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Jon Huntsman, former governor of Utah and former ambassador to China, spoke to students Monday evening in the Chapel about prioritizing economic negotiations ahead of military policy in U.S.-China relations.

Former Gov. discusses China

Huntsman, past Obama administration ambassador, talks U.S. diplomacy objectives, immigration reform

By Audrey Waldrop
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Former Republican Presidential candidate Jon Huntsman spoke to students and faculty Monday about current policy failures in the United States' relationship with China in a forum moderated by Batten School Dean Harry Harding at the University Chapel.

After commenting on the state of domestic politics and his own career path, Huntsman, who served as governor of Utah and then ambassador to China before running for president in 2012, spent the majority of his speech emphasizing the importance of the U.S.-China relationship.

"[The United States] need[s] to be seen as an honest

broker," Huntsman said. "[There is] an indispensable role for the United States whether we like it or not."

Fourth-year College student Jooyeon Huh, president of the Virginia East Asia Society, which hosted the event, said the relationship is a two-way street, however.

"We hope to hear what the leadership of China wants in their partnership with the United States," Huh said. "All we know is what [the] American government is headed toward."

The United States already has tens of thousands of citizens in China, Huntsman said, and he advocated for

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Honor talk fails to draw crowd

One student, several Committee representatives attend Hispanic town hall held Monday evening

By Alia Sharif
Cavalier Daily Associate News Editor

The University Honor Committee attempted to host representatives from the Hispanic community in a Hispanic Town Hall forum Monday, but only one student came out for the

event.

The town hall was organized by the Committee and first-year Nursing student Ashley Munoz, an intern with the Office of the Dean of Students, who wanted the Committee to engage with

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An open forum to discuss the impact of Honor Committee regulations on minorities failed to draw in students Monday evening in Newcomb Hall's main lounge.

Scaffolding comes down

Univeristy completes Rotunda renovations first phase early, saves \$150,000



The University announced that it is set to complete restoration of the Rotunda roof and parts of the exterior ahead of schedule, saving the University \$150,000 on the project.

Dillon Harding
Cavalier Daily

By Joseph Liss
Cavalier Daily Senior Associate News Editor

With phase one of the Rotunda renovations completed well ahead of schedule, scaffolding around the Rotunda started coming down Monday, well in advance of Final Exercises. Although the scaffolding would have been taken down for the graduation ceremonies regardless, completing the first phase of the renovations early means the scaffolding will not have to go back up after, saving

the University \$150,000, Chief Facilities Officer Donald Sundgren said.

Sundgren attributed the speed at which the project was completed to cooperation between the contractor, University and renovation designers, as well as helpful weather and building conditions.

"We were fortunate in that we didn't encounter many difficult or unforeseen issues when we removed the old roof," Sundgren said. "It was not a harsh winter."

Phase one of the Rotunda

restoration involved replacing the roof and repairing the building's exterior, including the brick and mortar and the windows, Sundgren said. Phase two of the project will focus on the inside of the Rotunda, including the mechanical and electrical systems, elevators and the interior of the Rotunda Dome room.

"The last time that the Rotunda went through a full restoration was in the 1970s,"

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Tourney awaits Cavaliers

With postseason looming, Myers, players reflect on program's recent history

By Matthew Morris
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

The National Lacrosse Hall of Fame inducted five men as its inaugural class in 1957. In fact, in each of the Hall's first 35 years of existence, only men joined the sport's most cherished institution. Though Rosabelle Sinclair gathered the first women's college lacrosse team at Bryn

Mawr in 1926, the Hall did not recognize a female star until her induction in 1992.

Women's college lacrosse has grown exponentially since the days of Sinclair. Thirty-one years after the sport's first NCAA Tournament, 100 schools now compete at the Division I level. But as the women's college lacrosse universe expands, however, it has become increasingly difficult

for traditional powers such as Virginia to claim the sport's top prize: a national championship.

"You know, back when I played at Virginia and won a national championship as a player and then as an assistant, there were only maybe four or five legitimately good teams that could actually challenge for a cham-

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Courtesy Virginia Athletics

After steering Virginia to 17 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, coach Julie Myers desperately needs a win at this weekend to ensure the streak reaches 18.

So long, goodbye

BEN BASKIN

Although I didn't know it at the time, I wrote my first ever sports column in the sixth grade.

I can't remember what the actual assignment was, or how I managed to do it, but I somehow convinced my English teacher that the "Curse of the

Bambino" was an acceptable paper topic. I got to spend weeks of class time doing what was technically labeled "research," gleefully sifting through online articles that detailed Pesky's ignominious dithering, Bucky's miracle swing, and Buckner's infamous gaffe, while writing about my own indelible experiences hearing Yankee Stadium reverberate with chants of "1918" on brisk October nights. It was middle school bliss.

Fast-forward to 2009, my first year at Virginia.

I was following the pre-med curriculum: biology and chemistry classes, laborious three-hour labs dissecting baby squids, all that good stuff. It was an ambitious effort, a rookie mistake, and a GPA-killer; yet remaining fallow within me throughout that desultory year was a latent desire to write. It took an exceedingly soporific — yet, well-paying and parent-pleasing — intern-

ship at a hospital the summer after my first year to fully educe this desire. Sitting at a computer crunching numbers on Excel all day, I thought back to the last time I truly enjoyed doing "work" — my sixth grade foray into sports writing — and in the midst of researching some spinal disorder I began penning a 40-page excoriation of LeBron James for choosing South Beach instead of Manhattan.

The following month, now

back in Charlottesville for my second year, I nervously wandered into the Cavalier Daily office — it took me a frustrating amount of time to find the Newcomb basement — and spoke with reluctant excitement to then-sports editor Andrew Seidman about my new prospective career path. My timing was fortuitous. Minutes before I arrived with my "mock" article in hand —

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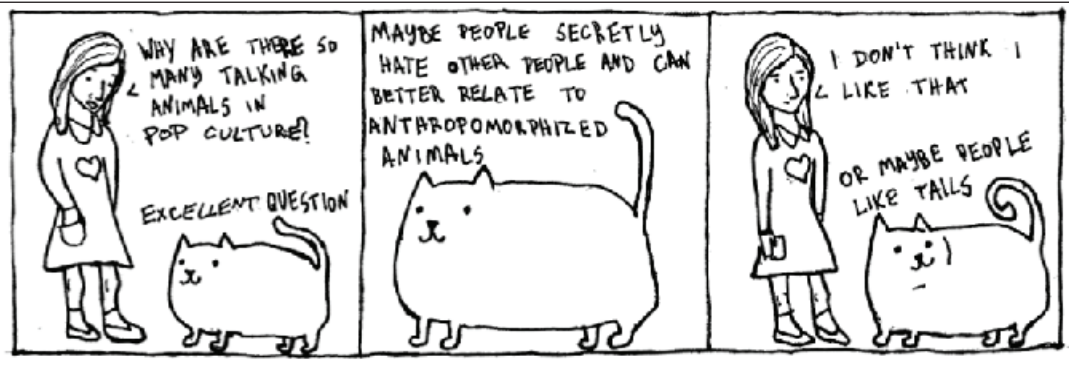
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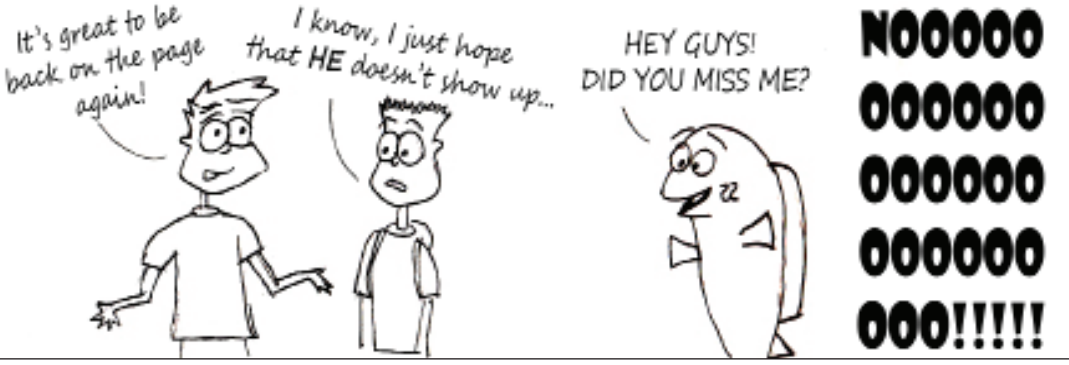
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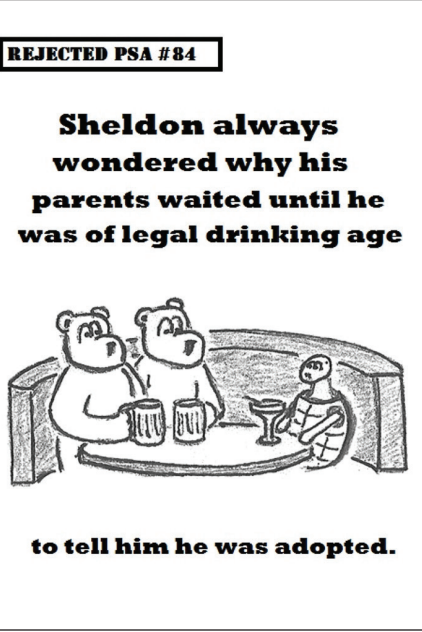
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If your happiness seems to come in small doses today, consider yourself lucky. Enjoyment and brevity go hand in hand. Pleasure in excess becomes pain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The things you habitually say to yourself to keep motivated will help a friend who could use encouragement. Being good to yourself always leads to being good to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Uncomfortable feelings are like glasses that warp and distort your point of view. Don't try to fix anything when you're agitated. Get relaxed first. To fix things, you must see them how they are and deal with them directly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You usually respect authority, but every once in a while you get in one of your moods. Today you feel like breaking the rules, and you could probably get away with it, too, because you are so charming!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love to be entertained, and you'll be a good audience member. But you'll also be keen on the difference between a fun story and a flat-out lie told for personal gain or social acceptance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do a bit of wizardry on your physical image and discover your knack for the fairy magic called "glamour." Did you know that before Hollywood took over the term it was associated with tiny nature spirits?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When does optimism become unrealism? You'll have fun finding out. You are feeling extra-fanciful now and in just the whimsical mood to stretch the boundaries of your mind and imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Many will seek your counsel. Feel good about this, as it's a sign that you're a leader. When people want to talk to you, it means they respect you and your input matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The conspiracy theorists and those who pay regular visits to a mental playground of morbidity feed on the attention of others. Don't buy in. Stay on the bright side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It only takes one person to start the change. You'll be the one to see things differently and to speak up about it. You're not trying to play the rebel, but you can't help but notice the corrupt aspects of the current system.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a strict moral code, though you rarely think about this until situations arise to challenge or remind you of it. Others will be influenced by the way you handle things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Many requests will be made of you, but don't let that keep you from doing what you really want to do. You'll follow the purpose in your heart, and it will take you directly home.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 14). You push yourself toward high goals and reach some of them, too. Your motivation will vary from month to month as you continually seek new inspiration. The system you set up in June will make you richer by September. Your interest in foreign places and cultures will bring people together in November. Aries and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 22, 30 and 19.



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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Fool

5 Classic record label

10 Fool

14 Sotto (under one's breath)

15 Midst potentate: Var.

16 The "A" in Thomas A. Edison

17 Not odd

18 Fool

20 Permit

21 Area including China, Korea and Japan

22 Fool

24 Facial cover in a Dumas novel

26 Many an Albrecht Dürer piece of art

31 ____ Lama

32 Having a fixed fee, as a calling plan

36 Terminus

37 Fool

41 New England catch

42 Tooth next to a canine

43 Death notices, informally

46 New Jersey city on the west side of the George Washington Bridge

50 Like the Cyrillic and Hebrew alphabets

54 Fool

55 Tethered

58 Watchdog's warning

59 Fool

62 Grand party

63 Sound of delight

64 Comic Jack of old radio and TV

65 Just ____ (slightly)

66 Fool

67 Donkeys

68 Fool

DOWN

1 Gracefully slender

2 Like C.I.A. operations

3 ____ acid (vinegar component)

4 Fraternity members, e.g.

5 1910s-'20s art movement

6 Relatives of ostriches

7 Prefix meaning one-hundredth

8 Shingle wood

9 "You Beautiful"

10 Grand (vacation island near Florida)

11 "Bravo!" to a torero

12 Eggs in labs

13 Misbehaving

19 Watermelon covering

21 Barely making, with "out"

23 China's ____ En-lai

25 Actor Guinness

26 Sent to the ocean floor

27 Fool

29 Classic soda brand

30 :-), in an e-mail

32 Nelson Mandela's org.

34 End-of-workweek cry

45 Pic of an unborn child

47 Smoothly, in music

48 Winter hat part

49 Online investor's site

51 Venomous African snake

52 Suisse peaks

53 Ad lights

56 Top-of-the-line

57 1974 Gould/Sutherland C.I.A. spoof

59 Auction assent

60 Note of indebtedness

61 Queue before Q

62 ____ about (wander)

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University Judiciary Committee Chair David Ensey, above left, announced co-chairs for six subcommittees Sunday evening. One position went unfilled.

UJC selects new officers

Committee picks Issues, Marketing, Sexual Misconduct subcommittee chairs

By Joseph Liss
Senior Associate News Editor

The University Judiciary Committee announced its Issues, Marketing and Sexual Misconduct subcommittee chairs Sunday evening.

Second-year College students Arslan Zahid and John Mathew were chosen as co-chairs of the Issues subcommittee, which is responsible for reviewing UJC's constitution and bylaws to ensure efficiency.

The subcommittee's past efforts have included establishing a minimum number of trials on which judges must sit, for example. "[T]his last term the judge pool was expanded and quantitative requirements for judges were established in order to balance workload and to minimize delays for trials," Zahid said in an email.

Zahid said he hoped to examine the effectiveness of the expanded requirements for

judges and look into giving judges more information about their cases before trials start. Mathew said he hopes to improve overall committee transparency and efficiency.

UJC also chose third-year Commerce student Hannah Farmer and third-year Architecture student Paola Mayorga as co-chairs of the Marketing subcommittee, which was created this year. Farmer and Mayorga said they hoped to collaborate with committee members to create a new website and a "consistent look" for the committee.

Second-year College students Olivia Beavers and Sanjay Palat will take over the Sexual Misconduct subcommittee, which works to help victims of sexual assault receive fair trials. Although cases of sexual misconduct are handled by the University's Sexual Misconduct Board rather than by UJC, Palat said the subcommittee helps organize awareness events,

such as Take Back the Night's sexual misconduct mock trial. "During the coming year, I am looking forward to utilizing the UJC's resources to increase awareness on Grounds of the workings of the Sexual Misconduct Board and about the University's policies regarding allegations of sexual misconduct," Palat said in an email.

UJC Chair David Ensey, a third-year Engineering student, said the Alumni Outreach subcommittee chair went unfilled because of a lack of interest in the position. UJC's Executive Committee is currently in the process of rewriting the mission of the Alumni Outreach subcommittee to redesign the subcommittee's role, Ensey said.

"In recent years this subcommittee has been underutilized, and I think the level of interest this semester is a reflection of a concern that chairing it might be a boring job," Ensey said in an email.

Huntsman | VEAS hosts 2012 GOP presidential candidate

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the extension of work visas to Chinese people in the United States. The former governor also encouraged the Republican Party to take a different track on the current immigration debate.

"The Republicans would do themselves a great favor if they made the immigration debate [more about] economics and less [about] security," he said. "[This] begins to reorient thinking more toward 'let's

build and let's prepare for the next generation' as opposed to 'let's look after the United States.'"

Noting the recent and rapid spread of web use and growth in the nation's economy, Huntsman said the most significant change coming to

China in the next 10-20 years is the expansion of civil society. He said it is vital for the United States to play a role in that development.

"For your generation, there will be no more important

relationship than the U.S.-China relationship," he said to students, jokingly describing it as a "sweet and sour" relationship. "The interests of the United States and China have converged like never before."

Town Hall | Roa calls for broad-based community outreach

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the University's Hispanic community. Munoz said she noticed a lack of involvement from the Hispanic community within the honor system.

"We decided to hold this forum to increase dialogue between honor and the Hispanic community and make sure everyone has a good depiction of what honor is and ways to get involved," Munoz

said.

Although attendance for the event was poor, Committee educators did discuss ways in which they could get more minority students involved in the honor system.

"I feel like one of the biggest hurdles [is] when you don't have representation in the current system," said fourth-year Commerce student Julia Stotler, an honor educator. "Getting that first step of diversity

in would make it easier subsequently."

Munoz reached out to numerous Latino groups, including many groups within the Latino Students Association umbrella organization, said Committee Vice Chair for Education Britany Wengel, a third-year College student.

"I wasn't thrilled with the lack of attendance because I think that it could have been a very successful event, for

both groups," Wengel said in an email.

Wengel blamed the low attendance in part on the end of classes and finals approaching.

Julie Roa, program coordinator for Hispanic, Latino, Native American and Middle Eastern Student Services for the Dean of Students' office, said students of all races and ethnicities experience the honor system and have reason to

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Rotunda | Phase II funds await approval

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Sundgren said. "With the quality of work that is going in there now and the attention to maintaining it, it will hopefully last a good bit longer than [last time]."

Once the state approves funding for the project this summer, the University can move forward with phase two of the project with a target date for completion of May 2016, Sundgren said.

The state and the University

split funding the Rotunda restoration equally, with most of the University's funding coming from private donations.

The scaffolding will come down completely by the beginning of Final Exercises, Sundgren said.

Take a break...

...and pleasure read!



Senior Jared King watches his ball after a big swing. King went 3-for-4 and hit a pivotal two-run double in Sunday's victory against Florida State.

Kelsey Grant | Cavalier Daily

Cavs host in-state foes

After a historic three-game sweep of Florida State, the No. 5 Virginia baseball team looks to continue its success as it hosts Richmond and James Madison in two midweek games.

The weekend series against the Seminoles saw one of the most complete performances the Cavaliers (35-6, 16-5 ACC) have put together all season. They outscored Florida State 16-4 and were bolstered by incredible starting pitching, as all three starters — freshman Brandon Waddell, redshirt senior Scott Silverstein and sophomore Nick Howard — lasted at least six innings while giving up no more than one run each.

And although the Cavaliers have relied on late scoring bursts throughout the season, it was early-inning scoring that gave

their starters cushions on the mound against the Seminoles. Virginia scored all but two of its weekend runs in the first six innings.

The Cavaliers now look to build on their momentum against Richmond (24-14, 7-5 A-10). Virginia has traditionally feasted on midweek matchups, but the last two weeks' results should have the Cavaliers on their toes. Radford took a shocking 9-8 win at Davenport April 10 before the Cavaliers were pushed to the brink April 17 in a 10-9 extra innings win against Old Dominion.

Richmond dropped two of three games this past weekend against Saint Joseph's, suffering a 9-7 defeat in 12 innings Friday and a 7-3 loss on Saturday. But the Spi-

ders may still prove a formidable opponent, led offensively by senior first baseman and pitcher Jacob Mayers who sports a .384 batting average with seven home runs and 30 RBIs this season. He is also 2-0 with a 1.74 ERA on the mound.

James Madison (18-21, 8-12 CAA) enters the week in more dire straits. The Dukes have won four of their last five games, but the run came after an ugly 11-game losing streak.

The starting pitching matchups may not be clear until the games themselves commence. Richmond does not have a clear midweek starter, and Virginia junior Artie Lewicki has struggled in two consecutive midweek starts since returning from injury. With two games this week, coach Brian O'Connor may opt to mix up his staff.

— *Compiled by Michael Eilbacher*

SPORTS

IN BRIEF

Rowers roll at Clemson

The No. 3 Virginia rowing team enjoyed another impressive, if not spectacular, outing at this past weekend's Clemson Invitational, which featured 19 of the sport's most prestigious programs. With three victories against other ranked adversaries, the First Varsity Eight squad highlighted the Cavaliers' performance.

Although the Varsity Eight ousted No. 4 Ohio State by 2.9 seconds and No. 18 Louisville by a full 10 to spark Virginia with an early triumph Saturday morning, it was the Buckeyes who ruled the first day of competition. Ohio State won races in the Second Varsity Eight, Var-

sity Four, Novice Eight and Third Varsity Four divisions, while Virginia's Second Varsity Four alone managed to add a victory to the Varsity Eight's opening conquest. The Cavaliers did manage to finish runners-up to the Buckeyes in each of the races they failed to win.

For Saturday afternoon's second round of competition, Virginia faced six entirely new opponents as the competition groups for the meet shifted. The Cavaliers fared even better against the likes of No. 5 UCLA, No. 13 Michigan, No. 19 Cornell, No. 20 Duke, Oregon State and Oklahoma, winning three of five races and blasting the Varsity

Eight field with a blistering time of 6:12.8. In the Varsity Four and Second Varsity Eight divisions — traditionally home to teams' second and third most competitive boats — the Cavaliers finished second and third, respectively. UCLA rolled in both races.

Sunday morning posed only a mild challenge for Virginia, as the Varsity Eight, Varsity Four and Second Varsity Eight squads outstripped their competitors with ease. The Cavaliers return to action this weekend when they host the UVa Invitational at Lake Monticello this Saturday.

— *compiled by Fritz Metzinger*



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Three wins from the Varsity Eight squad powered No. 3 Virginia to a successful weekend at the highly competitive Clemson Invitational.

SPORTS

IN BRIEF

Women's club polo, basketball win titles

Throughout the entire 2012-13 sports season, none of Virginia's 25 varsity programs have captured a national championship, but within an eight-day span, two of the school's club teams managed the feat.

After the women's polo team ousted Cornell for its second

straight national championship April 13, the women's basketball club survived a mercurial affair with Penn State to claim the national crown this past Sunday.

Held in Brookshire, Texas, the USPA National Intercollegiate Polo Championship pitted Virginia against the nemesis Big

Red in the final. The Cavaliers overcame an early four-goal deficit to force an overtime shootout, which they won for a 10-9 victory. Fourth-year College students Kylie Sheehan and Isabella Wolf earned tournament All-Star honors for Virginia.

The next weekend, the Virginia

club women's basketball team travelled to NC State to vie with 14 other schools for a NIRSA NCCS National Championship. After steamrolling Denver, Marquette and Southern Illinois by a combined score of 129-78 to advance to the championship game, the Cavaliers rode a late

14-0 run to outlast the Nittany Lions 35-29.

Captain and tournament MVP guard Jessica Napoleon, a third-year Education student, joined forward Caroline Wilke, an Education graduate student, as a Club All-American.

— *compiled by Fritz Metzinger*

W Lax | Myers aims to reverse recent postseason fortunes

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pionship," Virginia coach Julie Myers said. "[Now] the coaches are doing a better job; there's so many more athletes that they can coach. So, I've just seen the parity in the Tournament grow every year."

This year, the NCAA Tournament will expand from 16 to 26 teams, with 13 schools receiving at-large bids. No. 16 Virginia (8-8, 1-4 ACC) could benefit from the move. The Cavaliers began the season ranked No. 8 in the IWLCA Coaches Poll but have slipped eight spots since then, and Myers said that only wins against No. 9 Duke and No. 1 Maryland in this week's ACC Tournament would guarantee her team's place in the field.

Virginia, despite its uneven

season, believes an extended NCAA Tournament run is not yet out of reach. Having played in the 2011 Tournament at Florida and in last year's at Virginia, senior defender Lelan Bailey understands the keys to success in the postseason.

"The majority of the game is won in the practices and the planning and the film-watching," Bailey said. "The preparation for the game is going to be huge."

Myers, Virginia's head coach since 1996, has a deep knowledge of NCAA Tournament lacrosse. Confronted with the diabolical task of following legendary coach Jane Miller, whose Virginia teams captured two national championships and reached six Final Fours in her 12 years at the helm, Myers has guided the Cavaliers to 17 tournament appear-

ances in her tenure.

Virginia, however, has encountered more heartbreak than elation at season's end. Other than a 2004 title game triumph against Princeton, the Cavaliers have dropped each of their other championship tilts under Myers, including losses to Maryland in three of her first four years as head coach. Virginia last reached the championship in 2007, when the third-ranked Cavaliers succumbed, 15-13, to No. 1 Northwestern.

"It's so hard," Myers said. "I mean, there are so many years we got to a championship game ... but to get there, I think you appreciate getting there after the fact."

In addition to drawing on the lessons from those heartbreaks, Myers still attempts to instill the

qualities that propelled her 2004 team to championship-winning glory in her team today.

"It was a year that we had to grind out a lot of games early on, and we just kept saying, 'Stay with it, and we'll get better, and a one-goal win is still a win, and let's just keep building and moving forward,'" Myers said.

In recent years, however, Virginia's runs in the Tournament have ended much more abruptly, with the team advancing to the second round only once since 2007. This year, were it not for a 10-5 win against Virginia Tech in their regular season finale, the Cavaliers would be in true must-win mode entering Thursday's game against Duke.

"To get in would be, you know, something that we've kind

of always taken for granted," Myers said. "I think this year now we realize how special it is, so we're going to do everything we can to make sure this isn't our first year of being left out in the last 20 years or so."

For Virginia's seniors, this year's NCAA Tournament marks the last chance to join the pantheon of Cavalier greats in a rapidly expanding sport. In the end, however, Bailey regards this Tournament more as a chance to savor her experiences than one to bolster her legacy.

"I want to win because it's the last time to be with this team — the team of 2013," Bailey said. "We've been through so much; that's why it means a lot to me. It's because it's the last time I'll ever get to compete with my best friends."

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which accounts for a Cavalier Daily tryout — the section's cross-country associate had abruptly retired.

I will forever be thankful for what transpired next between Andrew and me. He read my mock article and offered me the open associate position on the spot, allowing me to eschew the traditional "staff writer" transitional period. I was hesitant, having never written for a newspaper in any capacity before, but Andrew told me he believed I'd do great and assured me he'd be there to assist me with any growing pains along the way. He was true to his word, and his blind — probably misguided — faith in me helped immensely when I was first getting settled in with the paper.

Here's an embarrassing anecdote

that only a few people know. The first sporting event I ever covered was the Lou Onesty Open, a home race that marked the opener of the cross-country season. A good friend of mine, Alex Roark — you finally got your shout-out — drove me to the event and was instrumental in keeping my mind off the fact that I really had no idea what I was doing.

I began my interviews with men's runner Ryan Collins — who had just finished third in the race — and it went along better than I could have ever expected, except that moments after we finished our tête-à-tête I accidentally deleted the entire recording. I was petrified to admit this but knew I had no other choice, and amazingly Ryan was more than happy to do the whole interview over again. Even though

I was abjectly shamefaced at that moment, it marked the first of countless times that the student-athletes I've covered were far kinder to me than I deserved, and I have and always will appreciate that.

In a similar vein, the coaches I encountered and spent lengthy, invaluable time with when I was following their teams were always kind to me. With special mention to Steve Garland, Eileen Schmidt and George Gelnovatch, I will look back fondly on the conversations I shared with all of you and am forever thankful for the forbearance you displayed in our dealings.

I'm also eternally thankful for every editor that has put up with me in the last three years. If the list wasn't so long I'd enumerate each of you, but I'd be remiss not to specifically highlight Ashley Robertson, Matt Welsh, Stacy Kruczkowski, and

Nick Eilerson for going out of your ways to provide me with kind, instructive and encouraging words about my work, making what sometimes felt like a thankless job much more enjoyable.

To my parents, I must thank you for allowing me to follow my gut, believing in me, inveterately reading everything I write, and — until recently — not pestering me too much about where I really plan on going with this whole writing business. To my older brother Sam — who still knows more about sports than I do — much love for not reminding me of that too often, and for always being there to bounce ideas off and talk to about anything.

I've never really known how large this next group is, but for anyone who has ever read any of my columns or articles over the years, I most cer-

tainly thank you, too. To my faithful readers, a contingent comprised mostly of my good friends — you goons know you are — I love you all for the column suggestions, and the retweets, and the interminable sports banter, and even the times when you told me that I had been slacking.

Finally, for the readers who hit me up on Twitter, or the select few who recognized me from my columnist picture and stopped me on Grounds just to tell me that I write too much about New York sports, I know that I did and I'm sorry. I tried to mix it up as best as I could, but I always wrote what was on my mind and what was in my heart, and, just like that kid way back in sixth grade, I had fun doing it. I hope you had some fun, or laughed, or said, "damn that was weird," when reading.

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Making a public ivy

The University could learn from William & Mary’s recently unveiled financial model

The University is not the only Virginia institution fond of describing itself as a “public ivy.” The College of William & Mary has branded itself as a public liberal-arts college that rivals its more prestigious private peers.

The “public ivy” label entices students seeking an education that is high-quality but not high-cost. It also betrays the Ivy League inferiority complex that plagues many top-drawer public institutions.

In terms of academic quality, the University and William & Mary both can make a good case for why they merit the moniker. From an operational standpoint, however, William & Mary is beginning to look more ivy and less public.

The Williamsburg school unveiled a new tuition and fees structure Friday. The operational model, dubbed the “William & Mary Promise,” resembles the high-tuition, high-aid approach many selective private institutions, including most ivies and Ivy League equivalents, employ.

Tuition will rise sharply. New in-state students entering William & Mary this fall will pay \$10,428 in tuition. Virginia residents entering in fall 2014 will pay \$12,428 — an increase of nearly 20 percent. The fall after, in-state tuition will jump again, this time to \$13,794.

The school, however, will freeze in-state tuition for each entering class. Freshmen entering in fall 2013 will pay \$10,428 in tuition for each of their four years at William & Mary.

Out-of-state students entering William & Mary in fall 2013 will have a tuition increase of 3 percent — the lowest increase in 11 years.

A renewed commitment to financial aid further offsets the tuition hikes. The school plans to increase the amount of need-based aid it offers in-state students by 50 percent in the next four years. It will use most of the increased aid to replace loans with grants. William & Mary officials say that under the new model, the net tuition most Virginia students receiving financial aid pay will decrease, despite the rise in tuition.

William & Mary’s new operational model is notable because public colleges in many states have taken a much different strategy in light of recent drops in state

funding. Some public universities, most notably in the University of California system, have combated financial woes by accepting more and more out-of-state students, who pay substantially higher tuition rates. William & Mary’s approach, in contrast, reduces rather than increases the school’s reliance on out-of-state students.

Other state schools — such as Idaho’s public universities, which raised tuition by 9 percent or more at three campuses last year — have coped with funding gaps by ratcheting up their sticker prices. While William & Mary’s plan entails significant tuition increases, its tuition-freeze guarantee means its rates, though high, will be predictable. Students and parents will not have to worry about year-by-year hikes.

The University has not ceded to William & Mary’s high-tuition, high-aid strategy nor to the University of California’s tactic of admitting more out-of-state students. The University’s tuition and fees structure has elements of both approaches — high out-of-state tuition makes the school financially dependent on non-Virginians, though the institution has kept its out-of-state ratio fairly constant in recent years — but it has more in common with the former than the latter. The Board of Visitors last week approved moderate tuition increases. These hikes were substantial enough that Rector Helen Dragas voted against them in an uncharacteristically populist maneuver, but they are nowhere as dramatic as William & Mary’s tuition increases. The University has distanced itself from the high-tuition, high-aid model in another important respect: in setting next year’s tuition and fees, the University did not strengthen AccessUVa in any visible way.

A high-tuition, high-aid strategy may not be right for the University’s fiscal health at this stage. But there’s at least one lesson the school can draw from Jefferson’s alma mater. William & Mary expects to generate more than \$8 million in new revenues in 2013-14 under its new financial model. The school has earmarked nearly \$5 million of its expected revenue increase to faculty and staff salaries. That sort of proportional commitment is key for any institution that wishes to brand itself a public ivy.

Featured online reader comment

“Excellent. The media’s response (or lack thereof) to Gosnell should be an alarm bell for pro-choice and pro-life alike. The most cursory analysis of the situation reveals a deeply disturbing trend.”

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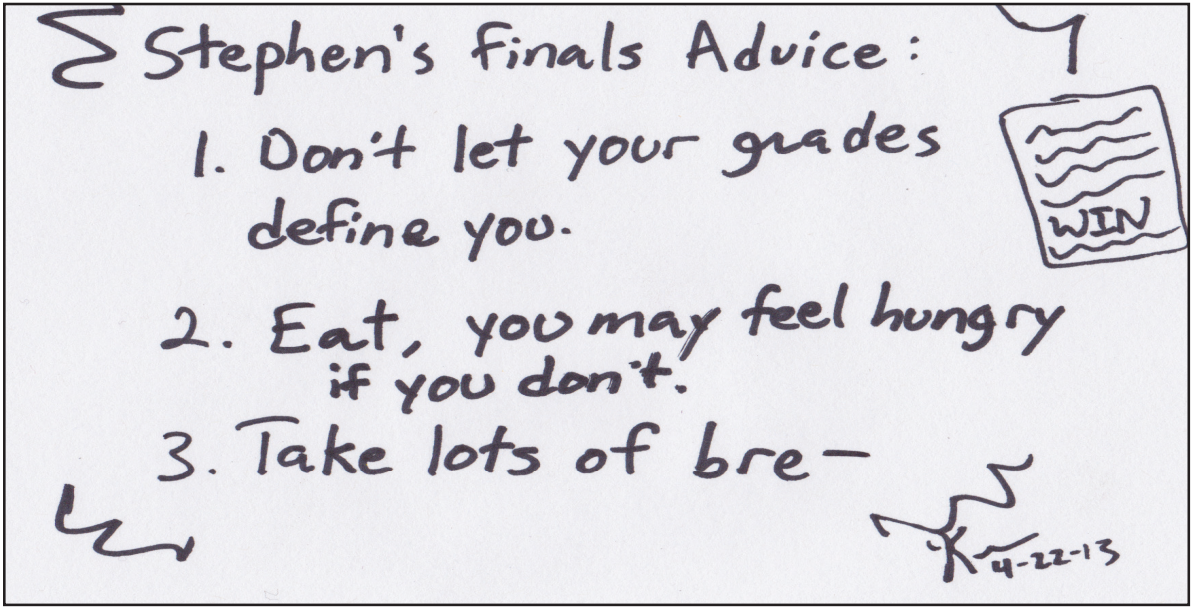
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Sweet serendipity

Students at the University ought to be thankful for every moment

Two weeks ago, Art Prof. Carmenita Higginbotham spoke at my sorority’s general body meeting about what inspires her. I admittedly sat back, began to doze off and prepared myself to listen to what I consider to be the all-too-common tale of academic perseverance or intellectual curiosity; however, Professor Higginbotham mentioned something that I did not expect to hear. Serendipity — the aptitude of making desirable discoveries by accident, or good luck — is what inspires her each and every day.

I left the meeting both curious and intrigued. How could someone so driven and accomplished value and find inspiration from fortune or good luck? Yet, in light of recent events that have taken place this past year, Professor Higginbotham’s message has taken on much more significance in my life as of late. For some of us, serendipity means being able to attend our Friday classes safely because we chose not to go to school in Boston. For some of us, serendipity means having our elementary school experiences *not* be clouded by the terrors of Newtown, Connecticut. For some of us, serendipity means returning home safely from our study abroad experiences. For some of us, serendipity means being mentally, physically and monetarily able to study at the University of Virginia. And yet for all of us, serendipity means waking up each and every morning.

With exams and Final Exercises

quickly approaching, the pressure to succeed is all around us. Be it an overbearing exam schedule, intensive family obligations, demanding extracurricular work or a daunting and seemingly never-ending job search, the stressors present for any and all first to fourth years alike can certainly seem unbearable at times. That being said, regardless of what you believe, there are many reasons to be thankful. Today, we have the opportunity to enjoy another spring afternoon with our friends and family. Today, we have the opportunity to study what we are passionate about. Today, we have the opportunity to walk the grounds of the University of Virginia once more. And today, we have the opportunity to experience what I truly believe to be some of the best years of our lives.

Sadly, this is not the case for everyone. The names of those whose lives have been so quickly and unexpectedly cut short, likewise, will always stand out as a recent reminder of this fact. Sean Collier, for example, the security officer who died responding to disturbances caused by the Boston Marathon bombers

on MIT’s campus last Thursday night; 29-year-old Krystle Campbell, 8-year-old Martin Richard and 23-year-old Lingzi Lu, the three victims that lost their lives in the Boston Marathon explosion; the 26 students and teachers shot and killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School this past December, and all of our fellow Wahoos who tragically passed away this year are only a few of the countless reminders that we are by no means promised another day, hour or minute to laugh, to learn and to love.

Therefore, sweet serendipity — as I’ve now termed it — is a call to live in the moment, to enjoy 10 more minutes with friends, to streak the Lawn one more time, to give Dean Groves another high five and to truly immerse yourself in the University of Virginia experience, regardless of how much time you have left on Grounds. There is a reason that Ernest Hemingway once wrote to “live life to the fullest.” Because for all of us, we have been afforded this day, this hour, this second and this moment to do just that.

Kelly McCoy is a fourth-year trustee.

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Overarching powers

Congressional apprehension about drone use on U.S. soil should be extended to the use of drones abroad

.S.Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), in response to receiving a letter from the U.S. attorney general that refused to rule out a CIA policy allowing drone strikes on U.S. soil in emergency situations, filibustered John Brennan's nomination for CIA director for four hours. Backed by senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Mike Lee (R-Utah) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Paul made statements about the importance of trial by jury, claiming that this drone policy went against the Constitution.

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Paul's argument — that no citizen should be subject to a drone strike without first being accused of a crime and without a proper trial — is in response to the prospect of drone strikes on U.S. soil exclusively. Paul contended that drone strikes on American soil give the government undue power. This concern should allow apply to American drone strikes abroad. Automated drones have changed the dynamic of the

war on terror. With their small size and remote-controlled systems, drones can operate in nearly every corner of the world and without troop deployment. Though not all drones are equipped with weapons — many are used for surveillance and intelligence gathering — those that carry munitions have been used to target specific people overseas. These strikes are often justified because they have allowed the U.S. government to kill high-ranking persons in terrorist groups, notably Al Qaeda's second-in-command Abu Yahya al-Libi.

What is troubling about drone attacks, however, is that they operate within the war on terror, which is fought on a global battlefield. The vagueness of the war's parameters means that victims of these strikes are treated by the United States as war casualties and are therefore not subject to judicial action, no matter where the strikes happen. Drones used under

this definition of war give the U.S. government a broad power to conduct violence across the globe without international legal consequences. Though deployed against people identified as combatants, drones give the government the troubling power to attack without a formal declaration of war against a particular country in which a strike is carried out. In fact, it is the CIA, not even the military, that conducts the majority of drone strikes. Although the war on terror is largely associated with the Bush administration, its influence on foreign policy persists. We must consider the ethical implications of rapidly developing drone technology if the war is to continue.

The breadth of the conflict in which drones are used is especially troubling when one

considers collateral damage. Though drone strikes allow for a degree of specificity, the number of civilian casualties that accompanies strikes is shocking. Many drone strikes occur in remote areas. Coupled with the fact that strikes are often conducted without a personal U.S. presence, varying reports of casualties exist. Still, some sources, including the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, claim that up to 852 civilians were reported dead from drone strikes in Pakistan and Yemen, though exact numbers are uncertain.

The government's staggering power to use drone strikes abroad has even been used against an American citizen, Anwar Al-Awlaki, killed by a drone strike in Yemen. Al-Awlaki was no friend to the United States. He incited many

radicals to war against it, but he was, nonetheless, a legal American, and the Constitution does not play favorites. It is too late to give him a trial, but his fate serves as a reminder that drone strikes add a frightening precision to our government's capability for violence: individual assassination.

Paul and the other senators were right to voice apprehensions about the relationship between drone strikes and constitutionality, but based on the widespread power weaponized drones give the U.S. government, politicians must consider the ethics of drone strikes against all people, American citizens or not. The use of drone strikes makes a mockery of national sovereignty, often kills innocents and gives the U.S. the right to assassinate outside conventional warfare. Political debate about drones must reflect this global viewpoint, in addition to a domestic one.

Walter Keady's column runs Tuesdays in The Cavalier Daily.

Bullet points

The recently failed gun-control amendment would not have solved America's problem with gun violence

Last Wednesday the Manchin-Toomey amendment, which would have required background checks for all commercial gun sales, received 54 of the 60 votes it needed to pass in the U.S. Senate.

The legislation's supporters argued that the bill would have been a helpful preventive measure against gun violence. While I understand this perspective, it is important to see how the legislation would have affected United States citizens negatively.

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The Manchin-Toomey amendment would have expanded background checks to cover all firearms sales at gun shows and on the Internet, but it would have exempted sales between friends and acquaintances outside of commercial venues. Proponents of the bill argued that the expansion of background checks would be constructive because increased checks would prevent guns from getting into the hands of unstable or unfit persons. While in theory this may be true, in actuality it would have only minimally prevented the transaction of firearms, if at all. Access to firearms is easy in today's society, and illegal gun transactions are not extremely difficult, especially for driven individuals with a set objective of murder. And apart from illicit gun sales, there's always the option of taking guns from friends or relatives. Adam Lanza, the architect of the Sandy Hook tragedy, stole his mother's firearm, without a single transaction background check.

No amount of gun-control leg-

islation will stop access to guns or prevent illegal use of guns. Proponents of the legislation cite the Arizona, Colorado and Virginia Tech tragedies, all of which involved firearms, where the gunmen were considered mentally unstable and were still able to purchase weapons without in-depth background checks. But while the Manchin-Toomey amendment would have required states and the federal government to send all necessary records on criminals and the violently mentally ill to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), none of the gunmen from any of the previously mentioned mass murders had felony convictions or documented histories of violent mental illness.

In addition, extending the existing background checks and making them stricter, while supposedly a preventative measure, would have ineffective results. Look back to the Colorado, Arizona and Virginia Tech shootings. The Colorado shooter was checked, and his only past crime was a traffic ticket, which was irrelevant to his gun purchase. The gunman from Arizona passed the FBI background check without any problem. And the Virginia Tech shooter held a green card, meaning he was a legal, permanent resident, which according to federal officials made him eligible to buy a gun unless convicted of a felony.

Proponents of the bill also argued that even if the legislation only minimally prevented firearm misuse, it would still be better than no prevention at

all and that there is nothing to lose by passing the legislation. In reality, there is much to lose. If this bill had been passed and implemented, its ineffectiveness would have either caused people to forgo the cause altogether, which would mean they realized gun laws will probably never work, or it would have resulted in people rallying around more gun control and stricter background checks, and eventually a complete registry of gun owners. While the bill explicitly bans the federal government from creating a national firearms registry, I am dubious of future legislation that would have been created once people saw the ineffectiveness of this bill when put into practice.

Some readers may be thinking, why not have a gun registry if it would save lives and keep people safe? A gun registry would be an extreme measure that would unjustly document all purchased weapons, giving the government the necessary information to tax our guns and to take them. Having this information would not keep people safe. It would just be a way for the government to gain and exert more power. While the legislation in question would not have given the government total access to gun-owner information, it is a step in the direction of tighter and stricter gun control. The more gun laws that are passed, the more our Second Amendment rights are being infringed on, and the

more we begin to lose certain liberties. Some argue that the Second Amendment does not include private ownership but rather protects the right of the "militia" to bear arms. However, the word "militia" is not the equivalent of "military." It can mean a group of ordinary citizens. Therefore if the militia is a group of armed citizens, and the Second Amendment specifically extends to the militia, then there is no way to have a militia without having armed citizens. Gun ownership is essential to the Second Amendment and it is a right that Americans have. A registry may not be inevitable, but the

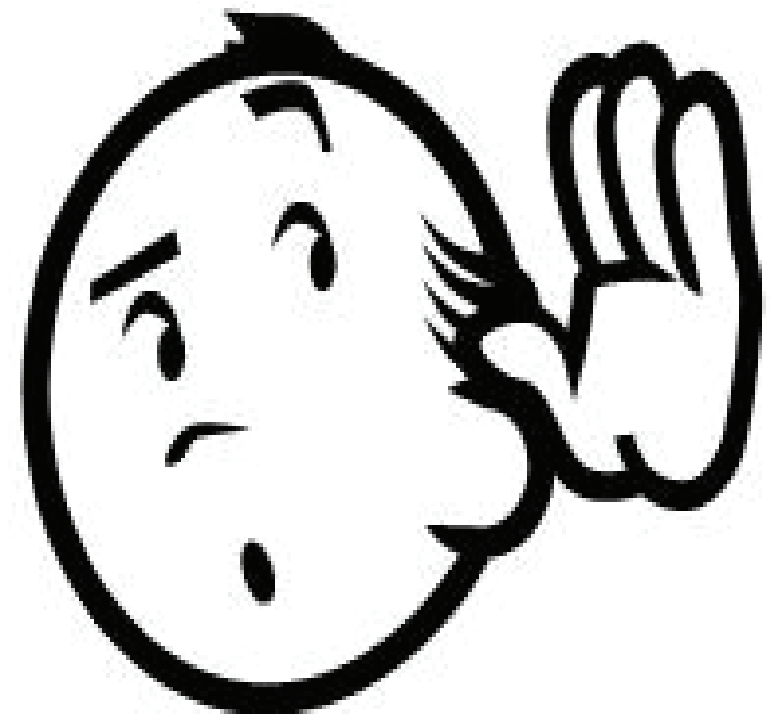
passing of this legislation would have certainly been a step in that direction, a direction that would lead to the elimination of some of our essential liberties.

Finally, most guns used in crimes are not purchased through venues where a background check would be performed; they are purchased on the streets through friends and acquaintances. The Manchin-Toomey amendment would not have extended to sales between friends and acquaintances, significantly decreasing its effectiveness. Legal transactions are only a fraction of the actual transactions that take place in the United States, and gaining access to guns under the radar is not incredibly difficult. No amount of legislation will fix the problem. When it comes to misuse of firearms, we can do more to solve the problem ourselves than through the use

of legislation. Gun owners need to ensure that unstable people do not have access to their weapons by locking the guns in a safe and using their discretion before allowing someone else to use their gun. And if a seemingly unstable person is able to procure a firearm, then it is imperative that anyone who knows reports it.

It is the responsibility of us as American citizens to report any questionable behavior we witness in relation to the procuring of guns. When it comes to recent shootings, some of the killers' acquaintances knew they had mental problems and did nothing to help them. In light of the failure of this bill, we as citizens need to begin taking strides toward preventing weapons from getting into the hands of our mentally unwell family members, friends and acquaintances. If we see signs of extreme anger, instability in someone we know, or if we feel unsafe, we need to report them before it is too late. Many of the shooters from the previously mentioned mass shootings displayed outward signs of unsteadiness, and had those around them gotten them help and had them institutionalized, then perhaps the shootings would not have occurred. It is difficult to speculate at this point in time, but it's easy to see that we can do a much better job preventing guns from getting into the wrong hands than any legislation could, especially the Manchin-Toomey amendment.

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FOURTH-YEAR CRUSHES CHARLOTTESVILLE MARATHON



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Fourth-year College student Holly Rich may have been among thousands of runners during her April 6 marathon debut, but she certainly didn't blend into the crowd. Pounding the pavement for 26.2 miles at an average pace of 7 minutes and 42 seconds per mile, Rich surprised even herself and won the 2013 Charlottesville Marathon women's race with a time of three hours and 21 minutes. "I had no idea I was going to win," Rich said. Hoping to place somewhere in the top 20, Rich wanted to qualify for the 2014 Boston Marathon with a time under 3:35:00, though her goal was to beat 3:25:00. Despite hitting a "mental wall" around mile 22, Rich managed to slip past the leader after one of the hardest parts of the course — a sizeable hill on the return from the Rivanna River trail at mile 24. "That's where I saw the girl who was in the lead at the time," Rich said. "She was [just] walking up the hill. I was feeling okay, but mentally it was really hard for the last few miles." Rich, a member of the University club cross-country team, added long distance runs to her weekly training schedule to prepare for the marathon. She said the team gave her a solid base for marathon training. "We trained pretty intensely with club cross-country," Rich said. "stressed the importance of slowly building up mileage to avoid injury. "Since it was my first marathon, I didn't want to

do too much," she said. Some of Rich's favorite places to run include a gravel trail on Dick Woods Road and the Rivanna Trail system. Charlottesville's hilly terrain helped prepare her for the scenic marathon course, which wound through Albemarle farmlands on Garth Road, past the Rotunda, through historic neighborhoods and along the Rivanna River, finishing in the heart of the Downtown Mall. Rich, who received much of her marathon racing advice from father George Rich, who has run 13 marathons — including four Boston Marathons, one of the sport's most prestigious races — was inspired by his daughter to start running seriously when she began to compete in high school. Holly was an all-state track runner at Monticello High School before joining the club cross-country team at the University. The father and daughter ran the last six miles of the Charlottesville Marathon together after completing several long runs together during training. "My wife and I were jubilant when she won," George Rich said. "It totally took me by surprise. I never knew for sure she could win it until she caught the leader at mile 25 and passed her." Though Holly's father gave her ideas about how to train, he admitted the 2013 Charlottesville Marathon's first female finisher is the faster one in the family. "She beats her dad pretty good," he said.



Courtesy
Holly Rich

A little birdy told me

I love social media. But I also hate social media — and I don't think I'm the only one who feels this way. In many ways, social media is great. Facebook allows me to plan trips to vineyards with old roommates and keep up with high school friends at other schools. Twitter is my main news source. Instagram simultaneously reaffirms my youngest sister is cooler than

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me and allows me to share my pictures in an artsy way. Snapchat — well, at least I receive Snapchats that make me feel better about my own life. But not everything about social media is great. There's a darker underside to most of these platforms. We acknowledge this with the people closest to us, but, as a larger society, we have a hard time critically analyzing and discussing these technologies. Overall, I consider myself a pretty happy person. I attend a school I love. I have friends who not only buy me cupcakes and joke gifts regularly, but are also there for me when I need someone to help me over-analyze my problems. I even look forward to family dinners — especially when they're at held Coastal Flats. But like everyone else, I have days when I am down on myself or stressed about work. Those are the days I think social media can be more toxic, as I find myself comparing my own life to someone else's highlight reel. When we're already down,

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When a word is worth a thousand pictures

With the last week of Cavalier Daily production underway, I want to avoid repeating any of this year's themes or subjects — a task which in and of itself has proved arduous. To that end, I'll share a personal frustration I've been dealing with lately — obscure and abstract as it may seem. Since writing a column earlier this semester about contradictions in common colloquial phrases, I've found another aphorism that irks me — though for different reasons. I've been feeling indecisive toward the phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words." I wouldn't call myself an artist, but I am a writer and a reader. I'm inclined to appreciate the beauty of all kinds of verbal communication, and I like to think that words as descriptors are ever more valuable than their visual counterparts. But on the other side, photographs and images can be so much more pragmatic. They can answer so many questions with just a glimpse of an eye. But I guess therein lies the entire

debate: words and images serve different purposes, so much so they shouldn't be compared side by side. Words allow for creativity, interpretation and subjectivity. Each viewer sees something different in a word, sentence or book — making it difficult for authors to cater to any particular audience and making the success of reaching a large one increasingly thrilling and appealing. It's also about accessibility and availability. Not to discriminate against the illiterate of the world — though, perhaps, that is inherently unavoidable — but the ability to creatively interpret and imagine something solely based on mere recited or written words is a skill not attainable to all, and one worth tuning. In an image though, each viewer

is presented with the same picture. Granted, each individual has different interpretations of art — so maybe this is a moot point for abstract styles. But in most photographs and images, you see exactly what the next person sees. Audience members are less able to interpret a visual — to decide what it means to them — because the meaning is given. The responsibility lays more so with the creator; his approach and aim is more obvious and less open to interpretation. When someone sees a novel I'm holding and asks me what I'm reading and what it's about, I don't know how to answer. In colloquial conversation you recount a mere plot summary usually quite easily, but I'll only do that as a formality to appease my inquisitor. I'll show them the cover, which probably impacts them more so than my trite summary of the plot

Breaking Barriers



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ing and what it's about, I don't know how to answer. In colloquial conversation you recount a mere plot summary usually quite easily, but I'll only do that as a formality to appease my inquisitor. I'll show them the cover, which probably impacts them more so than my trite summary of the plot

anyway. But this forgets the point of view, the themes and motifs, the narrative style, the references and allusions which, in my mind, define the novel so much more than superficially saying, "It's about a girl who goes to India to work with children." It forgets the burning passion beaming through, the biographical traces left behind, the visual and olfactory images the author has so skillfully created. One hundred thousand words are worth more than a picture, because those one hundred thousand separate entities create a personal image unique to the receiver. Images, beautiful as they can be, are fleeting and forgettable, simple and square, cheap throwaways of a magnificent world that could have been otherwise given life through words. Maybe words are more difficult, but they are worth the task. Valerie can be reached at v.clemens@cavalierdaily.com.

A punderful life after all

When I started writing this column three years ago, I only had one guiding principle in mind: puns. I wasn't interested in writing opinion pieces about legitimate issues or advice columns for bewildered first-years. If I told people I wrote a column, they always asked, "What do you write about?" The answer is nothing, really. Whatever comes to mind or whatever's on my mind. There's never been any rhyme or reason to my pontifications, except that I really think of them as "punitifications." So, when it came time to brainstorm for my final column, the swan song of my journalistic career, I immediately knew I would write about puns. It took crafting my resume this year for me to realize this column has actually been the longest-running — or longest-punning, we'll say — thing I've done at this University. Puns have been the foundation of my college career, the thing to which I've dedicated four years of my life.

This may make some of you laugh, scoff or, if you're my parents, shake your heads in disbelief. Puns? For crying out loud EP, you've dedicated the four most transformative — better yet, "transfourmative" — years of your life to little quips people don't understand half of the time? Oh my word, play hard you did! But, give me a chance to defend my lifestyle. I promise it'll be a pun of fun. Even beyond this column, I've made it a point to insert puns or equally eye-roll-worthy jokes into every Facebook post I submit and every email I send. My virtual wall is painted with pun battles, where a theme, such as "Disney princesses," guides the competition. With so many Rapunzels in one place,

it's a Sleeping Beauty. Instead of relying on bright pink fonts and sparkly emoticons, puns color my emails and add dimension to otherwise standard replies. I can't imagine a life without puns — they make me an individual. I'm defined by my punning as others are defined by their kindness or intelligence. And I think this is what I love most about myself. I rely on puns for everything, from first impressions to job interview connections — then, the puns are always intended. My boss from the summer — after experiencing my affinity first-hand — actually got me in touch with a fellow punster, who writes pun greeting cards. At a coffee chat I had with a recruiter, I mentioned the title of this column and she immediately said she'd send me an article about garden

It's a Punderful Life



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puns. If I ever receive a superlative, it's predictably, "Most Likely to Pun." After my third time receiving this award, I was a bit frustrated with the unoriginality. Is that all I am? But now, I respond with confidence and pride, "Yes!" Give me any award for "punniest" and I'll happily accept. The world's a better place with puns. They make advertisements catchier, boring speeches more engaging and politicians more human. People always feel the need to apologize for puns, especially the "bad" ones, and dismiss them as unintended. But we're always the first to take credit for any other joke — so why don't we put puns into this category? They're smart, concise, clever and quirky. Puns are everything we want to be. If I could be "Most Likely to Pun," for the rest of my life, it'd be a punderful life indeed. EP can be reached at e.stonehill@cavalierdaily.com.

Urban | Social media sites conceal worrisome downsides

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we forget people put the most managed version of themselves on the Internet. This is especially true on Facebook — most people on my timeline seem to only post pictures from their fun weekend adventures and only update their status to share news of a summer internship. Absent are accounts of how many nights they cried themselves to sleep because of a recent breakup or rants about how their roommate forgot to do the dishes again.

During my more stressful times in college, I deactivated my Facebook, just so I could focus on achieving my own

goals without worrying about everyone else's lives. It was a freeing experience; when your Facebook is gone, you realize how many hours you spend wasting your time lurking on your newsfeed. You realize there are ways to cure boredom that aren't Facebook stalking.

Yet whenever I finished my paper or caught up on all my reading, I reactivated my Facebook — viewing it as a necessary evil. I wanted to be invited to my friends' apartment parties and support their philanthropies. In many ways, not being on Facebook means you don't exist; we never seem to take the time to

externally reach out to people anymore unless they're in our inner circle. We figure creating a Facebook event or post is enough to keep people on the periphery involved in our lives.

Conversely, with its use of a timeline, Facebook makes it all too easy for me to see what someone was posting in high school and find all those embarrassing selfies they took, even though those postings no longer represent who the person is today. To me, it seems Twitter has some significant advantages to Facebook, partially for this reason. It's hard to find someone's tweet from a year ago, so the platform itself emphasizes the present

and acknowledges that people change over time.

Yet one of the pitfalls of Twitter is the false sense of intimacy created when you follow someone. They are constantly providing snippets of information about their lives. You feel you know the person better than you do. The reality of Twitter is that you can read someone's tweet history and still not know a single substantive thing about that person.

And I imagine I'm not the only one who's had a spine-chilling moment of social embarrassment when we mention an acquaintance's tweet to them in person and end up looking like a stalker.

Because Twitter seems so personal, it's easy to assume you are the target audience for someone's tweet, especially if they are a good friend or a romantic interest. In most cases, however, that person probably tweeted for an entirely different reason than you assumed.


Despite my grievances with social media, I have to admit — I love the connectivity of these sites. I love how they allow me to share my life with those around me. Yet it's important to remember social media isn't real life. It's life mediated.

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