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President Barack Obama is set to speak at the nTelos Wireless Pavilion on the Downtown Mall Wednesday afternoon.

U.Va. rejects Obama visit

Wood says event would have caused “extraordinary disruption” on Grounds

By Monika Fallon
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

President Barack Obama will not speak on Grounds Wednesday after the University declined his campaign's request last week, saying it would cause an “extraordinary disruption” to the second day of classes. But some students are planning on making the trip downtown to see the president regardless of classes.

Jeff Atkins, a third-year doctoral student in environmental science, tweeted Monday night that he planned to leave a lab group meeting early to hear the president speak.

“I am going so my sons can see and hear the president,” Atkins tweeted. “Likely, I think everyone else will be as well.”

The University's argument has caught the attention of some students, though.

“I was planning on going but I have class on Wednesday,” said fourth-year College student Anna Ferrara. “I'm not skipping because it's the first week.”

The Obama campaign considered hosting the event at the Amphitheater or the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, said an Obama campaign official. The flurry of activity accompanying the president's visit will instead occur off Grounds at the nTelos Wireless Pavilion on the Downtown Mall. Gates open at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

University spokesperson Carol Wood said the use of either on-Grounds site would have required the closing of the buildings directly adjacent to the sites for the whole day, which would have disrupted 186 classes, according to a University statement released Friday.

As a compromise, the University offered John Paul Jones Arena as a possible venue, which University Center for Politics Director Larry Sabato said in an email would have been a credible option.

“To cancel so many classes on the second day of the semester, and for a purely political campaign event, is a terrible precedent,” Sabato said.

In addition, the University would have had to bear the entire cost of security for the rally, which would have been a “substantial and open-ended expenditure of staff time and money,” Wood said.

These are the same costs the University would have to offset should Republican candidate Mitt Romney decide to visit Charlottesville, Wood said.

Even though the president won't be speaking on Grounds, Sabato said he should still draw a crowd.

“No doubt interested students will turn up,” he said.

Ferrara, however, said she thought hosting the rally on Grounds would have engaged more students.

“It would attract the rising younger generation in a way that could make them get more involved in politics and their country's government,” Ferrara said. “After all, the people who make up our generation are the ones that will or could become the leaders of tomorrow.”

Strine leaves power vacuum

University copes with leadership absences after top financial administrators' departures

By Joseph Liss
Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

Michael Strine's resignation earlier this month from his position as the University's executive vice president and chief operating officer means the University starts the academic year without a chief operating officer or a chief financial officer, as former University CFO Yoke San

Reynolds retired in May. As the search begins to replace Reynolds and Strine — the latter of whom left with an \$847,308 severance package — students will be served by a University financial staff at half-power.

The University administration did not comment when asked whether the depleted

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Courtesy UVA Today

Michael Strine, former executive vice president and chief operating officer, resigned from his post after 13 months on the job.

Renovation woes continue

Summer changes include dining tent, new Lawn turf, fireplace restorations



Students returned to school this week to find Grounds altered by construction projects that took place during the summer recess.

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By Grace Hollis
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Students returning to school this week were greeted by a slew of construction-related changes to the University's Grounds, the most significant being the construction of a temporary dining facility in front of Peabody Hall called N2.

The University attempted to complete as much renovation as possible while students were away for the summer, said James Zehmer, manager of the Facilities Management

Historic Preservation Project. But students have still come back to a significant number of unresolved construction projects.

“I think the students at U.Va. are pretty frustrated with the level of construction in general — this is obviously an eyesore, but it wouldn't be such a big deal if they weren't constructing so many things,” fourth-year College student Garland Gay said. “It's hard to drive down or even walk down the street without bumping into construction and loud noise.”

Reactions to the volume of

construction on Grounds are mixed. The scaffolding, closed paths and building in particular are cause for concern among students. The real fear for students is that the level of construction will detract from the University's image.

“The construction has taken over, the Lawn is roped off, there's scaffolding everywhere,” said second-year Nursing Student Brittany Huth. “I feel like now people are going to see this, and not fall in love with the same school that we

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NEWS IN BRIEF

First years boast top scores

Class of 2016 braved toughest-ever admissions process, Roberts says

As classes begin today, the University welcomes its strongest academic class to date, according to statistics from the University's Institutional Assessment and Studies.

Of the 3,416 members of the class of 2016, roughly 93 percent ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. The incoming first years boast a median SAT score of 2080, a slight increase from last year.

The incoming class hails from 65 countries and 41 states. Because of the record-break-

ing 28,274 applicants and the addition of early action admission, the newcomers to the Academical Village faced the University's toughest-ever round of admission decisions, Admissions Dean Gregory Roberts said.

The admissions team looks for individuals who enjoy learning and who are interested in improving the University and its community, he added.

“We were the most selective we've ever been and admitted a smaller percentage of stu-

dents,” Roberts said. “I think this class fits that description.”

All told, the University extended 7,759 offers of admission, and fewer students accepted offers this year than last year.

Sixty-five percent of the students in the incoming class are in-state, according to a University statement released last Wednesday, and a third of the class qualifies for financial aid through the University's AccessUVA program.

—compiled by Callie Jacobs

Students choose print textbooks

University pilot indicates student body prefers conventional materials rather than electronic

By Emily Hutt
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

As more higher education institutions adopt tech-savvy approaches to education, a recent report by Internet2 shows that students are bucking this digital-forward trend, preferring textbooks to e-textbooks.

The University was among five universities participating in the pilot e-textbook program last spring commissioned by Internet2, a not-for-profit networking consortium. The Internet2 pilot project sought to evaluate the

cost effectiveness and general feasibility of e-textbook adoption on a wider scale — an idea previously advocated by various University officials looking to expand into e-learning.

But questions linger about the potential widespread use of e-textbooks at the University, said J. Milton Adams, vice provost for academic programs.

“One of the big questions would be whether or not it could lessen costs for students, rather than

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Leadership | Zeithaml leads search team for new COO

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staff would impact administrative efficiency.

In a letter to the University community posted on her website on Aug. 15, University President Teresa A. Sullivan said the University has made arrangements to function while the search for a new chief operating officer continues. Until then top administrators, including the heads of human resources, management and budget and the Medical Center, will report directly to Sullivan instead of to

the chief operating officer.

Leonard Sandridge, the University's former chief operating officer and current special advisor to the president, has also stepped in to take over some of his old responsibilities. Sandridge served as executive vice president and chief operating officer before retiring from his post in December 2010.

University Chief of Police Michael Gibson and Director of Emergency Preparedness Marge Sidebottom will report to Sandridge, who deferred to Sullivan's office for com-

ment. Gibson isn't expecting the change in leadership to impact departmental effectiveness.

"Operations of the department will not change during the interim," Gibson said in an email. "University [P]olice have worked with Mr. Sandridge for many years and look forward to working with him in this temporary role."

Commerce School Dean Carl Zeithaml is leading the search for a new executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The search committee was the

same one that chose Strine in 2011, University spokesperson Carol Wood said. She added that the committee has suggested Sullivan should expand the pool of candidates from those examined during the previous search.

Despite a summer fraught with tension over her role in Sullivan's ouster, Rector Helen Dragas publicly expressed her confidence in Sullivan's ability to replace Strine and Reynolds.

"The Board looks forward to supporting President Sullivan as she initiates a national search

for a new financial leader," Dragas said in an Aug. 7 University press release.

Strine stepped down Aug. 7, a little more than a month after Sullivan's reinstatement and just before the Board of Visitors held its two-day mid-August retreat in Richmond.

As executive vice president and chief operating officer, Strine managed the University's financial operations and capital deployment. He was also the top budgeting, business and funding advisor to the president, the provost and the Board.

Construction | Streakers should be cautious, Zehmer says

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did."

N2, which can seat 300 more students than Newcomb Dining Hall did, has been warmly received by students, said Nicole Jackson, the marketing manager of University Dining.

"So far the student response that we've gotten has been overwhelmingly positive; the

food has been really well-received," she said.

Other major projects this summer included renovations to the Rotunda roof, new turf on the Lawn, renovated bathrooms and rooms on the East Range, a new handicap-accessible ramp into Old Cabell Hall and a revamped sidewalk between Garrett Hall and the Amphitheater.

Lawn room fireplaces, which administrators deemed unsafe last year, also underwent a makeover during the summer as workers installed fire suppression systems and chimney liners into chimneys. Zehmer expects fireplace construction to finish by Nov. 1.

The University aims to complete the majority of these projects by final exercises in May.

Newcomb Dining Hall should reopen for the spring semester, but it could take longer to "get the landscaping back to normal" after the temporary structure is removed, Jackson said.

Zehmer said streakers have been among the groups most impacted by the Lawn renovations.

Zehmer said he had noticed

muddy footprints in the sod by the Rotunda, which he imagined were the tracks of students participating in the University's streaking tradition.

"It was a concern that was raised up to us — so we tried to be proactive: when we put the construction up, we put up some caution flags so in the night you could at least see the fence was up," Zehmer said.

Textbooks | E-text digital features go largely unused, study finds

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paying for a printed textbook," Adams said.

The report, which Todd Sednak of Internet2 said is based on a pilot conducted from the beginning of 2012 until the end of the spring semester, found that stu-

dents were unhappy with the readability and special digital features offered by e-textbooks.

Students agree e-textbooks could be a cheaper option.

"It could be a good idea because it's a lot cheaper, and it's better than having to lug around textbooks," said fourth-

year Commerce student Svea Hardwick.

Aggregated data from five institutions showed that though students praised the amount of flexibility that the e-textbooks offered, they rarely used the special digital features of the e-textbooks. Cornell; the Uni-

versity of California, Berkeley; the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin, Madison also took part in the program.

The University's project team was composed of the Office of the Vice President and Chief Information Officer, which sub-

sidized all core project costs, and Information Technology Services, which integrated the e-textbook software into UVa-Collab, according to the report.

Sednak said Internet2 is currently conducting a pilot with the University and more than 25 other colleges.

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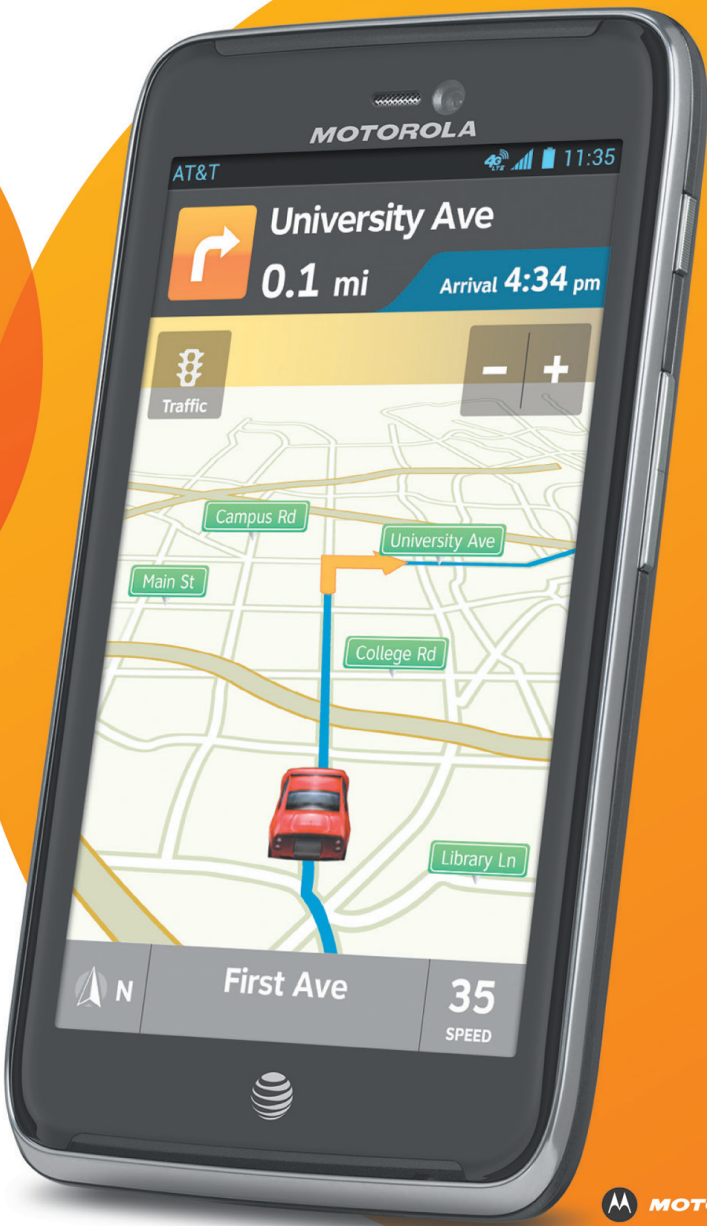


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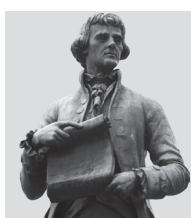
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You will see — free-floating columns, icons, a template of orange, white and blue print, and a linked edifice of pictures and Tweets, on this banner day for The Cavalier Daily. Welcome to our new website.

There is no demolition ceremony for the tearing down of a web page; we left our old place in the middle of night to arrive at our new one sometime today. Our former, bare site had been good to us, especially as a summer home, when we were not printing newspapers and it was our only resource during a crisis involving University President Teresa A. Sullivan. That situation had taught us the importance of a digital presence.

The speed with which Sullivan was asked to resign, before being reinstated, showcased at what pace the news could develop. Some skeptics may dismiss the hyperactive media as glutton. But social media and cyclic coverage are most often just instances of organizations trying to keep up with the news. And so we join others in applying this new technology for the old journalistic verities of order and relevance.

The digital redesign will be accompanied by a structural overhaul. YouTube and Twitter, having

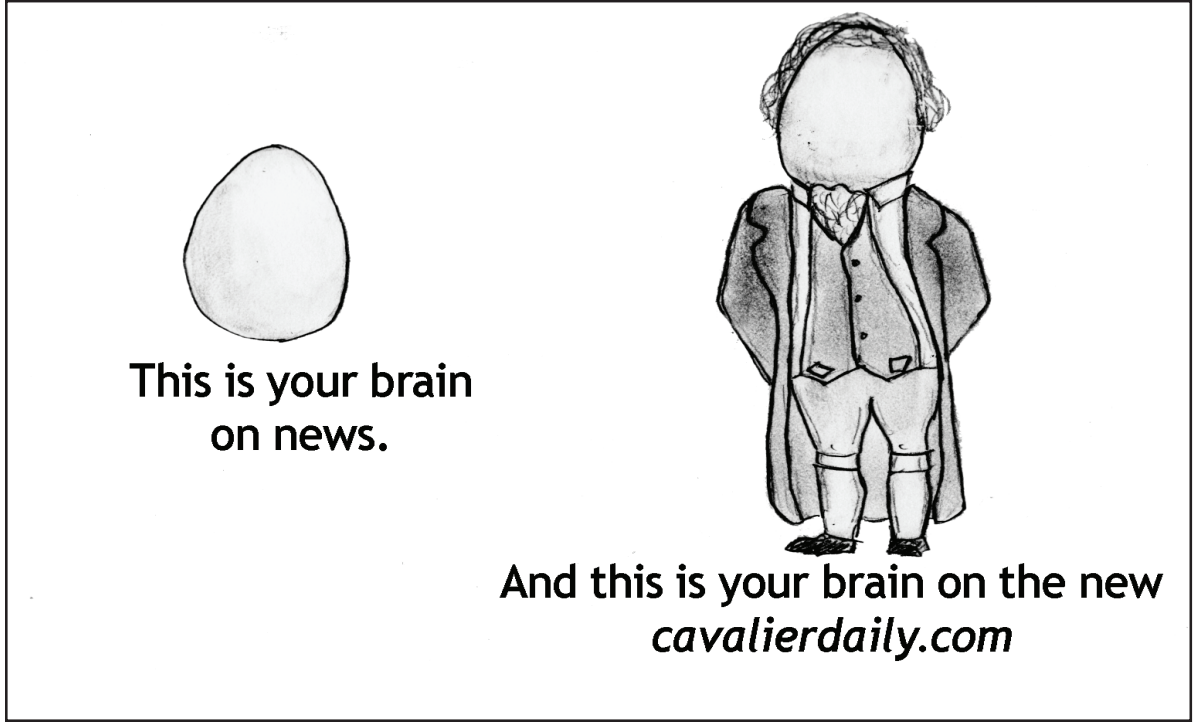
proved central to our publication’s success, are now prominent on the homepage. A more intuitive content management system will let writers post articles faster. There are photo galleries so you can see pictures on their own terms, and embedded videos to present angles outside the scope of our stories.

Nor is the website purely aesthetic; our hope is that it will enable readers to become more involved. A new log-in based account system, Disqus, allows users to make comments on our page and share them on Twitter and Facebook. Disqus also gives users the authority to moderate others’ comments by up- and down-voting.

Of course it is easy to toss around buzzwords, spend money on sites and make promises. For this website to have an impact will require an effort from readers and staffers, an effort of paying attention. The site gives us the flexibility to cover the news and be more responsive. But unless we are vigilant it will become barren.

For now, we are still getting comfortable. When the novelty fades we hope you come back and check-in with us. This is our new home and we hope also yours, so: welcome.

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Letters to the editor

A dark cloud of distrust

I am disheartened and disgusted that Ms. Dragas remains on the Board of Visitors. She has betrayed the trust of thousands and soiled the University's reputation worse than anyone in recent memory, and perhaps, in the University's history. CEOs, elected officials, even public employees have been dismissed for lesser infractions. Two people even resigned for

being associated with her nefarious machinations and ignoble reputation. The specious words in a July 16 email, "A Joint Statement from the Rector and President," evince an egregious willingness to voluntarily ignore Dragas' treasonous actions. Until she resigns, confidence will never fully be restored in the University.

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Attending conventions

Students should settle into their own identities rather than trying to fit into an image

Aside from being slightly older and on the opposite side of Grounds, I found new-school-year Charlottesville to be almost exactly as I left it: the people are charming, the architecture impressive and the weather predictably unpredictable. One thing that is not the same, however, is that many of the people I had known have now graduated, and as a result, many more are coming in whom I've never met before.

Of course, I have barely even started my second year, so even the idea of someone younger than me on Grounds requires some getting used to. But as I observed the hoards of hall-units walking over to Grounds for Discussion, I couldn't help but wonder if I had been quite as prepared as the first-years in these crowds seemed to be. And I mean prepared, because

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making its way across the courtyard of Alderman Library was a sea of floral sundresses, Ray-Ban aviators, button-up shirts and Sperry Top-Siders. All this, and it's not even rush yet.

People say that first-years are easy to spot, which makes them easier to avoid, but as much as I could think back to my lanyard and tight-backpack days — not even twelve months ago — I could not remember anything being as organized and uniform as what I was seeing. There were, of course, football games, Foxfield and several other events that would call for a certain “style,” but in this case there was no such occasion, unless you count the opening of Newcomb N2 as pearl-worthy.

This is not to clump the “first-year” demographic into a unique species to be studied and observed, but my friends and I

agreed that the new behavior was different than what we had been used to seeing. The traveling in packs, the awkward introductions and the exploration of Grounds were all parts of the first-year experience, yet yesterday alerted me to what I think may be a greater issue when it comes to students at the University: the unofficially preppy “image” of what it means to study here.

It could just be in my mind, but combined with personal understanding and the archetypes set by John Hughes and American Pie films, it seemed to me like high school and college offered two different rights-of-passage: the former being to “fit-in,” and

the latter to “find one's self.” While this is a sweeping generalization which omits a number of behavioral factors, I feel like there is a certain truth to it. Why, then, does it seem like the newcomers have been encouraged to do just the opposite?

Different schools have different unofficial “images,” some rooted in location and others in history. Here at the University, there's no doubt that both location and history have molded us into a unique cultural establishment, and rising from that establishment are the origins of our “preppy” look. As a student and a first-year not too long ago, I admit that I quite enjoyed the look and still do, but what I loved

even more about the University is that it didn't force me to take part in the look.

What concerns me, though, is that most of the underclassmen I saw yesterday were not given the chance to decide. And as students of the University, it is important that we encourage individualism before we welcome newcomers to join the ways of what's “traditional” and “standard.” While I am confident that the current first-years will soon settle into their own ways and no longer be a spectacle to upperclassmen, in the mean time, I invite all students first-year and beyond to experience the University in its best form: through a style and point of view — Ray-ban or not — that you construct for yourself.

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A clean Board of health

The Board of Visitors should better explain its actions to ensure that its administrative mistakes are not repeated

The Board of Visitors must make an effort to clearly examine how the tumult of this summer occurred before sweeping it into the dust bin of history. It is insufficient to say that we are simply moving forward.

If the Board does not diligently examine how it happened and install by-laws to prevent its reoccurrence, the firing and rehiring of President Teresa A. Sullivan will forever remain a festering sore on the greatness of the University and a continuing affront to Thomas Jefferson, our founder.

When I first stepped foot onto the Grounds of the University on a cold, bright day in January 1965, I knew very little about this institution.

At that point in my life, I was a broken, lost youngster who had performed miserably at my last college, a place that I loathed. I stood at the gates to the University on that winter day because I had been given a singularly rare opportunity for redemp-

PHILIP M. CHEN
GUEST VIEWPOINT

tion through the intervention of my then employer, John W. Bishop, and Frederick T. Morse, who had been his advisor in the Engineering School in the 1940s. I would have one semester — no more than one — to prove that I could excel in a tougher educational environment than I had ever previously faced.

Born in China, I grew up in one of the grittier sections of Washington, D.C. Washington in the fifties and sixties stood at the crossroads of Southern institutionalized racism and Northern false hope; a dichotomy that was not lost on this Asian child growing up in a society which careened from benign neglect to outright hostility toward Chinese-Americans.

It was within this context that I approached attending the bastion of Southern culture and education. To say that I was nervous that day in 1965 would be an understatement of enormous proportions. How would I be treated? Would I be

ignored or would I be the target of racial hostility, as I had been during parts of my life? These questions weighed heavily on me, but I had few choices and this was my last chance.

As I started to meet fellow students and professors, I found that the University had a code. It wasn't just a carefully crafted set of words and punctuations on a parchment, read but instantly forgotten. It was a living code of conduct called the honor code. The honor code didn't just define your behavior in the classroom; it was the unstated basis upon which all of us at the University conducted ourselves in our society. Fundamentally, the honor code said that one must be honorable in ones dealings

with others. You could not lie, cheat or steal.

What I found was that I was treated not as a stereotype, but as a person. Not everyone liked me, but I knew that I was welcomed on an equal basis. Sure there were problems, most notably at my social fraternity which had to confront the issue of accepting a non-white brother from another school. But you know what? In three years, I was president of that chapter; probably the first non-white ever to be elected as the president of a social fraternity at the University. That singular achievement would be capped only by my being selected for a room on the Lawn in my last semester in residence.

The honor code made me a lifetime believer that clarity and truthfulness are the defining factors in one's relationships with others, be they family, business associates, fellow students or any other person for that matter. This is why I strongly urge the Board to engage in clarifying how the tumultuous events of this summer happened. Hopefully through a clear dialogue, we can understand what procedures must be instituted to avoid its repetition. What happened this summer was a grievous injury to our beloved institution. We cannot let it go untreated.

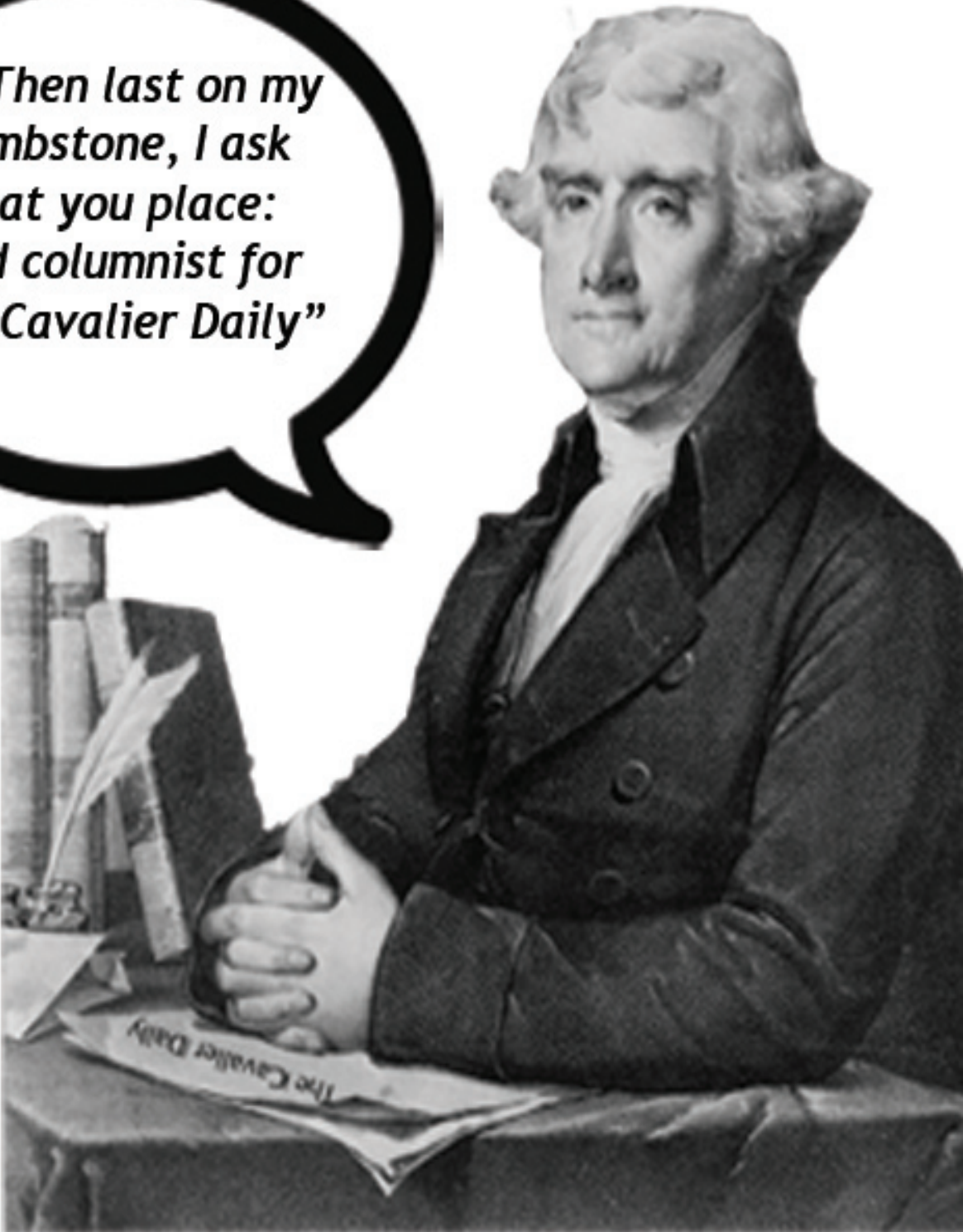
While it was the honorable thing to do, reinstating President Sullivan was merely a palliative on a festering wound. The bandage must come off and the wound treated, so this episode does not become the academic equivalent of necrotizing fasciitis.

Philip M. Chen is a graduate of the Engineering School, class of 1968.

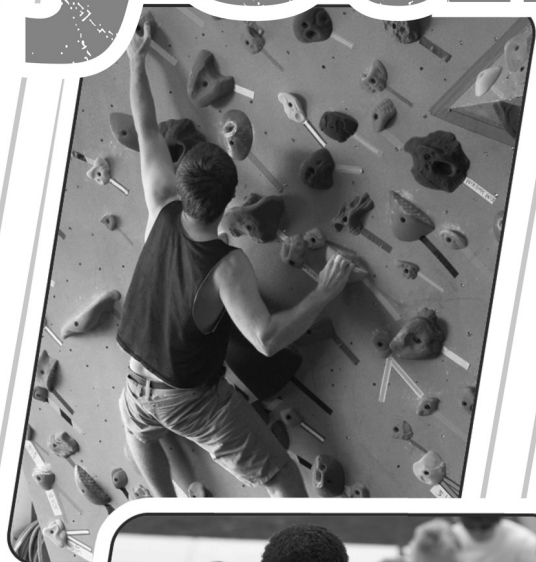
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CONVENTION

Protesters take over a sidewalk near the Tampa Bay Times Forum where the Republican National Convention is being held.

Pot use linked to IQ loss

Study finds smoking marijuana before age 18 may negatively impact brain

By Elizabeth Lopatto
Bloomberg News

Teens may lose IQ points later in life if they smoke marijuana before age 18, according to a study that comes on the heels of a survey showing that the drug's use has risen in this age group for four straight years.

The research, reported yesterday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found an average decline of eight points on IQ, or intelligence quotient, tests done at ages 13 and 38 among those who began using marijuana as a teenager. That compared with no decrease in those who used pot later in life, and a slight increase in those who never used it.

Because marijuana is the most

frequently used illegal drug in the U.S., looking into on how it changes the brain is important, said study author Madeline Meier, a post-doctoral researcher at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, who led the study. Daily use among high school seniors is at a 30-year peak, according to a 2011 survey by the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Bethesda, Md.

"What this says is not don't ever do it, but if you do it during this critical period of development, you'll get these long-term negative changes," said Staci Gruber, an assistant professor of psychology at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., who wasn't involved in the study. "In almost every case, the subjects who started as adults don't have

declines. Those who started as teenagers do."

Tests for intelligence quotient, or IQ, measure a person's capacity to learn, apply knowledge, and use abstract reasoning. The average score is 100.

Although a drop of eight points may not seem like much, going from a score of 100 to 92 drops someone from being in the 50th percentile in intelligence to the 29th, Duke's Meier said.

The 2011 report by the institute on drug abuse found that about 6 percent of 12th graders smoked pot 20 or more times in the 30 days before the survey; 46 percent of high school seniors had tried it at least once, according to the U.S. agency's annual Monitoring the Future survey of U.S. High Schools.

Occupy Central defies deadline

Hong Kong Occupiers continue 10-month-long protest advocating fair wages, miss 9 p.m. company cutoff

By Eleni Himaras and
Stephanie Tong
Bloomberg News

Occupy Central protesters in Hong Kong defied a 9 p.m. deadline Sunday night to leave HSBC Holdings's Asian headquarters where they have spent more than 10 months demonstrating against income inequality.

Media outnumbered the few dozen protesters as cameramen crowded around a band whose music elicited head-banging and shouts from those remaining the makeshift camp. Security guards at the camp didn't intervene.

"Most of them have already gone," said D. Tam, a woman who wore a baseball cap and green face mask, and declined to give her full name. "There are not enough people left. Even though we are just a small group, we will stay until the last minute to support the anti-capitalist movement."

The demonstrators, who totaled about 50 at the height of the protest, were supposed to evacuate by 9 p.m., according to an order given by Hong Kong's Court of First Instance on Aug. 13. Police in other countries have evicted activists from the Occupy Movement, which started in New York last year. Authorities in London removed campaigners in London on June 14; while in November, U.S. demonstrations ended in confrontation with authorities.

One shirtless male protester clad in ripped trousers and face paint danced under an escalator in the area, surrounded by shreds of paper and HK\$10 notes, filming himself with a pink digital camera perched on a tripod.

If the Hong Kong protesters don't leave, a writ of possession will be issued by the court,

and executed by a bailiff, HSBC spokesman Gareth Hewett said in an e-mail Sunday. Another HSBC spokesman, Brian Gilchrist, said the writ could be granted in a couple of days.

"HSBC will work in consultation with the court bailiff to agree the timing and terms of the execution of the writ of possession," Hewett said. "No eviction will take place on the plaza until the writ of possession is in place."

Occupy Central aimed to create a community space for the discussion and sharing of the group's ideals, activists said on its Facebook page. They have pitched tents, laid out couches, and conducted English and music classes on the ground floor plaza under HSBC's Central building since Oct. 15.

"We may be forcefully moved out of here but at the same time we will also be making a peaceful protest," said Riyah Mahbu, a teacher who has participated in the protest since June. "There will not be violence."

While Hong Kong has seen its wealth gap widen to a record, stoking public discontent, the Occupy Central movement has failed to attract demonstrators equal in number to those that took part in protest marches this year. On July 1, the anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China, as many as 112,000 people took to the streets to demand more be done about income inequality, human rights in China and higher minimum wages.

HSBC said earlier that it had requested the protesters leave voluntarily on May 29 because of a number of events scheduled at the plaza. The bank sought a court order after the demonstrators failed to comply with the request.



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EGYPT TRASH

Atef Shenouda, 43, a trash collector in Cairo, keeps pigs on the rooftop of his building. Pigs ate disposable waste in Cairo for decades, but they were banned in 2009 after authorities grew concerned about the Swine Flu epidemic.

Taliban kills 17 civilians

Insurgents decapitate Afghan partygoers, two women for mixed-gender dancing

By Sayed Salahuddin
The Washington Post

Taliban insurgents beheaded 17 Afghan civilians in a rebel-controlled area of southern Afghanistan, officials said yesterday, and two NATO troops were killed by an Afghan soldier in the eastern part of the country.

The civilians, two of them women, were killed Sunday night in the Kajaki area of Helmand province, apparently because they were attending a party that featured music and mixed-gender dancing, provincial officials said. The radical Islamist Taliban movement, which enforced an extreme version of Islamic law during its 1996-2001 rule, prohibits such behavior.

The Taliban did not immediately comment on the reported massacre.

Neyamatullah Khan, chief of the Musa Qala district where U.S. Marines have long battled Taliban insurgents, said the Taliban slaughtered the partygoers to show disapproval of the celebration, news agencies reported.

Daoud Ahmadi, a spokesman for the Helmand provincial government, said all of the victims were beheaded but that it was not clear whether they had been shot first. He said authorities sent a team to the site to investigate.

The killings of the two NATO troops occurred in a remote area of eastern Laghman province where the joint forces were on a patrol, said Sarhadi Zwak, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

There were conflicting accounts of the shooting, and it was not immediately clear whether it was part of a spate

of "insider" or "green-on-blue" attacks on foreign troops by their supposed Afghan allies.

"According to reports, the Afghan soldier killed two NATO forces during a verbal disagreement, and the assassin was later gunned down, too," Zwak said in a telephone interview. He said he had no details about the cause of the dispute.

However, Noman Hatefi, a spokesman for the Afghan army corps in eastern Afghanistan, said the two NATO soldiers, whom he identified as Americans, were killed by accident, the Associated Press reported. Hatefi said the two were killed when an Afghan soldier fell and accidentally fired his weapon during an insurgent attack, AP said. He said the soldier then tried to run away but was killed by a U.S. aircraft that had been called in to provide close air support, the agency said.

MOVE-IN 2012

Bright-eyed, first-year students arrive to dorms festooned with decorations



Senior linebacker Steve Greer, pictured, is the experienced anchor of the Virginia defense. The team's leading tackler last season with 103, Greer returns to the field with renewed focus and determination after watching his team's Chick-fil-A Bowl loss from the sideline.



Edric San Miguel
Cavalier Daily

FOOTBALL
Youth defines defensive unit

Dearth of returning starters from ACC's third-ranked lineup will force team's young talent to mature quickly

By Fritz Metzinger
Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

For most, college is a time to gain wisdom by making the mistakes that accompany youth and independence. But for coach Mike London, defensive coordinator Jim Reid and the Virginia defense, miscues stemming from inexperience could ruin a drive, a game or even a season if not properly checked. With just four starters returning from a unit that ranked third in the ACC in total defense in 2011, London and Reid must trust talented youngsters to mature rapidly, mesh with established veterans and mitigate the growing pains that so often spell doom for young squads. "When you play so many young

guys, you know you're going to improve," Reid said. "But we have to get to a level to be able to win early ... and we're working hard in that direction."

Promise on the line
Several battle-hardened veterans remain to steer the Cavaliers to another successful season on defense, including a few key upperclassmen on the defensive line. Though junior defensive end Jake Snyder is the only returning starter on the defensive line after star Cam Johnson was taken in the seventh round by the San Francisco 49ers, the line has shown so much promise in camp Please see Defense, Page B2

Rocco earns starting nod

Junior quarterback will lead Virginia's offense for Richmond season-opener

By Fritz Metzinger
Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

The long-awaited announcement Monday that junior Michael Rocco will be the starting quarterback for Saturday's season-opener against Richmond was the highlight of Virginia's unveiled depth chart. The decision leaves sophomore Phillip Sims, a recent transfer from Alabama, as the team's backup. Coach Mike London intimated that sophomore David Watford, the dark horse candidate for the starting job, may be redshirted. London ended weeks of speculation and debate about who would be under center against the Spiders by listing the incumbent Rocco atop the depth chart. In opting for Rocco, London and offensive coordinator Bill Lazor chose experience and stability over the enticing physical capabilities of Sims and Watford.

"It became apparent that Michael has the best grasp of the offense right now," London said. "To start a game, he's the guy we feel most comfortable with right now because of what he knows — knowing the systems, the schemes, and knowing the players that he'll be throwing the ball to or handing the ball off to." Starting all 13 games last season, Rocco amassed 2,671 yards and 13 touchdowns against 12 interceptions and completed 60.7 percent of his passes. "I believed that I was the starter throughout the spring and into the summer and it was my job to lose," Rocco said. "I was excited [to hear I would start], but I kind of had a confidence in my mind too." Rocco's play improved dramatically in the final quarter of the season after London stopped alternating between Rocco and

Watford and deemed Rocco the surefire first-team quarterback. The Lynchburg, Va. native tallied 1,485 yards, nine touchdowns and just four picks in his final six games. Emboldened by his successful end to 2011 and an impressive offseason, Rocco expects vast improvement in his second season as a starter. "The confidence I feel now, not just playing college football but knowing the offense and knowing where to go with the football, is just light-years ahead of where I was last year," Rocco said. For the second straight season, Sims will play a supporting role to a starter. He played behind A.J. McCarron last season at Alabama. He finished 18-for-28 for 163 yards and two interceptions in eight games with the Crimson Tide in 2011. London pledged to make use of Please see Rocco, Page B2



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Rocco beat out sophomores Phillip Sims and David Watford to claim the starting quarterback job. The incumbent starter, Rocco threw for 2,671 yards last season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fast start buoys lofty aspirations

Three consecutive shutout victories have No. 11 Virginia eyeing elusive postseason success early

By Michael Eilbacher
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Classes are just starting, but for the No. 11 Virginia women's soccer team, another promising run is already underway. Led by an experienced core of returning players and a strong crop of exciting new talent, the Cavaliers have their eyes set on the goal that has eluded them for years: a national title. Championship aspirations are nothing new for Virginia (3-1-0, 0-0-0 ACC). The team has qualified for the NCAA Tournament every season since 1994 but has fallen short of the title game

each year. The Cavaliers snapped their five-year streak of Sweet Sixteen exits by advancing to the quarterfinals in 2011 before falling to Florida State 3-0. The goal for 2012 is simple: push that success even further. "I think we've just been training even harder," junior defender Morgan Stith said. "... We know that we're a good team, so I think just having that confidence going into the tournament will be great so we can make it all the way into the

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Freshman Makenzy Doniak, pictured, has added another dangerous weapon to the Virginia offense. The Chino Hills, California native was named the TopDrawerSoccer.com national Women's College Player of the Week, becoming the third Cavalier to earn the award in school's history.



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Title defense falls short

After surviving a 6-5 thriller against Princeton in the first round, the Virginia men's lacrosse team unceremoniously exited May's NCAA men's lacrosse playoffs with a 12-10 quarterfinal loss to Notre Dame in Chester, Pa. The loss snuffed out the Cavaliers' gambit to become the first repeat men's lacrosse national champions since Syracuse won back-to-back titles in 2008 and 2009. Loyola-Maryland, the tournament's top seed, eventually won its first lacrosse title against in-state rival Maryland in the championship game. Despite a scintillating seven-point performance from senior attacker Steele Stanwick in his college finale, No. 5 seed Virginia (12-4, 2-1 ACC), failed to reach lacrosse's "Final Four" for the first time since 2007.

In the first-round game against Princeton (11-5), Virginia weathered a second-half rally to overcome one of its weakest offensive outputs of the season. The Cavaliers were held scoreless in the third quarter. Junior midfielder Jeff Froccaro scored both of the quarter's goals for the Tigers, trimming Virginia's lead to 5-4. But senior goaltender Rob Fortunato and the Virginia defense stiffened in the fourth, enabling senior attacker Chris Bocklet to score the clinching goal with 7:07 to go. In the quarterfinal round against Notre Dame (13-3), the Virginia attack ripped three straight goals for what would turn out to be the team's only lead at 4-3 with 9:08 in the second quarter. Down the stretch, standout junior goaltender John Kemp

refused to let Stanwick and company take advantage of opportunities to score, saving 14 and withstanding Virginia's third-quarter flurry to surrender just two goals. Tied at seven in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame reeled off a 5-1 run to take control in the 12-10 victory. The 2012 graduating class concluded its illustrious tenure with a 56-14 record, confirming its lofty status as one of the most prolific classes in Cavalier history. Despite some key departures, coach Dom Starsia will lead a loaded roster into 2013. Players to watch include senior midfielder Chris LaPierre — among the nation's leaders in ground balls for a non-faceoff midfielder — and four members of the U19 World Championship winning team. —compiled by Fritz Metzinger

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Crew captures NCAA title

The Virginia rowing team captured its second national championship in three years in come-from-behind fashion May 27, leapfrogging the University of California, Berkeley in the final race to clinch the title. The Cavaliers erased a three-point deficit to the Golden Bears by winning the First Varsity

Eight grand final race for the first time in school history. Virginia finished with a time of 6:18.72, more than three seconds faster than second-place Michigan. The win vaulted the Cavaliers into first place with 87 points while the Wolverines settled for second with 82 points. California

finished third with 78 points. Five rowers from the title-clinching First Varsity Eight team were named Pocock First-Team All-Americans: seniors Sidney Thorsten, Keziah Beall, Sarah Cowburn and Martha Kuzzy and junior Kristine O'Brien. —compiled by Daniel Weltz

Defense | London simplifies strategy for untested players

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that senior linebacker and team leader Steve Greer called the pass rush “one of the most exciting things about our defense.”

It all starts with Snyder and senior Bill Schautz on the ends. Snyder led all Cavalier defensive ends in 2011 with 36 tackles and Schautz chipped in with 2.0 sacks. Both have impressed in camp against standout offensive tackles senior Oday Aboushi and junior Morgan Moses.

Further bolstering the stable of Virginia pass rushers is the conversion of speedy senior Ausar Walcott from linebacker to end. Meanwhile, freshmen Eli Harold and Mike Moore have raised eyebrows with their explosiveness off the line, prodding Reid to dub defensive end “the one position that has played very well for us this preseason.”

Senior defensive tackle and captain Will Hill and junior counterpart Brent Urban lead the middle of the line, though a smattering of other veterans and young guns will vie for game action. Hill established himself as a force against the run last season, finishing with 7.0 tackles for loss.

“I’m very confident in the rest of the D-line and myself to just continue what we did last year,” Hill said. “Our D-line is really focused

and ready for a great year.”

A rock in the middle

Any discussion of the heart of the Cavalier defense begins and ends with Greer. The de facto quarterback of the defense, Greer was the team’s leading tackler from a year ago with 103. Greer will start Saturday’s game against Richmond after a conspicuous absence in the Chick-fil-A Bowl against Auburn last December. Auburn gashed the shorthanded Virginia defense for 273 rush yards in a 43-24 victory, further fueling a now-healthy Greer’s 2012 mission to dominate in his final year.

“It was real tough sitting out [the Chick-fil-A Bowl],” Greer said. “It really motivated me to get back. When I was back out there for training camp, it felt so good just to be out there for the guys.”

London praised the veteran’s valuable game knowledge.

“Steve is such a student of the game,” London said. “He’s itching to get back on the field; he’s done well at practice. His leadership is something that we need. He’s a captain. It’s this point of his career that he really wants to do well, and I’m quite sure he will.”

If Greer is the primary catalyst for the Virginia defense, fellow returning starter senior weak-

side linebacker LaRoy Reynolds is a strong second fiddle. Reynolds trailed only Greer in tackles last season, racking up 88, and has developed an on-field rapport with Greer during the last two seasons.

“It helps that we’ve been playing beside each other for so long,” Greer said. “You kind of know what each ... is going to do or what the call is going to be before the ball is even snapped.”

A duo of relatively untested players will complement Greer and Reynolds at weakside linebacker. Though sophomore Henry Coley will start Saturday following a superb camp, fellow sophomore Daquan Romero has also caught Reid’s attention.

“I imagine that to be an ongoing battle during the year, and it’s a good thing for both [Coley and Romero]; no one gets complacent,” London said.

Secondary youth

Nowhere is Virginia’s dearth of experience more evident than in the defensive backfield. The secondary is so young, in fact, that London and Reid have resisted their natural impulse to coach the youngsters through every possible situation.

“When they’re playing and you’re on the sideline, they can’t get used to you being able to tell

them what to do, the alignment and what checks to make, while you’re on the field,” London said. “We’ve taken ourselves off the field more and relied on them having to make those decisions.”

The most striking example of the defensive backs’ youth is that Demetrious Nicholson, a true sophomore, has already taken up the mantle of savvy veteran defensive back from the now-departed, distinguished corner Chase Minnifield.

“[Nicholson] is a guy who studies. It’s a trickle-down effect from Chase Minnifield,” London said. “He understands the role that he has to take now looking around is that he is the guy that’s played in some games now. The other guys look to him as far as that leadership.”

Starting nearly every game opposite Minnifield in 2011, Nicholson endured his share of lumps as a first-year player but was still able to lead the secondary with 60 tackles. In the process he obtained the big-game experience which many of his backfield peers lack.

“He’s probably tired of me by now,” freshman cornerback Maurice Canady said. “We’re roommates, and I ask him everything and he always gives good answers.”

The corner spot opposite Nich-

olson, the subject of rampant fan speculation and angst in recent months, will feature sophomore Drequan Hoskey. Reid fawned over Hoskey’s performance in both the spring and fall camps, touting the young corner as the team’s “most improved defensive back.”

Behind Hoskey the defense will have to trust talented true freshmen in Canady and C.J. Moore.

Sophomore Anthony Harris will enter the season as Virginia’s pass coverage signal caller at free safety. Reid cited Harris’s intellectual savvy as a cause for comfort for trotting out the first-year starter.

“Anthony Harris has done a marvelous job,” Reid said. “He’s a year ahead mentally of where usually guys are in their second year.”

Converted corner sophomore Brandon Phelps will pair with Harris as the squad’s strong safety.

“We’ve got a good, athletic group that we just have to challenge every day,” Reid said. “We’ve done that, and they’ve accepted the challenge.”

This is the second in a four-part series previewing the 2012 Virginia football team. An analysis of the special teams will run Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Rocco | Coach noncommittal on Sims’ role in offense

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the Chesapeake, Va. native and all-time leader in career passing yards in high school for the state of Virginia. But the coach played coy when pressed if he would employ the same two-quarterback, series-by-series formula used for Rocco and Watford last season, citing Sims’ lack of familiarity with the offense.

“I think any opportunities we get a chance to play Phillip, we will,” London said. “I just think it’s hard for me to say right now, ‘this is what we’re going to do’

with regards to series.”

London said Sims’ learning curve in a new offense factored into his decision.

“He’s a guy that’s learning our offense. To expect him to know the whole offense by the time the season started, I don’t think that would be fair to him,” London said.

Watford, a dual-threat quarterback from Hampton, Va., appears to be the odd man out of the three for now. After completing 30-of-74 passes while struggling to find consistency in many of his appearances last

year, Watford clawed his way back into the quarterback competition with a strong offseason. Still — to London’s chagrin — it was not enough.

“With David, it was a tough call,” London said. “David has done everything that we’ve asked and some.”

Though London stated that his “plans are to redshirt him,” the coach has not ruled out the possibility of using Watford this season and has even gauged the quarterback’s interest in switching positions.

“I just want to make sure as

we’re moving forward that the decision with Michael and Phil does not exclude David,” London said. “But as the season goes on, it will be evaluated, reevaluated.”

London spoke glowingly of the conduct of all three throughout the fierce contest for the starting job.

“I had a chance to talk with all three of them,” London said. “What’s amazing about it, we talked about being selfless. I mean, they’re three selfless players. They want what’s best for the team.”

Rocco is relishing his opportunity to reward his coach’s confidence in him. He will have his first chance to do so when he faces London’s former team, the Spiders, who are currently coached by Rocco’s uncle, head coach Danny Rocco.

“I root for Phil and David as hard as I can,” Michael Rocco said. “They’re both teammates of mine and I would never want anything bad to happen in their career. But I believe that I’m here to play quarterback, and I’m here to play quarterback at a high level.”

W Soccer | Brian, Miller lead experienced offensive unit

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finals.”

Most of the team’s offensive firepower from 2011 — including sophomore phenom Morgan Brian and senior forward Caroline Miller — returns for this season. Brian was named the 2011 Soccer America Freshman of the Year and was a First Team All-American after notching 11 goals and eight assists in 23 games. Miller, who led the Cavaliers with 15 goals in 2011, joins Brian on the attack.

“We’ve got a lot of players from last year’s team back, which always makes the transition a little easier,” said assistant

coach Ron Raab, who currently oversees the team while head coach Steve Swanson leads Brian and the rest of the U.S. team in the U20 World Cup in Japan. “That being said, we’ve brought in a few new faces, and it just adds to the dimensions we have offensively.”

The most prominent of those new faces is emerging star forward Makenzy Doniak, who headlines a talented class of freshmen. Doniak has already scored five goals this season, becoming the first Virginia player in history to score in each of the first four games of a season. Her run has impressed coaches and teammates and

brings another asset to an already-strong offense.

“It’s awesome having her on the field,” junior midfielder Kate Norbo said. “She’s one of those players who has a big presence in the game, and I feel like every time we give her the ball she’s either going to score or set up an assist or a nice play. She uses her body really well, and has had a huge impact on us.”

Virginia is going to need more sensational play from Doniak and her teammates if they are going to rise to the top of a cut-throat ACC lineup. The conference currently has eight teams ranked in the national top 25,

including No. 2 Duke and No. 3 Florida State.

“The ACC is a dogfight every year,” Raab said. “[The conference] from top to bottom is one of the top conferences in the country, and I think the more we can get used to playing together, the more rhythm we get, the more confident we get, I think the better.”

That confidence is already starting to develop in the young season. After a disappointing 3-1 season-opening loss to No. 6 Penn State, in which Virginia allowed two goals in the final 15 minutes, no team has scored on the Cavaliers. In the three contests since that defeat, Virginia

has dealt shutouts to Radford, Liberty and UNC-Wilmington.

“I think the loss against Penn State was a little tough because we had worked so hard to rally and then we lost it in the last couple minutes of the game,” Stith said. “But I feel like that was a really good starting point for us, and since then, we’ve had all shutouts. I’m really looking forward to the rest of the season, and I think we’re going to keep building momentum.”

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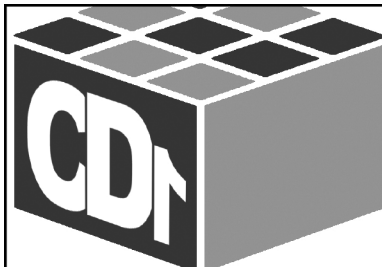
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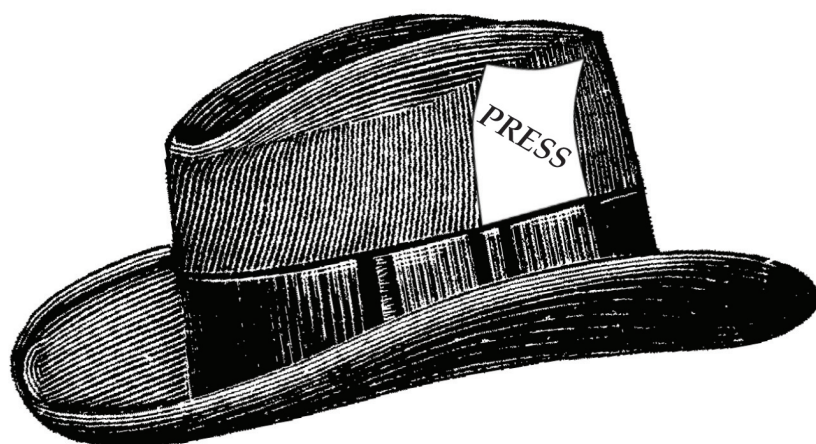


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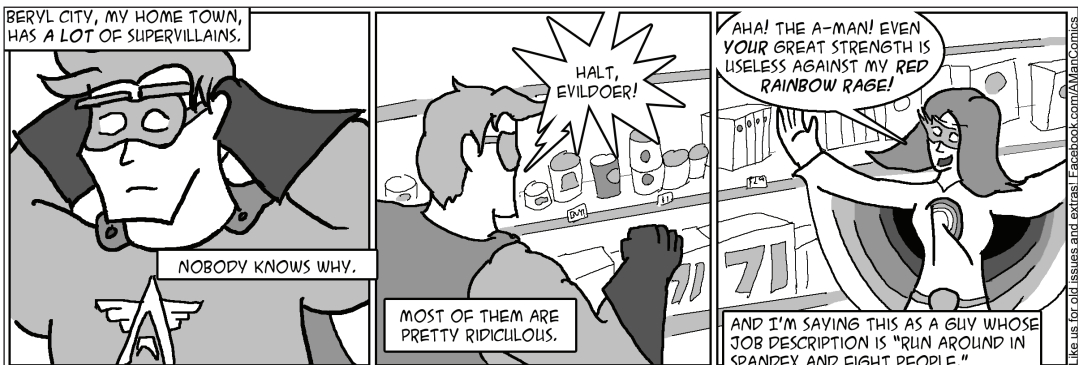
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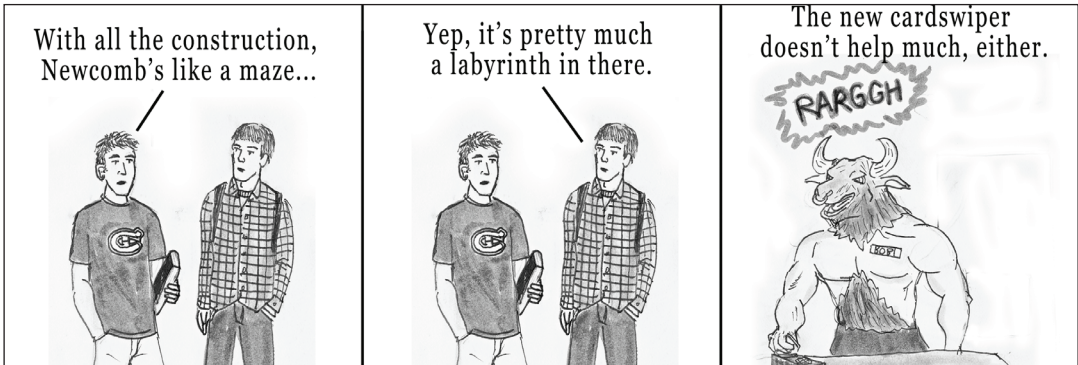
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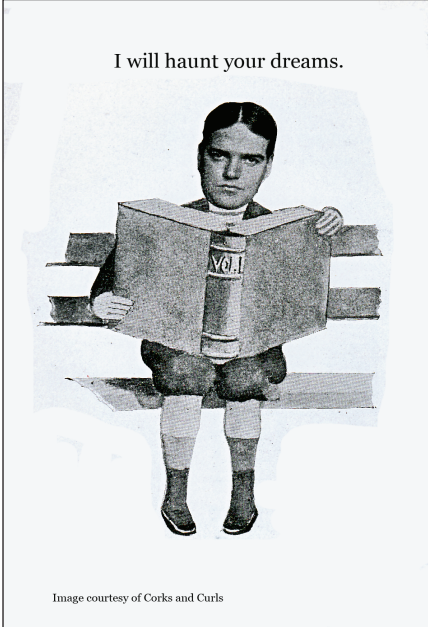
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The ones you love the most know exactly how to push your buttons. You're a passionate person, so you wouldn't want it any other way. Much of your evening is spent in a heightened emotional state.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Once in a while (and not too often) you get in just the salty kind of mood that invites confrontation and enjoys conflict. Luckily you're able to keep it relatively lighthearted. Keep it all in good fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At every decision and every turn you're finding your heart. What you do for the love of doing it will bring more money to you than the things you do for the cash. Your connection with Scorpio is meaningful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good things come to those who believe they are worthy. Consider strongly what your personal glass ceiling entails. Figure out what you need to break through, and the breakthrough is imminent.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in the mode to pick up new friends, and should be extremely tough with your criteria for adding them. Look for the "keepers" -- the ones who are likely to show up when the going gets tough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your belief system emanates from you -- you don't have to say a word and the people around you will know what you're about. Of course, what you do and say bring a more detailed understanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of the adventures of your life just come together magically. But right now it's better to make concrete plans for your future fun. Your leisure life is too important to be left up to

chance. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's amazing how many loved ones you'll be able to visit with in the upcoming weekend. Luckily for them, you're also in a generous mood. You'll be bringing a warm smile, open heart and some fabulous stories.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're being asked the kind of pointed questions that may feel invasive. You don't have to answer or, for that matter, take the question at all seriously. Whatever puts you on the defensive is your teacher.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attitude is so winning, people want you to get closer to them, join their teams and be a partner in revelry. It's as easy as thinking about the whom and what you want to do, and then doing it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who have what you want are good people to get to know better. Offer genuine friendship. Get close enough to identify the successful moods and methods these people are using.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're holding on to classified information. This is not exactly a secret. It's just that most people don't need to know it. You wisely show social restraint. And it's fun to be a little mysterious.

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- Park (F.D.R.'s home)
- Get well
- Scroll in the ark
- Joe Six-Pack's overhang
- Persian Gulf state
- War heroes from Tuskegee, e.g.
- Actress Thurman

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- "Now it makes sense!"
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SECRET TREASURES OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

By Caroline Massie
Cavalier Daily Life Editor

Charlottesville is defined by its monumental attractions: Monticello, the Downtown Mall and the University of Virginia to name a few. These attractions are must-sees for any student, resident or tourist. But it is Charlottesville's lesser-known venues that make it into the special place it is. To check out many of Charlottesville's secret treasures, here's an ideal schedule for exploring local restaurants, landscapes, culture and history:



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10 A.M. Take a path less traveled at the Ivy Creek Natural Area, a 215-acre reserve located six miles north of Charlottesville. With a variety of windy walking trails totaling seven miles, hikers can experience the best of the outdoors, including hills, shoreline and — when you go early in the morning — spider webs. With several intertwining trails, there are options for walking at various levels of difficulty. The trails are listed on both the African American Heritage in Virginia Trail and the Virginia Wildlife and Birding Trail.



Courtesy hmdb.org

12:30 P.M. Take artsy photos at the Woolen Mills. This small Charlottesville district is located on the eastern edge of city limits. To visit this historic location, drive to Meade Avenue past the Downtown Mall and turn onto Chesapeake Street. This historic neighborhood is famous for its proximity to the Rivanna River, which Thomas Jefferson sought to use for navigation in the 1760s. The Woolen Mills began operating in the 1850s, but were shut down in 1962. The Woolen Mills are also known as the site of a Methodist revival in 1886, and the church built during that period is still active.



Courtesy frumpiefoodie.com

1:30 P.M. Grab some tacos at the La Michoacana Deli on High Street. This family-owned and operated restaurant sells tacos, tamales, enchiladas and gorditas, all for \$8 or less. Seating inside the restaurant is limited, but take-out is available. This Mexican restaurant is located right off Route 250 on East High Street by Preston Avenue.



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2:30 P.M. Then there's The Bridge — a small, non-profit organization that aims to bridge different cultural groups through various arts projects organized in and around Charlottesville. The Bridge gallery is located in Belmont on Monticello Road, just past the Downtown Mall, near the Belmont Bridge. The Bridge displays a variety of exhibits and hosts film screenings, music shows and small theater performances. In addition to the gallery downtown, The Bridge also organizes several "special projects" around Charlottesville, including a five-kilometer run and the Charlottesville Mural Project, an initiative that aims to produce two murals each year.



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5 P.M. Head to the Downtown Mall to a vintage consignment shop to search for that perfect outfit for a costume party — or even Halloween. You'll never know what you could find in Ike's Underground. Vintage Playboy magazines proudly adorn the window display, and vinyl record collections are offered up beside clothing from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. This place has it all. Named for its owner, this store has a "haggle-friendly environment," according to its website. To enjoy this retro shopping experience, go to the 400 block of East Main Street. Ike's Underground is located underneath the Tea Bazaar.



Courtesy mastomillers.com

6 P.M. Sit down for an unusual yet delicious meal at Continental Divide. Located on West Main Street opposite the Amtrak Station, this "Tex-Mex" restaurant may be hard to find, as it doesn't have a "Continental Divide" sign displayed. You can identify the restaurant by its neon "Get in Here" sign. The entire restaurant has a passive-aggressive nature — on the menu is written: "Come on — don't even ask for separate checks." Some first-time customers might find the menu items bizarre — the enchiladas and burritos come with rice and a pumpkin muffin, for example — but this restaurant is a must-have dining experience.



Courtesy virginia.org

8 P.M. Get spooked and learn about Charlottesville history by taking a Ghost & Mystery Walking Tour on the Downtown Mall. Dressed in turn-of-the-century period clothing, tour guides lead groups along the Downtown Mall, chasing the truth behind a famous murder of Charlottesville Mayor Sam McCue's wife in 1904. The guides provide clues and tidbits of history about the area as you walk along the heart of the city, even discussing the mysteries that surround the Lawn. The tour begins promptly at 8 p.m., leaving from the Marco & Luca Dumpling Shop on the Downtown Mall. College students get a \$5 discount on the tour, which means they only have to pay \$10 for a night of murderous intrigue.



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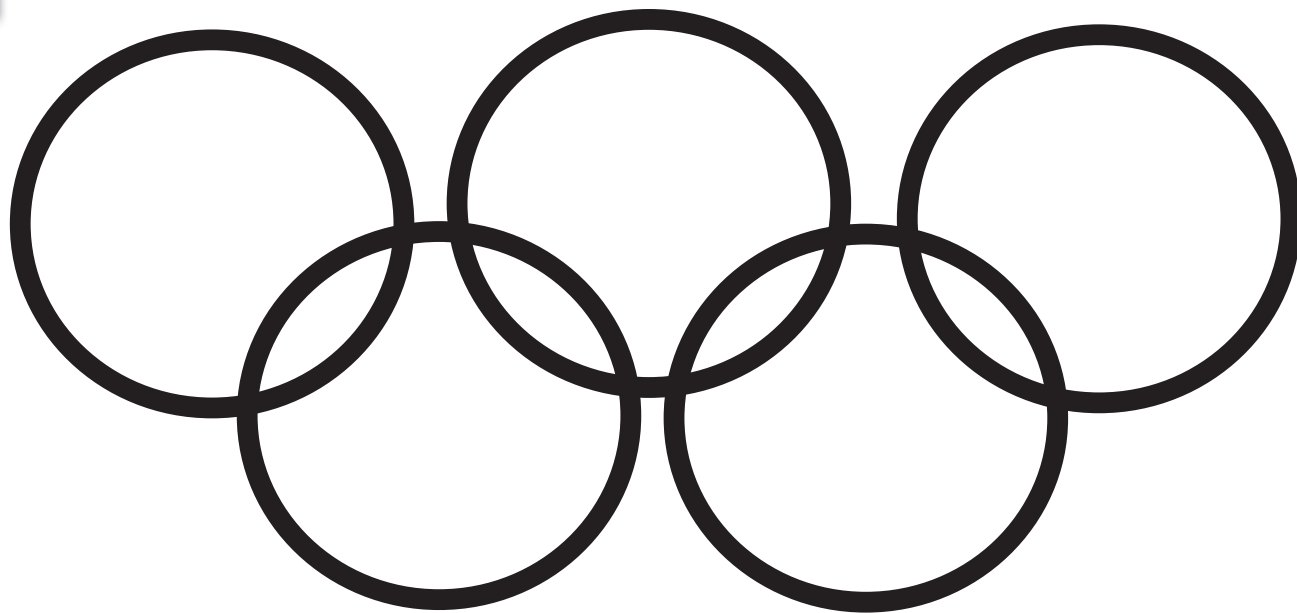
10 P.M. Catch the end of a show at Charlottesville's smallest music and art venue, The Garage. This building is no more than a converted one-car garage on First Street across from Lee Park, which is located one block north of the Downtown Mall. But this tiny venue hosts jam sessions, art exhibits, film screenings, dance parties and potlucks. Its atmosphere is a mix of public and intimate. Seating for The Garage is in the grass on the hill across the street. Performances are often for donation only and are frequently announced the day of the show on Facebook.

It's a Punderful Life



ELIZABETH STONEHILL

OLYMPIC DREAMS



At this point in August, the Olympics have become about as stale as Ryan Lochte's brain cells. But watching the Olympics religiously this summer — I mean, I even gave archery a shot — genuinely altered the way I view young adulthood and my place in it.

For one, how can you watch a gaggle of Mary Poppins take down Voldemort with spoonfuls of sugar and umbrellas and not think, "Wow, I really need to reassess my life. Also, that was awesome." How can you watch Victoria Beckham look as disenchanted as she did during every 1990s Spice Girls performance and not think, "The future is an abyss, even more ferocious than Scary Spice." Maybe these mental connections are more of a stretch than gymnastic floor routines, but I think this idea has gold-medal potential.

As a 21-year-old, my main Olympics epiphany came when I realized that a majority of these superheroes are nearly half my age but hold double my accomplishments. After watching the

U.S. women's soccer team win gold, I became obsessed with the lure of athletic success. Alex Morgan is only two years older than me; the closest I'm getting to the Sports Illustrated: Swim-suit Edition is however close it happens to be as I check out at Kroger buying a six-pack and a pint of ice cream.

Suddenly, I had this idea: I am athletic, so I am going to become a professional soccer player. Then, just as suddenly as I had made this goal, I squashed it. In my youth soccer league, the only things I scored were those delicious orange slices during half time. My hand-eye coordination exists, but I think I missed the professional athlete boat by about 10 years and a lot more muscle.

More than anything, I felt a distinct lack of accomplishment as I watched more and more medal ceremonies. Gabby Douglas probably cannot drive a car, but why would she need one when she can just do acrobatics across town? Watching these young athletes

made me feel as if I'd missed the opportunity to really thrive. Twenty-one is young, sure, but being the best at something takes years and years of practice and determination. Not every field I could enter requires being at my physical peak — and that has long since passed — but they at least seek people who boast significant accomplishments at a young age. I am at the end of "a young age," and it freaks me out. I have to keep reminding myself that the Olympics features the most extraordinary competitors of our generation so it represents an unfair standard of self-measure. But you know what else features competition just as physical and intense? Any chemistry class at this University graded on a curve. We are not so far removed from these Olympic folk; indeed, a few of them are even fellow Hoos.

Maybe this column is a fourth-year personal crisis masked as a journalistic endeavor, but the Olympics also made

me think beyond self-deprecation and instead more critically about phases of young adulthood. There is an enormous jump between being 21 and 25. Where will I be watching the Rio games in 2016? Who knows where I will be at 4 p.m. today, let alone four years from now. For every Olympics before this, I knew at least vaguely where I would be and with whom I would be watching the next Games. But even this year a shift started to occur: I watched the Opening Ceremonies in Madrid, Spain to conclude my trip abroad, and I watched the Closing Ceremonies in the comfort of my home with my parents. So where will I be? Maybe, just maybe, I will be in Rio with the Women's Soccer team ... as a spectator or something, of course.

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Urban Legends



Ten Things about Cville in NYC

This summer I spent 10 weeks interning in New York City at a magazine. While I was living in the city that never sleeps, I was almost never homesick for my actual home in Fairfax — sorry Mom — yet often I found myself ill with what I self-diagnosed as "Charlottesville-sick." I longed for the crossroads of Wertland and 14th Street surrounded by familiar faces and places. It's cliché but true: Sometimes you don't really know what you have until it's gone.

Although I always claimed to understand how great this college town is, I never really understood until I went to a place where most people associate 14th Street with the Union Square subway station. While I was away, I learned not only about New York, the magazine industry, and myself; I also learned a lot about Charlottesville. So without further ado, I give you the top 10 things I learned about Charlottesville while living in New York City:

1. People in Charlottesville do not think it's extra cute or look at you funny when you say "y'all." Every day around 5:15 p.m., I would say to everyone in my cubicle pod, "Have a great evening, y'all!" And every day my colleagues would comment on how adorable my Southern accent is. I'm not even that Southern, I would think to myself — I'm from Northern Virginia! Other times when I said "y'all," I got the inevitable comment, "You're not from around here, are you? Where are you from?" I couldn't even say I was from NOVA, because they would think Villanova.
2. In Charlottesville, colored clothing, especially of the pastel or neon variety, is preferred to black clothing. I never realized how much residents of this town love color until all I saw were people wearing black and neutrals day in and day out. One of my coworkers in New York wore color once during my entire internship. A true New Yorker, she wore black every other day.
3. The frat boys, preps, and sorority girls found in high numbers in Charlottesville are an extinct breed on the island of Manhattan, where hipsters are as ubiquitous as falafel carts and Mister Softee ice cream trucks.
4. Even though Rugby Road and the Corner sometimes seem so far away from each other, everything around Grounds is surprisingly close. If this were New York City, no one would be driving from their apartment on 14th Street to the AFC. You would be walking instead. A 20-minute walk is actually not that far, I learned in New York. A 40-minute walk isn't that bad either.

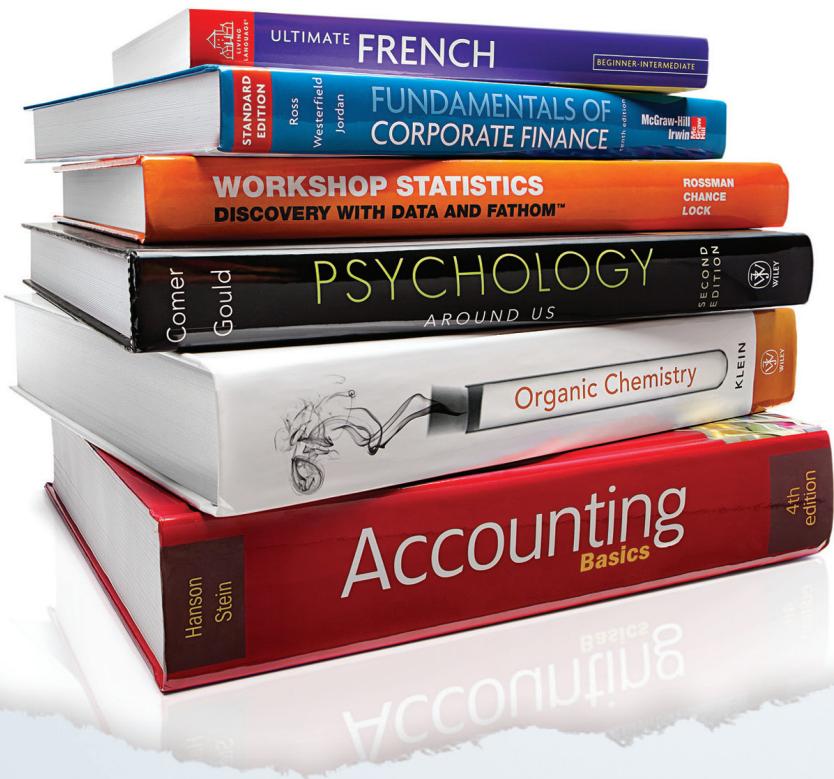
5. College bars on the Corner are a great place to be when you're 21. After exploring Manhattan's nightlife, which definitely had its ups, I realized one thing I dislike about "real-world" bars is that it's harder to tell who is sketchy. You also have no idea how old anyone is.
6. Charlottesville has an extremely high population of runners. I walked home from work almost every day this summer, and I also walk home from class almost every day of the school year. What's different between the two commutes — besides the scenery — is that in Charlottesville runners constantly pass me. Sure, in New York businessmen passed me on cell phones practically running, but no one was out on the streets for a casual jog.
7. It's sometimes hard to remember the general public actually knows a lot about U.Va. and its prestigious reputation. Sometimes when you're in the U.Va. bubble surrounded by people as smart or smarter than you, it's hard to remember that we're at one of the best institutions of higher education in the world — and people in the "real world" recognize that.
8. Charlottesville has a great restaurant scene. A lot of my intern friends go to school in towns where they spent their Friday nights eating at T.G.I. Fridays and their Sunday morning brunches at an IHOP. When we would try new restaurants in New York, it would be a novelty to them. I have been on a Charlottesville restaurant crawl ever since second year, but never realized how unusual it is for a town of this size to have so many locally owned and delicious restaurants.

9. People here actually eat home-cooked meals... and it's not special when they do. In Manhattan you can only buy as many groceries as you can carry, so people don't shop for a whole week at a time like they do here. Shopping carts are even smaller to better accommodate shoppers' needs. Yet most people I talked to almost never set foot inside a grocery store to buy anything other than breakfast food. Grabbing one of the many take-out options on the way home from work is the norm. My coworkers almost never cooked for dinner. When they did, they snapped pictures on their iPhones and showed off their creations at work the next day. I've been in Charlottesville for a week now, and I've only been out for dinner once.
10. There is no better bagel in the world than one from Bodo's. I tried over 15 bagel places in New York City — the place that practically made the bagel famous. They all pale in comparison to those delectable \$0.70 bagels I crave from Bodo's. As I was complaining one day on the subway about the lack of good bagels in New York City to my friend and fellow U.Va. student, a random commuter interjected into our conversation with the statement, "Bodos is definitely a legendary place," followed by a "Wa-hoo-wa."

I couldn't agree more.

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