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Swim team hazing lawsuit reaches settlement

Marcantonio withdraws some allegations, defendants apologize for hardship

Former members of the University swim team reached a settlement in their hazing lawsuit March 28.

Former swimmer and University student Anthony Marcantonio filed the suit in response to alleged hazing activities that took place during the summer of 2014 when he was a first-year on the swim team.

Marcantonio has since transferred to Northwestern University.

The suit alleged that Marcantonio was forced to participate in activities such as eating a live fish, drinking large quantities of alcohol and touching another team member's genitals in an "elephant walk" during the swim team's "Welcome Week."

The allegations include charges of assault, battery, false imprisonment, tortious interference with contractual relations, hazing and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The defendants — Kyle Dudzinski, Luke Papendick, Charles Rommel, David Ingraham and Jacob Pearce — deny liability in the allegations brought forward by Marcantonio's suit.

In a joint statement released by

the defendants March 28, the defense maintained their innocence, but admitted that the events of Welcome Week included inappropriate activities.

"The defendants' actions during the Welcome Week tradition were never intended to harm the plaintiff in this matter or cause distress to him or anyone else," the joint statement reads. "Nevertheless, the defendants acknowledge that the Welcome Week experience caused the plaintiff hardship and for that the defendants apologize."

As part of the settlement, Marcantonio withdrew several allegations from the suit.

Among the changes were that the plaintiff was not required to consume alcohol, the plaintiff was not subject to sexual assault or battery and no items were stolen for a scavenger hunt.

The defendants maintain that the Welcome Week activities were voluntary.

"Before Welcome Week began on August 27, 2014, the team captains ... told the first-year members of the team about Welcome Week and assured them that participation in the upcoming activities was voluntary in terms of whether they



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drank alcohol or ate the fish," the joint statement said.

The joint statement notes that the defendants claim the swim team captains — Dudzinski and Papendick — invited the first-years to come to them if they had any concerns about the activities, although Marcantonio denies this, according to the joint statement.

The joint statement also mentions a University Judiciary Com-

mittee investigation into whether Dudzinski had violated the University's Standards of Conduct against hazing and intentionally or recklessly threatening the health or safety of another.

"After a hearing on March 23, 2015, the UJC found that [Dudzinski] was not guilty of either hazing or intentionally or recklessly threatening the safety of another," the joint statement read.

The defendants maintain they entered the settlement "solely to avoid further unnecessary litigation costs."

According to the statement, the terms of the settlement are confidential and nothing further will be said or written by the parties except for what was in the statement and what is expressly allowed in the settlement.

Matthew transferred to maximum security prison

Matthew to serve seven life sentences at Red Onion State Prison

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Jesse Matthew Jr. was transferred from the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail to Red Onion State Prison March 29.

Matthew is serving a total of seven life sentences for the murders of University student Hannah Graham in 2014 and Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington in 2009, as well as a sexual assault in Fairfax County in 2005.

Red Onion State Prison is a super-maximum security prison located in Pound, Virginia, in Wise County — about 300 miles southwest of Charlottesville.

The prison is managed by the Virginia Department of Corrections and houses around 800 inmates, according to data from March 2009.



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In late February of this year, Matthew accepted a plea deal from the Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Tracci.

Greg Carter, community relations coordinator at the Virginia Department of Corrections, said offenders first entering the depart-

ment are assessed using an "Initial Security Level Score Sheet."

"All offenders entering Virginia Department of Corrections facili-

ties are classified into appropriate security levels and assigned to facilities equipped to provide appropriate security which enhances public, staff and offender safety," Carter said in an email statement.

Carter said the Department of Corrections classifies Red Onion as a 5-6-S prison with regard to security level. Level 5 means maximum security, level 6 is a "Step Down from Level S," and level S is administrative segregation.

Administrative segregation refers to solitary confinement. Virginia's Step Down Program allows inmates who are assigned to segregated housing to work their way into the general prison population and join small groups for program. Other aspects of the program include behavioral journaling and therapeutic models.

Carter said there are other aspects affecting the security level of a facility where an inmate serves his or her sentence.

"In addition to the objective score [about the inmate], decision makers must weigh in other factors such as the pre-sentence investigation, institutional adjustment, nature of the offense, time to serve and other factors affecting the level of risk an offender may pose to facility order or to the community," Carter said.

Matthew had been held at the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail since his arrest in September 2014.

In late February of this year, he accepted a plea deal from Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Tracci.

The plea deal spared him from the receiving the death penalty, but he will spend the rest of his life in prison; however, he could be moved from Red Onion at the discretion Virginia Department of Corrections.

Law firm removed from Johnson ABC lawsuit

Change will not delay start date of trial

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Attorney John Davis and the Williams Mullen law firm have been removed from fourth-year College student Martese Johnson's case against the Virginia Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

The order to have the firm removed from the case was granted March 28 by Judge Glen Conrad, a chief judge in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia in Charlottesville.

According to the motion, the agreement to have Davis and the Williams Mullen law firm removed was reached by mutual consent. The motion also states that this will cause no delay in the trial.

Johnson will continue to have the law firm Manatt Phelps & Phillips and attorneys Benjamin Chew, Diana Eisner and Joshua Drian as the attorney of record on his case. The firm was the original lead counsel in the case.

Johnson is suing the three ABC agents involved in his March 2015 arrest, ABC director Shawn Walker and the ABC department for \$3 million.

The civil lawsuit was filed Oct. 20, 2015 including seven counts: false arrest, excessive force, failure to train or supervise, negligence, assault and battery.

The five-day jury trial will begin Oct. 3 in U.S. district court.

Davis, Chew, Eisner and Drian did not respond to request for comment.



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Johnson, pictured standing with Attorney Daniel Watkins of the Williams Mullen law firm, is suing the three ABC agents involved in his March 2015 arrest, ABC Director Shawn Walker and the ABC department for \$3 million.

Jackie deposition would cause 'severe harm,' attorneys claim

Defense in Eramo lawsuit moves to quash request for questioning

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In a motion filed Tuesday in Associate Dean Nicole Eramo's law Rolling Stone magazine, Jackie's lawyers claimed that a previously requested deposition is unnecessary and would cause Jackie "severe harm."

Jackie, a third-party to the lawsuit, was ordered to be deposed by Judge Glen E. Conrad in February. While the original deposition was set at a maximum of seven hours, Eramo's lawyers requested additional time for questioning in a motion filed March 15.

Eramo is suing Sabrina Rubin andfor defamation. Jackie's

lawyers are asking the court for protections "against invasive, unnecessary and unduly burdensome discovery," according to court documents.

The attorneys also claimed Eramo "has demonstrated that she is unwilling to exhibit any compassion" toward Jackie's attempts to avoid "overly broad and intrusive discovery into

deeply personal matters."

Regarding any information the plaintiff could gain from the deposition, Jackie's lawyers claimed pertinent discovery can and has already obtained. They also stated that Eramo herself has admitted there are limited topics for which Jackie is a relevant witness.

"There is simply no need

to risk substantial harm to Respondent to inquire into matters that Plaintiff herself can testify to, or that records from the University can elucidate," the court documents read.

The trial is set to begin October 11.

Court holds hearing on Huguely habeas corpus case

Judge rules former attorneys can respond, former jurors contacted

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The Charlottesville Circuit Court held a hearing on former University student George Huguely's petition for habeas corpus, or unlawful imprisonment,

March 30.

In 2012, Huguely was convicted for the second-degree murder of his ex-girlfriend and University student Yeardley Love in 2010. He is currently serving a 23-year sentence.

Jonathan Sheldon — Huguely's current attorney — filed the

writ of habeas corpus in January on the grounds that Huguely had been deprived of a fair trial due to ineffective legal representation.

Judge Richard Moore ruled that Huguely's former attorneys could make statements in response to Huguely's allegations

of ineffective representation and break their attorney-client privilege with Huguely, according to The Daily Progress.

Additionally, Moore said both sides could contact former jurors involved with the 2012 trial. However, the private information of each juror will remain

under seal, The Daily Progress reports.

Huguely was not present at the hearing, The Daily Progress reports.

The next motions hearing in the case will be April 7.

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U.Va. community contributes to documentary honoring veterans

“Finding the Fallen” to be showcased on Memorial Day

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University students and personnel are assisting ParadeRest — an organization that connects military members and their families with the local community — in a project to memorialize University and Charlottesville residents who have died in warfare.

The project, called “Finding the Fallen, 1941-2016: A Photographic Memorial Tribute to Local and University of Virginia Military Personnel Who Died While Serving in Times of War,” consists of a video highlighting the lives of Charlottesville and Albemarle County community members who died in service and a living document chronicling fallen University students and ROTC members.

The project will be showcased at a Memorial Day ceremony May 29 at the Paramount Theater.

Along with the debut of Finding the Fallen, the ceremony will honor former Virginia Gov. and U.S. Sen. Chuck Robb and his wife, Lynda Robb. Lynda Robb is the daughter of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Forty years ago, Chuck and Lynda Robb placed the final brick in the Downtown Mall, and they will return this year to be honored



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The University Alumni Association partnered with project organizers to research information and photographs for the project.

for their public service, as well as for Chuck Robb’s military service in Vietnam from 1961-1970.

Assoc. Prof. of Research Gregory Saathoff, ParadeRest founder and head of the project, said the documentary is meant to connect the community with those it has lost.

“The photos are very powerful because they provide a human understanding of the sacrifice and the cost,” Saathoff said. “Memorial

Day is not an extraction at all, but something that is very personal for those families and for the community as well.”

The project provides a unique experience for University students to bring attention to military personnel in the community, Saathoff said.

“I would say this is one of a number of projects that students have been involved in in a very primary way,” Saathoff said. “The

opportunity to have students introduced to parents of the fallen and those veterans who have fought, I think it’s very valuable for the veterans to be able to share their stories with students who are interested in public service.”

Cameron Haddad, first-year College student and researcher for the project, said he gained a new perspective while working on the project when he realized one of the fallen soldiers he researched was

the same age as him.

“I saw that he was 19 years old, as a 19-year-old myself that was shocking to even imagine that,” Haddad said. “It humanizes a lot of the experiences of these people, and hopefully it has that impact for a lot of other people at the University and the Albemarle area as well.”

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Alumni Association President C. Thomas Faulders III said he wants to find a more permanent way to display the video to University students.

“What we hope to do is take the video that’s being done on alumni and put it on permanent display down in alumni hall,” Faulders said. “We haven’t figured out all the logistics or technology yet but that’s what we want to do.”

Faulders said although the University currently honors students who died in combat with plaques in the Rotunda, the video and document honor them in a new way.

“This takes it to another level. You see the names of those who had died in service, but you’ll also see pictures out of Corks and Curls where we can find them, so it’ll make it a much more personal experience,” Faulders said.

Students experience issues with Open MyDoor app

Malfunctions affect Alderman Road dorm residents

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Students who live in the Alderman Road dorms have recently been experiencing problems with the Open MyDoor app.

The app, which allows students to electronically open the doors to their rooms using their phones, has faced several issues since March 23.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life sent three emails to residents informing them of the issue between March 23 and March 29, reminding residents to carry their IDs with them at all times.

First-year Architecture student Yasmin Ben Ltaifa said the disruption in service has been

somewhat inconvenient to her.

“I use the app only when I forget my ID, and I forgot it last week,” Ben Ltaifa said. “I couldn’t use the app, so I had to call my roommate and ask her to come open the door.”

First-year College student Kenny Darcy said he hasn’t been affected personally by the issues with the app, but people in his hall have had problems.

“The kid across the hall from me was locked out of his room because he left his ID card out, and the system was malfunctioning,” Darcy said. “He was taking a shower ... so he had to borrow clothes from me and go without his stuff to class.”

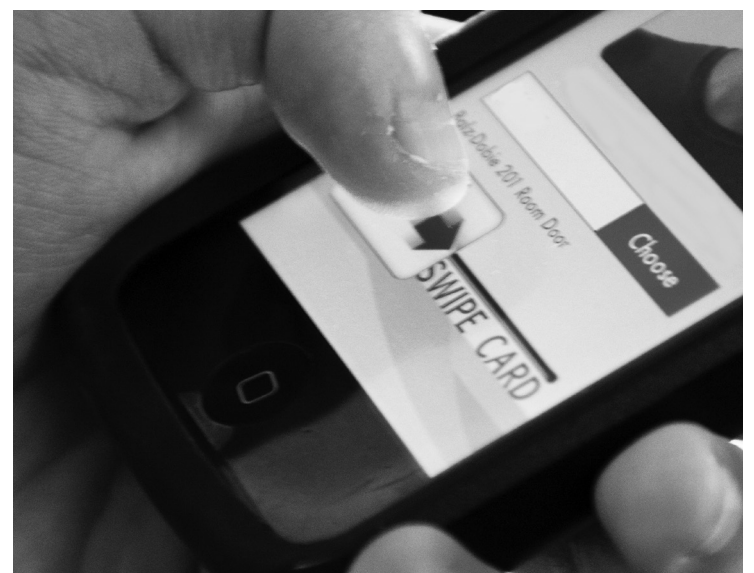
Emily Murphy, a first-year College student, said the app has been helpful in the past, but

she hasn’t needed it since it has been malfunctioning. She said the emails from HRL have been helpful in reminding her that she can’t rely on it.

“I’m just more careful to remember to bring my card with me,” Murphy said.

First-year College student Kelsey Hackett said she hasn’t had any problems using the Open MyDoor app in the past week, although many of her hallmates have experienced issues within the past week and throughout the year.

“I’ve ended up being the default door-opener in my hall,” Hackett said. “[The app] has always worked for me, even this past week when they said it wasn’t going to work. I distinctly remember using it.”



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Virginia baseball fans welcomed their team's making short work of Old Dominion (19-7, 3-3 C-USA) Wednesday evening. Short work, of course, is a relative term when considering a sport that doesn't concern itself with a ticking clock.

In baseball terms, the Cavaliers were cruising through Wednesday's game at Davenport Field. Nearly two hours after freshman starter Daniel Lynch had delivered a first-pitch strike, Virginia led 3-0 in the top of the eighth inning. Then, came the grinding halt.

Coach Brian O'Connor's trusted arm out of the Cavalier bullpen, senior reliever Kevin Doherty, faltered. The first Monarch batter Doherty faced in that frame singled his 2-2 pitch into left centerfield, right before the next slapped a double down the leftfield line.

Facing runners at second and third and nobody out, the lefty Doherty surrendered a third-straight

hit, this time a 2-RBI single back up the box that cut Old Dominion's deficit to 3-2.

Doherty held a team-best 0.82 ERA prior to Wednesday's appearance. The Laytonsville, Md. native had allowed only one run and six hits over 11 innings of work.

Following his two-run blemish, Doherty settled down and did his job, inducing back-to-back, routine ground balls. Junior shortstop Daniel Pinero scooped up the first and tossed to sophomore second baseman Ernie Clement for a big force out.

Usually sure-handed Clement let the second grounder scoot beneath his glove and into the outfield grass.

"Ernie Clement has been an all-star for us at second base," O'Connor said. "He's been tremendous. And you know, he wasn't tonight, and that happens."

Sophomore centerfielder Adam Haseley sprinted to cut off the baseball. He bobbled the transfer, while each Monarch moved up another base. Instead of escaping the eighth with an inning-ending dou-

ble play, Virginia confronted another second-and-third situation.

Junior closer Alec Bettinger inherited both of those runners, as O'Connor decided to pull Doherty. The switch didn't exactly pay off for Virginia. Old Dominion junior right fielder Nick Walker produced a sacrifice fly that brought home the game's tying run, and freshman designated hitter Seth Woodard followed that up with a go-ahead double to left.

When the top of the eighth finally concluded on a Bettinger strikeout, some 30 minutes after that frame had begun, the Cavaliers trailed 4-3.

"We did a good job there, until the eighth inning," O'Connor said. "They took some good swings off Kevin Doherty, but even so, you induce a couple of double-play balls. We just couldn't handle them to get ourselves out of it."

To leadoff the bottom of the eighth inning, Pinero ripped a single through the left side. The lanky shortstop advanced to second on a well-placed sacrifice bunt off the bat of freshman leftfielder Ryan

Karstetter. Freshman right fielder Doak Dozier, who had increased Virginia's advantage to 3-0 with a solo homer in the sixth, returned to the dish. Dozier fouled out to third.

With two down and Pinero still in scoring position at second, sophomore designated hitter Jack Gerstenmaier delivered a game-tying single into left. The score stood tied at 4 heading into the ninth.

Returning to the hill, Bettinger gave up a 1-1 base-knock to begin the frame. He then plunked a Monarch batter, who had showed bunt and invited a first out. Bettinger's mistake ended up costing the Cavaliers as much as Clement or Haseley's error Wednesday.

A successful sacrifice bunt moved both Old Dominion runners into scoring position with nobody out. Bettinger executed coach Karl Kuhn's plan of attack when he needed to, producing a chopper to first. Sophomore first baseman Pavin Smith, whose double in the third had scratched across the first two Virginia runs, fielded and fired home to gun

down the go-ahead run.

The sigh of relief was short-lived at Davenport. Senior catcher Connor Myers singled through the left side two pitches later, and the Monarch's reclaimed a 5-4 lead. Clement would reach on a one-out single in the bottom of the ninth, but the middle of Virginia's lineup would strand him there.

The defending champion Cavaliers can't fret forever over their fourth-straight loss to in-state rival Old Dominion even though this one likely the most painful of all. Virginia must turn its attention to a three-game conference series versus N.C. State (17-8, 3-4 ACC).

"We're going to come out and have a lot of energy and focus, because this weekend does mean a lot, coming off of last week and tonight," Haseley said. "We're just going to have to prepare tomorrow for our opponent, and we're going to have to bring it."

The first pitch Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Charlottesville.

Baseball blows lead late against Old Dominion

Cavalier bullpen allows five runs in final two innings

Wynne-ing

Henry Wynne discusses NCAA Indoor championship, unusual introduction to competitive running

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If you had told distance runner Henry Wynne when he was starting high school that he would one day win the NCAA national championship in the men's mile, he would have laughed at you.

"I started running freshman year of high school, more to stay in shape," Wynne said. "You know, I played lacrosse as a freshman. ... My coach said, 'You can weight lift or run track,' and I didn't really want to weight lift, so I went out for cross country."

At first, he hated running, seeing it as only a workout for lacrosse.

"My mom forced me to do it," Wynne laughed. "[She] kind of forced her hand on that one ... [and] I ended up sticking with it."

Things began to change for Wynne as he got to know his teammates and the coaching staff at Staples High School in



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Junior Henry Wynne took up running as a high school freshman to stay in shape.

Westport, Conn.

"I started enjoying it more, and I started seeing results as well, and so that ... pushed me to kind of pursue it further."

"Seeing results" is quite the understatement. Wynne was a 5-time All-American throughout his high school career and was the 2013 New Balance Grand

Prix High School Mile Champion.

"That is when I stopped playing lacrosse and just picked up track full-time," Wynne said.

High school flew by in a blur of championship titles for Wynne, and soon the time came for him to find the perfect school and track program. The University isn't a very well-known school at his Connecticut high school, but he said he had heard only "good things" from the people he knew who went to the "Ivy of the South." He decided to take an official visit.

"The second I got on Grounds I just fell in love with it," Wynne reminisced.

Smitten with the atmosphere and beauty of the University, meeting with his future track program sealed the deal.

"I liked the team a lot, and I felt like I bonded with them immediately," Wynne said. "The coaching staff was incredible, and I could just see myself here."

Three years later, with a national title under his belt, it is safe to say the program is a good

fit for him. He had one word to describe the atmosphere of the program — electric.

"I think we have got a lot of great team performances," Wynne said. "I think it just got everyone excited, especially as we head into outdoors season, which is everybody's favorite season. Everyone just wants to perform well and see if we can go to ACCs and beyond."

One of the main reasons for this atmosphere is the team's outstanding performance at the NCAAs, led by Wynne with his championship win, which he described as "a crazy experience."

"The prelim[inaries] is always very nerve wracking," he said. "So, getting through that, I was very relieved, getting into the finals. And then there, there was a lot of great competition, but I knew if I stuck myself into it I would have a chance to win."

Despite already winning a national championship, Wynne still has many goals for the remainder of his season.

"I just want to run some big PRs in the 1500 and other

events, make it out to NCAAs again, try to contribute as much as possible at ACCs..." Wynne said. "And the Olympic Trials are this summer — and [I will] hopefully try to make it out to those and just race with some of the best runners in America."

Despite his Olympic Trial dreams, Wynne said he is just a regular student, who enjoys hanging out on the Track House balcony in the balmy spring weather like any other University student. He said he couldn't imagine being anywhere better than Charlottesville or enjoying anything better than a afternoon basking in the Virginia sunshine.

"I love the school," Wynne said. "It has been a great time. ... I just feel like I belong here. ... Look at today," he said as he gestured towards the green grass of Mad Bowl and the blue sky above. "It is beautiful."

And with that, Wynne and his teammates ran off back toward the track, ready to prepare for their trip to the Florida Relays this weekend.

Virginia lacrosse preps for challenge at Richmond

Cavaliers face Spiders Saturday for third-straight season

Mariel Messier
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Coming off a dominant 19-4 win over the Virginia Military Institute, the Virginia lacrosse team faces another challenge with an in-state foe as it travels to Richmond Saturday afternoon. The Cavaliers (5-5, 0-2 ACC) face the Spiders (7-2, 3-0 Southern) for the third-straight season in a matchup between the two budding rivals.

“I think we can definitely start to see a bit of a rivalry there,” senior attacker James Pannell said. “We’re going to travel there and battle them.”

Pannell scored his 100th career point Tuesday night in a game that saw a dynamic offense for Virginia, with 16 different Cavaliers earning points. However, the Keydets are a struggling team, with just one win on record all season.

This year’s Richmond lacrosse team boasts a very different record, as the team has gotten off to its best start in program history. With an unbeaten conference record and an impressive out of conference resume to boot, the Spiders have played a couple of Virginia’s past and future opponents.

Richmond beat conference rival High Point, a team who beat the

Cavaliers at Klöckner Stadium earlier this season by a convincing score of 7-3 earlier this week. The Spiders also got a win over Virginia’s last opponent, VMI, earlier this season, as they traveled to Lexington to earn an 11-6 victory.

“We know that they are not a team to be taken very lightly,” Pannell said. “We know that Richmond is a very good team, and they’re going to be ready to go.”

One of Richmond’s two losses came at the hands of a future opponent for the Cavaliers, as the Spiders picked up a 15-6 loss, their worst of the season, in Chapel Hill when they traveled to play No. 17 North Carolina.

Richmond’s most impressive win of the season, however, came when they traveled to then-No. 9 ranked Duke. The Spiders beat the Blue Devils 12-10 in Durham early March to earn their only win against an ACC opponent this season. Much of the success comes from the Spiders defense, which is limiting opponents to an average of just 7.56 goals per game. Richmond is led by junior attackman Mitch Goldberg, who has tallied 19 goals and six assists on the season.

“I remember sitting there and watching them beat Duke,” coach Dom Starsia said. “I don’t have to

work too hard to convince the kids that [Richmond] is good. There is no real reason for us to not be ready to play.”

Until last week’s win against No. 9 Johns Hopkins, the Cavaliers were on the short end of the stick with closely played games, losing three games in the early part of the season by just one point. One of those one-point losses came at the hands of Richmond’s Southern Conference counterpart, High Point. Since then, Virginia is hoping to have picked up a bit of momentum.

“It’s who we are,” Starsia said. “Frankly, we’re not that pretty, but we grind it out. We look good on the ground, and I think we’ve come to accept that. We understand that’s who we have to be.”

Tuesday’s win over VMI hopefully gave the Cavaliers the assurance they needed as a top-level team. If anything, the contest showed that several of the fresh faces on the Virginia team are capable of stepping up and making an impact.

One of those players was freshman midfielder Ryan Lamb, who earned a total of four points on the night with two goals and two assists. The win over the Keydets pushed the Cavaliers to a .500 record and a chance to earn a winning record this



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Freshman midfielder Ryan Lamb tallied four points for the Cavaliers against VMI in a victory that brought the Cavaliers back to .500.

Saturday.

“We know the talent we have in the locker room,” Lamb said. “To get to a .500 record gives us more confidence going into the rest of the season.”

However, Virginia is well aware that earning another win over this year’s Richmond team will be no easy

task.

“It’s going to be imperative that we come out there with high energy and really take it to them,” Lamb said. “We’ve learned real quick this season that every game is a big game, and we just need to come out for all of them.”

The opening faceoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Softball goes 1-2 during midweek play

Cavaliers defeat Radford, lose two games to James Madison

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The Virginia softball team took a break from conference play this week to take on Radford for a single game Tuesday and No. 7 James Madison for a doubleheader Wednesday.

Freshman pitcher Erika Osherow talked about the excitement of playing in Charlottesville, especially during the middle of the week. After the second game of the doubleheader against James Madison (27-2, 3-0 CAA), Osherow mentioned the atmosphere at The Park and how much it meant to her and her teammates.

“I think you definitely felt the energy of the crowd today, which is awesome,” Osherow said. “You have people coming out — girls from young ages to old people — and it’s just great to have the energy and the home field and, you know, play during the week and just keep everybody going on the same page and keep everybody rolling into the weekend is really great.”

The Cavaliers (12-25, 2-7 ACC) went 1-2 over this two-day stretch, beating the Highlanders (19-12, 3-3 Big South) 5-2, and then getting swept by the Dukes in two tightly contested contests, 1-0 and 2-0.

Osherow, who has been pitching very well recently, put together one of her best performances of the season Tuesday, striking out eight hitters in a complete-game effort against Radford. Osherow credited her recent success to the attacking mindset she and the team have been carrying.

“I think just going after teams and attacking them is our, like, main mindset now,” Osherow said. “You know I love having the team behind my back and really just going after teams. JMU is a great team, but you know, just try and step up and do the best I can is what I’m going to try to do.”

Virginia coach Blake Miller has noticed Osherow’s recent performances. He credits the freshman for putting in the work and improving as the season has gone on, especially after experiencing some early season



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Junior catcher Katie Park and her teammates were shut out twice by James Madison.

struggles. Her last couple of starts have showcased the strides she has made in her game.

“Erika has done a great job just progressing, especially through her

freshman year,” Miller said. “She was supposed to redshirt, and then she stepped up and rolled up, and she was going to play this year, and she took those early lumps of learning how to pitch in college, and now she’s really stepping up and becoming her own pitcher and deciding how she throws instead of letting the game decide what she does.”

Despite two strong pitching performances by their starters against James Madison Wednesday, the Cavaliers’ offense struggled. Virginia was shut out in both games Wednesday and could not get much going on offense. Miller thought the offense needed to perform better with runners in scoring position.

“Basically our hitters got to step up and just step up and get it done when there’s runners on base,” Miller said. “Big thing though is the pitching kept us there, and really those hitters are going to learn, and they’re going to get better.”

Not only focusing, but also relaxing, is critical at the plate. At times, Virginia’s hitters let the game speed up, and it caused the offense to be-

come stagnant as a whole. It didn’t help that Virginia’s offense was going up against two elite pitchers.

“We just didn’t take the game, didn’t let the game slow down,” Miller said. “They have two, top-tier pitchers and we let the game speed up with them. We let the game speed up and it beat us.”

Despite Virginia’s offensive struggles, their pitching and energy were a bright stop this week, and have Miller feeling good about his team heading into the weekend.

“To come through these games like we did and to battle, I’m really happy going into this weekend and really excited about we can do against Boston College,” Miller said.

Virginia will travel to Boston this weekend to play Boston College for a three-game series. The first two games of the series will be played Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively, and the third game will be held at 12 p.m. Sunday, and will finish off the series.

Track and field to compete at Florida Relays in Gainesville

Indoor NCAA champion Henry Wynne makes outdoor season debut

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Ever since he was hired as the director of Virginia track and field and cross country, coach Bryan Fetzter has preached a motto to his teams: "Get better everyday in every way." This weekend, the Virginia outdoor track and field teams will get to set the bar to improve from by competing at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. from March 31-April 2.

Last weekend, the Cavaliers sent a small delegation to compete at the Fred Hardy Invitational in Richmond. There, the men's and women's teams won a total of five events. However, according to Fetzter, because of the small nature of the meet, it didn't count as an official meet. This means that the Florida Relays will be the official start to the 2016 outdoor track and field season for Virginia.

"The Florida Relay is when



Courtesy VA Athletics

Coach Bryan Fetzter's philosophy is simple: "Get better everyday in every way." The Cavaliers look to do exactly what this weekend.

we actually open up the season with a [full] team," Fetzter said. "We're excited to get the team going this weekend."

While Fetzter decided to rest one of his team's stars, junior Filip Mihaljevic, he is giving

the green light to junior Henry Wynne, who is coming off an indoor track and field national title in the men's mile.

"I'm very excited to go up there and compete with some of the top talent," he said. "It's nice to get a good race under your legs before bigger meets later in the season."

Wynne said his recent championship is something he wants to hold onto, but not lean on.

"I'll train just as hard as I did in indoor and compete just as hard in outdoor," he said.

Wynne said he has many aspirations for this season, including doing well at the NCAA Championships, beating his personal record in the 1500 meter and qualifying for the Olympics. However, contributing to his team and giving them a chance at winning an ACC Championship is just as important, he said.

Currently, the women's track and field team is unranked, and the men's team is ranked No. 5.

In the race for program of the year, which combines national finishes from cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, the Cavaliers come in at seventh after the completion of the first two seasons. Last year, the Virginia men finished fifth for best program.

"Our goal is to be back in that spot and be a top-five program overall," Fetzter said.

While this meet is important to him, Fetzter said that a good result at the end of the year is the ultimate aim for both of his teams. To get these results, he is currently having his team train hard.

"Putting up staggering marks and performances [is] not necessarily what we're looking for," he said. "This is just a continuation of a process of the training hard."

For Wynne, he has confidence that his team can obtain a great amount of success by the end of the year, he said.

"A lot of people don't com-

pete in indoors just because they have killer outdoor events," he said. "I think we can really compete for a team title at [the ACC Championships]."

Some of these events that are only offered outdoors include steeplechase, hammer throw and javelin.

With myriad competitions, it can be easy for athletes to get caught up in the results of various meets. However, Fetzter said he preaches focusing on the season as a whole to his teams.

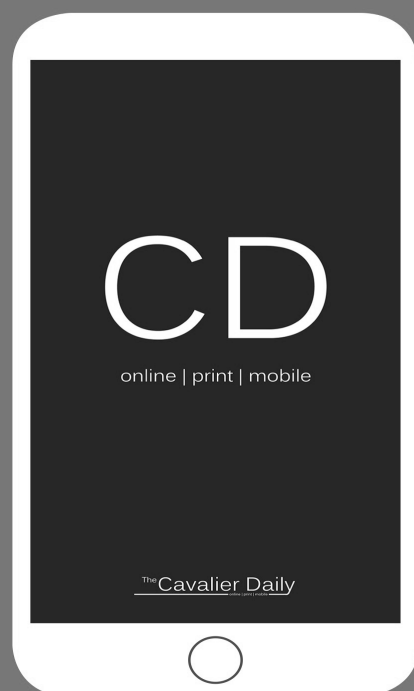
"We emphasize to our athletes that the culmination of the season is not each week — the culmination of the season is the whole picture," he said.

While the season is very young, the Cavaliers will look to start off this season on the right foot, Fetzter said.

"They're excited to get back into it," he said. "There's not a whole lot of motivation that needs to be conjured up."

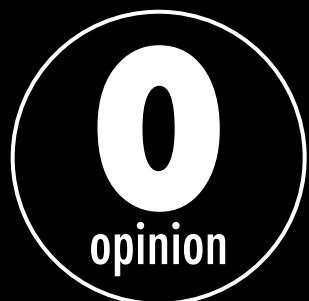
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Comment of the day

“Just because there are some issues that need to be carefully considered does not mean that all international volunteering is damaging and imperialistic.”

“IVPA” in response to Meghan Grumbling’s March 24 article, “The pitfalls of voluntourism.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

StudCo was unfairly criticized for DREAMers incident

Before making accusations of xenophobia, students should gather all the details

Tuesday night, Student Council voted to approve the CIO status of DREAMers, an organization that represents undocumented students at the University. The vote came a week after Student Council refused to grant CIO status to DREAMers due to concerns about the organization and its CIO application. What followed was a flurry of impassioned responses from the group and its allies aimed at Student Council, including the circulation of a petition requesting, among other demands, a public apology from the organization. The controversy following this incident highlights the need for student groups to gather all information before issuing a response.

Per Student Council President Emily Lodge, the group’s initial denial is not an uncommon occurrence. Organizations seeking CIO

status are sometimes denied before they re-apply with more complete applications. In fact, on Tuesday night Student Council approved a new CIO, Hope on Grounds, after initially denying CIO status to the organization due to concerns with the group’s application, which were later addressed by a founding member of the group. What happened to DREAMers was not out of the ordinary.

Many were upset with a Facebook post by Law School Representative Erich Reimer, which praised the “defeat” of the bill to approve DREAMers — and rightfully so. Reimer’s celebration was unacceptable; Student Council vote outcomes should never be personal, political victories for those who vote on behalf of the entire student population. However, there was no evidence that personal biases led other represent-

atives to vote the way they did, as one of DREAMers’ allies suggested. It’s not fair to project Reimer’s inappropriate response onto the rest of Student Council. Additionally, for the petition to suggest that Student Council as a whole is xenophobic is unfair and an accusation that should not be made so prematurely.

Following controversy, student organizations and their leaders often have the expectation to issue an immediate response. This particular incident demonstrates the need for more measured responses by our peer organizations on Grounds. Before forming an opinion on this type of incident — especially when releasing a public statement accusing others of bias or of intentionally marginalizing others — students must be more patient and diligent in gathering details.

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The plague of political moderates

Moderation is just another kind of apathy

Last week, fellow writer Brandon Brooks criticized public support for ideologues on either side of the political spectrum in his op-ed “On the importance of moderates.” Brooks lays out an argument I have heard over and over when discussing elections with my peers: certain politicians should not be taken seriously because their proposals are not viable in the current climate of congressional politics (i.e., Bernie Sanders and his notorious single payer healthcare plan). Brooks then concludes by urging his readers to support centrist candidates and policies because “our nation’s most revolutionary legislation has always enjoyed bipartisan support.”

My objective is not to lambast the quality or accuracy of Brooks’ article; it is well-researched and presents an argument people can easily get behind, regardless of their political affiliation. However, this article reveals a fact that needs to be addressed: the American people are deeply cynical about the American political conversation, which I believe is

the single greatest hindrance to social progress.

RYAN GORMAN
Opinion Columnist

Brooks implores his readers to abstain from the mindset of “political revolution,” because the House of Representatives (with its 95 percent incumbency rate) does not deal in the business of changing the status quo. This is certainly accurate; representatives are beholden to party and lobby interests, as well as those of their individual constituencies, and are therefore highly suppressive of “revolutionary” proposals. But why does Brooks stop here? Why are so many of my peers locked into this apathetic acceptance of a broken system?

The truth is people would rather sit back and let the government run itself than put any real effort into the political process. Our country may not be the ideal image of democracy, but at the very least it has endowed its people with the tools of democracy at their disposal; the problem is that we aren’t using them. Congress isn’t hopelessly gridlocked because it’s supposed to be. Congress is gridlocked because most

people aren’t voting, or if they are, far too many vote with Brooks’ mentality: that certain candidates (be it former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Gov. John Kasich [R-OH] or any moderate candidate in a congressional race) at least have a chance of passing the legislation they propose.

Yet, even if this mindset is logical, so many of our systems remain broken and inferior to our economic contemporaries because our government simply does not operate in the interest of

this point). A majority of the American population supports a Medicare-for-all system, and over 60 percent believe that public collegiate education should be debt free. Is it fair, then, to call Sanders overly ideological or non-viable when he is merely vocalizing ideas that most people agree with?

I have faith that most people who care whatsoever about their government can look at it and recognize that it is seriously flawed. Climate change is a real and serious threat. Healthcare should undoubtedly be a right to every citizen in the richest country in the world. Education needs to be an environment for unadulterated intellectual growth, not a crushing economic burden to the lower and middle class. We need to look at our federal government as an extension of

it the same.

I know moderates and political-abstainers (who I contest are essentially the same) do not think the world is perfect, but it is impossible to streamline positive change in this nation when people insist on sitting on the fence between right and wrong. And if you do want this nation to progress in a positive fashion, go vote. Go petition to the government to impose term limits on elected representatives. Go picket your state legislature until it stops unfairly gerrymandering your district. Go organize your peers to protest your school’s financial aid system. And finally, come to terms with the fact that all of our problems are a result of your own apathy, not the people we put into office. We all learned about the bystander effect in school; to all of my “moderate” peers out there, I encourage you to look in the mirror and see if you’re any different.

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majority opinions. Far more than 50 percent of Americans believe in climate change (it irritates me just to use the word “believe” at

our voices, not as a distant circus that can’t be fixed, or as an entity that is best run by people who have a vested interest in keeping

Puerto Rico is still colonized

The treatment of the territory by Congress does not grant the island the autonomy it deserves

On July 25, 1898, U.S. troops led by General Nelson A. Miles disembarked their ships in the southern coast of Puerto Rico. As the invasion of the island unfolded, and as the Americans marched along the inner towns of Puerto Rico, The New York Times victoriously trumpeted “Our Flag Raised in Puerto Rico.” The newspaper noted the island’s commercial value and “the wisdom of taking... and keeping it for all time.” With little disregard of the island’s people, the United States designated the island as its own playground, sentenced to a long-lasting period of colonialism and deprived of legitimate self-governance.

CARLOS LOPEZ
Opinion Columnist

oversight by a five-member voting board appointed by the president of the United States.

The problem with this type of proposal is straightforward: by implementing the federal board, the United States is not only highlighting Puerto Rico’s inability to achieve self-governance, but also perpetuating it. The patronizing manner in which the United States has addressed the fiscal and debt crisis of the island brings to light the true nature of American foreign policy: let us, the big guys, take over your resources, because you don’t know what you’re doing.

Not only would the implementation of a non-elected board be undemocratic, it would also endanger the Puerto Rican people’s interests. I am not claiming a board will be definitively appointed by financial advisors with bad intentions. But I am claiming that the creation of a board of such nature would make this possible threat a reality. Besides enjoying a relatively high degree of authority,

the federal board will also have no check on it by the people who are being directly affected by its measures.

Now, I have heard arguments in favor of this proposal. Some claim Puerto Rico’s inability to solve this crisis on its own shows the inability of the Puerto Rican people to effectively govern themselves. Yet the Puerto Rican government’s inability to solve the crisis is based on more complicated factors. First of all, as a territory, the island does not



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enjoy the same benefits a U.S. state or city would have available in a similar situation. In fact, in 1984, Congress denied the island bankruptcy protection.

Second, Puerto Rico has been subject to exploitation by vulture funds in Wall Street. When the island is unable to pay back these loans, vulture funds pressure the government for austerity measures in order to get repaid. With this type of pressure, the government has been tightly limited in its options when it comes to cutting expenditures or raising revenues. In sum, the Puerto Rican government’s inability to solve the debt and economic crisis doesn’t reflect that Puerto Ricans are incapable of self-governance, but rather that the Puerto Rican people are incapable of self-governance under their current quasi-colonial status.

With all of this taken into consideration, I find it perplexing that the United States government is unwilling to provide Puerto Rico its ultimate remedy. Instead, it is pursuing an undemocratic and forceful

solution that is sure to further the American elite’s political and economic interests. A simple bill allowing Puerto Rico to restructure its debt would ease the island’s economic pressures and set Puerto Rico in a definitive path towards improvement.

American values should call for the protection of the 3.5 million fellow American citizens living on the island. When a humanitarian crisis is imminent among such a large amount of American citizens, politics should be set aside and address the situation as effectively as possible. The United States should do away with the same attitude it has had toward Puerto Rico since 1898. We should embrace the island and its people as autonomous.

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The jury is still out on the death penalty

There are hard moral choices that would accompany abandoning capital punishment

A few weeks ago, Viewpoint writer Lucy Siegel wrote a piece against the death penalty. More specifically, she described how the use of the death penalty after a murder perpetuates the cycle of violence for the victim's family, as "it does not seem logical that families and friends can receive total closure by witnessing the execution of another human being." Siegel later contended that, as a result, the death penalty should not be imposed in order to bring "justice and peace" to those left to grieve their loved one. On the first point, I am certainly unable to disagree, especially given that, on average, death penalty cases take 25 years or so to reach ultimate resolution. If two wrongs don't make a right, then ending someone's life as a punishment for ending another's hardly registers as logical. However, I also think there is another important party to consider on this issue: that of potential future victims and their families.

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Some may claim they are opposed to the death penalty because it is morally wrong to take someone's life. While the debate as to whether the death penalty is a deterrent is not new, it is undoubtedly not a settled one. Within this New York Times piece alone, there are multiple cited studies claiming the death penalty deters future crimes (although more so in states that do use the penalty on a more regular basis, such as Texas). In the same piece are statements from academics such as Justin Wolfers calling the evidence "fragile," while others speak to its validity. Gary Becker, winner of the Nobel Prize in economics in 1992 noted that, while the empirical evidence is currently "not decisive," at the same time, "the evidence of a variety of types — not simply the quantitative evidence — has been enough to convince [him] that capital punishment does deter and is worth using for the worst sorts of offenses." Despite so many findings in fa-

vor of both sides, this idea of deterrence and providing justice and peace to society as a whole should be given just as much, if not more, weight than that of ensuring justice and peace for the victim's families, as one group is clearly larger than the other.

Either way, the possibility that it could deter crimes is something with which those

Law Review article, "those who object to capital punishment, and do so in the name of protecting life, must come to terms with the possibility that the failure to inflict capital punishment will fail to protect life."

It may seem pointless to assert that deterrence be heavily considered when looking at the death penalty only to state that none has been shown and (depending on your view) potentially put a pause on capital punishment's use. However, it is important to highlight that the manner in which we judge the death penalty in terms of morality should extend from beyond the feelings of the victim's family, and to the greater good. Determining the morality of the death penalty involves considering many factors; making an argument for or against it by only asking whether or not we have

the right to end someone's life, or whether doing so truly results in justice and peace for the victims' families, is an oversimplification. Considering the bigger picture is necessary to achieve and ensure the "justice and peace" described by Siegel for the community at large.

In order to give something as definite as the death penalty the consideration it deserves, every possible benefit, con and the extent to which they exist must be examined. However improbable it may seem to some, if the death penalty is ever plausibly shown to have a significant deterrent effect, I believe that its use will be justified, as this benefit would create more good than harm.

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inclined to oppose the death penalty must grapple. As Cass Sunstein and Adrian Vermeule, law professors at the University of Chicago and Harvard, respectively, stated in their Stanford

The complexities of allyship

There are proper and improper ways of being an ally

2015 was a difficult year for the University. It was difficult because the University was confronted with the ghosts of "past" culture and "past" policy. As students, we thought ourselves ready to face and overcome these challenges. We, the millennials, armed with the promise of change, well-versed in trigger warnings and tired of politics as usual, in order to form a safer space, geared up for the fight, went out and protested. But then we hit a wall.

JACQUELINE AKUNDA
Viewpoint Writer

It wasn't a new wall. It was a wall many social movements and politically-minded peoples deal with all the time. In addressing gender-based violence and racial violence, we found our coalitions weak, our empathy shallow and our allies fickle. Winston Churchill once said, "To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour." In 2015, tragedy came to the

University when white liberals allied in the struggles against gender-based violence, racial violence and many other violences imposed on the marginalized were not prepared to engage the issues facing the University productively for the groups they claimed to support.

I witnessed one such moment of an unprepared ally at a protest against police brutality. The fellow protester, a white male I shall call "Bob," began yelling at some of the police officers on the scene, getting into their faces and yelling, "F— the police and you f—ing pigs!" Bob was unprepared for this protest. At a nonviolent protest about police brutality, to antagonize police officers beyond the necessary disruption of business as usual not only detracted from the moment but endangered the lives of non-white protesters. Bob forgot that he could antagonize police with little to no consequence, while around the country black men, women and children were being assaulted for merely existing as black people. Black bodies are often already inscribed with danger before they act. Had the

police officers felt threatened by Bob as they are with black bodies, then all of our bodies were subject to whatever punishment they administered because of Bob's aggression. Bob forgot his positionality and his moment to allyship became unproductive. Later I recounted the story to a friend involved in social activism on the West Coast. She was shocked by Bob's behavior be-



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cause at her school they had often discussed protest techniques. Understanding positionality they have actively thought about where to place white bodies during confrontations with the police.

In that conversation I real-

ized that our activist circles at the University, full of liberal and sympathetic whites, are not trained in the methods of social activism. As a result our protests movement fall short in supporting their marginalized peers at the University. Going forward, those who identify themselves as allies must figure out the methods of allyship tailored to differently marginalized people at the University and beyond. How they negotiate such moments will be the difference between productive social progress and social change as the "cool" thing to be a part of.

"Allyship" as a term was popularized in the United States by the LGBTQ movement. We were taught how to approach the issue and the ways in which we could best aid our friends and families in navigating complex social dynamics. "Allyship" as defined by the dominant LGBTQ movement is a readily available starting point for allies to understand their role in supporting

marginalized people, but even this model has its own complications. Though the popular LGBTQ movement did not and still does not reach the depths of queer identities, it's a zeitgeist of successful techniques for social movements. It is important we start translating what being an ally means to different social issues and here at the University.

Being an ally at the University could be many things. It could be learning how to properly protest, going to events outside your social circles or even as simple as not questioning people's experiences unless they feel safe enough to share them with you. But here I too hit a wall. It is a wall that many academics, proselytizing from behind our computer screens encounter, turning words into action. I cannot tell you how to be a good ally to everyone. I can only tell you how to be a good ally to me. This means that the most important part of being an ally is the ability to be open to your friends and strangers. Allyship is about meeting people where they are and being good to them. As of now the best I can do is to write to spark dialogue and action on the matter. What's next is up to all of us.

An open letter to my beautiful son, a rat named Tony

My beautiful, beautiful boy. You are the light of my life. No other person in this world means as much to me as you do. I knew ever since I first saw you that you would be my proudest accomplishment. It was fate that brought us together. That bouncer didn't have to put me in a trashcan, then put that trashcan in a larger trashcan, but he did — and that's where I found you. You were smoking a cigarette underneath a McDonald's wrapper. I still don't know how as a rat you were able to smoke that cigarette, but you did it, and that persevering spirit, as well as a nicotine addiction, are just some of the things you have given to me over our few months together. You were a rat in the trashcan outside of a ska-themed bar, and now you are the rat son living in the cradle of my ska-themed home. So many memories of us flash through

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Humor Editor

my mind. Remember when we came up with your name? We were watching "The Sopranos" together (TV-MA doesn't apply to children that are also rats) and you screamed the moment Tony Soprano appeared onscreen. Honestly I didn't even know rats could scream; it shook me to my core. But from then on you would only answer to Tony. That is how you taught me to fear the most the ones we hold closest to our hearts, because one day they might scream as you're trying to eat a white cheddar cheese puff and you could blow out the back of your jeans in terror.

Tony, my lovely, little prince, we have been on so many adventures together. Remember when you climbed into the toilet and disappeared into the pipes? I didn't see you for three days. The police couldn't do anything; even when I told them you were my

son, they reminded me that you were also "just a rat." "Just a rat." Those words cut me to my core. And when you returned three days later, with a little crown on your head and a newspaper cape on your back, I knew you were



Remember when you climbed into the toilet and disappeared into the pipes?"

more than "just a rat." You were a rat king. And also my wonderful son, Tony.

Tony, my bristling baby boy, please disregard how my other, human children may act toward you. They are merely jealous be-

cause they know how much I love you more than them. They've never gnawed through the walls of the house just to have faster routes to my bedroom. They've never given my ex-wife scabies in what we decided was "a freak scabies accident." They've never even tried to be anything other than the human children they are — unlike you, Tony, who doesn't even have to try to be a rat, because you are one, and I love you so much for it. But like I said earlier, I also fear you greatly. But also, I love you.

Tony, and this one's more of a plea, stop biting me while I sleep. I know you have trust issues, and you are simply testing the bounds of my love for you, but I have gotten very sick on multiple occa-

sions because of what the doctors have called your "sewer rat ways." But do you know what I say to them, once they have reattached my pinky finger? I tell them, "you shut your damn mouth, and don't you ever talk to me or my son again." Do you know why I do that, Tony? It's because no matter how much you may hurt me, I know deep down it's only because you love me, and how could a father abandon his only rat son? No, Tony. I will never leave your side, and if that's because of what my therapist calls "a warped version of stockholm syndrome," then so be it. Because nothing can match the love a father has for a son who is also a rat named Tony. Nothing.

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Who said it!? 'Star Trek,' 'Star Wars,' or Star Jones?

The Cavalier Daily is happy to announce its newest quiz, "Who said it!?" The rules are simple. We give you five real quotes, and you have to decide who said them! This week's a tough one, as you'll have three powerhouses to choose from: the television and film franchise "Star Trek," the epic space opera series "Star Wars," or ex-host of "The View" Star Jones. Good luck!

NICK GIBISER
Humor Writer

1. "We meet again, at last. The circle is now complete. When I left you, I was but the learner; now I am the master."

Answer: "Star Wars"! These ominous words were spoken by none other than Darth Vader himself after he and his old teacher Obi-Wan successfully

finished the cross-stitch pattern they had started before Vader lost most of his body in a lava pit.

2. "Once I got so angry I poured a cup of bleach into Barbara's coffee mug. But luckily my conscience got the better of me and I switched out her coffee before she could drink it."

Answer: "Star Trek"! Who can forget that series-defining moment when Captain Kirk made this revelation after he, Spock, Scotty and Uhura all got locked in the transporter room and dished all their deepest secrets? His relationship with 2nd Lieutenant Barbara was certainly never the same!

3. "Dammit, we need to sell

that piece of junk ship if we're going to pay for Ben's schooling! All it does is sit in the hangar and rust away. Do you think I like working a second job while being the leader of the Rebel alliance? And now I'm pregnant again! All that cargo and you couldn't have smuggled in a single condom?"

Answer: "Star Wars"! Leia said this to her dashing lover Han Solo in a flashback sequence from the newest movie, "The Force Awakens." Wasn't it so great to see that these two heroes have the same relationship problems as the rest of us?

4. "I remember I used to go out for dinner or drinks and people would come up to me saying, 'I love your show,' and 'You're so great on it.' Then they would

pull out a VHS copy of 'Sister Act' and ask me to autograph it, and that's when I realized that all these people thought I was Whoopi Goldberg."

Answer: "Star Trek"! I think we all remember that behind the scenes footage of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" when a couple of hot microphones accidentally picked up a conversation between Sir Patrick Stewart and LeVar Burton discussing some of Burton's awkward fan encounters.

5. "Help me Obi-Wan Kenobi, you're my only hope."

Answer: Star Jones! Of course this one was easy — it's a quote that has defined pop culture since it was uttered by Star Jones after she was nearly eliminated from "Celebrity Apprentice" in

2011. Luckily her prayers were answered, and Ewan McGregor himself stopped by the show to personally ask Donald Trump not to fire Jones.

How'd you do? Add up your score and see how you rank below:

0 Correct: Who's that sneak-in' round my backyard? You're definitely not Star Jones.

1-2 Correct: Well you might be Star Jones, but it is very dark out here.

3-4 Correct: Wait, now that my eyes adjusted you're probably Star Jones.

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Thursday 3/31

HackCville Presents: Hacking Darden's Behavioral Lab, 5pm, HackCville
Undergraduate Research Network Presents: International Politics from the Pentagon to the Ivory Tower, 5:30-6:30pm, Open Grounds
Alice Friedman: American Glamour and the Evolution of Modern Architecture, 6pm, School of Architecture
HackCville Presents: Coding in the Cloud, 6pm, HackCville
Comedy: The Arctic Circle (and a recipe for Swedish pancakes), 8pm, Culbreth Theater

Friday 4/1

Gospel Love Albums: Sex, Desire, and Real Spirituality, 3:30pm, Old Cabell Hall 107
Hoos in Treble Present: FemHITnism Spring Concert, 8pm, McLeod Hall
Autism Speaks U at UVA Presents: Coupes Benefit Night, 10pm-12am, Coupes
UPC and Universal Pictures at UVA Present: The Huntsman: Winter's War, 7pm, Newcomb Theater
Nau Center for the Study of the Civil War Signature Conference, 8am-5pm, Special Collections Auditorium
Career Center Presents: Resumes, Cover Letters, References Workshop, 11am-12pm, Newcomb 182
Career Center Presents: Are You LinkedIn? Workshop, 1-2pm, Newcomb 182
Career Center Presents: Skills for the Almost Grad, 2-3pm, Career Center Conference Room
Women's Tennis vs. Duke, 3pm, Snyder Tennis

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Baseball vs. North Carolina State, 6pm, Davenport Field

Saturday 4/2

Charlottesville Symphony at UVa, 8-10pm, Old Cabell Hall
Zeta Tau Alpha Presents: 22nd Annual Run for Life 5K, 10am, Nameless Field
Dance Marathon at UVa Presents: 18th Annual Dance Marathon, 12pm-10pm, Memorial Gymnasium
Theta Chi Presents: Theta Carnival, 1-4pm, Theta Chi Fraternity
UPC Presents: Shut Up and Listen Best of 2015/2016 Listening Party, 10pm-2am, Ern Commons
Indian Student Association Presents: India Day, 12pm-7pm
Women's Lacrosse vs. Boston College, 1pm, Klockner Stadium
Baseball vs. North Carolina State, 4pm, Davenport Field

Sunday 4/3

Charlottesville Symphony at UVa, 3:30-5:30pm, Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School
Distinguished Major Voice Recital, 8-10pm, Old Cabell Hall
Women's Tennis vs. Georgia Tech, 12pm, Snyder Tennis Center
Baseball vs. North Carolina State, 1pm, Davenport Field

WEEKLY CROSSWORD SOLUTION

By Sam Ezersky

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Kate Lewis
Senior Writer

A team of researchers based at University College in London have shed light on a link between cancer neoantigens and the immune response to cancer. The discovery could influence the nature of future cancer immunotherapy treatments and predict their efficacy on an individual basis, University Microbiology Prof. Victor Engelhard said.

Neoantigens are cell-surface proteins produced by genetic mutations unique to an individual patient's cancer cells and are recognizable by human immune cells known as T-cells.

Engelhard, who is also co-director for the immunotherapy department at the University Cancer Center, conducts research on T-cell-mediated immunity to cancer, in the hopes of eventually developing a vaccine for patients already battling the disease.

Engelhard breaks down modern cancer immunotherapy techniques into two categories — adoptive T-cell therapy and checkpoint blockade inhibition therapy.

In adoptive T-cell therapy,

T-cells from the tumor are genetically modified to recognize a known neoantigen and then re-introduced to the patient's body.

Checkpoint blockade inhibition therapy, the focus of this research, is a little more complex.

Tumors produce a ligand for the T-cell receptor that "up-regulates" inhibitory molecules on the surface of the T-cell that cause the T-cell to shut down. Checkpoint blockade inhibition therapy disrupts the binding of the tumor-produced ligand by introducing an antibody, allowing for normal T-cell function.

"[Checkpoint blockade inhibition therapy] has been very, very effective in a small number of cancers," Engelhard said. "Melanoma is one, non-small-cell lung cancer is another, which is the major focus of the work these folks are doing."

Engelhard said the research highlights two important principles that positively affect patient survival — a high mutational burden and antigen expression across a high percentage of the tumor cells.

"Their observation, which is very clear, is that the immune response seems to be primarily directed against the antigens that are expressed in all or most cancer cells and cancer sites in an individual patient," Engelhard said.

While he is skeptical of the study's applicability to other cancer types, since most cancers besides melanoma and adenocarcinoma have comparatively low mutational burdens, Engelhard sees potential for the research to help predict when and what kind of immunotherapy is right for a cancer patient.

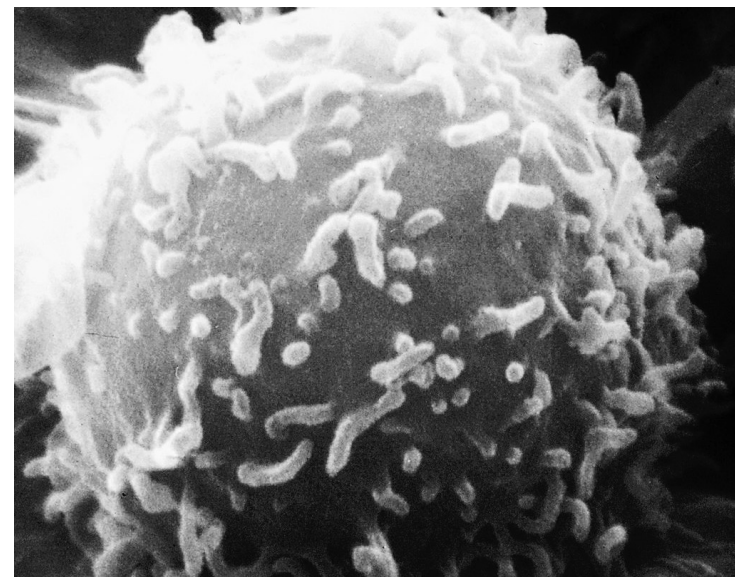
"When you ask about implications for immunotherapy, it gives us insight into another mechanism of the cancer cell evading the immune response," he said. "It gives us insight into why checkpoint blockade inhibitor therapy might not work. It also suggests of course that adoptive T-cell therapy wouldn't work in those cases either."

Immunology Prof. David Kittlesen said that clinical applications for the research will take time and extensive testing.

"Current hurdles include the time required for identifying the relevant targets as well as the expense of what would quite likely be a personalized vaccine," he said in an email statement.

Kittlesen notes that the study addresses a major challenge of immunotherapy targeting — finding an antigen target widespread enough for T-cells to effectively combat the cancer.

"As a result of genetic instabil-



Courtesy Wikimedia Commons

Cancer growths are usually the result of mutated cells, on which researchers hope they can target immune system attacks.

ity and proliferation, the millions of cancer cells within a single patient's tumor are not all the same, and if the target recognized by the immune system is present on only some of the cells others will escape being destroyed," Kittlesen said.

A related treatment method, the combination of radiation or chemotherapy with immunotherapy in an effort to increase mutational load and antigen presentation, was not

shown to increase patient survival, according to Engelhard.

In addition to contributing to scientific knowledge about the overall efficacy of immunotherapy treatments in the context of neoantigen genetics and abundance, the study provides numerous avenues for future biological and clinical research.

"This is a really beautiful study," Engelhard said.

U.Va. honored for AED excellence

Locations of AEDs around Grounds, training programs contribute to HEARTSafe designation

Meghna Khosla
Staff Writer

The University was recently named a HEARTSafe Campus by the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation due to its strong commitment to public awareness as well as its extensive Automated External Defibrillator program.

"We absolutely hope any member of the U.Va. community, any student, faculty or staff member, would act if seeing someone in cardiac arrest by recognizing something is wrong," Lucian Mirra, Office of Safety and Emergency Preparedness program coordinator, said. "For example if someone is unconscious and not breathing, then activate the emergency response system by calling 911. Calling 911 is the most important thing to do in this situation."

AEDs can correct sudden cardiac arrest, which is respon-



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The University was recognized for the number of AEDs it has available and the training programs offered to potential users.

sible for one death as often as every 37 seconds in the United States. Quick response time is significant in such a situation, and it is vital that members of

the University community are prepared to act in the face of emergency.

"Cardiac arrest does occur in younger people, although it is

more common in older individuals," Dr. William Brady, professor of emergency medicine, said. "Appropriate treatment, provided at a very early stage of cardiac arrest, can be life-saving."

Treatment for cardiac arrest starts with identifying someone going into cardiac arrest. The next step is to call 911, then begin chest compressions and use an AED as soon as possible. Waiting even two to five minutes can make the difference between saving someone's life and being too late.

"Anyone on Grounds is capable of providing this care and, therefore, of saving someone's life," Brady said.

There are various locations across Grounds where an AED can be located, including both academic and administrative buildings. A full listing of where AEDs are located on Grounds can be found on the University Emergency website.

"The AED device itself is very simple to operate," Brady said. "The device provides simple, step-by-step instructions, guiding the rescuer through operation of the device and, thus, potential life-saving care for the victim. In fact, it is likely easier to operate than most home entertainment systems."

CPR training is also available to anyone on Grounds, and registration information can be found on the OSEP website.

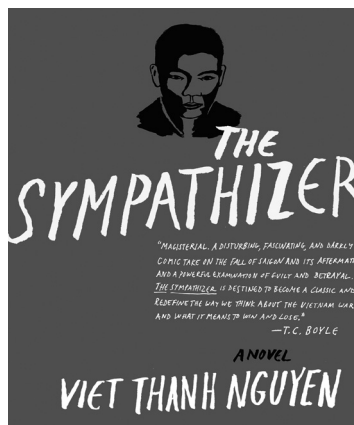
"We teach our staff to start chest compressions and use of the AED as soon as possible," Mirra said. "The AED will correct the situation, so the faster one is applied the better. Students should know where they're located on campus. Our outreach is focused on practice for staff and faculty members but we are planning on a large CPR training program for students in this spring and fall."



Claudia Castaneda
Staff Writer

Viet Thanh Nguyen, associate professor of English and American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California, brought to the University his unique perspective on the Vietnam War and how it is remembered. In his book “Nothing Ever Dies: Vietnam and the Memory of War,” Nguyen tackles the ambiguity and consequences of the ethics of memory.

Both Vietnam and the United States have created their own versions of the story of the Vietnam War, he said. Nguyen



Nguyen is also the author of his debut novel, “The Sympathizer.”

Courtesy Grove Press

USC professor discusses difficult ethics of memory

Viet Thanh Nguyen shines unique light on Vietnam War

asserted in his lecture that the United States decided to take on the central role of the villain in order to avoid falling into the sidelines of the story.

On the other hand, the Northern Vietnamese, he said, have widely celebrated their victory over the South Vietnamese, essentially marginalizing them. Nguyen demonstrated this in his lecture by referencing the stark contrast between the clean, modern and accessible North Vietnamese graveyard memorial and the unkempt, obscure South Vietnamese graveyard.

The lecture included dis-

cussion on how memory and ethics combine to form a narrative. Nguyen listed three potential ways in which the ethics of memory manifests itself — remembering one’s own story, remembering others’ stories and recognition of differences therein. Ultimately, he said, it remains unclear if memories can ever be pinpointed.

Nguyen also discussed the dichotomy of human versus inhuman. He explained that making someone a villain and calling them inhuman disconnects them from society, but also removes culpability of human

actions by separating an atrocity from humanity. Citing Rithy Panh, Nguyen claimed there is both humanity and inhumanity that define immoral actions and keep them grounded in reality.

Nguyen brought a unique perspective and shined new light on a topic not covered with much balance in American textbooks. The University’s guest speaker expanded important discussions about history and diversity.

‘Batman v Superman’ is big-budget spectacle

Superhero movie aims high and fails

Lawrence Simon
Staff Writer

“Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice” was one of the year’s most anticipated films because it had to be. The DC Cinematic Universe has hinged upon its success, with DC hoping to gain an iota of credibility next to Marvel Entertainment’s dominance of superhero movie franchises. “Batman v Superman” goes to great lengths to meet this challenge, yielding a film that goes big on star power and, as the title would suggest, delivers on a fight comic book fans have been itching to see since Frank Miller’s 1986 masterpiece, “The Dark Knight Returns,” introduced the idea of the Caped Crusader fighting the Son of Krypton.

The film starts off with an introduction to the character Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck). Although the introduction will probably look familiar to fans of Christopher Nolan’s “Dark Knight Trilogy,” it folds in the slow-motion elements of director Zack Snyder’s earlier “Watchmen” adaptation. From there, the movie picks up where “Man of Steel” left off, with the relationship between Clark Kent (Henry Cavill) and Lois Lane (Amy Adams).

While the titular Batman and Superman are the main characters, Lex Luthor (Jesse Eisenberg) and Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot) are also present to provide, respectively, much-needed

plot motivation and a setup for future franchise films. Inevitably, the two worlds collide in what Luthor terms a battle of “God versus man,” and the result is undeniably epic.

The film has some great moments. The choices to cast Affleck as Batman and Jeremy Irons as Alfred Pennyworth both paid off. The first act of the film constantly ratchets up the tension and sets up all the later explosions, and the plot moves along remarkably well. But what audiences really must be excited for is the fight. That fight — like the rest of the film — is visually stunning.

While some will take issue with the film’s overly-serious tone, it makes sense for the direction the franchise is taking. Hans Zimmer, who created the lauded scores for “The Dark Knight Trilogy,” and Junkie XL, who worked on last year’s “Mad Max: Fury Road,” composed the music, which significantly helps the tone.

What some moments of brilliance and impressive music and acting cannot do, however, is save a movie in dire need of rewrites. The second act relies too much on dream sequences and plot contrivances to keep the story going. Later on, the need to set up the future Justice League movies is handled lazily with an email. The movie also tries to approach some serious themes to which the simultaneous need for action ultimately cannot abide.

The third act is essentially one

long action sequence which, though thrilling, depends too much on some middle-of-the-road CGI. It also salvages another great DC Comics storyline, which is already spoiled by the trailers. Perhaps most egregiously, Batman not only uses guns frequently, but he also quite clearly kills people.

Besides these narrative inconsistencies, there is one glaringly poor casting choice — Jesse Eisenberg. Audiences who have come to love Eisenberg for performances in “The Social Network” and many other movies will see in Lex Luthor none of the depth of character or talent from those previous roles. The character Eisenberg creates devolves into full-on clown mode by the end, twitching crazily and jittering like a child. He’s reminiscent of Jim Carrey in “Batman Forever,” only without any of the mirth.

In making “Batman v Superman,” Zack Snyder had to balance two separate movies — a stand-alone superhero epic and a set-up for future franchise installments — resulting in the film’s jarring split in two. It is still worth watching, as there are certain moments of greatness showing the franchise’s potential.

Audiences seeking a CGI-packed superhero smackdown will probably be entertained, but audiences wanting a mix of great action with well-developed characters and plot will probably have to wait for “Captain America: Civil War.”



Courtesy Warner Bros

Epic CGI effects pepper the overly-worked seriousness of director Zack Snyder’s latest film.

'My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2' is better than baklava

Film sure to please fans of original

Alexis Jones
Senior Writer

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2," the sequel to Nia Vardalos's 2002 smash-hit original, superseded many expectations. Sequels are risky, but Vardalos was obviously up for the challenge.

This time around, main character Toula Portokalos (Nia Vardalos), now Toula Miller, is forced to let go — her daughter Paris (Elena Kampouris) begins to pull away as she prepares for college.

Toula and her husband Ian (John Corbett) find themselves in a rut, failing to connect emotionally and sexually. However, the two have nothing to worry about because Toula's overbearing and somewhat smothering family can fix almost anything — even a non-legal marriage, as we see in the case of Gus and

Maria (Michael Constantine and Lainie Kazan).

Fourteen years have passed, and meeting the Portokalos-Miller family was worth the wait. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" is almost as funny as the original. NY Times critics have noted "ethnic clichés and exhausted jokes." However, true fans of the first movie will revel in the reappearance of many punchlines that first made them cry in 2002.

Vardalos proves it's acceptable to make fun of your family and culture without playing into stereotypes. She incorporates the tropes of the opinionated aunt, overbearing parents and distanced child into the movie in relatable ways, encouraging the audience to recall members of their own families. The only real critique worth making about the movie is why it took

Vardalos so long to bring her characters back to life.

The hiatus between movies is tied to Vardalos's own personal experiences — her pregnancy troubles. "It was a sad process for me to become a mom and a long process. I felt so embarrassed that I couldn't have a biological child," she told People Magazine. Vardalos and her husband ended up adopting a 3-year-old girl in 2008. It's fitting that Nia Vardalos waited for inspiration from the real-life experience of motherhood — most of her characters are based on family members and friends.

This familial portrayal particularly succeeds with Gus. Vardalos uses her father's fetish with Windex as one of the movie's biggest punchlines, and the joke lands every time. The same can be said of the movie as a whole — it just works.



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In the sequel, the Portokalos family is back and pulling the same antics on a new generation.

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