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Governor Bob McDonnell had until Monday night at midnight to decide whether to sign, amend or veto the bills the General Assembly had passed.

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Gov. amends 2013 legislation

McDonnell sends 80 bills back to General Assembly, including transportation act, signs voter ID law

The deadline for Gov. Bob McDonnell to review all 812 bills passed by the Virginia General Assembly ended at midnight Monday, closing his window to either sign-off, veto or amend legislation. McDonnell offered amendments to 80 of the bills and vetoed six, signing the remaining 716 into law.

McDonnell's most noteworthy act was his decision to send an amended version of the transportation bill back to the General Assembly for the veto session to review when it convenes April 3. The proposed amendments included reducing the proposed vehicle titling tax increase from 4.3 percent to 4.15 percent, reducing the alternative fuel vehicles annual fee from \$100 to \$64 and reducing the transient occupancy tax in Northern Virginia from 3 percent to 2 percent in an effort to keep hotels in the area more competitive with their out-of-state competitors.

"[These amendments] will accomplish the goals established by the governor earlier this year by moving away from the declining gasoline tax and toward a more dynamic sales tax-based revenue source," said a press release from McDonnell's office. "Governor McDonnell's amendments would still result in over \$5.9 billion in total revenue for transportation over the next five years."

The General Assembly can

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Sullivan kicks off Grad Days

"Grad Days" commenced Tuesday afternoon with a keynote speech by University President Teresa Sullivan on the future of graduate students at the University in the light of major changes in the higher education system.

The two week-long celebration highlights graduate student life and the contributions of graduate and professional students to the University.

Dwindling state and federal funding, increased demands for affordability and accountability, and questions about how best to incorporate emerging technologies have left American higher education in a "precarious state," Sullivan said. Universities must either "adapt or die," she said.

Sullivan lauded the work of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, created by the President's office last year to develop ideas and work with the Board of Visitors on meeting strategic goals.

To identify areas for improvement, an academic assessment of the University is currently being conducted by the Baltimore consulting firm Art and Science Group, Sullivan said. The group is working to identify what areas the University can improve on by comparing it to nine peer public and private institutions, Sullivan said.

Establishing competitive faculty salaries to attract and retain top-tier faculty will be a necessary step in keeping the University afloat, Sullivan said. The Board passed Sullivan's proposed commitment in February to put the University in the top 20 institutions for faculty salaries as measured by the Association of American Universities by 2017.

Sullivan also expressed reservations about some of the more radical shifts to education – highlighting the problems with online education which she said is expensive and largely unable to distinguish between average and exceptional students.

Grad Days will continue for the next two weeks and will include events geared toward minority students and a lunch discussion panel with LGBTQ faculty.

—compiled by Jordan Bower



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Grad Days highlight the future of graduate students at the University after much controversy emerged surrounding recent changes to graduate programs at the University.

Around the world in 5 days



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University community members have the opportunity to sign up to take part in Bike to Uganda all week outside of Brown Science and Engineering library. Bike to Uganda has raised \$1,510 so far.

Bees take center stage in research

Fourth-year Engineering student Rowan Sprague has applied for a Fulbright Research Grant to study ecological engineering in New Zealand and research ways to manipulate agricultural systems to benefit honeybee populations.

Sprague received a Harrison Undergraduate Research grant in the spring of last year for her innovative work with trapping predatory beetles to protect beehives.

Sprague's said her interest in nature, and honeybees in particular, peaked at an early age. "Since honeybees are critical to pollination of many crops, I naturally gravitated towards studying them," Sprague said. "I first began to learn more seriously about honeybees in a class called 'Bee School,' which was a seminar in the 2011-2012 academic year and was supported by the Mead Endowment."

Taught by Mathematics Prof. Christian Gromoll, and part-time beekeeper, Bee School is a non-credit class focused on beekeeping and honeybee behaviors.

"From class and my research, I learned about a pest called the Small Hive Beetle, which, through its infestation of hives, causes loss of honey and, worst case, hive collapse," Sprague said. "I discussed ideas with Professor Gromoll about how to design a structural trap to prevent the hive beetles from entering the beehives."

With the funds from the grant, Sprague began calling bee suppliers in the region to order hives and start her own honeybee colonies. She is keeping the bees at nearby Morven Farms and built her first set of traps in July.

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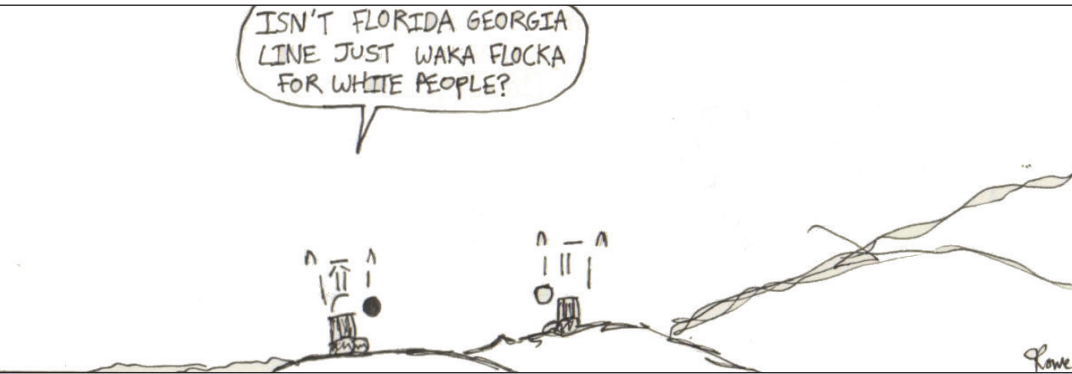
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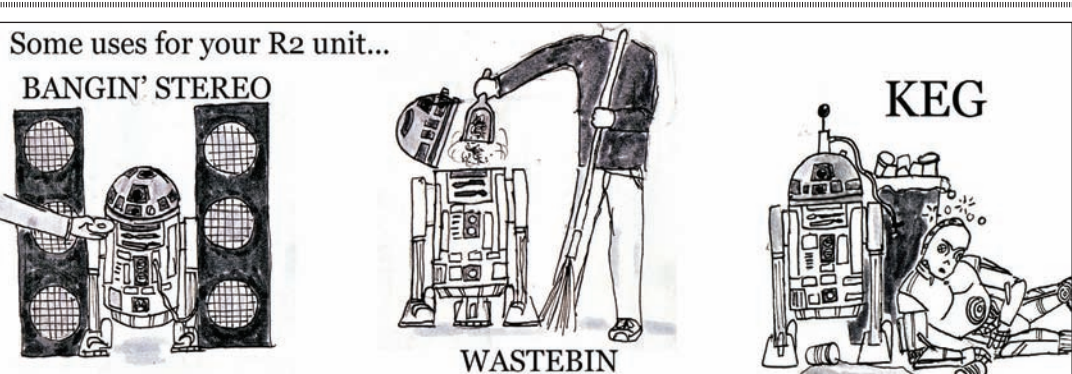
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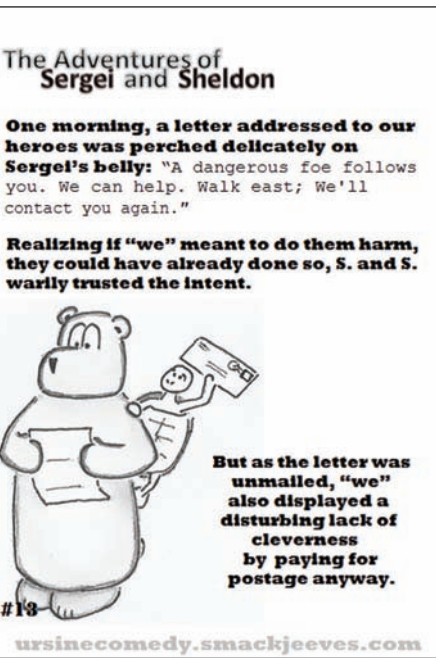
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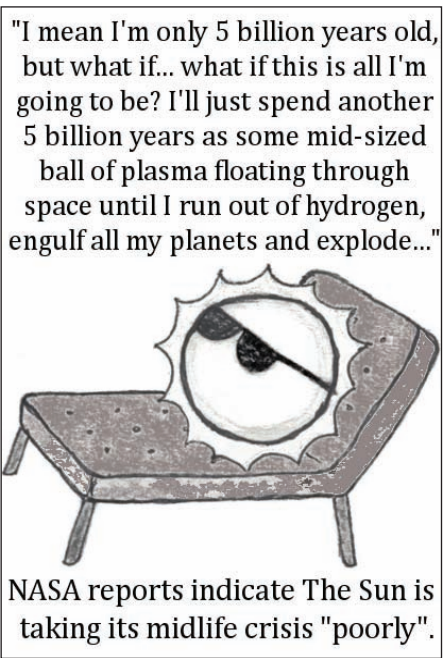
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've gathered impressive knowledge on your topic of interest. Finally, you will get a chance to share your findings. It's so satisfying to see how others benefit from what you've learned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For you, persuasion is a sport. Engaging people in debate will be a game you'll enjoy. If it seems like the other person isn't having as much fun as you, back off. Find a worthy partner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your mind hums as you go about your daily activities. Your sense of focus will seem to ebb and flow. You will be working out many problems at once with your reflections and musings.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People will try to get in touch with you, possibly in backward ways. You are willing to court all reasonable offers and even a few unreasonable ones, as long as they sound like fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hearing the word "no" won't stop you, and in fact, it makes you stronger. Your determination will double with every "no" you hear and by the end of the day you'll have your sweet victory. Yes!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be energized by the challenge of keeping up with an ever-changing area of study. Technology, politics and science have appeal — these topics are like playgrounds for your agile mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've accumulated a collection and it's time to get a better system of storage going. You need to be able to see what you have and access each item easily. A strong sense of order makes you special.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You learn in different ways at different times. Right now you learn best by teaching others. Knowing that you're going to have to get masterful quickly will inspire you to sail over hurdles.

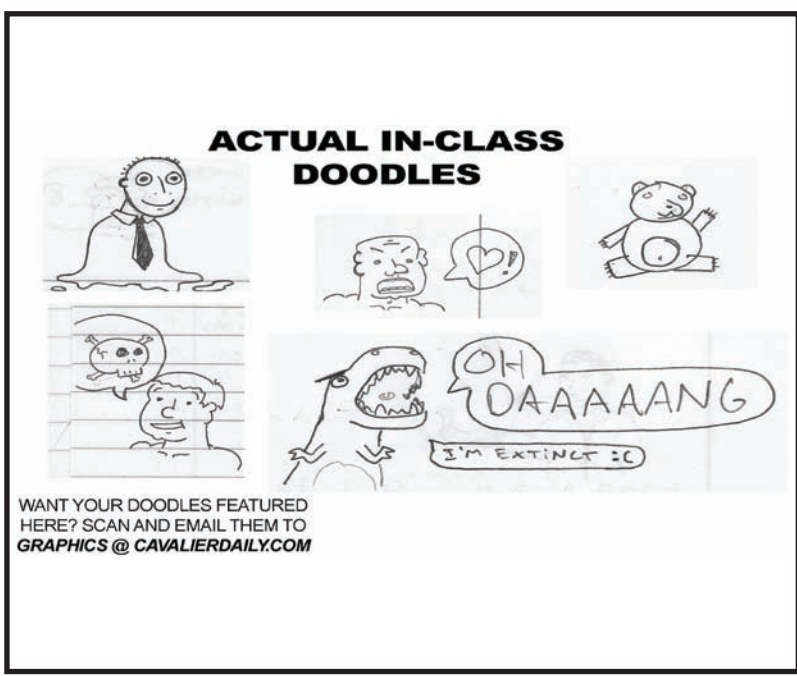
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can tell the fake smiles from the real ones, and you hear the unspoken meaning of words. Being observant and caring about the happiness of others might make life trickier for you, but it's also more satisfying.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You take comfort in the consistent and solid things you can count on in a shifting, fickle world. Whether it's the beauty of a sunset or the unconditional love of a pet, you notice and give thanks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To accept one future, you must forsake another. This you do gladly because of your desire to lead a certain kind of life. Seemingly insignificant choices are crucial building blocks in your design.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ask for what you want frequently, as a child would do. The repetition will work in your favor. This is especially true if your repetition is a silent message from you to the universe.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 27). You get more evidence than ever that you are divinely guided. In April, your tangents may be more lucrative than your usual work. You'll thrive as you encourage others through April and May. There's a spike in your income in June, so be sure to sock some of it away. October travel opens your mind and delights your heart. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 18, 40, 25 and 16.



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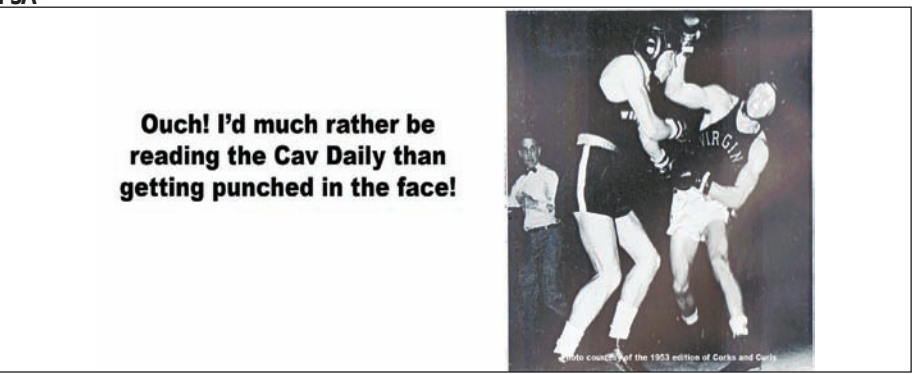
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- 1 Balkan land
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- 14 Countenance
- 15 Burmese P.M.
- 16 Classico rival
- 17 Approval
- 19 Calendar spans
- 20 Sharp-eyed sort
- 21 Ban
- 23 Greenish shade
- 26 Legion
- 27 "Public Enemies" officer
- 31 Repeated cry in the Ramones' "Blitzkrieg Bop"
- 34 "Honor Thy Father" author
- 35 Shape of the Aleutian Islands, on a map
- 37 Miles away
- 38 Tulsa sch.
- 39 December 31
- 42 H.I.V. drug
- 43 Old
- 45 Capital of S8-Down, briefly
- 46 Some navels
- 48 Places for judokas
- 50 Mail that isn't opened
- 52 H-dos-O?
- 54 Striking part
- 55 What a "forever" stamp lacks
- 59 2007-08 N.B.A. M.V.P., to fans
- 63 "Dinka Doo"
- 64 Union supporter?
- 67 Manhattanite, e.g., informally
- 68 Figure who works with figures, for short
- 69 On
- 70 Kit ___ (candy bars)
- 71 City ESE of the 10-Down
- 72 Managed

DOWN

- 1 Bond girl Barbara
- 2 Watchdog org.
- 3 Expel forcibly
- 4 Accessory for Annie Hall
- 5 ___ factor
- 6 \$\$\$ source
- 7 Make waves?
- 8 1950s heartthrob Paul
- 9 ___ Gardens
- 10 Kazakh border lake
- 11 Magazine with an annual Hollywood issue?
- 12 Inflated things?
- 13 Boot
- 18 Competent
- 22 i-noor diamond
- 24 "No sweat"
- 25 Arthur and his family in "Hoop Dreams"
- 27 Coen brothers film
- 28 Sailor

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High pressure will begin to build today through the weekend, bringing sunny skies and temperatures in the mid to upper 50s. Looks like we will finally be getting a taste of Spring again!				To receive Cavalier Weather Service forecasts via email, contact weather@virginia.edu

McDonnell | Six vetos largely reference superfluous tax cuts

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now either accept the Governor's proposed amendments or attempt to override, Caldwell said.

McDonnell approved the ban on texting while driving passed by the General Assembly in February, keeping the designation as a primary offence but reducing the fine

to make it more equitable to that of reckless driving or DUI citations.

The governor also signed into law the voter identification bill, which requires

people who go to the polls to have photo identification, but includes a provision for state-provided photo voter registration cards.

The six vetoed bills were

largely about tax increases already covered by the transportation bill or about transient occupancy taxes already removed by McDonnell's initiatives, Caldwell said.

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87.6% of UVA students do not ride with
drunk drivers.*

The Hullabahoos,
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—Thomas Jefferson

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Grad daze

GradDays offers excellent opportunities for oft-overlooked graduate students

The stereotype of the impoverished, overworked graduate student holds some truth. Graduate students are notoriously neglected. Our TAs and fellow library-dwellers play a dual role. While they teach and guide undergraduates, they are also students (though their academic work is held to higher standards). As a consequence, graduate students are difficult to define. They occupy a liminal space between undergraduate students and faculty. But they receive neither the flexibility and freedom of the former, nor the prestige and benefits of the latter.

The graduate student population is also less monolithic than the undergraduate student body, which is composed mostly of 18- to 22-year-olds. Graduate students span a wide range of ages and enroll in a variety of programs: the experiences of a master's student will differ from those of a doctoral student, and a business student may not share a law student's concerns. In addition, graduate students are, by and large, less involved with the University's major student organizations. As a result they wield less of a voice in student governance. Voter turnout in March's student elections pointed to this disengagement: just 8 percent of Arts & Sciences graduate students cast ballots.

So it is refreshing to see an

initiative like GradDays, which runs through April 6 and seeks to highlight the intellectual and social activities of the University's graduate and professional students. Planned by Graduate Student Council, the series of events kicked off Tuesday evening with a keynote address by University President Teresa Sullivan.

GradDays seeks to accomplish several important aims. The initiative provides support for minority graduate students; it gives graduate students opportunities to socialize with peers in other departments; and, in a hostile academic climate, it offers workshops and panels that provide professional-development tips.

GradDays is right to host a lunch workshop for minority graduate students. The independent nature of much graduate work can leave some students feeling isolated. Events that affirm the University's support of its minority students can be empowering and can strengthen social and professional ties among these students. GradDays is also hosting an “Out in the Academy” panel geared toward LGBTQ graduate students. The event seeks to connect LGBTQ graduate students with LGBTQ professors. A lunch workshop bringing together female graduate students and female faculty accomplishes

something similar for women in the academy. These three events are more than just expressions of solidarity. Negotiating one's gender, sexuality or race in a competitive environment such as a college or university can be difficult. Graduate study rightly focuses on knowledge production rather than self-awareness or self-presentation; extracurricular presentations like the ones GradDays has organized help potentially vulnerable students integrate their identities into their professional academic lives.

It is rare that graduate students get the opportunity to bond with their peers in other departments. The social aspect of GradDays is therefore important both for graduate student morale and for the potentially fruitful intellectual connections it may engender. Interdisciplinarity has become a buzzword in the academic sphere. But without connections to people working in other departments, graduate students lose potential opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration. GradDays may help remedy this disconnect.

We commend Graduate Student Council for offering its constituents opportunities for development and relaxation, and we hope to see more events geared toward graduate students in the future.

Featured online reader comment

“In additon to the excellent points in the previous reply, an important differentiation is the place of the librarian in the academic enterprise, in comparison to the examples you give which work in the administtrative part of the university. Librarians are central to the faculty research and instruction mission of the university in a very different way than our important doctors, psychologists, and lawyers. Many faculty engage with librarians as partners in the research and instruction process and I believe they deserve the faculty title. Given the events of the past year, I think the faculty has a vested interest in making sure there is a clear understanding of what aspects of the university are academic and which are purely administrative.”

“Curtis” responding to Fariha Kabir’s Mar. 19 article “Turning the wrong page”

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The song of the dodo

Scientists who seek to recreate extinct species should give priority to species that humans destroyed

If you're like me, you cringe a bit every time you hear that a particular animal has become endangered or is on the brink of extinction, especially when such extinction or endangerment is the result of human activity. Fortunately, science may soon be able to recreate species that mankind has previously eliminated. If the technology necessary to revive extinct species becomes reality, scientists should not hesitate to use it, as doing so would rectify some of mankind's most detrimental impacts on the natural world.

Scientists in Australia recently stated that they were able to recreate an embryo from a species of extinct frog. The scientists hope that the embryo, once it is inserted into a genetically similar species of frog, will grow into a functioning organism. The recreation of extinct species — dubbed de-extinction — will not be limited to frogs, either. By implanting extinct animals' embryos into surrogates, scientists hope to recreate many more organisms. Harvard scientists, for example, are looking at ways to bring back the passenger pigeon.

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Extinction is an integral part of nature. In fact, 99.9 percent of all species that have ever lived are now extinct. Most of these extinctions have been the result of random or natural occurrences. For scientists to try to bring back huge numbers of animals, then, would be foolish, as it would be impossible to recreate a significant percentage of the species that have already vanished. Nevertheless, mankind has resulted in the extinction of several well-known species as recently as the last 60 years. If a recently extinct animal that was eradicated through over-hunting or habitat destruction can be brought back, scientists should ensure its resurrection. Just because people in past centuries did not share the conservationist attitude that prevails today does not mean that we should be deprived of biodiversity. That being said, recreating extinct animals will result in a few arguments.

There will surely be much debate about which animals deserve to be recreated. Scientists have compiled a list of around 24 animals that they hope to one day bring back. Most

of those are species of birds that humans overhunted. Scientists selected some of target animals, however, because they are very recognizable. Woolly mammoths and saber-toothed tigers are among scientists' top priorities. What, then, determines whether a particular species will be resurrected? Although I love the idea of seeing a saber-toothed tiger in the flesh, it makes sense to initially focus on bringing back species that were the most directly eliminated by human activity. Humans, for instance, hunted the dodo bird to extinction and were thus the primary reason it vanished. The same cannot be said for the saber-toothed tiger, which is believed to have died out as a result of a climate change. Species that humans needlessly destroyed should be given priority when it comes to recreation.

Ethics plays an important role in this discussion. Some

people will characterize the resurrection of extinct species in the same negative way as cloning. Those people will likely condemn species recreation as humans playing God. Such an argument is weak at best. It would appear that humans acted equally godlike in eliminating species as they would in recreating species. Thoughtlessly driving a species to extinction is a much worse transgression than using available technology to rectify that mistake. If our scientific advancements allow us to play God to fix past errors, there is nothing wrong with doing so.

If, however, a species is no

longer able to survive in its natural habitat for some reason, scientists should not waste money trying to sustain it. Similarly, just because we may be able to recreate extinct animals does not mean that less effort should be placed on conservation and preventing extinctions. Given the choice between maintaining a resurrected species and preventing the extinction of a present-day species, more resources should be put towards maintaining populations of animals that have never gone extinct. Otherwise, more money will ultimately need to be put toward reintroducing yet another species which will be very expensive and time-consuming.

The science to successfully resurrect entire extinct species has not yet been fully discovered, yet it is hard to not be optimistic about its future applications. It is no secret that conservation of wildlife was not a main priority in the past. It is exciting that we may soon be able to rectify some of the natural destruction caused by our predecessors.

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Safety first

Cautionary messages as part of sexual-assault prevention efforts do not equal victim-blaming

The topic of rape and sexual assault is not easy to bring up or discuss, but here at the University, broaching tricky topics is somewhat routine. Rape discussion has dominated the media recently because of the conviction of the perpetrators of the Steubenville, Ohio case, as well as a similar case emerging in Torrington, Conn. Most of us have friends on Facebook reading and posting about these specific cases or just the topic of sexual assault. Pundits have taken on the issue: celebrating the verdict in Ohio, calling for better treatment of the victim by educational and legal systems and, in some instances, criticizing the “be careful” message that arises around rape and sexual assault cases. It is the criticism of the “be careful” message that concerns me.

Concerning rape or sexual assault cases, the “be careful” message walks a fine line between advice and admonition. Saying or implying that a victim of sexual assault is to blame in any way for the attack because he or she was drunk is ridiculous and incredibly harmful. Still, roughly half of

SAM NOVACK
OPINION COLUMNIST

sexual-assault cases involve alcohol consumption on the part of the perpetrator, the victim or both. Victims who were severely drunk during an assault are less able to provide the kind of testimony that can help lead to a conviction. Pointing out that being drunk increases the opportunities for an offender to perpetrate a crime is not victim-blaming. Encouraging everyone, especially those most vulnerable to assault, to be safe in situations involving alcohol is not re-victimizing those who were assaulted. Alcohol and its use are not mitigating factors for the offender, nor reasons to blame the victim, but they are pertinent topics in a discussion of sexual assault and its prevention.

Another area where the “be careful” message applies is in being out alone late at night. This past weekend, I walked a friend back to her apartment – about a 10-minute walk from Beta Bridge back into an area of apartments and houses that was unfamiliar to me. On my way there, and on my way back, I was startled to see at least

half a dozen students, most of them young women, but also a male student or two, walking alone. It was approaching midnight, and these students were walking on lonely, dark streets without a friend nearby. Most had their heads down, and some even had earbuds in and were listening to music. None of this struck me as safe behavior.

Opponents of the “be careful” message will say that women should be able to walk home alone at night without fear of being raped or assaulted, that it is the assaulters — statistically mostly men — who are entirely at fault. I could not agree more. But I still cannot condone people putting themselves in risky situations, based simply on the logic that they should be able to. The fact remains that the world is often an unsafe place, regardless of the idealism brandished by bloggers, Facebook posts or

the people I have debated on the issue. The way our society ought to be is not the way it is, and idealism acts as neither a weapon nor a shield in a dangerous situation.

The message should not, however, stop at “be careful; there are rapists.” Preventing sexual assault is at the heart of the issue. But stamping out rape entirely is not an end we will attain any time in the near future. My friends and I attended a 1-in-4 discussion a few weekends ago, which covered the statistics of sexual assault and suggested some ways to aid people who have been victimized. While I found the experience enlightening, I could not help but think how unlikely it was that a future rapist would opt to attend such a meeting. Those that most needed to hear the message were not those sitting around us.

This is not to say that education is useless — rather, I suggest

only that education alone will not quickly result in the kind of world in which caution is no longer necessary. Educational attempts need to continue, but so too do cautionary messages for potential victims. Maybe the “be careful” lesson is old, even patronizing to some, but it is not an evil or spiteful message and does not deserve to be treated as such. Critics of cautionary messages are responding out of an understandable yet misplaced fear that such advice serves to deflect blame onto the victim or take attention away from the real issue. This is far from the truth. Education, discouragement of potential future offenders and caution for potential victims go hand in hand. People with whom I have debated this topic and people reading this column now who think that I am defending the perpetrator and accusing the victim want the same goal I do: an end to sexual violence. We are all on the same team, and we need to act that way.

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A major shift

Faculty should aim to teach more global texts in the humanities and social sciences

It's nearly that time of the year again. As we frantically work on semester papers, complete the last of our midterms and come to terms with how quickly the semester has gone by, we once more sift through class options to figure out a course schedule for next year.

For me, the fall semester will be bittersweet: my next-to-last set of courses. As I complete my foreign affairs major, I find myself having a harder time selecting classes. The politics department has a number of fantastic classes offered on the Middle East, Europe, East Asia and Latin America. Yet middle and south Asia remain rather absent beyond perhaps one, at most two, courses being offered per year. While regions such as the Middle East receive a lot of media attention, a lack of focus on nearby regions such as the Indian subcontinent pres-

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ents an incomplete picture of global relations and politics. India is slowly becoming more involved in the global community and has been gaining prominence as an economic force. Countries such as Indonesia and Vietnam, which are also gaining in international importance, are under-represented in courses as well. While these countries may not have as large a role in world politics as many nations, they are still interesting to study.

A lack of diversity in courses, however, is not limited to the politics department. The English department has a similar issue. While there are an infinite number of courses on Western authors such as Shakespeare, and a heavy emphasis on British and American literature, more contemporary authors such as Margaret Atwood and Philip Roth do not receive as much attention. The school should

offer more courses in literature published after 1900, making sure to include literature published in the past few decades. In fact, when students enter the workforce, a better knowledge of acclaimed authors of the past 30 years may prove beneficial. International authors such as South Korean Park Wan-So and the Chinese author Mo Yan, who won the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature, also remain absent from most courses.

Other countries often emphasize an understanding of global authors in addition to authors that are more culturally relevant to that nation. My parents, while attending school in Bangladesh, read Western authors such as Charles Dickens and Jules Verne in addition to non-Western authors. Teachers included Western authors in the curriculum to provide students with a wide understanding of literature. Students at the University do not have as many opportunities. Granted, departments like Spanish and East Asian studies offer courses that cover translations of literature from specific regions. I have personally taken a number of courses in the East Asian studies department on South Korean literature. Nevertheless, some stu-

dents are unaware such courses exist, and too many students never interact with texts from foreign countries.

One can pursue areas not covered formally in a course in a distinguished majors program, but the DMP opportunity has its limits. The program offers fourth-year students a chance to research topics in their majors that interest them, and it culminates in a year-end paper and presentation. For many departments, including the politics department, the number of people allowed to complete a DMP is limited, which restricts students' opportunity to explore other areas in a major. Thus, the DMP is only a partial solution to fields of study not covered in a particular major. A more effective solution entails expanding curricula to accommodate a more global focus.

Additionally, students develop topics for their DMP from what they learn and are exposed to in their majors. So although the DMP gives students an opportunity to explore subjects not explicitly covered in classes they take for their majors, students are unlikely to research a topic that falls completely outside their expertise. Another problem is that if a student is

going beyond what her major department offers, she will not have the opportunity to develop her understanding of the subjects as thoroughly, as she will have trouble finding a professor in their major who specializes in a less popular area.

Be it politics or English, failing to provide courses that offer a comprehensive understanding of a particular major diminishes the quality of a student's education. There should be more emphasis on helping departments grow and expand, allowing for more collaboration between departments to enhance the learning experience. I have taken a number of courses in the East Asian and history departments to complement what I have learned in my foreign affairs courses. Encouraging a more interdisciplinary approach for a major may be one of the simplest and most effective means of providing students a broader comprehension of their major while simultaneously providing students the opportunity to expand their interests.

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Get off the curb

Take risks and step outside your comfort zone for a meaningful University experience

Two years ago, my roommate and I decided a street curb is one of the worst places you can be caught sitting. During my second year, I jokingly referred to our room as “the workshop” because we were two overly imaginative 19-year-olds who spent our free time formulating crazy business plans in the hopes of getting rich, quitting school and escaping our accounting homework. Currently, as two graduating fourth-years, my roommate and I obviously didn't quit school to start a business, but there is a principle we created during the year that still motivates us: when opportunity knocks, don't be a curb-sitter.

A curb-sitter is someone who is sitting slouched down on a bustling street corner, knowing that he or she wants to explore a park which is just a crosswalk away, but because of fear of the unknown, lethargy or preoccupation with the opinions of passersby, chooses not to get up and accomplish the goal of

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crossing the street. In the meantime, life doesn't slow down; the street corner becomes increasingly chaotic as people walk to and from class, cars speed by leaving behind debris and everyone begins to mistake the curb-sitter for a very lifelike street statue. If this predicament sounds entirely unfulfilling, it's because it is — people aren't meant to sit on the curb! You're meant to live outside of yourself and take some chances. People who stay on the curb may feel a false sense of comfort, but opportunities are speeding past them faster than the cars zooming down the street.

Throughout my four years at the University, many of the relationships and experiences that have made my time here meaningful are a result of my getting off of the curb. For instance, if I had only applied for positions for which I was completely qualified and prepared, I wouldn't have been elected vice president of my service

organization or been offered a competitive marketing internship despite the fact that I was a politics major with zero business experience. Additionally, if I always waited for people to leave the park and to come hang out with me on the curb, I wouldn't have the good friends I'm so thankful for today. Getting off the curb does not have to be an elaborate ceremony or huge spectacle at which everyone on the sidewalk stops and stares. It can be as simple as inviting someone to eat lunch with you or beginning to go to office hours regularly because you admit you need help in your calculus course. What you decide to do to get closer to your destination across the street doesn't need to be big — it just needs to be something. In the words of Nike, “just do it.”

Often, we hesitate to get off the curb because we fear failure and don't understand the traffic signals that are before us. While we ruminate over whether or not we are going to cross the street, the stop signal

turns into a walk sign, leading to the countdown of numbers reminding us that the clock is ticking for us to make our move and cross the street. Admittedly, I am often an overly analytical person. When faced with a curb I pray, analyze and ask for advice, repeating this cycle countless times until I drive myself crazy and end up rocking back and forth on the curb in the fetal position. While it's necessary and beneficial to reflect before making a choice, at a certain point you must decide — am I going to cross the crosswalk or not? Kicking pebbles on the curb is not helping you move onward. At some point, you must decide where you want your next destination to be and commit to walking there.

Whether you have two years or two months left at the Uni-

versity, use this time to practice getting off the curb and take some risks. Believe in yourself and have the courage to get off of the curb when opportunity arises and especially when the traffic light is clearly signaling the cars to stop for you to cross. When it comes to pursuing a goal, don't be impeded by fear. I can't guarantee that the other side of the crosswalk will look exactly how you envisioned it, but I do know I've never regretted getting off the curb. I've always learned more about myself and where I wanted to go as a result of standing up. So, carpe diem—seize the day! Remember, sometimes the grass really is greener on the other side.

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Got (low-fat) milk?

Researchers find non-causal correlation between beverage choice, childhood obesity

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Although children who drink low-fat milk are more likely to be obese than children who drink whole or 2 percent milk, there is likely no causal link between the trends, according to a recent clinical study at the Medical School.

Other lifestyle factors have a much more significant impact on children's weight gain than milk consumption, said University researchers Asst. Pediatrics Professors Dr. Rebecca Scharf and Dr. Mark D. DeBoer along with Ryan T. Demmer, an assistant epidemiology professor at Columbia University.

"The logic has always been, you should drink skim milk because you're taking in fewer calories," DeBoer said. "The problem is that only applies to the milk portion of your diet. If drinking whole milk makes you full, so that you aren't hungry to

eat a bag of chips, then that overall would cause you to have fewer calories going in."

The study also indicates efforts to curb childhood obesity should focus on other lifestyle choices — such as consuming sweetened beverages and watching television — rather than milk consumption, Scharf said.

This study is unique from its predecessors in its use of the birth cohort from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, a product created by the National Center for Education Statistics that compiled information from 14,000 children born in the United States since 2001 in an effort to provide a snapshot of American youth. The statistical project allowed the researchers to easily monitor changes across time from a diverse subset of the population.

FASTER THAN CSI

University lab develops quicker DNA testing procedures for sexual assault cases

By TORI MEAKEM | CAVALIER DAILY STAFF WRITER

A University lab headed by Chemistry Prof. James Landers is working with forensics labs to develop a more efficient process of separating sperm cells from epithelial cells, which would have an important impact on sexual assault cases.

DNA samples from sexual assault cases often contain a mixture of sperm cells from the perpetrator and epithelial cells from the victim. In order to identify and sequence the DNA, these cells must first be separated.

"You have a cell mixture dominated by the female," Landers said. "You need to separate [the two types of cells]. If female DNA contaminates male DNA, defense lawyers could have a potential heyday."

Traditionally, the swabbed sample is swished in a solution containing a small amount of detergent, causing the epithelial cells to burst while the sperm cells are protected by protein disulfide bonds and remain intact. The sperm cells are then isolated from the mixture through methods such as centrifugation, which can be time-consuming. The process can take between four and 14 hours for a single sample, Land-

ers said, creating a significant backlog of DNA samples.

Landers is working on a procedure for isolating sperm cells that could take only 20 minutes to process one sample. After rupturing the epithelial cells with detergent, Landers uses a method known as 'acoustics' to trap and isolate the sperm cells. In Landers' method, sound waves create a low pressure zone which allows smaller material to pass through but traps sperm cells. If unwanted materials the same size as sperm cells are trapped, they can be separated based on differences in density and compressibility, Landers said.

The National Institute of Justice reported a backlog of more than 100,000 DNA samples in 2010. This delay can hold up court cases and make identifying perpetrators of sexual assault very difficult, Landers said. Backlogs of this sort can create serious problems for sexual assault crimes that carry short statutes of limitations.

Landers, who has been working on this project since 2006, said he hopes to see his procedure widely used in forensics labs within two to three years.



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Science straight up

By ALEX RUSSELL | CAVALIER DAILY SENIOR WRITER

Just a speaker and a microphone — and maybe some drinks for the audience, too. The setup is simple for "Science Straight Up," a new University-sponsored event series that launched last month.

Michelle Prysby, the College's director of science education, designed Science Straight Up in the form of a "science café" to connect University academics to the greater Charlottesville community. Science cafés are regular, informal talks given by researchers or professors, designed to bring discoveries out

of the lab and into the public eye.

The monthly events, held at the Black Market Moto Saloon in Charlottesville, join hundreds of other science cafés around the world.

Although the University offers a wide array of lecture and event series, such as TEDxUVA, Flash Seminars and Open-Grounds, Science Straight Up fills a niche in marketing itself to the scientifically curious both within and outside the University. The program is also more informal and requires a relatively low commitment for people who are

curious about a particular issue, Prysby said.

Asst. Biology Prof. Bob Cox gave the inaugural speech for the series, discussing evolutionary genetics and sexual conflict theory. He was followed by Physics Prof. Bob Hirosky in March, who discussed the Higgs Boson, a recently confirmed elementary particle which helps to explain why matter has mass.

"[The lectures] step back and look at the big picture," Hirosky said. "It's a rare and great opportunity."

People who come to the events, while not as knowledgeable as a graduate

student, are eager to learn, Hirosky said — whose lecture attracted more than 60 people.

"[The audience] was one of the best crowds I've ever spoken to," Hirosky said. "They were very engaged and enthusiastic, and the questions afterwards were fabulous ... I was there for two hours talking with people."

Physics Prof. Stu Wolf will head to the Black Market Moto Saloon in April to speak to a crowd on counterintuitive theories of quantum mechanics, and Jerry Stenger, director of the University's climatology office, will speak about climate change in May.

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Senior point guard Jontel Evans will play his final game at John Paul Jones Arena Wednesday night against the Hawkeyes, with a trip to Madison Square Garden and the NIT Semifinals on the line.

Cavaliers seek New York bid

Virginia hosts Iowa Wednesday, looks to extend home win streak to 20, clinch NIT Semifinals bid

By Fritz Metzinger

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Two and a half weeks ago, Charlottesville bid farewell to its basketball team. After scrambling to erase a 17-point deficit and edge Maryland 61-58 in overtime March 10, Virginia left John Paul Jones Arena and a regular season-closing 17-game home win streak behind for the next weekend's ACC Tournament — presumably before moving on to the NCAA Tournament.

A dispiriting showing against NC State and an NCAA Selection Committee snub later, however, the Cavaliers found themselves back at the home arena they would have rather left vacant until the fall. Now, after vic-

tories against Norfolk State and St. John's this past week extended the record home-winning streak to 19, Virginia will once and for all take the JPJ court for the last time in the 2012-13 season when it faces Iowa Wednesday night in the NIT quarterfinals.

They might not have wanted to return, but with a trip to Madison Square Garden and the NIT Final Four on the line coach Tony Bennett and his players appreciate the comforts of home more than ever.

"I'll sound like [athletics director Craig] Littlepage — we're going to need [the fans] again," Bennett said. "I didn't grab a

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Failure to finish strong

After three heart-breaking one-goal losses, Cavaliers face must-win situation

By Zack Bartee

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For the first time in years, the No. 17 Virginia men's lacrosse team began its season as an underdog. Ranked No. 7 in the preseason, there was no question that the team was talented, but after losing so much offensive firepower and leadership from last year's squad, the Cavaliers were picked to finish last in the ACC by both the media and the coaches.

Fast forward four games, and Virginia (5-4) stood at 4-0, including an overtime win against a tough Drexel team. Undeclared

and hungry to prove themselves, the Cavaliers traveled to the Carrier Dome to take on longtime rival Syracuse. However, the Orange came out on top of the back-and-forth game in overtime, sneaking a low-angle shot from the left wing by freshman goaltender Dan Marino.

The next weekend the team welcomed then-No. 3 Cornell to Charlottesville. Even after dropping a close one to Syracuse, coach Dom Starsia was quick to downplay the importance of any individual contest.

"We're about to play a part of the schedule in which we're playing a top-five or -six team

every weekend," Starsia said. "We have to get a couple of these. Next week, it's not life or death, but it's an important game and we want to continue to step forward. We're going to have to play our best game in order to come out on top."

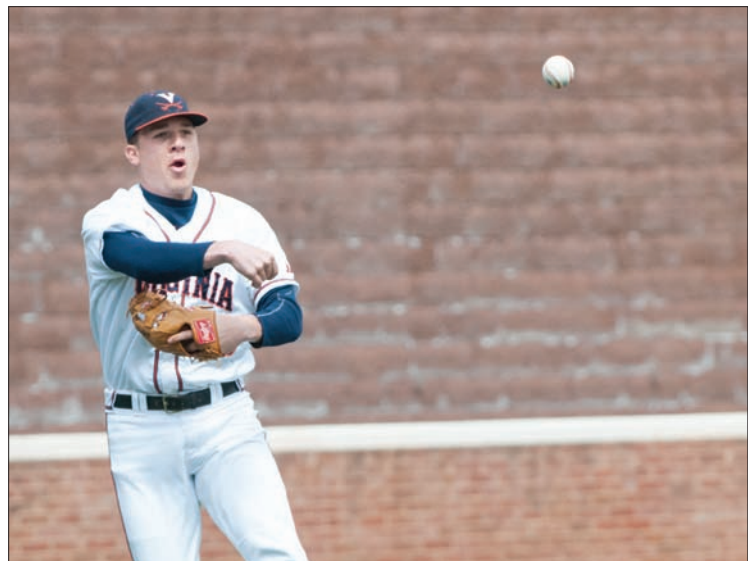
After taking a four-goal lead midway through the third quarter against the Big Red, Cornell outscored Virginia 7-2 in the final 20 minutes, capped off by the game-winner with 13 seconds left to play. One week later the team would again fall late

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Scott McWilliams | Cavalier Daily

Junior defenseman Scott McWilliams leads a Virginia defense that has caused 90 turnovers this season, but has had trouble closing out games.



Kelsey Grant | Cavalier Daily

Sophomore Nick Howard has been a standout performer for the No. 8 Cavaliers on the mound, in the field and behind the plate as a two-way player.

Howard leads No. 8 Cavs

Virginia hosts Towson Wednesday; sophomore class powers offensive production

By Michael Eilbacher

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An 18-inning performance at third base would be taxing enough for most players, but for Nick Howard, his job was not yet over. Less than 24 hours after Saturday's double-header win, the sophomore took the mound as No. 8 Virginia's starter in Sunday's finale, firing 4.1 innings and batting seventh to lead a crucial sweep of N.C. State.

With three games packed into two days, it may have been easy for fans of the Virginia baseball

team (22-2, 7-2 ACC) to miss some details of the weekend, but it was certainly impossible to overlook Howard. In fact, his presence has been ubiquitous all season for the Cavaliers, and he is the newest in a long line of two-way players to take the field in Charlottesville.

"I knew before the season that Nick Howard was going to be one of our really key players," coach Brian O'Connor said. "I think he's got the ability to drive in some runs, I think he plays a good third base, and obviously showing what he does on the

mound."

Howard's numbers this season speak for themselves. He's posted a .366 batting average with 16 RBIs in 19 games as a batter, and is 3-1 with a 1.95 ERA in six games on the mound as the usual Sunday starter for the Cavaliers. Against the Wolfpack, he went 6-for-12 and knocked in three runs. The workload is certainly formidable, but Howard enjoys playing a major role on the team.

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Virginia travels to Norfolk

Cavaliers seek rebound win against Old Dominion, remain confident in Colgan

By Matthew Morris

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In her first two seasons on the No. 9 Virginia women's lacrosse team, junior goalkeeper Liz Colgan only logged 124 minutes and 24 seconds in net, or about the length of two complete games. She saved seven of 44 shots on goal and registered a 1-1 record. When starting goalie senior Kim Kolarik went down with a broken hand earlier this month, however, Colgan was called into action.

Despite her past struggles in

limited playing time, her teammates held no reservations about her ability to succeed.

"I definitely was nervous when I found out, and Kim fully supported me on and off the field, sending me messages like, 'Liz, you got it; don't worry about it,'" Colgan said. "I feel like the team was confident in me, and that made me more confident in myself. Everyone surrounded me with a positive attitude and I think that's what really set me up to go in Wednesday to start my first game this season."

Colgan's first start proved the

Cavaliers (5-5, 0-3 ACC) had not misplaced their trust. She recorded seven saves in Virginia's best defensive performance of the season, a 10-3 win at No. 19 James Madison. Colgan played the entirety of that game and the next, a 13-7 loss against No. 6 Duke last Saturday at Klöckner Stadium.

Such experience will surely be valuable to Virginia as the team approaches next month's ACC and NCAA Tournaments.

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Junior goalkeeper Liz Colgan has posted a 1-1 record, including seven saves in a win against James Madison, since being thrust into the starting role.

Changing course

Varsity Athlete's Perspective Column

With the conclusion of the third round of March Madness this past weekend, the remaining teams get the next few days to concentrate on surviving the Sweet 16 and moving one step closer to playing in Atlanta come April 6. The losing teams, however,

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will head back to the drawing board and spend the offseason formulating a plan to go deeper in next year's tournament, part of which may include the firing of a head coach.

UCLA and the University of Minnesota opted for this path, notifying their respec-

tive coaches, Ben Howland and Tubby Smith, after their teams failed to advance. I imagine the Bruin and Gopher teams are currently engulfed in a sea of emotions, feeling more lost than Pi and his tiger — or at least I was when I learned of my own coach's departure here on the University's track team.

If I can compare my experience to what either one of these teams

will feel in the coming weeks, it is probably closest to the Bruins' — because, like they undoubtedly were, I was completely shocked by my coach's departure. UCLA landed the No. 1 recruiting class leading up to this season and they arguably secured the best high school baller in Shabazz Muhammad. The future of UCLA basketball was looking bright, regardless of their postseason

performance, and I'm certain it surprised the team to receive the troubling news. While I'm not Shabazz Muhammad nor part of a top-ranked recruiting class — we were actually No. 5 — I was nonetheless completely stunned when I got the phone call telling me I no longer had a head

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coach. As far as I, and the rest of my recruiting class, were concerned, the University’s track team was headed in the right direction. We had one of the more respected track coaches in the country. The first thing that I really thought about was how such a great portion of my commitment to the University was a result of the coach I no longer had. It was hard to comprehend that the primary reason I committed to Virginia would now no longer be a part of my career. I couldn’t believe what was happening and didn’t really know how to approach the situation.

I was lost, just like my teammates were and the UCLA basketball program is right now. It was strange, at first, because I had no idea how to keep going. Was I supposed to just not worry about it, keep training and wait for the next guy to come in? Was I supposed to be angry at the athletics department? I chose the former — deciding not to dwell on decisions already made and wait to see what happens.

Not all of my teammates did the same. When going through a coaching change you’ll have some teammates bring up the option of transferring. I could never see myself at another school, but I understood why some of my teammates might have wanted to leave. After all, the man who trained us to elite shape and knew how to win championship-caliber meets was gone. Even as a first-year without the time to develop a strong relationship with my coach as the fourth-years had already done, I understood their frustrations.

It is only natural for athletes to consider the prospect of transferring when a coaching change occurs at the collegiate level. I will be shocked if no one from the UCLA basketball team transfers or turns pro early as a result of Howland’s dismissal.

But despite the mixed emotions and the anxious uncertainty of the team’s future, some good can come out of a coach’s dismissal. Many of the guys on my team got together to talk about how the team, as a family, would keep training and

use our coach’s firing to motivate us. And we did exactly that.

Out of my coach’s firing came a better understanding of what type of organization I am a part of. I am on a great team that didn’t need a coach to bind us all together.

I can’t guarantee the same thing is happening at UCLA right now. Those athletes might not have the same unity my team had, and they could very well be falling apart — especially because they have some of the best freshmen in the country who could play anywhere they desired, with some talented enough to jump straight to the NBA.

And still, there is no guarantee they will be as lucky as I was in getting a new coach.

My team prepared itself for the worst before our new coach was announced – we didn’t want to get our hopes up. The new coach, however, certainly exceeded our expectations.

I hope the guys at UCLA will be as fortunate as we were, because we have done nothing but improve since our coaching shakeup.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“That’s our motivation, that’s our fuel right now, really trying to make up for that loss that I guess you could say ultimately put us out of the Tournament. We’re just trying to get back to Madison Square Garden and prove to ourselves and prove to the country that we’re a good team.”

-Junior forward Akil Mitchell on early-season home loss to Delaware in NIT Season Tip-Off

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microphone this time, but we play an excellent Iowa team.”

That the Cavaliers (23-11, 11-7 ACC) expressed such enthusiasm for playing a record 22nd home game highlights the reinvigorating effect of their 68-50 thumping of St. John’s. With Virginia entering Sunday reeling from a five-game stretch that sabotaged the team’s NCAA Tournament chances and culminated with a win against Norfolk State . During that game the squad tallied as many fouls — 20 — as made field goals, a 10-of-11 spurt in the first half against the Red Storm galvanized the morning crowd and helped restore the Cavaliers to their pre-March form. Virginia shot more than 50 percent from the field and had four players score in double figures for the first time since the Georgia Tech win Feb. 24.

“It was a lot of fun,” junior forward Akil Mitchell said. “Anytime we get a chance to play at home and in front of our fans and get a win is exciting. They were excited to see us knocking down shots.”

Intriguingly, three of those double-digit scorers were freshmen and the other was not junior guard Joe Harris. While Virginia’s leading scorer’s forgettable 2-of-7 effort prolonged his late-season slide and Mitchell continued to struggle with turnovers, committing five, freshmen forward Mike Tobey and guards Justin Anderson and Taylor Barnette combined for 41 of the team’s 68 points on 14-of-21 shooting. Moreover, along with redshirt freshman guard Teven Jones and freshman forward Evan Nolte, they provided the kind of disruptive presence on defense that suggests a bright future for the Cavaliers beyond 2013.

Still, Bennett scoffed at the idea that he is relying on his freshmen simply to supply them with experience for posterity.

“The guys that are helping us the most and giving us the lifts are playing because we’re really desperately trying to advance,” Bennett said. “[It’s] so important for us.”

Regardless of whether the veteran leaders or young upstarts shoulder the burden, Virginia will need to deliver its best performance in weeks to overcome Iowa (23-12, 9-9 B1G). Despite shooting an ugly 42.2 percent as a team and 30.4 percent from beyond the arc, the Hawkeyes hovered on the fringe of NCAA at-large consideration for much of the season while competing in the ultra-competitive Big Ten thanks to an aggressively physical offense and a defense that forces low-percentage shots.

Led by coach Fran McCaffery, who worked under Littlepage in the early 1980s at Penn, Iowa leads its conference and ranks 10th nationally with 39.3 rebounds per game and holds opponents to 38.8 percent shooting, another conference-best mark.

In addition, the Hawkeyes have compiled an abnormally hefty 24.7 percent of their points from the foul line — a troubling statistic for a Virginia team that has been whistled for 33 fouls in its two acrimonious NIT affairs.

“People want to continue to play,” senior point guard Jontel Evans said. “It gets chippy out there, but we have to do a better job of just playing the game and keeping our heads.”

The Hawkeyes possess the blend of size and athleticism that has troubled Bennett’s squad this season, leading the coach to stress the importance of an engaged home crowd Wednesday.

“[With] the way they’re playing, their motion offense, their ability to defend and the personnel, I’m very impressed with Iowa,” Bennett said. “We’ll need that crowd alive and loud.”

Considering Evans — after being honored at his “last” home game against Maryland — will depart from John Paul Jones Arena for good as a player following Wednesday’s contest, the Virginia faithful should have ample motivation to create a raucous atmosphere.

“It’s going to be bittersweet, just like the Maryland game,” Evans said. “It’s going to be fun. I’ve had a great four years here and I just appreciate this arena and the fans here.”

Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m. and ESPN2 will telecast the game.

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in the fourth quarter, this time done in by an Ohio State goal in transition, which was generated by a turnover off a faceoff won by Virginia. When junior attackman Nick O’Reilly’s potential game-tying shot hit the left pipe and bounced out of bounds with four seconds to play, many started to wonder when the Cavaliers might catch a break.

“We talked about the fact that ... there’s no ‘deserve’ in sports, there’s only ‘do,’” Starsia said. “You either make the play that wins the game or you don’t ... sports can be kind of unforgiving and we just have to make sure that we get it done when the opportunity presents itself next time.”

Certainly Virginia didn’t deserve to win the Face-Off Classic and the Doyle Smith Cup last Saturday against Johns Hopkins. The team was utterly embarrassed by its historic rival on national television, as the Blue Jays used a 9-0 run to amass an 11-1 lead early in the third quarter. Johns Hopkins would take a 15-8 victory and the game was never closer than six goals in the second half.

It’s been somewhat apparent that the attack isn’t as fluid as last year. Junior attackman Mark Cockerton has burst onto the scene and is tied for fourth in the nation in goals with 27, while O’Reilly has stepped into the role of field general nicely. But losing Steele Stanwick and Chris Bocklet is not just about production, it has affected the offense’s tempo and composure. Whereas in previous years the Cavaliers could always count on Stanwick to control the ball and deliver a smart, high-percentage possession, this year’s attack unit, lacking any seniors playing quality minutes, clearly does not boast the same experience as last year’s. The new rules, particularly the shot clock, also factor somewhat into the discussion, but as the year goes on the Virginia offense should become more confident in late-game scenarios and begin finishing its games.

“We started the season and we knew that we were going to be able to generate opportunities from the midfield,” Starsia said. “But if we’re going to be the team we hope to be, our attack has to continue to improve so we can depend on them, because we just have to have that as the season goes on.”

The defense, returning two of three starters from last year’s team including All-American junior defenseman Scott McWilliams, was built to be the strength of a young Virginia team. By and large, the defense has lived up to expectations, as McWilliams is tied for the nation’s lead in caused turnovers with 25, and the defense as a whole is third with 90. The unit has shown that it can compete against top-caliber players such as Cornell senior attackman Rob Pannell, and the starting close defense leads the nation in scoring with nine points.

“I think part of that comes with the new rules, letting us get after our guys a little bit more once the shot clock goes on,” McWilliams said. “I think we definitely have athletic enough defensemen to take on that role and once we pick up the ball, push in transition to our offense.”

But late in games that same stout defense has been unable to bear down when the team has needed it most, as the Cavaliers on both ends of the field have fallen victim to unlucky bounces and mental mistakes late in the game.

“All week we’ve been talking about how we have to be a little bit smarter and tougher on both sides of the ball,” McWilliams said. “We’ve had too many mental mistakes ... We see instances of greatness in each game, we just have to play like that for an entire game.”

Though the team’s mediocre record might suggest an overall weaker team than in previous years, the young team remains hungry for success, completing three one-goal losses against top-tier competition. The team is still looking for its first ranked win of the season, which it desperately needs if it hopes to buoy its tournament hopes.

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“You can’t take a pitch off, it keeps you in the game,” Howard said. “I think it’s a lot of fun to be in on every pitch.”

Howard’s success should not come as a surprise to the Cavaliers’ followers. O’Connor has shown success throughout his ten years in Charlottesville in developing two-way players, coaching Virginia greats Joe Koshansky, Sean Doolittle and most recently, Danny Hultzen. Howard is proud to take on the Cavalier tradition in 2013.

“I mean, they’ve put out a lot of good two-way players here,” Howard said. “And they’ve kind of groomed me into the same kind of situation, so I definitely have a lot of confidence going out there knowing they have a lot of confidence in me.”

The job has made O’Connor and the coaching staff very mindful of Howard’s training, and he has a different routine than most of the hitters and pitchers. There are days in practice when Howard does not throw at all in order to protect his arm, and he has also developed his own ways to stay healthy, running a lot on his off days. Perhaps most important to Howard’s durability is his athletic build at six-foot three-inches and 215 pounds.

“One common theme that all those [two-way players] have is that they’re very athletic,” O’Connor said. “When you’re doing the volume of work that Howard does, you’re always concerned about him being able to stay strong. . . Nick’s a big, strong kid and I think that he can handle it, but you have to be smart and you have to be conscious that it’s a long season.”

The coaches may be mindful about Howard down the road this season, but as for Howard himself, the later season does not even cross his mind.

“I’m just worrying about day to day,” Howard said. “It’s a cliché, but it’s true.”

Luckily for the Cavaliers, Howard is not the only player on the team who has put up impressive numbers. He is a member of a stunning sophomore class that has delivered the core of Virginia’s offensive production this year. Alongside outfielders Brandon Downes, Derek Fisher and Mike Papi, infielders Branden Cogswell and Kenny Towns and catcher Nate Irving, the class of 2015 has combined for 12 of the team’s 14 home runs, 128 of its 191 RBIs, and boasts a combined .328 batting average.

“When you think about the talent that’s in that sophomore class, it’s pretty remarkable,” O’Connor said. “They don’t look like young players anymore. They’re veterans, they’ve been in a lot of big ballgames in their time, and certainly they’re going to need to continue to do the job for us for the remainder of the season.”

Coming into the season, however, it was clear what this class was capable of. Virginia was left off most national preseason polls, but after tearing through their non-conference schedule and impressing against a ranked N.C. State squad last weekend, the Cavaliers sit as high as No. 5 in the latest rankings.

“We have a lot of guys that the media didn’t really know about,” Howard said. “We wanted to go out and prove — and we still are proving — to the media and to ourselves that we’re a great ball club, and we’re starting to realize our potential.”

Wednesday, the Cavaliers host Towson and are looking to stay perfect in non-conference games this season. The Tigers (13-9, 5-4 CAA) come to Davenport Field having found moderate success so far this season, but the team was recently thrust into turmoil after a decision by the school to cut the program for the 2014 season. The players received national attention for blacking out “Towson” on their jerseys with duct tape in protest of the decision. Last weekend, the Tigers dropped two of three games to CAA-rival Old Dominion in Norfolk, but did manage a 9-1 win in the first game of Saturday’s double-header.

The biggest challenge for Virginia may be overlooking a lighter mid-week opponent with a critical three-game series against ACC-foe Miami looming this weekend. Even with the success the Cavaliers have already found this season, they know that their work is not nearly done.

“I really believe that this team still has some steps forward that we have to take,” O’Connor said. “It’s hard to sit here and say that when you’re 22-2, but there is still more out there that we need to do better. Hopefully as we grow and move forward, we’ll be able to do those things.”

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Colgan will first have to get the Cavaliers through six more regular season games, the first this Wednesday at Old Dominion (3-6, 1-0 CAA), but given the seriousness of Kolarik’s injury Colgan could be in the cage for the long haul.

“We knew we had one of the best backup goalies in the country going into the season,” coach Julie Myers said. “We didn’t know how many opportunities Liz would have, but ... she worked really hard to be ready when she got the nod, and Kim’s hand is still broken. But Liz has done a great job, she’s risen to the challenge.”

Virginia and Old Dominion first played one another in 1980 and have clashed 35 times since.

The Cavaliers travel to Norfolk with history on their side — they have compiled a 35-1 record against Old Dominion, including an 18-1 mark on the road. Myers, though, refuses to dismiss the Lady Monarchs’ chances.

“They’re good, they’re scrappy, they’ve got absolutely nothing to lose,” Myers said. “They do play us pretty well when we go down there ... It’s not unusual to have a one- or two-goal game down at Old Dominion, [whereas] up in Charlottesville it could be by 10 ... so we need to make sure that we play smart and play aggressive.”

Old Dominion has struggled to find consistency this season following the graduation of 2012 leaders Lisa Bernardini, an All-CAA midfield selection, defender Hannah McBee, an All-CAA Second Team pick and goalkeeper Sarah Geary. Bernardini finished her career with 66 assists and 190 points — the second and fourth-most, respectively, in Lady Monarch history — while Geary graduated as the program’s all-time leader with 567 saves.

In their absence, second-year coach Heather Holt has employed a myriad of personnel combinations, but has won back-to-back games just once. Only four players have started all nine games for Old Dominion, including sophomore midfielder Christina Rea, who ranks in the top three on the team in goals, points, ground balls and draw controls, and senior midfielder and co-captain Shelby Davis, a preseason all-conference selection. The Lady Monarchs have dropped two consecutive games to Longwood and Virginia Tech, following wins against American and St. Joseph’s.

Though Cavaliers were pleased with their first play against the Blue Devils, they are hungry to improve their overall effort in the matchup against Old Dominion. In that first trick-play, junior midfielder Christie Donovan subbed into the game immediately after the Cavaliers won the opening draw. She streaked down the left side of the field, received the ball near the goal and scored her first goal since 2011 before subbing back out.

“Christie went in instead of [redshirt sophomore attacker] Dana [Boyle] on that first draw possession and she nailed her shot,” Myers said. “It was pretty awesome, you would have thought we won the national championship right there. She works her tail off and hasn’t had many opportunities in a game, so it was nice to see that she did it.”

After that initial spark, however, the Cavaliers displayed an apparent lack of aggression against a Duke team that thrived while playing at a slow, methodical pace.

“The biggest thing we’re looking to do is refocus on ourselves,” Colgan said. “I think Saturday we beat ourselves in terms of focusing on some things that really didn’t go our way, compared to just trying to be the person to turn things around. So I think that Wednesday we’re just looking to be the best we can be.”

Be Nice To the Squirrels around Grounds





By ALLISON LANK | CAVALIER DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the spring semester hits its peak and students across Grounds consider summer plans, several have decided to embark overseas for study abroad programs. The International Studies Offices offers summer programs all across the world. Here's a small taste of where the Hoos will be this summer:

Erin Wainwright
Second-year College student

One of the most popular programs for Spanish majors is the Hispanic Studies in Valencia, Spain, where Wainwright will be spending 10 weeks this summer.

Having already spent one summer studying in Seville, Spain, Wainwright hopes her summer experience will increase her Spanish proficiency, particularly because she will be living with a host family.

She will take classes in art history and literature, but all of the instruction will be in Spanish.

Wainwright is most looking forward to having the opportunity to travel around Europe during the weekends while she is staying in Spain.

Marissa Bialek
Second-year College student
Though studying abroad in Europe

is a popular option for many students, Bialek said she was more attracted to Africa. She plans to spend nearly a month this summer in Botswana and South Africa with the University's "People, Culture and Environment of Southern Africa" program under the direction of Environmental Sciences Prof. Bob Swap.

Bialek said her interest was piqued when she learned of the program's focus on interaction with the local communities in some of the most under-developed areas of South Africa. Students in the program are required to keep a journal for academic purposes, and Bialek said she is interested in documenting her experience through video interviews with fellow travellers, professors and members of the community.

Conor McNerney
Second-year Commerce student

McNerney, who was just accepted into the McIntire School of Commerce, plans to take part in a three-week program at the London School of Economics. Though he plans to pursue accounting and management in his degree, McNerney expects to use his time this summer studying international relations. His

classes will not be taken for credit, but he's looking forward to the opportunity to learn about classes outside his traditional discipline.

McNerney is excited to go on a program without a language barrier — and is looking forward for the opportunity to travel to Paris, Brussels and 221 Baker Street, the home address of the fictional Sherlock Holmes.

Moriah Wilkins
Second-year College student

With a monthlong trip to China, Wilkins will leave the country for the first time this summer. The Jefferson Global Seminars in Hong Kong formed as a result of the University's collaboration with Peking University and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Students attending the program are required to take one global development studies course in addition to two more in varied subjects; topics range from "Urban Air Pollution" to "Max Weber, the West and the World."

Although the new program does not require any knowledge of Chinese, Wilkins plans to take advantage of the immersion experience and practice her speaking skills by going out and experiencing the city itself.

Final furlongs

This just in: while the late March snowfall would have you think otherwise, the semester's coming to a close. It isn't winter anymore. Birds are singing when it isn't snowing — and sometimes when it is. If you're a fourth-year, that means it's almost time to roll out into the "real world" — which for some of us, admittedly, just means more school.

Last year I wrote a column in which I said that as a first-year, I'd thought "[t]he upperclassman world was one of mystery and sophistication." Although my spring break, comprised largely of a diet of All-Bran and fat-free yogurt while I worked on my thesis, was a far cry from sophistication, I can certainly say I've felt the mystery.

The first three semesters of my upperclassmen experience took me through a pre-med course load, even though I knew I was majoring in writing. In my fourth year, I opted to apply for MFA writing programs — a process which, unsurprisingly, consists of a lot of writing. More agonizing than the work, though, was the uncertainty, the mystery.

Any application process is nerve-racking, but artistic ones are even more so. I hated college applications, but at least my SAT scores and GPA helped give me an idea of where I could realistically be accepted. Not so with MFAs. Sure, some of them want your GRE scores, and they ask for transcripts, but that information does little more than prove you actually graduated and are a functioning individual. Almost all emphasis is on your writing sample — you are rewarded for being adventurous and a risk-

taker. Regrettably, I am neither of those.

Relatives, friends and anyone else I told about the process all told me how exciting it was that I was going through with it. I vehemently disagreed. I wanted to know — and know immediately — where I would be in the next academic year. I hated the mystery.

It's not unusual for applicants to MFA programs to receive no acceptances, so my anxiety was not unfounded. Friends unfamiliar with the process assured me I would get in everywhere. That didn't happen, but I did end up with choices, which was a pleasant surprise. And suddenly, amid the mystery, I felt the excitement everyone had been talking about.

It's like when you're walking in the woods with friends and someone sees a bird in a tree. Maybe everyone just has better observational skills than I do, but I'm always the idiot going "Where? Where?" until, finally, I see it. And I see it now — the excitement in the mystery.

I have options in picking a graduate school — finally, I'll get out of Virginia! — I've applied for the summer job of my dreams, and I've even found a place to live after graduation. There's an enormous amount of work ahead, but as I move through the final weeks of the semester, I have perspective. Work, planning and lots of time have helped to get me to where I am now, and more of the same can get me farther.

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Breaking Barriers



COURTNEY HARTNETT

Family frenzy

I don't have the luxury of getting to see my extended family very often. We're spread across a vast swath of the United States, and though we keep in touch by all the modern marvels of Skype and smoke signals, actually getting together is something special.

This week my aunt, uncle and two youngest cousins flew out to good ol' Virginia for their spring break. Though my break didn't coincide, I was able to catch up with them for one day during the weekend.

Ideally, I'd tell you about some sort of crazed extravaganza. I'd have some neat story about wrangling a wild moose or

skydiving or baking a 12-layer cake. I wish I were that "cool cousin" or "radical niece," the one who everyone wants to go see on their breaks. I definitely am not that. But any chance to see my extended family is worth documenting.

I first tried to win over my shy cousins at breakfast by attempting to impress them with how much I could eat. I assumed they would be impressed, rather than terrified — but I quickly learned my mistake as they stared at me, wide-eyed and unsmiling, while I tried to cram an entire omelet into my mouth. Clearly, I should have tried to connect with the parents first.

I moved on to boring my aunt

and uncle with a diatribe on particle accelerators — not that I know anything about them, I should add. When that failed, I tried to make some inane story of my life interesting enough to relate — but this again proved a flop. In the end, I resigned myself to drinking my coffee and listening to the rest of them lead an actual conversation.

The ladies of the pack then hit the mall — naturally, the most obvious place for a family to spend a Sunday. My grandmother from the other side of the family came and entertained the cousins. It was adorable and touching to watch. I love watching my two families meet.

One of our first destinations was one of those stores filled with every possible kind of jewelry and matching purse and hair doodad, all conveniently organized by color. You walk in and are instantly overwhelmed. What color is my soul? Do I need a parrot-shaped

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Reality Check



EMILY CHURCHILL

A belated celebration

Right now I'm writing on my bed, unable to release myself from the comfortable grip of lounging around horizontally. From here I can see the gray sky that inevitably means it's 40 degrees or colder outside, and I can see the patches of snow on my roof that will leave slush and grime for days.

It is a belated winter. I do not need to go into detail about the caprices of Charlottesville weather — I think we've covered that on every viable form of social media. It still seems odd though, weather patterns and groundhogs aside, that the snow we wished for in December — preferably during finals — is hitting us in late March, days after "spring" began. It's like Mother Nature is holding

onto something, to this belated winter, because she is not ready to give us spring. And I'm not sure if I'm ready to receive it.

Everything seems to be happening out of sequence lately. This weekend I celebrated "prom" on a Thursday, stayed in on a Friday night, and drank cheap beer during the day Saturday to celebrate St. Patrick's Day six days late. I rarely know what day of the week it is, and certainly I never know the

date. Holidays don't belong to calendars, only to the people who choose to dress up and celebrate at whatever time they so choose.

Trial and Error



MARY SCOTT HARDAWAY

Maybe when my roommates and I decided to throw a prom throwback party, "Class of '09, so fine," we were really throwing the party four years too late. Or maybe it was at just the right time. Maybe the make-believe world that we concocted a few weeks ago as we crafted our

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ring? Could I pull off this pink pom-pom scarf? Which way is out?

My cousin and I bonded over matching necklaces, which we reassured each other we would never take off. Ever.

Most of the rest of the trip involved my mom, my aunt and I trying to figure out how to fit

so many people in our cars and where exactly to drive these cars to. My cousins looked on, bored, as we debated the merits of various frozen yogurt stores and divvied up the children like trading cards: one for this car, one for that ... ooh! I want her! I get her!

In the end, all six of us squished into one car to get ice cream — only to learn that overcrowded

cars are not the ideal location to eat ice cream. Too many elbows in the hot fudge! I tried to entertain the kids by acting like the window was attacking me, but I was only successful in giving the car seats a delicious new makeover — complete with Oreo bits and pineapple sauce.

Going back to school left a bittersweet taste in my mouth. More than anything, I wanted

to cling to my seat like a toddler and scream at the top of my lungs that I wasn't going to go — I wasn't! I tried to justify to myself missing an entire week of school just to creepily follow them around the D.C. tourist attractions I've visited a hundred times.

In the end though, the semi-tearful goodbyes were nice. I had been around just enough to

bore them without becoming a nuisance. Even if it wasn't a day for the history books, or perhaps even the scrapbooks, it was one of the few I've spent with them. I can look down at my matching necklace — that I will wear *every* day — and smile.

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Hardaway | Mother Nature delays spring, new beginnings

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Facebook event is a world we needed in the spring semester of our final year. A world with prom candidates, superlatives and head cheerleaders. A silly venture into a world we left behind a long time ago, but nevertheless a world we would like to celebrate now.

One of my roommates had her birthday during spring break, and instead of running around and cheering for her 22nd, we went up to all the live bands playing at bars and insisted

she was having her "16th birthday." We were just celebrating a few years later. The bands, albeit confused and slightly concerned about the legality of their announcement, would pause before their next song to announce the celebration of a sweet 16. Everyone cheered: our friends, retired women who bought us celebratory drinks and strangers lingering in every corner of the bar. It was like everyone was in on the joke — the joke that wasn't a complete joke. As the final semester of your college careers comes to

a close, the days of celebrating a sweet 16 feel a lifetime ago. You wonder when you will ever want to look at your calendar again.

I detest the cold and the soggy snow clinging to my poor old Jeep that doesn't like to start. My snow boots give me blisters and my face becomes numb minutes after I leave the warmth of my home on Gordon Avenue. But I don't know what I will do come April, come flowers blooming and wine-tasting and boys sitting on roofs blaring music and balancing on lawn chairs.

I'm not ready. I need to have more belated celebrations — maybe it's time again for Valentines' Day or Christmas. It's time again to take a day where people can come together and pause. Where we can raise our glasses or our plates or our hands, and cheers. Cheers to one more day without a set schedule. Cheers to one more day of sleeping off a hangover on a Wednesday afternoon. Cheers to just one more day.

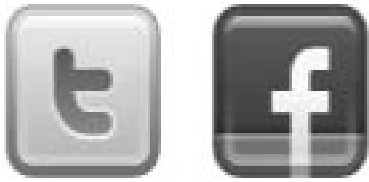
Last year Mother Nature ushered in spring in all her glory, and I took advantage of my

favorite season. But this year is not last year, and she is not ready to give me my final favorite season at the University of Virginia. I think I'm ready for what's next — for moving away, for growing up, for seeking out the new and unexplored. But I won't complain about the wintry mix outside of my window. I think I'll hold on for just a little while longer.

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