

Someone you know: assaults at U.Va.

National discussions about rape culture highlight troubling college trends; collegiate women more likely to become victims than non-students

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The national press surged on Steubenville, Ohio in March, as two high school football players — aged 16 and 17 — were con-

victed of raping a 16-year-old classmate while she was too intoxicated to give consent. The nationwide conversations about rape culture, prevention and policy that the trial prompted remain particularly relevant

on college campuses across the country.

In October of last year, for instance, a University student anonymously posted a letter on Facebook relating the story of her sexual assault by a "Mr. Y" after an on-Grounds club meeting. That letter sparked an outcry on social media, reminding the University community of a controversial 2007 website cataloguing the University's alleged failures to prosecute sexual assaults on Grounds.

And that victim is not alone — a Wilder Research Report in 2007 found that sexual assault is the

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Council selects leadership

Cappello, Ross join returners Pawlowski, Mootz on StudCo's executive board

Student Council President Eric McDaniel, left, addressed incoming and outgoing members of Student Council during the body's transition ceremony Monday. McDaniel hopes to increase Council's efficiency and transparency in the coming term.



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Student Council held its annual transition ceremony for the new president, vice president and representative body Monday evening at the Colonnade Club in Pavilion VII.

Third-year College students Annie Ungrady, vice president for administration, Neil Branch, vice president for organizations, Eric McDaniel, Council's

new president and the representative body took their oaths of office before the outgoing Council executive committee and other current representatives.

McDaniel said he wants to focus this term on expanding transparency and fostering engagement. "We're all looking at the same idea, which is integration," he said.

Chief of Cabinet Jessie Cappello, a third-year College

student, said she was excited for McDaniel's ideas for inter-Council collaboration.

Third-year College student Allie Mootz returns as Chief Financial Officer, as Alex Pawlowski, a third-year Engineering student, reprises his role as Chief Technology Officer for the coming term. Pawlowski was in charge of Council's recent web-

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Hogan shuffles senior deputies

EVP cuts costs, reassigns Chief Financial Officer duties, increases top management responsibilities

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Instead of hiring a new Chief Financial Officer to fill the vacant position, the University restructured Executive Vice President Patrick Hogan's office to include those responsibilities. The restructuring, announced last week, effective Monday, seeks to promote the streamlining goals laid out by University President Teresa Sullivan.

Hogan, who became the University's Chief Operating Officer last semester, said current administrators are qualified to handle the duties formerly assigned to the CFO.

"I made a decision about a month ago not to continue the search for a CFO," Hogan said. "As I was searching for a CFO, [and] as I began to better understand the capabilities of my own team, I decided to suspend the search and to make some changes internally in my organization."

In the past the University has

had both a COO and a CFO, which is somewhat unusual compared to peer institutions, Hogan said. Instead of hiring a CFO, Hogan reassigned tasks associated with the CFO to his team, allowing them to step up into positions of greater responsibility.

The University will save about \$300,000 annually by not hiring a CFO, Hogan said. University Spokesperson McGregor McCance said Hogan's plan aligns with Sullivan's overall strategic planning goals to streamline administrative efforts and reduce costs.

Hogan said his own financial background makes him confident that the changes made are not decreasing the University's ability to address financial matters.

"I have been so impressed by the quality of the people here, the dedication and hard work of the team," Hogan said. "I felt internally we had the skill, cap-

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Surging Cavs calm 'Canes

Despite streak-ending Sunday loss, offense powers squad to series win, 25-3 record

By Michael Eilbacher
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Sunday at Davenport Field, the No. 6 Virginia baseball team found itself in a rare position — the losing end of a game. Though the loss prevented a Cavalier sweep and snapped Virginia's nine-game win streak, it was not enough to put a damper on another strong weekend from the Cavaliers, who downed the Hurricanes 15-4 Friday and 8-1 Saturday to take the series win.

"In the game of baseball, you're not meant to win every game," coach Brian O'Connor said. "We're 25-3 in our first 28 and we're at the midway point in the year. That's pretty special — there aren't many people that are playing at that clip."

The Cavaliers (25-3, 9-3 ACC) sent Brandon Waddell to the mound against Miami (20-11, 5-7 ACC) in Friday's opener, but the freshman suffered through an uncharacteristically uneven performance. He gave up a run

on four hits in the top of the first inning and seemed to lack the precise control that has powered him so far this year. After two strong innings in the second and third, he allowed the first four runners on base to open the fourth inning and was pulled by O'Connor before getting an out. Miami was able to plate three runs in the inning to tie the game at 4-4.

"I don't think there was any-

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Senior second baseman Reed Gragnani prepares to throw to first base after fielding a groundball. Gragnani totalled nine RBIs against Miami this weekend.



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Sophomore attackman Nick O'Reilly fires a pass upfield in a matchup against Maryland Saturday. O'Reilly finished with a goal and two assists.

No. 2 Terps oust Virginia 9-7

Team drops fourth straight game after failing to recover from early deficit

By Zack Bartee
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The No. 17 Virginia men's lacrosse team mounted a furious comeback in the final quarter of Saturday's matchup against No. 2 Maryland, but the Cavaliers' upset bid ultimately fell short as the team dropped its ACC-opener and fourth straight in front of 5,225 at sunny Klöckner Stadium.

The game looked all but decided when Virginia coach

Dom Starsia called timeout down 9-5 with 1:57 to play. Out of the timeout, however, sophomore defenseman Greg Danseglio saved an open-goal shot from senior midfielder Kevin Cooper. Danseglio then hit sophomore midfielder Greg Coholan in transition, who sprinted down the right alley and blew a shot on the run past junior goaltender Niko Amato at the 1:35 mark.

Klöckner Stadium erupted when junior defenseman Scott

McWilliams grabbed the ground ball off the ensuing faceoff and dished to junior attackman Nick O'Reilly on the fast break, who then buried a shot in the top right corner of the goal. The entire stadium was on edge when sophomore midfielder Ryan Tucker beat senior midfielder Landon Carr down the right alley and unleashed a shot, but Amato made an

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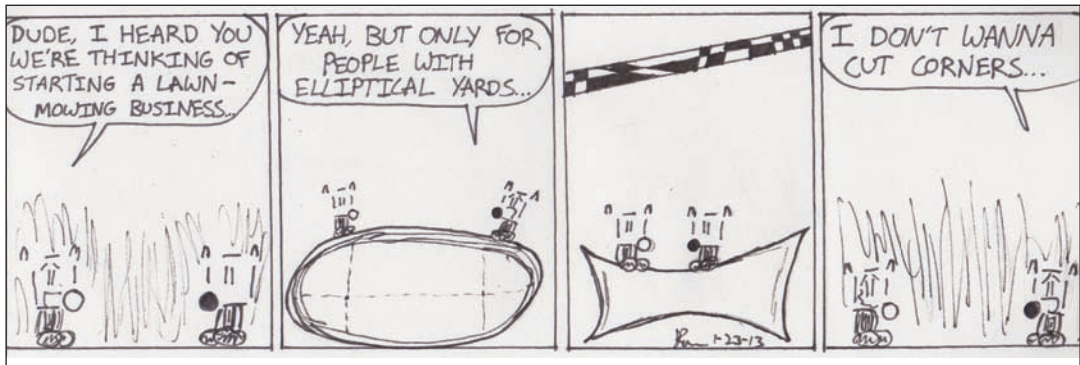
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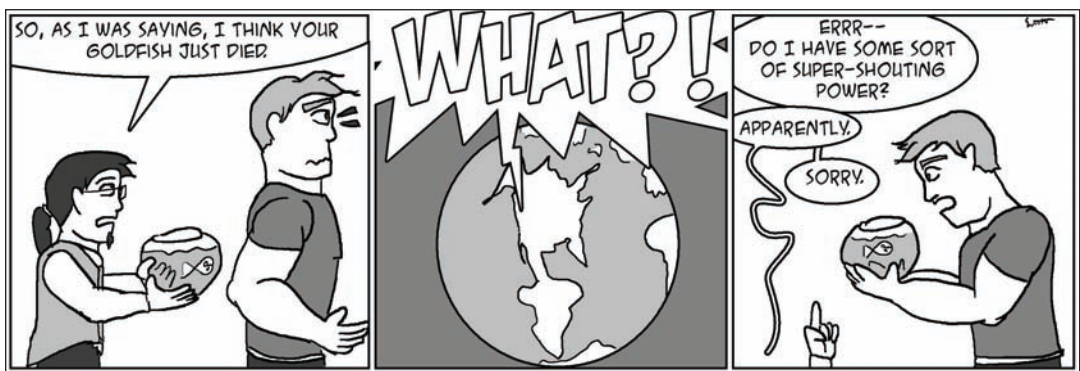
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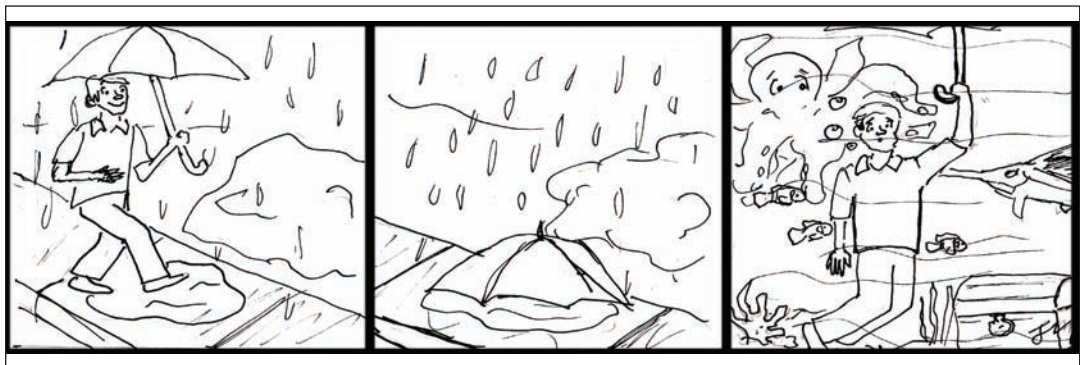
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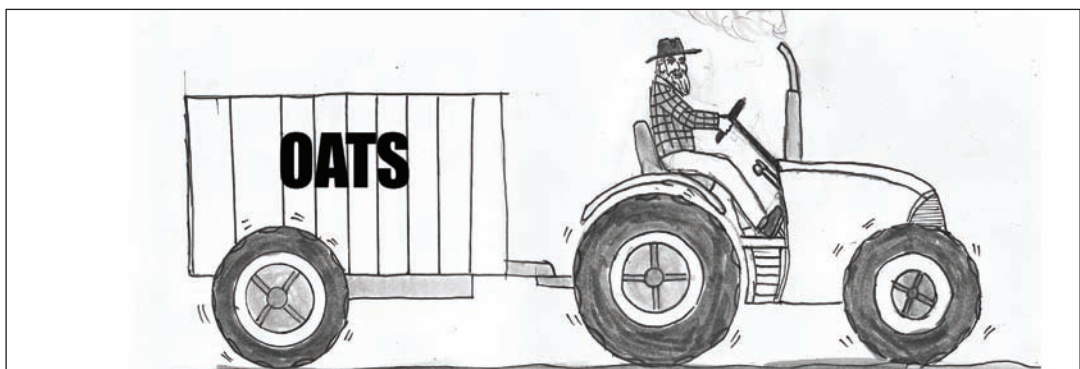
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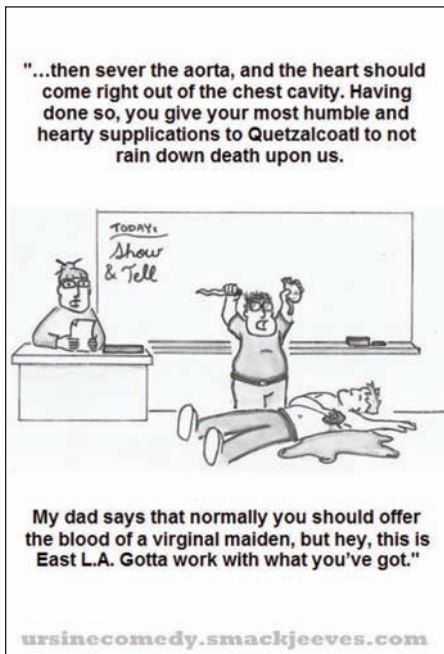
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If your planets had a song today, a church organ would play it. You carry a feeling of reverence in your heart and are humbled by your surroundings, which you see as awesome.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's been proven repeatedly that contentment is internally generated and has nothing to do with economics or social status. You now raise your satisfaction level and life brings you even more of a good thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get another sign that there are unseen forces at work in the world. This time, it's an intricate coincidence involving so many moving parts that it could never have been willfully orchestrated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A jog down memory's path highlights the many wonderful things other people have done for you in the name of love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you were first trusted with a responsibility, you thought you had plenty of time to get it right. But here comes hour 11, and there's still a lot to get done. Keep cool. You're brilliant under pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Listen, and fall in line. Your ability to follow directions precisely will make life better, not only for you but for the rest of the people on your team. You make major advances when you can duplicate the leader.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be amazed by all you can accomplish when people need you. What you lack in material resources, you more than make up for in focused attention.

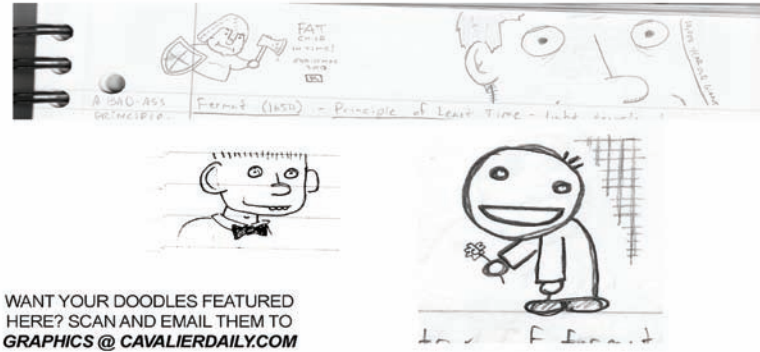
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). For a worker-bee like you, there's nothing worse than feeling obligated to have some fun. Therefore, you'll have to make extra sure that the leisure time you're planning is a juicy delight that you can really look forward to.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1). Don't be surprised if decisions take you longer this month. Your identity is changing, and you need time to ease into new choices. Soon you'll settle in and have the overall sense of having "arrived." Career matters resolve in June, and with the extra money you make, you finally feel like you're getting a fair deal. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 2, 50, 45 and 22.

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Gov. talks GOP diversity

Fortuño discusses growing Hispanic vote, Puerto Rican’s statehood desires

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Former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Fortuño spoke to Politics Prof. Larry Sabato’s American Government class Monday about the need for the Republican party to make itself more attractive to Hispanic voters, especially after Mitt Romney’s loss in the 2012 election.

Fortuño showed slides from a presentation he recently gave to Republican leaders in Congress including data from Hispanic voters in the 2012 election showing a general feeling among Hispanic voters that the GOP does not respect their values and concerns. “The Republican brand is seriously damaged and some things ought to be done to address the problem,” Fortuño said.

Fortuño said 50,000 Hispanics turn 18 and become eligible to

vote every month, so the Republican Party’s disconnect with that demographic is a growing concern for party leaders. The GOP can align with Hispanic voters who believe government should limit spending, lower taxes and promote opportunity, he said.

Florida, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada could be key swing states in future elections, he said, noting the GOP would need to appeal to those states’ sizable Hispanic populations if it hopes to gain the upper hand in the Electoral College. “There is no space for discussion of some of these issues if [Republicans’ public] statements are exclusive or even derogatory at times,” Fortuño said.

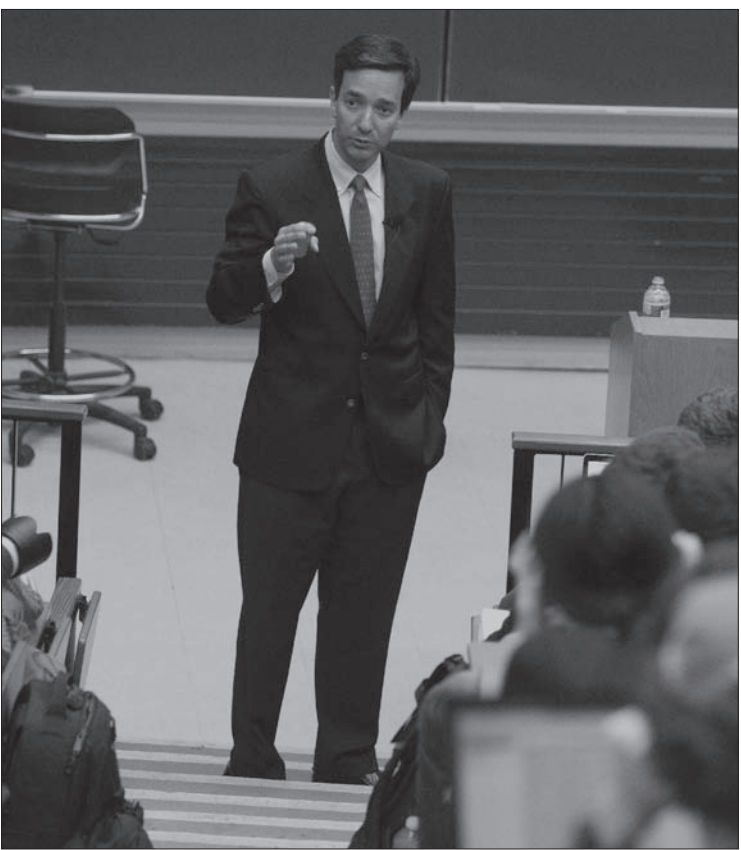
Fortuño offered a 10-item list titled “Agenda for the Next Decade,” with ideas for change in many areas to attract Hispanic voters to the Republican party. Among his points were simplifying

the tax code, controlling the deficit, fixing the immigration system to control and promote legal immigration, and striving for true energy independence. Also on the list was addressing the issue of statehood for the Puerto Rican territory.

Puerto Rico has been a territory of the United States since 1898, but in a 2012 ballot referendum a majority of citizens voted against remaining a territory. A majority of those opposed to maintaining the status quo indicated they preferred full U.S. statehood.

Of particular frustration for Puerto Ricans, Fortuño said, is that while the territory contributes more soldiers to the U.S. Army than 90 percent of states, citizens who live there cannot vote in presidential elections.

Fortuño served as Puerto Rico’s governor from 2008 to 2012, and was the first Republican to be elected since 1969.



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Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Fortuño, above, said the Republican Party must speak more directly to Hispanic voters in Politics Prof. Larry Sabato’s class Monday.

Praxis creates digital humanities network

University program trains graduate students for software development, project management, interdisciplinary collaboration

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In an effort to increase inter-university collaboration in studying digital humanities, the University’s Scholarly Communications Institute debuted the Praxis Network Thursday. As part of its first stage, the network will create a website for graduate students across the world to document their research processes and share them with other institutions, said Bethany Nowviskie, director of the institute.

The network, founded by the University’s Praxis Program, is an alliance of organizations from various colleges that all share missions similar to the University’s program — training graduate students in interdisciplinary digital humanities research.

Though the program’s website is intended for faculty and administrators interested in implementing similar programs at their respective establishments, it is not limited to professionals, said Katina Rogers, the institute’s

senior research specialist.

“[W]e hope that the website is informative and inspiring for anyone interested in new possibilities for graduate and undergraduate humanities education,” Rogers said in an email.

The network hopes to use the website as a launching ground for expansion in the coming years.

“We are meeting this summer to discuss next steps, which could include collaborations across the network, travel and mentorship opportuni-

ties, [and] an expanded list of programs,” Nowviskie said in an email.

The Praxis Program, started in 2011, trains six graduate students each year from a variety of disciplines on how to improve methodological practices and incorporate digital technologies in their research, Nowviskie said.

“[We provide] concrete skills in software development, design, communications, project management and interdisciplinary collaboration, all within a scholarly frame-

work,” Nowviskie said.

In a world bent on technological advances, Praxis fellow Cecilia Márquez said she believes her studies with the program will prove invaluable, both within and beyond academia.

“There are questions that [digital humanities] tools allow us to ask and answer that traditional forms of research cannot,” Márquez said in an email. “It is exciting to be trained in this field and be able to be on the cutting edge of these innovations.”

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site redesign, and will be a central force in involving students with Council through digital platforms, Ungrady said.

McDaniel’s old position as Council’s director of university relations was handed off to second-year Engineering student Jalen Ross, who lost to Branch in the race for VPO. McDaniel

said Ross’ role will be an important linkage between student opinions and action taken by Council. The chair of the representative body will be elected on Tuesday. Council also pre-

sented outgoing representatives with awards, commending their service in the previous term. Among the recipients were graduate Engineering student Sid Pailla of the Entrepreneur-

ship and Innovation committee for outstanding committee chair, and Graduate Education student Janelle Peifer for her work as a representative on the Graduate Affairs committee.

Hogan | New structure to increase administration team’s unity

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bility and dedicated people that we could avoid having to bring somebody from the outside.”

Hogan said the lack of a CFO will allow his team to be more

coherent and work together more effectively.

“I think it will streamline the process of getting important decisions made and implementing [those] decisions,” Hogan said. “By having one less layer, people

work closer together. Overall, I think we’ll be a higher-performing, more effective team.”

Other changes include the creation of the position of associate vice president for finance, which will be filled by Melody

Bianchetto, who previously served as the assistant vice president for budget and financial planning. Bianchetto will be assuming more responsibility, but not the full CFO-profile, Hogan said.

Jim Matteo was also named as University Treasurer, and Gary Nimax will head a new office which will address all compliance and risk management concerns. Nimax will report directly to Hogan.

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MEN’S TENNIS

No. 1 tennis flattens Eagles



Marshall Bronfin | Cavalier Daily

Senior Jarmere Jenkins solidified his No. 2 national ranking in both singles and doubles with two convincing victories against Boston College Saturday.

The No. 1 Virginia men’s tennis team cruised through the first game of a three-match road stretch with a 7-0 victory at Boston College Saturday.

All three Cavalier (15-0, 4-0 ACC) doubles pairs won their matches to give the team an early 1-0 lead. On the first court, the No. 2 tandem of senior Jarmere Jenkins and freshman Mac Styslinger topped Philip Nelson and Michael McGinnis of the Eagles (5-9, 0-4 ACC) 8-4. No. 9 sophomore Mitchell Frank and junior Alex Domijan defeated Billy Grokenberger and Matt Wagner 8-1 on the second court before No. 31 junior Justin Shane and senior Julen Uriguen closed out the point by trouncing Kyle Childree and Alexandre

Thirouin 8-2 at No. 3.

In singles, six ranked Cavaliers blew out six unranked Eagles. No. 2 Jenkins downed Nelson 6-1, 6-4 at the No. 1 slot. No. 1 Domijan ousted McGinnis 6-4, 6-2 on the second court, and No. 27 Frank downed Grokenberger with two 6-1 sets at the third. No. 39 freshman Ryan Shane and No. 16 Styslinger followed with decisive straight set triumphs, with each dropping just one game. Finally, No. 72 freshman Harrison Richmond blasted Thirouin 6-2, 6-0 at No. 6.

The win marked Virginia’s 97th consecutive conference victory. The team will seek another Friday against Wake Forest.

— compiled by Kerry Mitchell

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SWIM AND DIVE

Men finish at NCAA’s

The Virginia men’s swimming and diving team concluded its season last weekend with a 27th place finish at the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis. Six Cavaliers earned honorable mention All-American honors at the meet.

The Cavaliers opened the meet last Thursday on a somewhat disappointing note and did not send any athletes into finals. Two relay teams, the 400 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay, placed in the top 25, and junior Jan Daniec finished 24th in the 500 freestyle.

Friday was marked by a historic performance by sophomore diver JB Kolod, who registered the highest finish ever by a Virginia diver in school history. Kolod finished 12th in the three meter springboard event and merited honorable mention All-American status in the process.

Four more Cavaliers earned honorable mention honors Friday in the 800 freestyle relay. That team of freshman Nick Alexiou, juniors Parker Camp and Jonathan Buerger, and senior Tom Barrett finished in 13th place.

Freshman Luke Papendick’s impressive 200 back performance highlighted the Cavaliers’ exploits Saturday. Papendick broke the school record in the event en route to winning the consolation final and earning honorable mention All-American honors. Papendick’s finish was the highest of any Cavalier in the three-day meet.

Also on the meet’s final day, juniors Brad Phillips and Daniec tied for 22nd in the 1650 free, and junior Taylor Grey finished 18th in the 200 breast.

Michigan won the men’s title at the meet, dethroning defending champion California, the runner-up.

— compiled by Matt Comey

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Virginia upsets No. 1 UNC

The No. 27 Virginia women’s tennis team faced perhaps its toughest series of duals of the season this weekend, facing off against No. 7 Duke Friday before playing No. 1 North Carolina and North Carolina Central Saturday. The Blue Devils were able to halt the streaking Cavaliers’ (10-7, 4-1 ACC) five-match winning streak by a tight 4-3 score, but Virginia quickly rebounded to knock off the nation’s top-ranked squad 4-3 and trample North Carolina Central 6-0 the next day.

The Cavaliers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on Duke (16-3, 4-0 ACC) after the powerful combination of freshman Julia Elbaba and senior Hana Tomljanovic clinched the doubles point with an 8-5 victory against Duke’s veteran pairing of junior Hanna Mar and senior Mary Clayton.

Virginia stretched its lead to 2-0 when junior Caryssa Peretz crushed Blue Devil senior Nicole Lipp 6-0, 6-0 at the no. 6 position. Duke quickly rallied, though, winning the next three matches to slingshot into a 3-2 lead. Although No. 15 Elbaba tied the score with a thrilling three-set victory against No. 52 sophomore Ester Goldfield, Duke’s No. 19 Mar edged No. 65 freshman Stephanie Nauta in an 8-6 third-set tie break to seal the Blue Devils’ victory.

Virginia travelled to Chapel Hill the next day to attempt to upset North Carolina (17-2, 3-1

ACC). For the second consecutive day, the Cavaliers swept two of three doubles matches to lurch to a 1-0 advantage.

No. 25 Tar Heel freshman Whitney Kay knotted the score at 1-1 by defeating Virginia junior Li Xi 6-1, 6-1. Virginia wasted no time in regaining the lead, however, as Peretz and Elbaba supplied a two-point cushion with lopsided two-set victories. Ultimately, Virginia senior Erin Vierra’s comeback 3-6, 6-3, 6-1

victory against freshman Kate Vialle on the fifth court clinched the monumental upset.

Later in the day, Virginia steamrolled North Carolina Central (10-6, 4-1 Mid-Eastern). The dual did not feature a doubles point, and the Eagles failed to field a sixth singles contestant, forfeiting the sixth court to the Cavaliers.

Virginia returns home this weekend to play Wake Forest and NC State.

— compiled by Ryan Taylor



Senior Erin Vierra clinched her squad’s stunning road upset of top-ranked North Carolina with a three-set win in this weekend’s final singles match.

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Cavaliers claim first series win in ACC play

Senior Mitchell becomes first in school history to reach 1,000 strikeouts, ties school record with 74th career victory Sunday vs. BC

By Peter Nance
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The Virginia softball team battled ACC foe Boston College this weekend in Charlottesville, bookending the week-end with 3-2 and 4-1 victories sandwiched around a 3-2 loss. The series win marks the first for the Cavaliers in conference play.

To kick off the series, the teams played a doubleheader Friday evening. In the first game, the Cavaliers (14-16, 3-6 ACC) prevailed thanks to some early offensive production. After Boston College (9-17, 1-5 ACC) went three and out in the top of the first inning, Virginia scored three runs on three hits in the bottom of the frame, including a two-RBI single by junior third baseman Marcy Bowdren. From there the Cava-

liers coasted, adding four more hits but no more runs while giving up single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Senior pitcher Melanie Mitchell (11-9) threw 10 strikeouts and allowed two earned runs on seven hits.

The second game of the day saw the Eagles turn the tables and triumph 3-2 in nine innings. After each team put up a run in the first inning, the pitchers seized control of the action, giving up no more runs until the ninth. In that frame, freshman pitcher Aimee Chapdelaine (3-6) threw a third strike with two outs for the Cavaliers, but a passed ball allowed the Boston College runner to reach base. The mistake eventually resulted in the Eagles tallying two unearned runs before the home team was able to get the third out. The bottom of the inning saw Virginia narrow

the gap to one, largely thanks to a lead-off triple by senior outfielder Taylor Williams, but that was as close as it got. Chapdelaine allowed one earned run on eight hits with three strikeouts in a complete game loss.

Following Friday's late struggles, an all-around rejuvenated Virginia team emerged for Saturday afternoon's game and rolled 4-1.

At the plate, the team recorded fewer total hits than in either of the first two games but was much more efficient with runners on base. After yielding a run in the first inning, the Cavaliers tied the game when a groundout by senior short-stop Alex Skinkis drove in a run in the second. Virginia then grabbed the lead with a two-out, two-run home run by senior second baseman Lauren Didlake, the first of her career.

"It was a great feeling," Didlake said. "That was my pitch right there — inside pitch, knee height."

Junior designated player Karli Johnson notched her team-leading fifth home run of the season in the sixth to cap the scoring. The team finished with only five hits but left just two runners on base after stranding a combined 21 in the first two games of the series.

"[Friday] we had a lot of people on but didn't score," coach Eileen Schmidt said. "[Saturday] we didn't get a lot of people on [base], but we did take advantage of the people that we did get on — a more consistent performance [Saturday] throughout the whole game."

On the mound, Mitchell gave up seven hits but no earned runs — the lone Boston College

run in the first came on an error — while fanning 13 batters in seven innings. She continued her theme of breaking records this year, as in the third inning she became the first pitcher in Virginia softball history to record 1000 career strikeouts. In addition, the win was the 74th of her career, moving her into a tie on top of the Virginia all-time career wins list.

"Our rhythm was a lot better, our pace was a lot better," Mitchell said. "Starting innings off with getting runners out immediately is really good for us, and we need to get a lot more 1-2-3 innings."

Up next, the Cavaliers visit George Mason for a two-game series Wednesday. After that, the team travels south to Chapel Hill for an all-important three-game series against North Carolina.

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thing [wrong] mechanically," O'Connor said. "The kid's still a freshman, he's not perfect ... I really believe he was trying to do too much. Then he got himself into a bit of a rut and had a tough time throwing a strike."

Junior Austin Young relieved Waddell and was able to keep the Hurricanes stuck at four runs in 3.2 innings of relief. Meanwhile, Virginia's offense effectively offset Waddell's rough start. Sophomore center-fielder Brandon Downes racked up five RBIs on two hits, including a three-run home run, and senior second baseman Reed Gragnani had four RBIs on two hits. The Cavaliers exploded for nine runs in the eighth inning to turn a 6-4 game into a rout.

Sophomore outfielder Mike Papi had another fantastic day,

going 4-for-4 with an RBI and starting in place of sophomore Derek Fisher, who remains day-to-day with an ankle injury. The outburst pushed Papi to an 18-for-26 batting streak in the last two weeks and provides the second-year star with compelling evidence that he should feature in the starting lineup more often even when Fisher comes back.

"Obviously Mike Papi stepped in there in left field and had a really big day for us offensively," O'Connor said. "He's been swinging the bat as good as anybody the last couple weeks. ... I think he showed what he's made of and how he's developed as a player."

In the second game, the Cavaliers' offense heated up quickly again Saturday as they jumped out a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning on four hits. The lead provided more than

enough cushion for redshirt senior starter Scott Silverstein, who pitched 6.2 innings of one-run ball to keep the Hurricanes at bay. Virginia turned a relatively close 4-1 game into a second consecutive laughter with four runs on five hits in the bottom of the eighth inning.

"One through nine, we're stacked," Papi said. "If I was an opposing pitcher, I would be afraid of everyone one through nine. I wouldn't want to pitch against us."

Sophomore pitcher Nick Howard started the Sunday finale as the Cavaliers looked for a second straight ACC sweep, but he struggled early on. After giving up two straight singles to open the game, Howard walked Miami junior Chantz Mack on a controversial ball-four call. O'Connor came out to argue the call, which negated a possible

"caught stealing" at third base, and was ejected for just the third time in his 10-year career in Charlottesville. The Hurricanes were able to plate four runs in the inning to stake an early lead.

"Some calls weren't going either team's way," Howard said. "I should be better and I should be there for my team more."

Howard bounced back to throw 4.1 innings and hold Miami at four runs as the Virginia offense tried to respond. In the bottom of the second, Gragnani drove in two runs on a double, bringing his weekend RBI total to nine. Virginia threatened often, but was only able to pick up one run in the sixth inning to bring the game to 4-3.

"It's just tough," Howard said. "When you fall behind four runs, Miami's got a good club, they always do, and that's an uphill battle. You don't want to

put yourself in that situation very often, it's difficult to overcome."

It was just the Cavaliers' third loss so far this season, ending a nine-game win streak. They will now head to Lynchburg Tuesday looking to bounce back against Liberty in a midweek matchup. The Flames (17-11, 6-3 Big South) come into Tuesday having taken two out of three games from conference foe Longwood during the week-end. This is the second game between the two teams this year, with Virginia earning a 7-2 win in Charlottesville March 13. The Cavaliers are hoping they can repeat that success and move past Sunday's loss.

"[The Miami loss is] definitely a sour taste in our mouth right now," Howard said. "But the good thing about baseball is we get to play again on Tuesday."

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incredible kick-save and the ball was scooped up by the Terrapins (7-1, 2-1 ACC), who were able to run the remaining 0:47 seconds off the clock and secure the win.

"Niko played a great game," O'Reilly said. "We could've been a little more selective on our shots or shot a little bit better, but I give a lot of credit to Niko because he's a really good goalie and he played phenomenal today."

Maryland took a decided edge early in the game. Junior midfielder Mike Chanenchuk received the ball immediately after substituting into the game and wasted no time, taking two steps inside the restraining line and besting sophomore goaltender Rhody Heller 35 seconds into the game. Shortly after,

Carr picked up a Virginia turnover and found senior longstick midfielder Jesse Bernhardt in transition, who wound up and fired past Heller to take a 2-0 lead less than two minutes into the game.

"We talk about the ebb and flow of the game," Starsia said. "So the fact that we were down 2-0 shouldn't have been discouraging. I thought we had a lot of shots early in the game, we just weren't getting one in the goal ... We kind of have to break through offensively."

Sophomore attackman Jay Carlson added one more for the Terrapins in the first before the Cavaliers finally got on the board. Virginia broke through when O'Reilly fed Tucker at the restraining line, who then beat Amato with a high-to-high rip on a man-up possession that was set up by a Carlson tripping

penalty.

Cooper was able to shake Tucker with a fake pass and then put the ball in the net for the first goal of the second quarter at 7:57. After a Bernhardt goal four minutes later brought the score to 5-1 four minutes later, Cockerton split under his man and finished on the crease to cut the deficit to three goals entering halftime.

"We came out today and we were fired up," O'Reilly said. "It wasn't that we weren't ready to play, they just got a few goals early on us. If we could eliminate that and match up with them right away ... we'd be in a much better position."

The O'Reilly-to-Tucker connection quickly struck again for the Cavaliers coming out of the break, as Tucker slipped down to the crease and handled O'Reilly's feed from behind

the net, finishing inside the far post. But senior midfielder John Haus would score two in a row for Maryland to push the lead back to four goals with 2:25 left in the third quarter.

White fed freshman attackman James Pannell on the crease, who finished an impressive underhanded shot with his back to the goal to make the score 7-4 with 31 seconds left in the quarter. But Carlson would one-up Pannell with six seconds left, jumping to catch a high pass from Chanenchuk and then slamming home a behind-the-back goal with his back also to the net, all while in midair. Though the Cavaliers would score two more to Maryland's one, the deficit proved too large to overcome.

Senior midfielder Matt "A team that's a little bit younger oftentimes tends to stand back

a little bit early to see how things go, and then they decide that they're ready to make a push," Starsia said. "We don't have that time to give away. But there's a lot to be proud of here in this effort today. This team, if it continues to work hard and improve, still has a chance to do some damage."

Now sitting at 5-5 (0-1 ACC), Virginia must win at least two of its remaining four games to be eligible for NCAA Tournament consideration. The team is trying to avoid becoming only the second Virginia squad in Starsia's 21-year tenure to miss the postseason tournament.

"It's been rough, it's very uncharacteristic for us, and we're not used to it," McWilliams said. "We know that we can get these wins, we just need to eliminate those little mistakes and we'd be right there."

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Groupthink

A recently signed law allowing student organizations to enact discriminatory membership standards hinders the diversity of opinion that universities should foster

Among the hundreds of bills Gov. Bob McDonnell signed into law last week, one in particular may have direct negative effects on Virginia’s public college students.

The Student Group Protection Act, sponsored by Attorney General hopeful Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-Harrisonburg), allows student groups at public colleges and universities to enact exclusive membership policies. The bill lets organizations restrict membership to students “committed” to the group’s “religious or political mission.”

Without apparent irony, the bill’s second clause commands that no public higher-education institution “shall discriminate” against any student organization that, in its own turn, pursues the discriminatory membership policies the bill protects.

The measure’s professed purpose is to protect the religious and political liberties of student organizations and to safeguard freedom of association. Neither justification proves convincing.

Take the example of a Christian student — we’ll call him Chris — who would like to join a Muslim student group. It is puzzling, and highly unlikely, that Chris, an ardent Methodist, would seek to join an organization devoted to Islam in the first place. But if he does wish to be a part of the Muslim group, it is unclear why his religion alone should bar him from membership.

If Chris wanted to join the Muslim group in order to harass, annoy or intimidate the group’s members, the basis for why the Muslim organization would be justified in barring him from membership would be Chris’s engagement in harassment or ridicule. And universities have codes of conduct in place to deal with infractions such as harassment or intimidation. If Chris’s behavior is inappropriate for the group’s activities or environment, the group could take action against him. But Chris’s behavior — not his beliefs — constitutes the legitimate basis for excluding him from the organization. If the Student Group Protection Act merely sought to safeguard the religious liberties of the students in religious organizations from direct harm, as in the unlikely scenario of non-believers infiltrating a religious group in order to undermine it from within, the measure would be redundant because schools already have standards of conduct to address that kind of destructive behavior. The bill’s design, it seems, does not aim at preventing harm to groups so much as it gropes at ideological purity within groups.

If Chris were interested in joining the Muslim group because he is curious to learn more about Islam despite holding Christian beliefs, the Muslim group would not be justified in excluding him. If he were rude or offensive at meetings, the organization could then bar him from membership. But Chris’s personal convictions — and how can one even determine another’s personal convictions with absolute certainty? — would not be a proper basis for exclusion.

The bill’s second plausible motive — maintaining freedom of association — similarly does not hold up

to scrutiny. College students already have freedom of association in two ways. Informally, they can create groups of friends and unofficial clubs. Formally, they can join recognized student organizations or Greek-letter groups. The bill does not impinge upon the first type of freedom of association. Students can still form exclusive groups at universities. Before Obenshain’s bill became law, however, students could not demand public funds to support groups with discriminatory membership policies.

Framing the bill as a way to protect the second type of freedom of association — association within formal groups — is misleading. First, why should discriminatory groups receive state dollars? Public universities should have the ability to require their student organizations to abide by nondiscrimination policies. Such policies are necessary to avoid problems of fairness. Why should Chris, for example, pay the same student activities fees if he’s barred from joining certain groups? Second, the bill impinges on freedom of association more than it supports it. If Chris is not allowed to join a group because of his personal convictions, one could argue that his freedom of association is being encroached upon.

The bill’s vague wording also leads to the possibility of abuse. The measure allows student groups to restrict membership to “only persons committed to” the group’s “mission.” Let’s say Chris the Christian is also gay. A conservative Christian organization could exclude him on the basis of his sexuality if the group’s members hold that being openly gay is at odds with the organization’s “mission.” Similarly, a student group such as the once-infamous Youth for Western Civilization could exclude non-white members under the bill’s scope.

Student groups shape a school’s social character. Not only is Obenshain’s bill redundant when it comes to protecting religious liberties, and unnecessary if not damaging when it comes to safeguarding freedom of association, his measure is also blind to a central value of college: hearing different perspectives and challenging your beliefs. The student-organizations act runs contrary to the spirit of college. We do not want student groups at public universities solidifying into monolithic ideological factions. Diversity of opinion within organizations extends a school’s educational mission, augments students’ understandings of opposing viewpoints and enhances a school’s social fluidity. If a student organization sets its “mission” as doctrine and polices the beliefs of its members to the point that those who do not conform risk expulsion from the organization, that group does not merit public funding. While some groups may justifiably demand a level of ability from prospective members — to be a part of a debating society, you may need to possess some capacity for argument — barriers to membership based on belief are not legitimate. Discrimination concerns aside, the ideal of open membership is crucial if a college wishes for its student organizations to be places where students thrive, grow and learn from each other — even if they don’t always agree.

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Acceptance, not awareness

“Autism Awareness” month does more to alienate autistic people than to help them

April is upon us and with it comes “Autism Awareness” month — a month dreaded by most of us in the autism community. During this time the media and marketing hits a feverish pace, inundating us all with “facts” about autism, drowning many of us autistics in fear and self-loathing. “Awareness” is a horrible word. In this usage it simply means “educate and drive fear in the minds of non-autistics of the horrors of autism.” Many “advocacy” groups, which I refuse to mention by name, will no doubt be in top form this year on the heels of the Centers for Disease Control’s new findings that now 1 in 50 children are identified as being on the autism spectrum. We will no doubt hear how this is a tragedy and a sign that “we are losing the war against autism, this American health tragedy.”

The fact is that autism has not waged war on anyone or anything. It is not taking our children, it is not ruining your marriages, as a past PSA has claimed. It has done nothing of the sort. Autism can’t pick and chose who gets its diagnosis. Autism is without a

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consciousness. It is nothing more than a label for certain people that share cognitive traits. It is not a growing epidemic or crisis facing our country. But the crisis that is facing the autism community is the growing negative rhetoric spewed against us all under the guise of “awareness.” Imagine if you were inundated with advertising saying that you needed to be cured, or that you weren’t capable of becoming a “normal contributing” member of society? Not only do we face that constantly, but also during the month of April it is kicked into full gear. Autism is as much as a health crisis as someone’s red hair is, or another’s skin color and so on.

We autistics do not need your awareness. We walk these grounds every day. We are your fellow students, professors, friends and so on. We function quite well, and unless we identify ourselves as autistic to you, you will never know that we’re here. What we need is acceptance. Fortunately for me during my time here at the

“The fact is that autism has not waged war on anyone or anything.”

University of Virginia I have been met with open arms and acceptance from all my fellow students and professors. I have chosen to be open about my being autistic in hopes to change other’s perceptions of what autism really is. We are not to be pitied, or frowned upon. We are like you. We are a part of this community. Become aware that we are here, but in the end accept us. Accept us for the unique gifts that we can bring, the different perspectives we hold, and acceptance of the challenges we face. Accept us by refusing to take part in any fear campaign against us, any discussions of our being a burden or a health crisis. We are people, not numbers, not blue puzzle pieces, but human beings with the same hopes and dreams as neurotypical and non-autistic people.

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When media becomes our science teacher

The Cavalier Daily should uphold its role in educating through the science and health section

its health and Writing a science article is a bit like coaxing a 5-year-old into eating foie gras. Upon seeing the plate, the kid will become suspicious. He will complain a b o u t the color, poke the s p o n g y texture and make a few skeptical faces. He must be spoon-fed the first couple of bites. If he likes it, you're lucky. More often, you simply realize a 5-year-old won't eat foie gras and maybe jumping straight from chicken nuggets to duck livers wasn't the best idea.

Science journalism follows a similar path. In the middle of a technological revolution, the sheer complexity of science can be overwhelming for those with a minimal science background. The days of exploding fake volcanoes with egregious amounts of baking soda are long gone; most of us now see a paper with 10-letter words ending in "ium" and "ological" and go running for the nearest class in ancient Greek (that *must* be easier, right?).

And yet, the things happening out in the world of science are really cool. A few current examples: creating an invisibility cloak, 3D-printing human bone, spacecraft leaving our

solar system, reverse-evolving a chicken into a dinosaur and the first successful bionic eye implant. But how do we convey these incredible discoveries and the technology responsible for them to a public for whom reading "science" risks blunt-force trauma with a dictionary full of incomprehensible words?

Give a warm welcome to your new science teacher, Professor Media.

In the golden age of online technology, one glance at a Twitter newsfeed produces enough fascinating articles for a week's worth of classes. At the same time, the plethora of information puts more pressure on journalists to hook a reader with their first line. Fail to do so, and that reader can just click the next URL on the list.

To plug into readers' psychology, journalists must figure out what will catch a reader's eye: what's interesting to one person

won't be to the next. In politics, the zeitgeist becomes clear pretty quickly. In science, however, with so much longitudinal research happening, often under the radar, it can be difficult to sift through the information and choose what to investigate. The key? Relevance.

I want to hone in on an article The Cavalier Daily published this week. On March 26, Tori Meakem writes, "University lab develops faster ID procedures for sexual assault cases." It explores the partnership between a University chemistry professor and forensics labs in order to design a new technology that may alleviate the challenge of processing DNA samples from sperm cells.

The article could have appeared at anytime: M e a k e m r e v e a l s n o m a j o r b r e a k - t h r o u g h s , b u t i n s t e a d c o v e r s o n g o i n g research the professor "hopes to see ... widely used in forensics labs within two to three years."

And yet, the article appeared now. That fact should not be understated. In the last month,

public focus on rape culture has burgeoned. With the Steubenville case in Ohio flooding the media, the status of sexual-assault attitudes in our society is at the forefront of readers' minds. Most articles take a political or cultural approach to the issue, examining court case decisions and procedures, legal and social ramifications and controversial partisan values.

Meakem's article provides an entirely new angle. Refreshingly original, it adds to a politically charged debate a relevant and optimistic outlook, weaving science into a broader societal conversation. Most significantly, the article does not force the connection between current events and science, but lets the timing speak for itself. This is strong, intelligent reporting; a clear choice to identify a significant issue and analyze it anew with the aim of making science relevant to the wider community. Such articles cajole readers into the oft-neglected science section of the paper.

I do want to make one note on the article itself. I emphasized earlier the difficulty of translating science to the public. When explaining research that contains a prominent lab component, it becomes crucial to sugarcoat it with clarity. This

does not mean avoiding scientific phrases, but rather making an extra effort to explain them in laymen's terms. Not everyone knows what "epithelial cells" are; this should become clear in the first paragraph, not the middle of the article through inference. Clearer explanation of centrifugation — the current process for DNA analysis — could also have helped underscore the significance of this new strategy.

I hold this article up overall as a great example of thoughtful, fresh reporting. I commend "Science cafes come to Charlottesville" (March 26) for similar success in advocating for ways to increase laymen comprehension. Engagement with science is incredibly valuable. Journalists should not shy away from the challenge of explaining it. Unfortunately, many people today need to be convinced to read science. So, give them a tempting stepping-stone: graduate to barbecued chicken before the foie gras.

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The need to succeed

Students should define success through personal achievement, not CIO membership

Several nights ago, I managed to catch Dean of Students Allen Groves between meetings. The University is a community of competitive, high-achieving students. So I asked him: "Do you have any advice for those trying to stand out?"

"You have to redefine your rubric of success," Groves answered enthusiastically. "Not everyone can be a U-Guide or Honor representative."

He went on: "What counts is making a difference — even if you do so quietly."

Groves makes a point that should be self-evident but is not. For students looking to distinguish themselves and make a lasting contribution to the University, a better approach may be to work with the raw materials of a

lesser-known CIO than to occupy a well-established leadership role, however coveted.

As my second year at the University enters its final month, I cannot help but take inventory of my experiences. My extracurriculars come to mind quicker than my studies. As a first year freed from my high school obligations, I made the common practice of trying out for all those coveted and highly visible positions — UJC, Honor and Student Council, to name a few. Some accepted me, others rejected me, and standing hardly ankle-deep in several of the University's most prominent organizations, I felt successful. Next came the realization that it was not so simple. Many other students had the same idea, and suddenly I felt a little less special.

Exacerbating the effect was the onset of rules, duties and hierarchies that come along with most established groups. While many students thrive in such organizations, I felt I could be doing more elsewhere.

What I came to understand — and what Dean Groves wisely suggested — is that when you stop measuring success as membership of the most popular organizations, you see the potential to do unprecedented work in lesser-known groups. For example, Active Minds, an organization dedicated to raising awareness of student mental health issues, was started by two fourth-years in 2011. Though membership began with a handful of students, the organization has grown, funding mental health initiatives and planning such high-impact demonstrations as Send Silence Pack-

ing — and membership grows exponentially between semesters. These students identified a problem in the community and instead of relying on existing mechanisms to fix it, they developed new solutions. It is this kind of initiative, dedication and creative problem solving that makes students stand distinct from their peers. Joseph Riley, a fourth year who recently won a Rhodes scholarship, attracted the committee's attention by starting such initiatives as Operation Flag the Lawn, which raised money for the Wounded Warrior Fund, and the Alexander Hamilton Society, which fosters foreign policy debates on college campuses.

But you do not need to found an organization in order to effect change. Rather, you must look beyond the titles of the Universi-

ty's most publicized extracurriculars. Though students do a lot of good for the community through the school's more high-profile groups, the majority of student talent and energy should go to the other hundreds of CIOs at the University. Here lie opportunities for leadership and creative problem-solving. Smaller, younger CIOs are, by nature, more flexible when it comes to the ideas and leadership styles of newcomers. To get started, browse atuva.net, which gives descriptions of the school's many CIOs. Whether you have been accepted or rejected by some of the school's leading student organizations, consider the benefits of focusing your intelligence and energy on a smaller organization.

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The laugh of the beholder

Taboo humor is only offensive to the extent that we allow

Vulgarity in humor is nothing new. One might even call it cliché. Whether in Shakespearean plays, on Vaudeville stages or on Comedy Central, offensive humor is everywhere. While it is nearly impossible to define exactly what makes people laugh, blatant and/or intentional offensiveness is often so different from normal behavior that it comes off as funny. Creating laughter seems harmless enough, but disrespectful jokes, though intended to be humorous, are often vilified when their content involves especially taboo subjects.

It wouldn't make sense to argue that off-color jokes are "right" or "wrong," since such categories are incredibly subjective. A quip about someone's mother could deeply offend one person and crack up another. A joke about rape, the Holocaust or race, on the other hand, presents a much more skewed scale. The offense involved with subjects such as these is not easily brushed off. Without a doubt, offensive jokes can be oppressive or hurtful, but this does not have to be the case. In an intentionally comedic setting, like a comedy show or a stand-up club, the goal of these jokes is not to deride or degrade those who are on the receiving ends. Rather, the jokes purposefully present a *hypothetical* scenario that the audience finds funny, as such a scenario seems absurd when one imagines it *actually* taking place. Thus, it is critical to separate a bit of humor from advocacy or approval of

the offensive scenario itself. Casting off offensive material as forbidden for fear of hurting others does not minimize but rather strengthens the negative subjects.

In many cases, such as formerly popular blackface performances, or jokes about Jews circulated by hardcore Nazis, humor with abhorrent content lampoons groups in order to intentionally reinforce a hateful notion. These instances, however, are distinct from comedic performances as a form of expression. Expressive performances use offense to create humor, which is different from using humor to communicate or mask bigotry. Even if a hateful person attempted to hide offensive beliefs through a "humorous" performance, he or she would be simply *using* humor rather than creating it. This dividing line, though narrow, is critical to understanding offensive jokes. Deliberate performances, such as those on national television or in famous comedy clubs are intended, above all, to make people laugh, as opposed to spreading harmful diatribes. One should strive to recognize this intent before trying to silence performers for supposedly having intolerant or insensitive sentiments.

Offensive humor in these settings is not harmless, but those who cast comedians as

hatemongers or proponents of ghastly concepts are misunderstood. These accusations, in fact, miss the point of a joke entirely. For instance,

the humor website thingx.tv published a piece, "Thing X Apologizes," which included sarcastic bits such as "We'd also like to say 'we are sorry' to the dozens of schoolchildren we accidentally released nerve gas on in our testing chambers the year we released our Christmas album." Certainly, that quote contains dark subjects, but the casual manner in which murdering children is discussed is the essence of the joke, rather than the act itself. To say that this joke was, at its core, anything more than a concocted idea — albeit a terrifying one — would strip it of all its humorous character. Doing so turns entertainment into dreadful encouragement, a blatant error. Separating the essence of a joke from the offensive notion itself is, of course, more difficult in less overstated examples, such as a joke about a woman's "place" being the kitchen. Despite the dividing line between humor and pure insult being blurred, describing a scenario in which a woman is perpetually and unquestioningly bound to cooking and cleaning is still absurd, making the situation a jest, instead of a hope of the joke teller.

Some suggest that crass jokes have a more sinister, hidden effect on people in that they create a subconscious approval or acceptance of offensive behavior among those who tell the jokes and those who laugh at them. In today's society, where things like sexism, racism, and

sexual abuse are discouraged yet regrettably present, jokes about these taboos may seem to perpetuate their existence. This notion, in many cases, ignores the nature of the offensive joke in an explicitly expressive performance. Comedian John Mulaney plays with racial stereotypes in his stand-up by, for example, claiming to date a Jewish woman "on purpose" because he doesn't "have to guess what she's thinking." The joke is inherently based off of a stereotype, but the humor derives from the idea that it is ridiculous that Mulaney would accept that all Jewish women are naturally frank and babbling and date one for that

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reason. Instead of reinforcing the stereotype, Mulaney makes it an absurdity — quite the opposite of making racism an acceptable social norm.

I do not mean to say that this kind of humor is harmless. Often, as with comedian Daniel Tosh's quote, in reference to a heckler "Wouldn't it be funny if that girl got raped by, like, five guys right now? Like right now?," what is intended to be humorous is lazy and repugnant instead — "wouldn't it be funny" could easily be replaced

with "it would be unexpected" in Tosh's quote for a slightly better comic effect.

In addition, offensive jokes, by definition, involve horrible concepts. Telling these jokes could simply remind an audience of something painful instead of making them laugh. A joke about a dead baby would fall horribly flat if told to parents who had suffered that kind of tragedy. That being said, jokes of all sorts involve a degree of creativity. Attempting to paint this creativity, no matter how it takes form, as bad, or somehow not allowed, does nothing to mitigate the offensive character of the subject matter. Rather, it is my belief that censoring offense gives taboos more power, preventing them from being lampooned or brought into greater awareness.

Because every person has a distinct sense of humor, attempting to impose a limit on how offensive jokes should be would limit expression more than it would curtail potential harm. Still, comedians must keep in mind that some jokes are best left told to particular groups who will appreciate them as opposed to the huge audiences associated with famous performances that are bound to have some easily upset members. But all in all, it is far better to be offensive than to be silenced, and what better way to be offensive than by making others laugh?

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Going the distance

Annual Bike to Uganda philanthropy uses stationary workouts to fund schools' creation

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The bikes in front of Clark Hall last week may have been stationary, but on them University students cycled toward a worthy goal: building a school in Kampala, Uganda.

For the past seven years, the University chapter of Building Tomorrow has coordinated Bike to Uganda, an event that raises funds to build schools for children in the East African country.

Students contributed \$5 for one half-hour shift, or \$8 for a week-long pass to cycle

on the bikes. From March 26 to March 29, Bike to Uganda coordinators tracked the number of miles students cycled in hopes of logging the distance from U.Va. to Uganda, which clocks in at a lengthy 7,354 miles.

"We're currently working on building our second school, and we're about \$13,000 away," said first-year College student Hayley Wellner, the group's marketing coordinator.

Past Bike to Uganda events already helped fund the construction of a school in Kampala, the nation's capital. The school, the Academy of Gita, merited a visit from former president Bill Clinton in July

2012.

"It's really great to see the progress, the pictures and how happy the children are to be going to school," Wellner said.

This year the event featured both entertainment and friendly competition. Cav Man, the Sil'hooettes and a disc jockey made appearances throughout the week — accompanied by free coffee and a Stella & Dot jewelry trunk show.

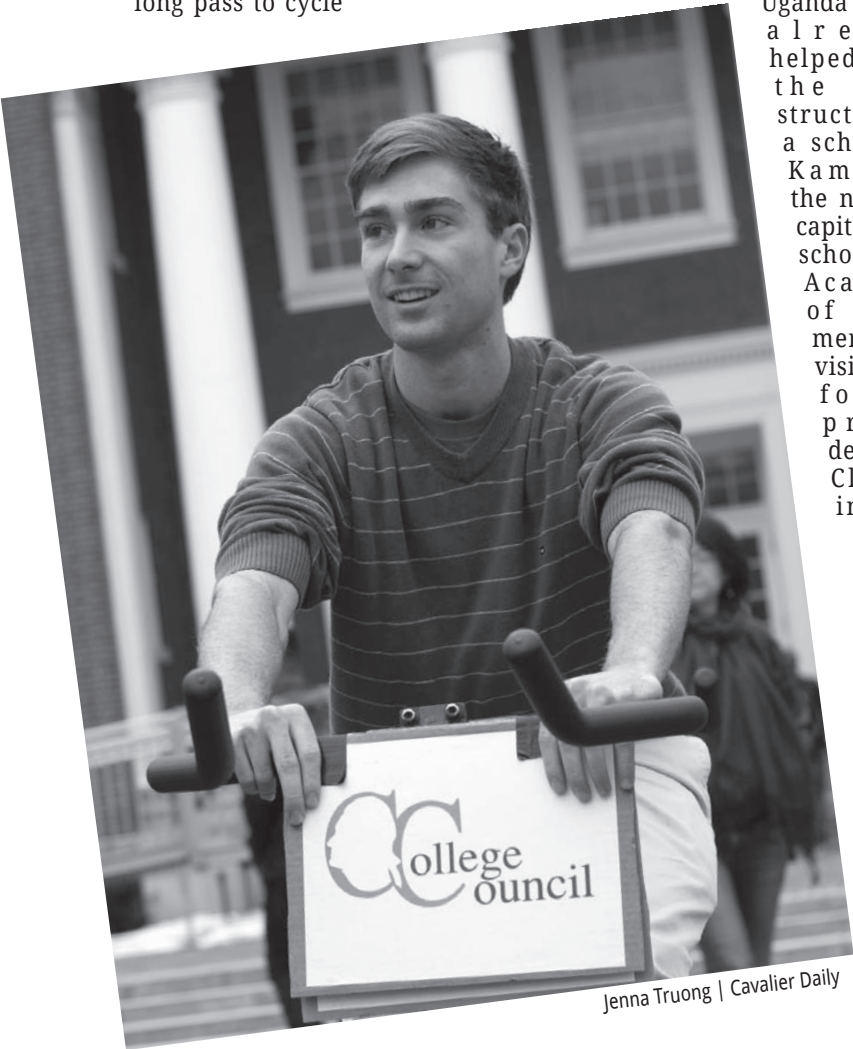
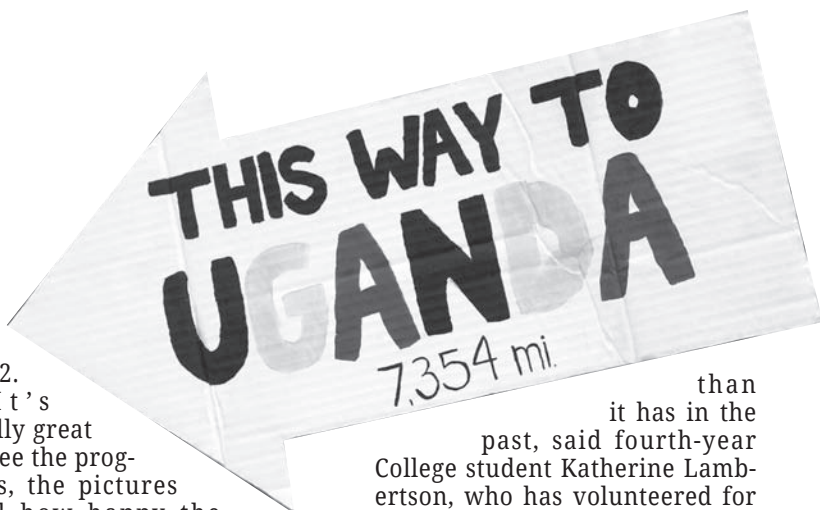
And the University's Greek community also got involved, incorporating the event into Derby Days, Sigma Chi fraternity's national philanthropy featuring competitions between sororities. Sororities that sent the most bikers and raised the most money for the Bike to Uganda cause earned points in the Derby Days contest.

Although snowy weather cancelled Monday's cycling sessions, the event this year brought in more participants

than it has in the past, said fourth-year College student Katherine Lambertson, who has volunteered for the event since her first year.

Although Building Tomorrow raises the money, the schools that are built are ultimately designed by students in the Architecture School, said first-year College student Jessica Guthrie, vice president of events for the organization. Students working on the schools travel to Uganda themselves, providing a unique opportunity to gain experience with hands-on construction training and design work.

Their main event now complete, Building Tomorrow plans to continue its efforts to raise money for school construction in Kampala. The group has arranged for Sigma Pi fraternity to donate proceeds from its annual Surf and Turf philanthropy event to Bike to Uganda, and planning for the organization's annual fall benefit concert, Rock to Uganda, is already underway.



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Spring is for salmon-colored shorts

Hoos on First



JULIA HOROWITZ

Here at the University of Virginia, we are a rather pragmatic bunch. We accept the advice of those who came before us, humbly acknowledging their store of expertise is better stocked than ours. And while I would like to think I am as sensible as the rest of them, there was one time I simply was not able to drink the Kool-Aid. This one fourth-year just didn't have it right.

He told me: if you're head over heels, slow down.

To him, I posed this: if I were really putting my level head over my heels to begin with, I wouldn't be wearing heels at all. And if that's true, the point is moot — I can very easily maintain my speed in flats.

It was clear to me he did not know much about being a woman.

It wasn't the first time I didn't see eye to eye with my peers on issues of fashion. Prior to pledging a sorority, the only Pulitzer I put much stock in was a prize, typically issued to top physicists and authors who did not seem to have any special affinity for bright, beachy patterns. Even now, I have trouble mustering the strength to shell out \$248 for a dress that is distinctly mom-shaped.

Yes, the youthful prints do

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Phone home

How to Hoo



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bunny cake with my sister, and debating which church hymns Timeflies Tuesday should remix with my brother. It was the perfect weekend — with one minor exception.

On Friday night, I drove up to the University of Kansas to visit some old friends and, unfortunately, watch the Jayhawk's tragic demise to Michigan. Tears may or may not have been shed, especially since I had to be back by 9 a.m. the next day for my sister's soccer game.

In typical Anne-Marie fashion, my phone died as I was leaving Saturday morning and, without my GPS, I amazingly turned a 50-minute straight-shot drive on

a single stretch of highway into a two-and-a-half hour affair. At one point, I couldn't even find the highway where I was driving on a map — the paper kind or the Google kind. I was literally off the map and out of contact for the entire morning. Despite the fact the soccer game was canceled due to a singular sprinkle of rain, my absence caused quite a storm within my family.

The ordeal reminded me the extent to which college makes us unbelievably selfish people. Not in a Scrooge sort of way — just based on the fact we really only have to worry about ourselves. Our stresses are entirely egocentric: it's all about my job, my test, my homework, my social life, etc. We care about each other, but when it comes

down to it, it's very much every man for himself.

If you can't contact someone on their cell for two hours, you don't worry. You assume their phone is dead and they're fine. That's why college is so great. On a day-to-day basis, you really aren't expected to answer to anyone. We relish our independence and absolute freedom because it's awesome. But it's not everything.

Family, however, is. It wasn't until I watched my mom burst into instant tears of relief that I realized how much she worries about me, even from halfway across the country. Our parents' lives are exact opposites of ours. If we are only concerned about ourselves, they're concerned only about everyone but themselves.

No matter how independent and self-sufficient we believe we are, we are nothing without our

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A burger for the people

Citizen Burger Bar, tucked away downtown across from the Paramount Theater, provides a burger that would make our Founding Fathers proud to be American.

Their concept is simple — provide the best ingredients from local farms around Charlottesville and put them in a high voltage burger that packs a punch. This means Virginia cheeses and local produce when possible, not to mention free range chicken and beef. If you are going to eat meat, this is the way to do it.

My journey began with an appetizer of their truffle fries. The fresh-cut fries are covered in truffle oil, chives and freshly grated Parmesan and served with a garlic aioli, a traditional French dipping sauce. Though the serving was quite generous and could easily satisfy four, the dish

was addicting enough to keep my party of two coming back for more.

Next came one of Citizen's signature burgers: The Steakhouse. Comprised of Timbercreek beef, Tillamook cheddar, Neuske's bacon, barbecue sauce, onion straws and compound butter on a house brioche, I was confident I couldn't go wrong.

The burger came out relatively quickly, considering the restaurant was packed on a Saturday afternoon, yet still managed to deliver on all marks. The beef was succulent and juicy, the cheddar had the perfect amount of bite and the local bacon — Need I even say it? — was pure deliciousness. Combined with onion straws to provide a nice crunch and a very well-balanced sauce, this beef lover was on cloud nine.

I capped things off with

some of their local key lime pie made by a one-woman operation within 10 miles of the bar. The homemade graham cracker crust is by far some of the best I've ever had. For citrus lovers, the key lime might be a little lacking in tartness, but the texture of the pie is perfect overall. If you still have room in your stomach after appetizers and a colossal burger, definitely indulge in some of this local deliciousness.

Not a fan of beef? Don't you worry child, Citizen's got a plan for you. Their local free-range chicken sandwich combines cheddar, bacon, barbecue sauce, an onion ring, mayo, iceberg lettuce and tomato on a house brioche to provide a hearty lunch or dinner. Want some seafood? Try the equally hearty lobster club on toasted country

wheat.

If you are a vegetarian, the "Kinda Vegan" combines a whole grain beet vegan patty, boursin cheese, sprouts, tomato, onion, avocado, cucumbers, tarragon veganaise and a vegan bun to create a vegetarian option that leaves even beef-eaters' mouths watering.

Citizen Burger Bar also provides a great atmosphere, complete with mason jars and brick walls, making a contemporary establishment feel like it will never lose its good vibes.

If you are on the Downtown Mall and looking for a hearty meal or a great drink, look no further.

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have a certain allure, bringing with them a sort of 1960s vineyard nostalgia, but, coming from someone who didn't frequent any vineyards in the 1960s, I'd much prefer to put on a more reasonably priced sundress. Lillys will hide Foxfield stains, but, sadly, they'll also hide you. It's hard to stand out when you're swimming in a sea of sailboats with 164 of your closest friends.

Were we not only recently in high school, when we would take passive-aggressive "twin pics" when our archenemy also showed up in stripes? Are we no longer doing that thing where we freak out when someone else wears

our one-of-a-kind, mass-produced gown? I only wish someone could have told me we matured beyond such child's play earlier in the year. I don't even have a guise with which to cloak my hatred for my nemeses anymore.

But thank goodness for boys, right? I've always maintained every girl needs a few solid guy friends to remind her, in the grand scheme of things, it doesn't really matter if we mix black and navy. No matter how bad "blavy" may seem, there is always something much more catastrophic going on. Probably with the NCAA.

Yet much to my chagrin, U.Va. boys can actually be worse than the girls. Much, much worse.

Last semester, my friend Jake

— name changed to protect masculinity — actually told me he could not come eat with me on the Corner because he was wearing basketball shorts, and, quote, "couldn't be seen out like that." I then waited for him to change into a collared shirt and khaki combo that would stand up to Qdoba's strict dress code. I probably should've just invited someone else.

For better or for worse, Charlottesville is full of Jakes. With a 70 percent possibility spring is just around the corner, it seems the male mantra "sky's out, thighs out" is truly beginning to take hold. Cargo shorts — which are apparently the college equivalent of simultaneously wearing a Snuggie, Crocs and a fedora to class

— have been appropriately burned, and, as the creeks begin to thaw, salmon-colored shorts are really starting to make a splash. And then another splash. And then another. Honestly, does anyone at this school not own salmon-colored shorts?

Sometimes I yearn for the days when I dressed better than the boys around me. As bad as armholes that draped below belly buttons could be, there was a comfort in knowing no matter how many times a boy didn't text you back, he still looked like the hobo to your Tyra Banks. Somehow, in a twist of events, they all discovered Vineyard Vines, and are now able to "k" you via text and look damn good while doing it. Please tell me: where

is the justice in that?

Despite my crusade against fashion conformity, don't expect me to stick out like a sore North Face around Grounds. Humans are a remarkably adaptable species, and, as such, I can sport Patagonia and a bubble necklace as well as the next girl. Who knows — maybe I'll even find a Lilly for my Foxfield debut.

Yet even as I zip up my riding boots, there is one thing I know for certain: clothes are only as flattering as the personality of the person inside of them. I for one think that makes the girl in the cat sweatshirt pretty cool.

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Albracht | Call your parents, please

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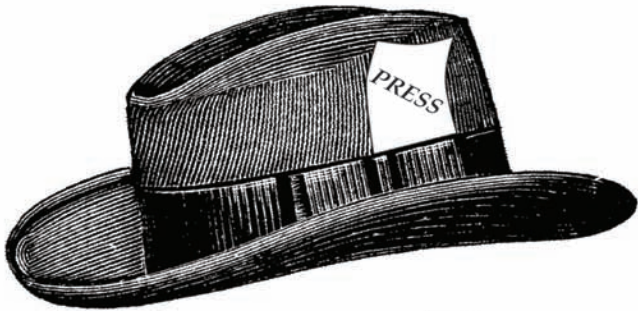
family. They worry about us non-stop. They love us nonstop. And they know us to be much more than the accumulation of four

facts. They are where we come from and where we will return when all of this college nonsense is over.

It's important to cherish these college years, but at the end of

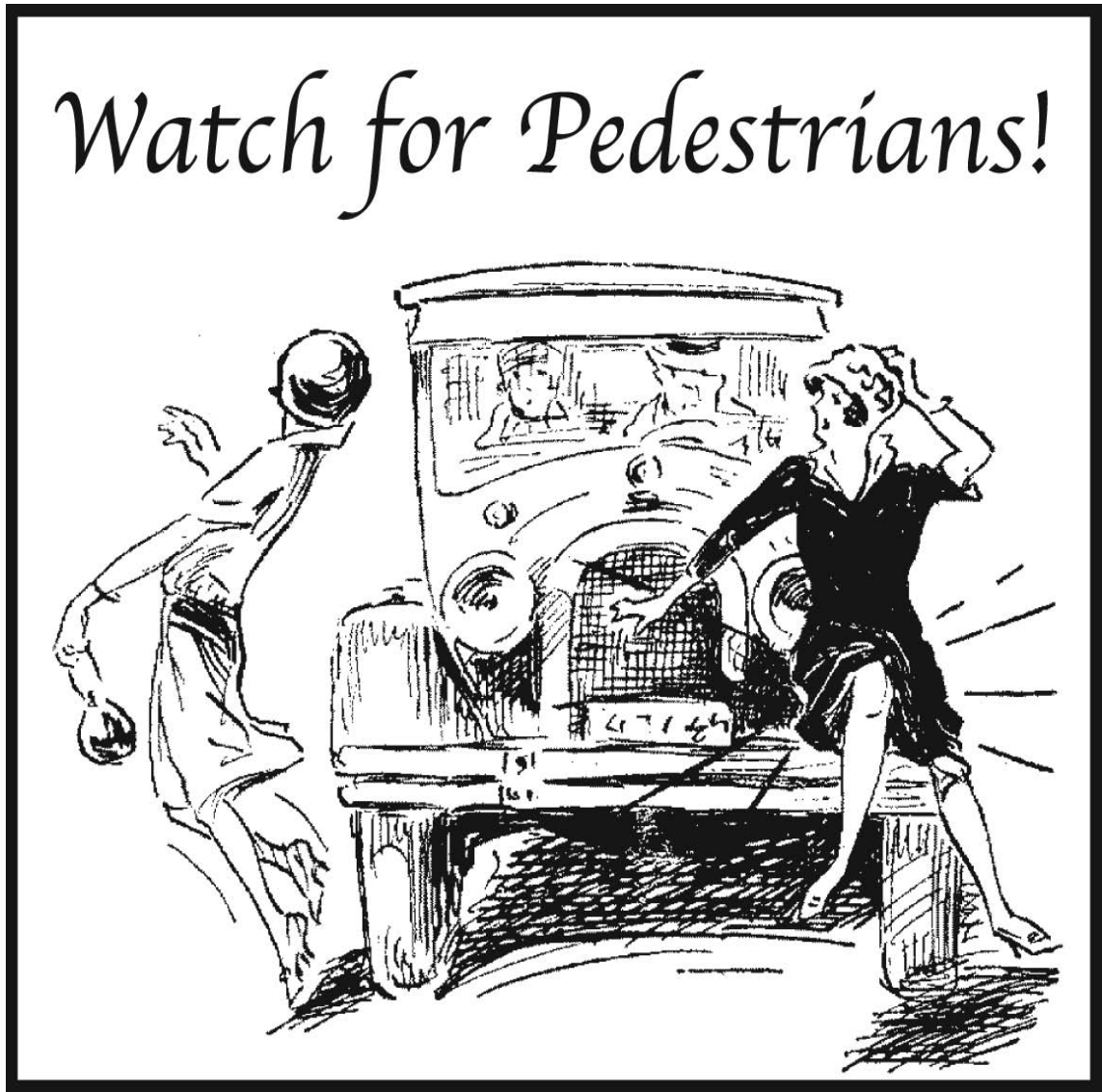
the day, remember to charge your phone and call your mom.

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Sexual assault is the most common form of violent crime committed on college campuses

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85-90 percent of sexual assaults are instances where the victim knows the attacker

National Institute of Justice
2008

20-25 percent of all college women will become victims of attempted sexual assaults before they graduate.

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most common form of violent crime committed on college campuses, and female college students are more likely to be raped than their peers who are not enrolled in college. Almost a quarter of all college women will become victims of attempted sexual assaults before they graduate, according to a study conducted by the National Institute of Justice in 2000. The majority of these crimes are committed by a familiar acquaintance and go unreported to authorities, the study found.

Policy Progress

In April 2011 the Department of Education sent a letter to the chief administrators of national universities, reiterating universities' legal obligations to enforce procedures regarding sexual misconduct. The letter reminded schools of their responsibility to take proactive measures to combat instances of sexual assault in accordance with Title IX's policies on harassment. It also reiterated the requirements of the Clery Act, which mandates that schools participating in federal financial aid programs disclose information regarding crimes committed on or around campuses to the school communities.

The letter also informed schools that Title IX requires cases of sexual violence to be adjudicated based on the presence of a "preponderance" of evidence, rather than "clear and convincing" evidence. Under the preponderance standard, the accused is found guilty if the majority of evidence suggests that the accused committed the crime, while the clear and convincing policy has a stricter standard for determining guilt.

At the time the letter was sent, the University still used the clear and convincing standard when evaluating cases brought to its Sexual Misconduct Board. A month later, however, the University announced the adoption of the preponderance policy as part of a six-month review of its sexual mis-

conduct procedures. University President Teresa Sullivan signed the updated sexual misconduct policies in July 2011.

Despite these changes, however, Department of Education officials placed the University under review for its sexual violence policies — part of which included sending an email to students and faculty in October 2012 to elicit responses about experiences with sexual violence at the University.

On our doorstep

In October 2012, the anonymous "Mr. Y" letter was posted on Massachusetts attorney Wendy Murphy's Facebook page on behalf of her client, a female University student.

Her post detailed her story of waking up one morning, unsure of where she was, and realizing she had been sexually assaulted. She then recounts her trial experience with the Sexual Misconduct Board, and the pain she felt upon her perpetrator receiving a not-guilty verdict. "My own school, that I loved so much, failed to protect me," she wrote. "I had never felt so betrayed and let down in my life."

University officials responded to the post, saying it included "misleading and inaccurate information," but that confidentiality requirements prohibited administrators from speaking more specifically about the trial.

The anonymous Facebook post also highlighted a handful of examples of sexual assault cases at the University.

Former student Liz Securo published a memoir in January 2011 about her rape experience in the 1980s at a fraternity party at the University. In her book, she condemns University officials for their dismissive response when she tried to file a case against her rapist.

Most recently, University Police Chief Michael Gibson informed students in an email in January of a "forcible fondling" incident involving a female University student when she was walking by Wilson Hall at 8:30 on a Monday evening.

In total, there were 14 instances of reported forcible sexual assaults in 2011 — the most recent year for which Clery Act information is available. Of those, eight occurred on Grounds including six in residential facilities.

A question of tone

Third-year College student Evan Behrle, president of the on-Grounds sexual assault education group One in Four, said the Sexual Misconduct Board has the difficult task of being as thorough as possible in investigating cases

without discouraging victims from engaging with the process.

Behrle and other student leaders have been working collectively to change the culture surrounding sexual assault on Grounds to better inform students about the reality of sexual assault, help victims through the process and prevent further assaults.

Both One in Four and the Sexual Assault Peer Advocacy group have worked with Gibson's office to tweak the tone used in his emails alerting students of crimes committed on Grounds. Gibson's emails too frequently put the burden on women to avoid being raped or assaulted, said fourth-year College student Amelia Nemitz, president of Sexual Assault Peer Advocacy.

"As a group focused on the issue of sexual violence, [Sexual Assault Peer Advocacy members] place a good deal of emphasis on the importance of the language used to talk about the issue," Nemitz said.

University Police Lt. Sally Fielding said the department is working with student groups to change the phrasing of its emails, but the requirements of the Clery Act mandate they present prevention strategies when it sends students emails — which it does anytime an offense is committed in nearby areas and the threat is still ongoing.

University alerts, Behrle said, are also insufficient, as they downplay the threat of acquaintance rape.

"I think a bigger problem is that the Clery Act, the way it is interpreted at U.Va., is that they will only send out an email when there is a clear and present danger to the community," Behrle said. "Often that manifests itself with a stranger assault or a stranger rape, where the person hasn't been arrested."

The National Institute for Justice reported in 2008 that in 85-90 percent of sexual assaults the victim knows the attacker. The study also said fewer than 5 percent of victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault report the incident.

Behrle suggested the University emails — in conjunction with the Clery Act requirements — do not present an accurate picture of the sexual assault reality at the University.

"U.Va. itself could send a semester, or annual email, where they say how many assaults were reported to the police, and how many to the sexual misconduct board, and include in that email that reporting rates are low," Behrle said. "[This would help] to keep it on people's mind and give people a better understanding of what type of sexual assault is prevalent."