficient as long as the social role of the police as adversarial occupiers capable of antagonizing the community is left unchecked and unexamined. This isn't to say there aren't lots of wellintentioned or civic-minded officers here, but the small inconvenience of wearing a camera would be trivial compared to the benefits all residents of would receive: a stronger police force and by extension a stronger social fabric for Charlot-

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A community united

Preventing sexual assault requires a University-wide effort

Sara Surface, Will Cadigan, Erica Robertson Guest Viewpoint

This past Sunday, the Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition (formerly known as the Sexual Assault Leadership Council) hosted a Peer Education and Sexual Violence Prevention Summit. Attendees included representatives from the SVPC member organizations (Peer Health Educators, Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Prevention Team, One Less, One in Four, and Feminism is For Everyone), and student leaders from across Grounds. This summit was the first of its kind, and facilitated an honest conversation about Sexual Violence and Misconduct, an issue that has recently erupted onto the national stage but has been a problem on our Grounds for many years.

Our member organizations have long been dedicated to educating the student body about the prevalence and preventability of Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct, but we saw this summit as the chance to unify our diverse efforts into a coordinated one. The Federal Government, States, and Universities across the country have all joined together

in an attempt to push Sexual Violence prevention to the forefront of campus life, and to eliminate an unacceptable danger to students. The message is clear: the time for us to act is now.

This summit was a chance to combine student self-governance

#HoosGotYourBack emphasizes that everyone has a role in sexual violence prevention, whether that is through being an active bystander, working to educate peers, or promoting a culture of mutual respect and trust.

with effective, immediate, and widespread Sexual Violence Prevention. With directives coming to the University from Washington every day, our ability to maintain University students' connection with this issue is paramount. This issue affects everyone, and eliminating it from our University will only be possible through increased coop-

eration while maintaining a strong line of communication between administration and students. In this vein, the University has been working closely with students to unveil the "Not On Our Grounds" initiative, featuring the #HoosGotYour-Back Campaign, a joint effort of the

University, Corner merchants, representatives from the student body. #HoosGotYourBack emphasizes that everyone has a role in sexual violence prevention, whether that is through being an active bystander, working to educate peers, or promoting a culture of mutual respect and trust. It is our

hope that the student body will grab hold of this mission and truly make it their own, keeping the top down and bottom up processes fluid.

As a coalition, we will work to fulfill the mission and vision we set for ourselves this past Sunday. We hope to unite peer education groups, effectively publicize the resources available to survivors, and

present cohesive messaging to the student body. We will also begin the process of evaluating our peereducation groups to quantify and improve our work as needed to best serve our fellow students. We want to cultivate an institutional memory, a bank of sustainable resources that can and will be utilized by the new wave of activists who are constantly stepping up to help. As a peer advocacy community and a student body we will continue to support survivors and let their voices be heard, a commitment which we have never and will never waiver from. We hope this piece facilitates an ongoing dialogue about sexual violence that sparks cultural change, rather than one that starts and ends in April when survivors share their stories at Take Back the Night.

As we move forward with this work, we acknowledge that University traditions and prevention efforts can sometimes come into conflict. At the student summit, many constituents expressed that the language "Community of Trust" can be alienating because of its association with the Honor System, which has a perceived history of representing whiteness, the Greek system and wealth. Sexual assault cuts across racial, socio-economic, age, geo-

graphic and social-affiliation lines, and so it deserves to be treated as a community issue. Thus, it is time for us to rethink the meaning of "community" in community of trust. Being in a community means accepting the responsibility that we, as individuals, can look out for one another, and we, as a community, can help to end violence. Our community deserves more from each of us, and from itself. A refocused eye on prevention can be a chance to reclaim and restructure the meaning of community. Sexual assault prevention is something that we must all work together on to solve. Now is the time to step up and come together to show our support for survivors and to prevent potential assaults.

If you would like to get our monthly newsletter about continued efforts and volunteer opportunities, please email SVPCatUVA@gmail.com

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Where soul meets body

Conservative social policy is rational in that it seeks to establish and encourage moral behavior

Liberals often call conservatives hypocrites for their views on social issues. They do so for two primary reasons. First, they argue

that conservatives, as self-identifying limited government enthusiasts (at least from an economic standpoint), should automatically reject government interventions on social issues such as restrictions on abortion and marriage. This argument is easily dismissible, as it ignores the distinction between conservatism and lib-

ertarianism. Note that when I say "conservatives," I speak of supporters of social conservatism, a group distinct from "fiscal conservatives" or "members of Republican Party," although there is significant overlap between these camps. Conservatives tend to believe in the role of government to regulate virtue and vice, whereas libertarians (and keep in mind, these are sweeping generalizations) would rather leave most social issues untouched: let individuals decide for themselves whether to use drugs or have abortions. Thus viewed, conservative

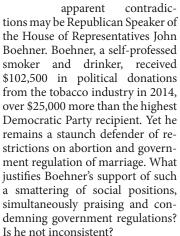
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social positions are not at odds with their limited government tendencies.

A more intriguing accusation of

hypocrisy is the charge that conservatives "pick and choose" on social issues. Why do they support laws restricting abortion and marriage but oppose policies such as restrictions on the tobacco industry and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's soda limitations? The embodiment of these



In fact, charges of inconsistency miss the mark because conservative social positions are actually quite rational. Conservatives are concerned about the human soul. They advocate on behalf of governmental regulation of abortion, marriage, prostitution and gambling. They believe Aristotle when he says that the city-state exists for the sake of the good life. They take this to mean that the government

can and should play a role in promoting the moral character of the state and its citizens.

Liberals would probably disagree. As Charles Krauthammer has written, "liberals cannot bring themselves to support state regulation of the soul...so they have come up with their own alternative: not care for the soul, but

care for the body." It is for this reason that liberals point their swords of outrage firmly at tobacco companies, for supporting and enabling a vice enjoyed (perhaps "suffered" would be a better word) by millions of Americans, yet refuse to take up arms against abortion

clinics, which destroy something far deeper and more profound than a pair of lungs.

This liberal position of largely ignoring personal morality is a relatively new phenomenon. Ted Kennedy, an icon of modern liberalism, was staunchly pro-life until 1972, by which time he had been a United States Senator for 10 years. And although supporting gay marriage has become a common

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political position among liberals (and indeed, some conservatives, as well), it's easy to forget that less than 20 years ago, Democratic President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) into law, permitting states to refuse to recognize same-sex mar-

riages granted under laws of other states. Just five years ago, President Barack Obama, perhaps the most liberal President in recent memory, had not yet declared his support for same-sex marriage.

These points are not to say that conservative social policy is perfect. Is the liberal focus on health and hygiene justified? Of course. Should restaurants have the right to ban smoking indoors? Absolutely. Conservatives are also in favor of a healthier America (who isn't?), even if they do not make it clear all the time, and they would do well to pay more lip service to obesity, infectious disease and other health maladies afflicting our nation.

But conservatives are ultimately right to recognize that personal health and hygiene are secondary to personal morality and ethics. Charges of hypocrisy might continue, but conservatives should not waver. In these trying and tumultuous modern times, it is important that someone is paying attention to the health of our souls.

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Doing better than divestment

The University community should couple economic divestment with political action to achieve meaningful change in energy policy

Will Evans Guest Viewpoint

Doing better than I was excited to see an article in The Cavalier Daily draw attention to socially and environmentally responsible investment. "Do your part" rightfully argues that students should encourage their universities to cut back on fossil fuel consumption, an energy reliance that must end if greenhouse gas emissions are to be significantly reduced. However, fossil fuel divestment — i.e. the removal of University assets from dirty industries like coal, oil, and gas would not meet this objective. Simply put, the University's investment portfolio is independent of its energy policy.

Divestment does not influence utilities, and has little if any economic impact on the broader energy market. Instead, it is a political action that aims to expose the injustices of an industry whose stronghold on energy regulation prevents social conscience from governing market supply, sending us spiraling ever deeper into our climate crisis. The power of divestment as a political — rather than economic — tool will not be realized until student campaigners acknowledge this truth.

Of the 300+ student campaigns nationwide, only a handful have managed to pass divestment resolutions through their administrations.

Poor economic arguments deter Boards of Trustees, who repeatedly argue that divestment is meaningless because fossil fuels abound; they feed us, entertain us, and power us. To attack fossil fuels is to attack our global economy, and ultimately ourselves. But by acknowledging this reality, campaigners can generate

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more compelling incentives for their

universities to speak out against fossil

fuels. One major incentive shifts our

focus beyond our seemingly inalter-

able energy economy, to the corrupt

few who ultimately dictate this reality.

market is impenetrable because A) its

support structure rests on the shoul-

ders of the ultra-wealthy, i.e. money

managers, corporate executives,

and big-league lobbyists who exist

to ensure an indelible demand, and

therefore, B) its economy pervades

the modern world. The crucial point

here is that B follows A. If we fail to

The real issue is this: the fossil fuel

recognize that the self-interest of a few is trumping the greater interests of society, then we will falsely accuse ourselves and continue wallowing in our oilwell of lame excuses.

A Yale study showed that 59 percent of Americans support eliminating all subsidies to the fossil fuel industry and 72 percent strongly

support re-investment in renewable energy — an extremely high approval rating. While swarms of consumers realize that dirty energy must be replaced with clean-tech solutions, a few who think otherwise have the power to prevent that tran-

sition. The oil elite — most notably Charles and David Koch — make sure any stock removed is immediately restored, that government pumps tens of billions into their industry each year, and that the climate science threatening their fossil-based future is undermined.

Our demand is changing, but supply isn't listening. The physical structures supporting fossil fuel production will remain operative as long as this lobby remains the strongest contingent in Washington. Three of every four oil lobbyists once worked for federal government. As long as the grid is dictated by the fossil fuel lobby, the unsustainable extraction of petroleum, coal and natural gas will continue — as will climate change.

Ultimately, government allows pipelines and refineries to exist. These industrial behemoths are far more difficult to erase than a handful of dirty assets. Therefore, the degree of initial divestiture matters less than the message which must be communicated. The greater objective is to teach society that our values are being overshadowed by the self-interest of our politicians. Energy supply must reflect true demand, because future climate stability hinges on a clean energy economy now. If we allow our demand to remain unanswered, we will eventually pay the price.

Our universities can be moral leaders in this battle. A powerful statement from the academic community would encourage the public to engage with representatives so we might achieve meaningful, actionoriented climate discussion. Reputable universities like ours have huge leverage in society because they are the incubators (and Alma Maters) of many of our public representatives and national leaders. Why not use this influence to steer public discourse?

Harvard University's President Faust argues, "the endowment is a resource, not an instrument to impel social or political change." I disagree. Our investments should align with the values of our collective intellectual community. Universities exist to foster the very knowledge that impels both social and political progress, and I imagine the values of our universities do not align with those of an industry that spends millions undermining that effort through think-tanks, false advertising and anti-science campaigns. Factor in the industry's egregious history of human rights violations and suddenly there seems little reason not to divest.

Moral imperatives leave no room for ambivalence. I respond directly to last week's article with the conviction it lacks: it would be prudent for us to follow Stanford's lead and remove all public assets from coal mining. Then, through cooperation among our Board of Visitors, students, faculty, and staff, we can explore means for further divestment from fossil fuels and subsequent re-investment in renewables (on and off Grounds) that would strengthen the financial returns crucial to the stability of our institution.

In the end, we must not let our collective values be crushed by a small cohort of self-interested political actors. The energy market should reflect the values of society because it is ultimately society that will have to pay.

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Silence no longer

The University's new initiatives to combat campus sexual assault are an encouraging break from tradition

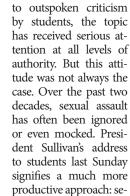
Watching Teresa Sullivan take the podium at Convocation on August 24, I expected the standard welcome to our incoming first

year and transfer students: a few class statistics, some reflections on the special responsibility of attending the University and encouragement to find ways to serve the University and the surrounding community. I was surprised, then, when she began speaking about sexual assault.

First year women, she noted, are particularly at risk. She spoke

at length on the topic, citing statistics (for example, 50 percent of reported campus sexual assaults occur in the first three months of the school year) and introducing the new Hoos Got Your Back campaign, a bystander awareness program that joins student groups with local merchants.

This was the first ever mention of sexual violence in a University president's Convocation Welcome address (last year's was particularly routine), and such a break from tradition underscores recent attention to the issue. From President Obama's national task force on sexual assault



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ventative action.

"I thought it was a bit dramatic," said one friend about Ms. Sullivan's mention of sexual violence. Shortly after, another friend criticized the new policy of designating University employees as "Confidential" or "Responsible," with respect to student disclosures of sexual misconduct: "I'm a little worried that this whole thing is going too far," she said.

I disagree with these offhanded criticisms, and they bring to mind some common attitudes toward sexual assault: namely, ignoring or ridiculing it. Let's address the latter attitude first. Katie Roiphe, the author, journalist, and self-proclaimed feminist, is perhaps one of the most famous critics of sexual violence activism. Since 1993, when the author

railed against "victim feminism" and mocked "Take Back the Night" speak-outs in the New York Times, Roiphe has exemplified such attitudes. Her nuanced but flawed argument — which downplays the prevalence of campus sexual assault while also ridiculing efforts to raise awareness for the issue — can hardly be considered a productive way to help

the one in four college women who have survived rape or attempted rape (Roiphe also questions and mocks this statistic, too).

But for as much criticism as Roiphe's position receives, ignoring sexual violence altogether is the more common attitude. This older position — surely a product of long-standing cultural taboos toward sex — has taken a major blow with sexual assault's recent breakthrough in the national conversation.

Sullivan's Convocation address seems to signify the start of a very productive year. In my inbox, I see



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the president's email about our new sexual misconduct policies (complete with an extensive new website). On Grounds, I hear students speak openly and productively about reducing sexual violence. And on the Corner, I see restaurant employees wearing "Not on Our Grounds" sexual assault awareness t-shirts.

These initial policies, while promising, are only part of the solution to college sexual violence. The University — which is currently under federal investigation for allegedly mishandling a sexual misconduct case — has a poor track record in both prevention and punitive action. As the subsequent phases of the extensive "Not on Our Grounds" campaign roll out, students must keep the University accountable for meaningful policy change. The legal issues surrounding punishment for sexual assault make reform complicated but not impossible

As we begin the new academic year, it remains to be seen whether these creative solutions will reduce sexual assault among University students. One point is certain: we're better off without the ridicule or silence.

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Late to bed, early to rise

Local school boards should prioritize healthy sleep habits for adolescents

Most American teens would agree that high school is a stressful time. Students are expected to juggle academic challenges

and extracurricular involvements while simultaneously planning for their future. All of this occurs in the midst of significant social, emotional, psychological and physical changes.

The last thing that high school students need is the stress of exhaustion. Sleep deprivation in American adolescents — which can cause depression,

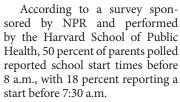
obesity, car accidents and poor academic performance — is a national health and safety issue and should be addressed as such with the implementation of legislation that will delay school start times until at least 8:00 a.m.

During adolescence, our internal clocks shift so that it becomes difficult to fall asleep before 11 p.m. According to the Mayo Clinic, most teens need nine hours of sleep to remain alert during the day. With some schools starting at 7:30 a.m., students would need to go to sleep

between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m. to get a full nine hours. With homework and other obligations, this time is simply not realistic.

While in school, my biggest challenge was exhaustion. Senior year, my school changed our start time from 8:45 a.m. to 8 a.m., which decreased the average amount of sleep I could get by about half an hour a night. Not only was I more tired during the day, but I also had difficulty recalling the lesson from my first class later on. I did not

want to give up any extracurricular involvements or lighten my workload, especially during the challenging college admissions process, when adolescents are urged to present their best selves. Many students fall prey to this mindset, in which mental and physical health drop to the bottom of a long laundry list of commitments and aspirations. State and national legislators should ensure that school start times make it easier for students to keep up with their responsibilities while avoiding sleep deprivation.



It would be naïve to argue that implementing a federal change

in start times for high schools will be easy to execute. However, evidence proves obstacles in the way of this change are surmountable. Schools in Arlington, VA faced the challenge of competition for sports facilities, but were able to collaborate to devise a plan that allowed them to delay school start times. The

National Sleep Foundation Adolescent Sleep Initiative details the success of Jessamine County, Kentucky in changing their start times. To tackle the issue of rearranging their transportation schedule, the county shifted elementary school times up and pushed back middle school and high school times. Elementary school students do not demonstrate the same aversion to waking up early that is biologically

specific to teenagers. In the West Des Moines school district, swapping start times allowed the district to save \$700,000. Another creative solution, successfully implemented in Mahtomedi, Minnesota, was to decrease the amount of time students had between classes, allowing the school day to end at around the



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same time and avoiding interruption of afterschool obligations.

I did not anticipate the difference that coming to college would have on the amount of sleep I would be able to get, nor the improvement in my efficiency and alertness that would result. Students should not have to wait until college to be able to wake up at an hour that is in accordance with their biological wiring.

With more research on this topic being released in recent months, the movement to push back school start times is gaining momentum. The organization "Start School Later" has started a national online petition to bolster legislation to prevent schools from starting before 8 a.m.

Despite these successful examples, it is fairly obvious that creative solutions must be found and concessions must be made for this movement to be successful. Implementing later start times in larger urban areas will prove significantly more challenging than in Jessamine County, with its small population of 5000, in which policymakers, parents, and students were able to collaborate on an intimate scale. Despite any challenges that may occur, health and safety of students should be prioritized, especially since high school is such a formative time in our lives.

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Mind the gap

The pay gap between female and male faculty indicates the University has not treated its employees justly

Two weeks ago, the University released the results of an internal study. Its conclusion: female professors at the University are paid,

on average, 2.7 percent less than their male colleagues (equating to about \$3,600). For associate professors, the study finds, the gap is closer to five percent.

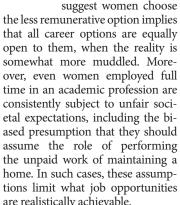
Despite the prohibition of pay discrimination on the basis of sex under the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and numerous policies aimed at promoting pay equity since then, the gender

pay gap remains as stubborn as ever. Though the overall gender pay gap has narrowed over the years, the latest research shows that women still receive only 77 to 84 cents for every dollar a man makes. The field of higher education has seen limited improvement as well. Data released by the American Association of University Professors since 1976 has revealed that the overall average salary for female faculty has barely budged past 80 percent of male faculty's average salary.

Despite this frustrating real-

ity, it has become somewhat commonplace on college and university campuses to conceal evidence of disparities in overall average sala-

ries between men and women. As the University strives for progress on the issue of pay equity, it should make a point of not sweeping the pay gap under the rug. It should be wary, additionally, of those who resort to explaining away differences in employment outcomes as the result of "choices" that women make. To



The rhetoric of "choice" deliber-

ately misrepresents the true range of constraints that women face in the workplace, whether material or cultural. Arguably, the most persistent of these limitations has been the lack of public policies that provide sufficient support for caregiving. Indeed, despite its global stature, the United States remains one of only four countries without paid maternity leave; the other three: Swaziland, Lesotho, and Papua New Guinea. To a certain extent, the pay gap persists due to governmental inaction.

Despite efforts to explain the gender pay gap by citing demographic characteristics, disciplinary affiliations, or institutional attributes, a significant portion of the pay gap remains unexplained. Indeed, in the case of the University's internal study, faculty members were compared with most of their characteristics controlled ("apples to apples", as it were); yet an unexplained salary disparity was found nonetheless. The internal study highlights a frustrating, yet crucial truth: that after controlling for rank, experience and academic discipline, women faculty still earn less than their male counterparts.

Admittedly, the scale of the gen-

der pay gap at the University appears to be quite small when compared to the broader market. In practice, however, no matter what the difference in wages may be, the very presence of the pay gap belies systemic inequity. Though women faculty members at the University may not face as many constraints as women in the broader workplace — due to a meaningful effort on the University's part to promote gender equality — they nonetheless live within a culture that has inadvertently generated an inherently biased system of payment. The presence of an unexplained pay gap should be a cause for concern in the University community. As long as any gap exists, it stands as a sign of systemic injustice, one that the University should make a priority of eliminating.

Perhaps more importantly, this study may demonstrate that a certain amount of unintended prejudice remains embedded within the higher education system. It would be unwise to make a causal claim at this point, for the disparity could be caused by a combination of many other factors. For the moment, however, we must seriously consider the possibility that prejudice may still play a limited role. The process of

equalizing wages should involve an examination of potential sources of discrimination and the formulation of systemic reforms meant to ensure the avoidance of biased considerations that may currently go unnoticed. That being said, the structures and behaviors that generate inequities are far more nuanced and hidden than open discrimination.

In an effort to decrease potential biases within its payment system, the University should consider adopting more standardized methods of determining initial salaries, pay increases and promotion procedures, as well as making those processes more accessible to the public. As long as a sufficient amount of administrative discretion exists, payment inequities will remain an issue. In addition, it may be prudent to increase the frequency of internal studies on pay equity in order to increase administrative accountability. At this critical juncture, the movement for pay equity requires re-invigoration if its goal is to be achieved.

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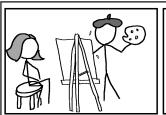
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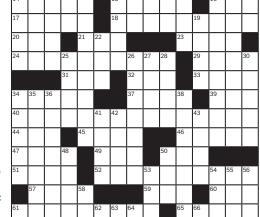
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