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## University online courses attract students

Information Technology Services releases data, finds six free spring semester classes attract international, national enrollment

**By Emily Hutt** 

Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Tens of thousands of students have signed up for the University's non-credit online courses set to begin January as part of

the University's venture with online-learning company Coursera, according to data released by University Information Technology Services.

Online learning became a hotbutton issue during the failed ouster of University President Teresa Sullivan this summer. After Sullivan's reinstatement in July the University announced its partnership with online-course company Coursera following months of dialogue between

both parties.

"We're creating a 'U.Va. everywhere' that provides access to people all over the world who won't have access otherwise and for other people who want lifelong learning, such as U.Va.

alums," History Prof. Philip Zelikow said. Zelikow will be teaching a 15-week hybrid course titled "The Modern World: Global History since 1760."

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City Council members Monday evening unanimously endorsed a resolution encouraging Chief Deputy City Treasurer Jason Vandever to continue as acting city treasurer until November 2013.

## City supports interim official

Council backs acting city treasurer's continued term; Tea Party requests new candidate's special election

By Joseph Liss Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

Charlottesville City Council Monday evening unanimously endorsed a resolution that would allow Jason Vandever, the chief deputy city treasurer who is currently the acting city treasurer, to continue in his post through the November 2013 elections.

Judge Edward Hogshire, the local circuit court judge, must decide whether the City is

required to hold a special election to fill the position of city treasurer until the 2013 general election. The Council Monday evening petitioned against an interim election.

"I think an interim election is going to be costly and confusing and is likely to have very few actual voters," Vice Mayor Kristin Szakos said.

City Treasurer Jennifer

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IN BRIEF

## Rawlings talks public education

Association of American Universities President discusses challenges facing state institutions

> **By Alexander Stock** Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

The University's efforts to make sense of its position within the higher-education landscape in the uncertain months following University President Teresa Sullivan's forced resignation this summer continued Monday with a talk from Hunter Rawlings, president of the Association of American Universities.

Students and faculty struggled to find seats in Minor Hall auditorium to listen to the former

Cornell president discuss the plight of public universities.

The attempted ouster of Sullivan is part of a pattern among public universities, Rawlings said. Thirteen of the 34 public universities in the AAU have seen presidents depart in the last 18 months. He said the University's case, however, stood apart because of the Board's abrupt, opaque decision making.

He cited financial difficulties and the corporatization of the

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**Association of American Universities President Hunter Rawlings spoke to** students and faculty Monday about the plight of the public university.

### **NEWS**

## Voter registration ends

Charlottesville City Registrar processes 300 voter forms during deadline day



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Tim Kaine's wife Anne Holton registered voters at Observatory Hill Monday afternoon on the final day before Virginia registration for the November election closed.

Monday marked the final day Virginia residents could register to vote in the November election. Charlottesville City Registrar Sheri Iachetta said she processed more than 300 registration forms Monday afternoon.

A majority of those registering to vote in Virginia since Sept. 1 are younger than 35, according to data from the State Board of Elections.

The Mitt Romney and Barack Obama campaigns made significant efforts to mobilize citizens younger than 30 this year,

making tours of college towns and speaking at universities across the country.

"The Young Americans for Romney" campaign is largest in Virginia, according to a Romney campaign press statement, making this year's Republican efforts the largest GOP youth outreach in Virginia history. The group connects with thousands of youth weekly through Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms.

The Obama campaign made a similar effort, launching new youth programs, connecting with University campaigns and increasing registration efforts in Virginia.

More than 1,300 new voters registered last month in Albemarle County and 718 new voters registered in Charlottesville. By Oct. 2, 73,472 voters were registered in the 28 precincts in Albemarle County and 31,523 voters were registered in Charlottesville's nine precincts.

Registration for the next election opens Nov. 7. Absentee ballots for this year's election will be accepted until Oct. 30.

–compiled by Monika Fallon

## Religious studies to add chair

Board set to approve \$3 million endowed Mormon-focused professorship

By Katherine Ballington Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

The University is set to become the first institution on the east coast with an endowed chair for Mormon studies, Board of Visitors members indicated Monday.

Establishment of the \$3 million endowed position will likely go before the Board in a February 2013 meeting, University spokesperson McGregor McCance said in an

email. The chair will be named for Richard Lyman Bushman, a historian of American religion, who during his time at Claremont Graduate University established the first secular Mormon program outside of

"The chair will help to satisfy the widespread curiosity about Mormonism and it will help to advance the study of religion," Bushman said. "Through investigation of Mormonism we can learn a great deal about the nature of American culture."

The idea to add a chair in Mormon studies has been in the works since a 2009 internal review of the University's religious studies department in which department members expressed interest in establish-

ing the position. Bushman said he helped raise funds for the endowment.

The funds the religious studies department and others

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Richard Lyman Bushman was the chair of Mormon Studies at Claremont Graduate University. The new University position will be named in his honor.

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## Coursera | More than 127,000 enrollments counted so far

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Enrollment in each of the University's six non-credit online courses ranged from fewer than 10,000 to nearly 40,000 per class as of Monday. More than 127,000 total enrollments have been counted so far, though students may have enrolled in multiple courses.

Most enrollees are likely not University students, said James Hilton, the University's chief information officer.

The University does not receive payment for offering these courses, but it is thinking of the long-term benefits of moving online, Hilton said.

"We'll get a sense of what we can and can't do online and we'll improve," Hilton said. "We are fundamentally a learning community and it's an opportunity to learn new things."

This outlook is not without its critics who have expressed con-

cern about the loss of one-on-one classroom engagement. Physics Prof. Lou Bloomfield initially had a similar fear.

"I don't have the same sense of audience but I do have a lot of motivation to stay as best I can," Bloomfield said. "The idea of reaching lots of people is appealing."

Bloomfield is expanding his physics course "How Things Work" to an online format. He said the online-learning system

provided him with an opportunity to let his students experience the curriculum in ways previously not available.

"We can go ride a bicycle, go on a loop-de-loop roller coaster, [and] I can mark up the video," Bloomfield said.

The sheer amount of preparation for teaching online courses can add to professors' workloads. "I'm trying to present my entire work course in video form, so it's a lot of filming, a lot

of planning, a lot of assembling, and it's almost a crazy adventure in terms of how much there is to do," Bloomfield said.

Bringing the University to the rest of the world is no mean feat, but Bloomfield said he is optimistic it will pay off.

"I hope I'll run into these people in the city who will say, 'Oh, I took your class!" he said. "I like the idea of projecting the University of Virginia all over the world."

## **Treasurer** | Interim election could cost Charlottesville \$35,000

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Brown, who served as treasurer for 19 years, recently retired for health reasons. Her retirement, effective Oct. 1, left about 15 months in what she had already anticipated as her fifth and final term in office.

The interim election could cost the City up to \$35,000.

City Attorney Craig Brown said Vandever, Brown's highest-ranking deputy, assumed the office of treasurer and the full powers of the office in accordance with city and state law.

Vandever's father, Tom Vandever, also had ties to local government as a former Charlottesville mayor and former co-chair of the city's Democratic Party.

Should Vandever remain as treasurer some residents are concerned he will have a leg up against opponents in the November 2013 election. The Jefferson Area Tea Party,

represented by Chairperson Carol Thorpe, endorsed a special election despite the cost.

"The City Treasurer is the steward of the tax dollars [and

we] do have a great concern that there may be someone who wants to run for that position." Some Council members ques-

tioned the need for the post to be an elected one.

"These days, those positions have become more and more professionalized and less and less politicized, as it should be," Councilman Dave Norris said. "I fully think these positions should be based on competency and merit [instead of politics]."

Vandever, who did not attend the City Council meeting, said the position of treasurer was elected mainly to increase accountability. The treasurer collects taxes and performs other tasks related to Charlottesville's finances.

## Public | Financial woes, corporatization underpin summer crisis

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University as central to June's events. "Gone are the days when the university could be described as an ivory tower or Academical Village ... it is now a cosmopolis," Rawlings said.

Virginia is not the only state in which higher education is struggling, Rawlings said. Texas, in particular, is under assault. Texas Gov. Rick Perry's plan, which would reduce the cost of a four-year degree to \$10,000, concerns Rawlings, who described it as too vocationally oriented. But Rawlings predicted other states would build off of Texas' model.

University Rector Helen Dragas released a statement during the summer hinting at a desire to fundamentally change the way the University operates.

"The world is simply moving too fast," she said.

One solution has gained traction with the announcement of the University's partnership with online-learning company Coursera: massive open online courses.

But Rawlings said nothing can replace the face-to-face interactions that are the hallmarks of a university education.

The drive for online learning, he said, was likely "based on superficial excitement over new technologies." Investing large sums of money in online education, as Columbia did during the dot-com craze with an online learning platform known as Fathom, is often counterproductive, Rawlings added. Fathom, for example, went defunct in

To preserve public universities state legislatures should make public higher education funding a higher priority, Rawlings said.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell has kept higher education funding intact in his most recent budget. The budget also indicated University faculty will receive a 2 percent raise next

## **Mormon** | Graduate stipends, travel funding require additional \$2M

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raised are enough to cover the salary of a new professor who will research and teach in the field of Mormon studies, Religious Studies Prof. Kevin Hart said in an email. Hart, the former chair of the religious studies department, said the department is seeking an additional \$2 million to cover

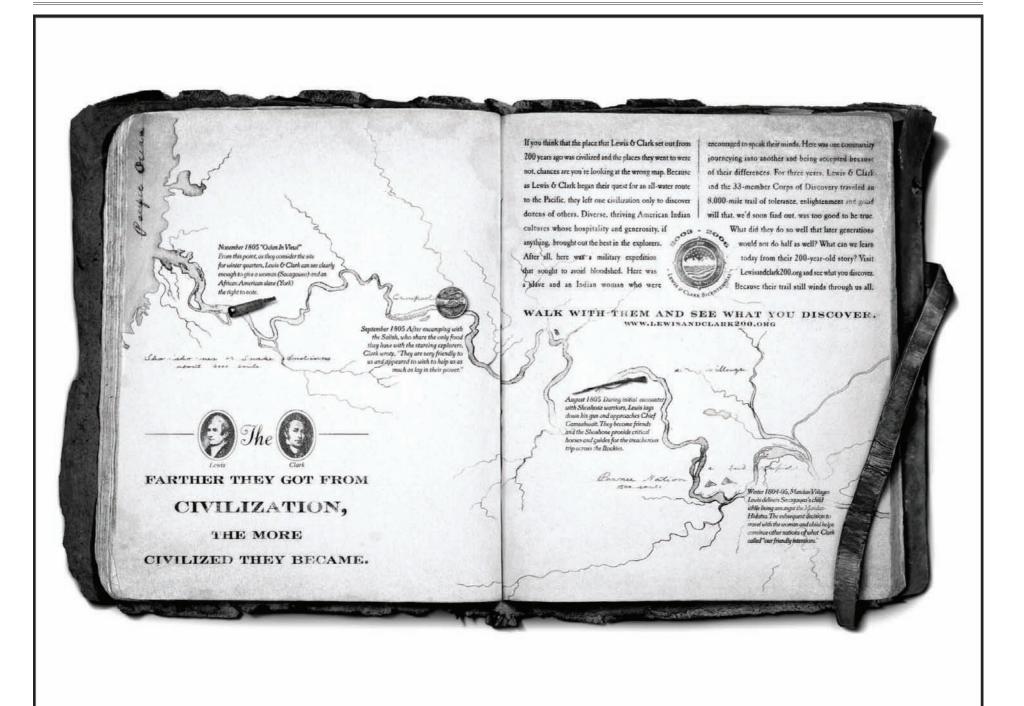
graduate stipends and money for travel.

After the chair is established, a search committee comprised of religious studies professors and professors from others departments will form to find a qualified candidate for the position.

The successful candidate will be tasked with encouraging students to challenge their

religious beliefs, as well as others'.

"We always learn more about our own beliefs when they come up against those of other faiths," Bushman said.







## Opinion Tuesday, October 16, 2012



### The Cavalier Daily

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## O Pioneers!

The Board of Visitors should approve the University's creation of a Mormon Studies Chair

Founded in New York, the Mormon religion migrated West in the 19th century; fear of persecution brought it to Utah, where members established a church. The religion has since spread both within and outside of the nation, including potentially to the steps of the White House. Mormon Studies, meanwhile — the academic inquiry into Mormon faith, history and culture — has remained predominantly confined to Utah, with a couple exceptions in the Northwest. That is, until the University announced last week the creation of a Mormon Studies Chair in the Department of Religious Studies.

The chair, which remains tentative until the Board of Visitors approves it in November, would be appointed and teach a course on the subject. The Board should embrace this bold decision that maintains the University's reputation as a pioneer in the field of religious studies and will attract much needed scholarship into the origin and practice of Mormonism.

The Chair of Mormon Studies would be named after Richard Lyman Bushman, a prominent historian in Mormon Studies who directed the program's first implementation outside of Utah in a secular context at Claremont Graduate University in California. The University would follow Claremont in providing a secular approach to a theological issue — which is an important distinction. Instead of just teaching doctrine, as at a Mormon institution, the University will allow students and professors to challenge it. The truth of the Mormon religion is under contention; the truth of Mormonism as an American movement, however, is something to be understood.

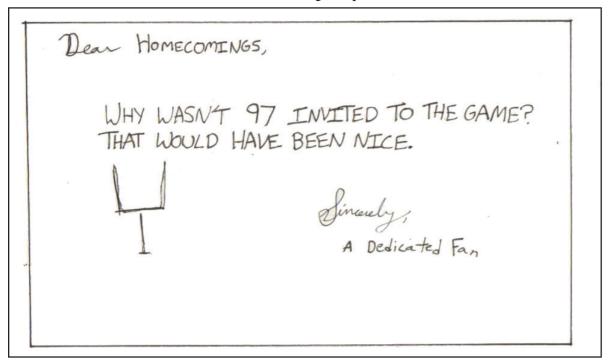
With the adoption of this chair, the University could

position itself at the crest of what The New York Times calls "A New Mormon Moment." Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney, in addition to former candidate Jon Huntsman, Jr., are both Mormons. This newfound relevance has raised fruitful questions about the potential role Mormonism could play in American politics. As Mormonism was founded in the United States and is less than two centuries old, some of its documents are closer to hand than those in other disciplines. With a religious studies department that is larger than its peers at public institutions, the University would have — and be able to attract — the resources to make Mormon Studies a

robust intellectual discipline. The obvious concern is money. Yet in this case, the finances have been taken care of. The chair was endowed with \$3 million funded entirely by private donations, and \$2 million more will be sought. Money has also been contributed for lectures, scholarships and conferences, according to UVa Today. These donations reveal the current interest from donors in Mormon pedagogy, and the University would remain one of the only receptacles for those donors interested in the subject should the Board

Once outcast from society, Mormonism is increasingly becoming part of the American landscape. As were Joseph Smith and Brigham Young for the Mormon religion, so could the University be for Mormon studies — a founder in a burgeoning field. The Board should capitalize on the timely coalescence of interest and funding and approve the Bush-

### **Editorial Cartoon** by Stephen Rowe



## The War against Facebook

Students should not make a point of complaining about political reality

VER THE past two weeks, the presidential and vice presidential debates have set the political arena on fire, with commentators, news reporters and viewers fol-

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**OPINION COLUMNIST** 

lowing and assessing almost every

nuance of the 90-minute back-and-forth between the parties. Whether or not we are even willing to hear them, it seems the election season surrounds us with body language experts, ironic third-party fanatics and partisan supporters who are quick to project their own meaning onto every word and action. After all, it is the spirit of election season.

But also in keeping with the spirit of the season, there is another, growing group this time around: the self-entitled body who dubs politics as "beneath" them. They do not pick sides because sides are vapid attempts to buy into the machine, they insist that "we've never had a real democracy," and they claim that those who participate are just a bunch of phonies anyway. I call them Facebook elit-

Now, the difference between being a regular elitist and a Facebook elitist is that when you show your dissent through Facebook and want to let everyone know how you can see through the political machine, you package it as a "Eureka" moment. The thing is, every one of those statements has been made before. In fact, the original "Eureka" moment is known to have occurred some time in the Paleolithic Era, when a Cro-Magnon realized that the mammoth blood campaign portrait in his cave was just a picture of the head caveman's rival with a

mustache drawn on it.

"Ungh" he said, which historians have since roughly translated to "I can't stand how politicians today mindlessly attack one another instead of engaging in an actual intellectual debate on

policy issues."

But whether you are in a cave or the White House, the thrill of the race has

always been the factor that separates politics from just government. The candidates are assessed on their performances, their charisma and the extent to which they appeal to voters in any way. It only makes sense that we would judge politicians on just about anything, because we judge peers, friends and coworkers on just about any-

And unlike the Facebook elitists, I am okay with that. Blind partisanship and superficial judgements do not compare to a perfect world where politicians would actually be figureheads for policy changes, but dismissing it as "politics these days" is a bit of a stretch — even for the Internet. The truth is that this "dirty partisan game" was played by many past American leaders: for example, John Quincy Adams accused Andrew Jackson's wife of bigamy, whose side ended up hurling back some adultery charges of its own. So the hype tonight over what color the candidates' ties are, the inflections they use and what their spouses are wearing is not only relevant, but inescapable.

By the looks of Adams and Jackson, you could even say we have cleaned up.

So when are we, as a generation, going to get over the obvious statements about how any political race — presidential or not — is inherently dishonest? It is not exactly news that politics is rough and usually a theatrical scheme to represent one's party over anything else, and we are all past the point we were supposed to have figured this out in high school government class.

What's more, just because you recognize the obvious fallacies in the system does not mean you are too good to contribute to it. And yet, the more Facebook statuses I see about how another person has "cracked the code," the more I worry that this will turn us into an apathetic group who actually does not care about what happens to our government. Meeting the inconsistencies of political fairness with apathy — however enlightening — seems to me like an immature approach. If anything, the political arena is full of "enlightened" people who use it for what it is: a method of pushing policies past the bias that's built in.

So while watching the debate tonight, remember that you are not the only one that gets riled up over the fact that both Romney and Obama are shallow party figureheads, misrepresent the American people and would cut off their left arm if it meant that they got to become president. Instead, watch the debate for what it is meant to be: an inaccurate representation of a much more complex mix of events and circumstances. I, for one, plan on becoming outraged at the relative sizes of the debaters' lapel pins, finding malicious subtext in their rebuttals and using my personal bias to place one morally above the other.

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**OPINION COLUMNIST** 

## Admitting mistakes

The Supreme Court should overturn precedent by ruling that affirmative action merely perpetuates the inequalities it attempts to correct

■ HE CAVALIER Daily Managing Board's lead editorial on Thursday addressed an issue that has already grabbed the attention

of many Supreme Court junkies. As the editorial indicated, the Court

recently heard oral arguments for Fisher v. University of Texas, a Supreme Court case that is causing the Justices to revisit the constitutionality of using race as a consideration in college admis-

I disagree with the stance taken in the editorial. The Court should side with Abigail Fisher, who brought the case against the University of Texas, claiming that she was denied acceptance into the University of Texas as a result of her not being a racial minority. Race was merely one of many factors used in determining an applicant's eligibility. But the fact that race is even a factor, however small, seems to be an obvious violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

In Regents of the University of California v. Bakke in 1977, the Supreme Court ruled that, while it should not be the sole determinant of an applicant's admission — as it was in the University of California Medical School's minority quota system race could be considered, as Justice Powell coined it, a "plus" as one of several factors

in the admissions process. Then, in 2003, came the companion cases, Gratz v. Bollinger and Grutter v.

Bollinger, which concerned the use of race in the University of Michigan Undergraduate and Law School admissions, respectively. In Gratz, the Supreme Court found that assigning points to a person's application, based solely on membership in a underrepresented minority, was not "narrowly tailored" to foster diversity. But in Grutter, Michigan's Law School's use of race as one of several factors was deemed constitutionally permissible, as race was merely a part of a holistic evaluation of the applicant.

So here we have two examples, Bakke and Gratz, in which affirmative action in admissions was checked by the Supreme Court. What these cases have in common is a quantitative level of discrimination. The numbers are there — slots left open for minorities in Bakke, and points granted to minorities in Gratz. The Justices of the Supreme Court sided against such affirmative action. But when race is merely considered as a soft variable, a "plus," as it as in the case of Grutter, the Court allows

it. Affirmative action in admissions, religious beliefs at least as so long as race was a factor among factors, did not, according to

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in Grutter, "unduly harm nonminority applicants."

There are those who believe that to do away with affirmative action in admissions would be the equivalent of racial discrimination against minorities. Mindsets such as this are clearly ignoring the simple truth that keeping such affirmative action is, by definition, discrimination in itself; such beliefs only perpetuate what I see as almost a cyclical injustice. There is no clear stopping point. Both the dean and the director of admissions of the University of Michigan's Law School stated in Grutter that race was considered in order to achieve a "critical mass" of underrepresented minorities with "critical mass" defined as "a number that encourages underrepresented minority students to participate in the classroom and not feel isolated." Is it just me, or is this definition ambiguous? How does one determine when such a number

is reached? "Are not varied political and This idea of a "critical mass" was not rejected and the term will no doubt play a key

role in the upcoming arguments over Fisher.

conducive to a diverse

learning environment?"

But the main argument, especially in the legal realm, is the importance of diversity. This was the yardstick in Gratz and Grutter and will be again in Fisher. Universities have, according to precedent, a "compelling interest" in furthering diversity. But diversity has many facets, and colleges do not account for them all. Are not varied political and religious beliefs at least as conducive to a diverse learning environment? Diversity through race is only one element of a truly diverse campus, and yet it is given almost all of the focus.

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning that this vaunted affirmative action harms, in many ways, those very groups it aims to assist. Does giving members of an underrepresented minority a "plus" in the admissions process not promote the continuation of the idea that those belonging to such a minority are inherently incapable of making it on their own? Are minorities not offended that they are perceived as needing a helping hand to succeed where others do so unaided? Further, minorities could come, in time, to rely on such special consideration and, in so doing, seal their own fate as a group viewed as being less able to merit college accep-

Summarily, it is impossible for discrimination to not be an inherently unequal practice. Nor is there a clear definition of affirmative action's end, or of the diversity it aims to create. The ideas held by those in favor of continued affirmative action are fundamentally flawed. We as a country cannot be a raceneutral nation until we cease to discriminate. The Court must overturn the precedent set in Bakke and Grutter because what is ultimately on the line is greater than adherence to judicial precedent: it is true equality.

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### Smile sessions

A fourth-year trustee offers advice on how to find happiness

N THE words of the current Dalai Lama, "Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions.'

You do not have to be Buddhist to find inner peace or to appreciate the

Dalai Lama. His message applies to everyone — monk robe or not. Happiness is a choice. It is also infectious. Whether you realize it or not, your happiness will spill onto those around you and stain them with love.

This week's column will detail some simple ways to stay smil-

Eat the cupcake. Take this literally or take this metaphorically. Don't be gluttonous, but do indulge in life a little bit. Work hard and reward yourself with sweet things.

Surprise people. Surprises brighten the days of both the giver and the receiver. It is an oxymoron, but when you go out of your way to help someone, you are sometimes the one who benefits the most from the

Enjoy quotes and fun facts. a tough blow. Everyone has

There is one for every occasion. I am a big fan of fortune cookies, Yogi Tea, Snapple lids and Dove chocolates with the messages on the wrappers. Say "thank you."

JENNA DAGENHART Everyone wants **GUEST VIEWPOINT** to be appreciated and those two words go a long way. Chase the sun. Being outside

does something for your mental health. The Vitamin D in sunlight is also a scientifically proven mood-booster.

Remembers people's birthdays. No one wants to get old and gray, but if we celebrate each year with each other it makes the aging process more pleasurable. Keep a journal. You don't have

to write religiously every day, spill out your deepest, darkest secrets or start every day with "Dear Diary." But do keep track of what is important to you. You will be glad you did.

Cheer up. Life is not always rainbows and puppies. We lose loved ones, have challenging davs and sometimes doubt ourselves. Change what you can and lift yourself back up after failures. Contrary to common I would have never imagined. belief, it is okay to mess up.

Have faith. Regardless of your religious beliefs, have confidence in this world. Believe of our comfort zone. Share your

in yourself and believe in others. People will lose your trust, but trust them until they give you a reason not

to. After all, dishonest people only hurt ever it may be. themselves in the long run.

Wave. It takes two seconds tops. Look up from your cell phone screen and say hello to that person walking by even if it is someone you met once. It will make that walk to wherever you are going a little bit better!

Cherish your friendships. Think of them as gifts. The people close to you often know you better than you know yourself.

Live dangerously. Some of the best decisions I have ever made stem from risks I took — times when I strayed from the safety route and discovered fulfillment

Don't be scared. We are all afraid of life, but the only way to live it to the fullest is to step out

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Be curious. You do not have to stop asking questions after age seven. There is no age limit for discovering the world around you. Without exploration, Picasso would have stuck to drawing stick figures and there would be no art.

Give back. You will be unhappy and selfish if you don't. This means giving back to the community you live in, giving back to your peers, giving back to your family and giving back to any cause that has given to you.

Be quirky. Show the world what makes you special. "No judgment." Everyone is a little weird at times and when you share what makes you unique, you will feel more confident in your skin. You will also have people open up their creative sides and share their funny personalities with you. What is the end result? An exciting, diverse

Start with a bang. Your morning "pick me up" does not have to be Starbucks. Stretch. Open your blinds to peek outside. Have a go-to song that gets you excited about the day even if your alarm seems as evil as Voldemort.

End well. "Before you lay your head to sleep, count your blessings instead of sheep." Someone wrote this one on the ladder to my loft bed. Thinking of things you are thankful for before bed will not only prevent you from having nightmares, but it will also leave you feeling satisfied as you gear up for a good night's sleep.

Love. The "L" word keeps the world turning.

> Jenna Dagenhart is a fourth-year trustee.

## Tradition for tradition's sake?

The president of the Fourth-Year Trustees urges reflection on the nature of traditions

Virginia is a special l place, with a language and many long-standing traditions that are unique to Mr. Jefferson's Univer-

sity." - Office of the Dean of Students website.

The moment we arrive on Grounds for orientation as incoming students, administrators inform us of how tradition runs through the fabric of this institution. We are constantly encouraged to cherish and continue existing traditions and to make our mark on the University by starting some of our own. As a first year, I found it impossible to hide from tradition. From being "strongly encouraged" to attend Fall Convoca-

**COT**HE UNIVERSITY of tion by my resident adviser to hearing tales of upperclassmen streaking the Lawn in a "lighthearted state of mind," I quickly became aware that a culture of tradition per-

SHERIDAN FULLER vaded Grounds. **GUEST VIEWPOINT** As a first year I accepted the fact that tradition was imbedded in every inch of the University's

cobblestone, but as a fourth year our community's addiction to tradition has sparked feelings of ambivalence rather than unmediated joy.

We all understand tradition as a long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting. The continued existence of the honor system at the University is a prominent example. But tradition entails more than longevity; we frequently see instances around Grounds where as soon as we do something twice we quickly slap on the label "tradition." Regardless of whether one

is referring to more established traditions or "new" traditions, the concept of tradition frequently

becomes a justification for the continued existence of an initiative or event. This is where my feeling of ambivalence and skepticism arises. When tradition becomes the overriding reason for doing something, we begin to overlook the original purpose or motivation behind a system or event. We focus

on the idea that "it's always been done" — which is usually not the case — rather than interrogate how the "tradition" originated, study its impact on

our com-"Yes, we must acknowledge munity and be aware of tradition, but at large a n d it should not be something we segments blindly cherish or follow." within our larger com-

> analyze the ideas or ideology it perpetuates and consider whether we should continue to support the system, policy, initiative or event in question.

munity —

This may seem trivial when applied to a tradition like streaking the Lawn. But this type of interrogation becomes vitally important when we look at

something like the University's traditional architecture and the politics of space embodied

within the architecture. Yes, we must acknowledge and be aware of tradition, but it should not be something we blindly cherish or follow. I believe we should interrogate our traditions to better understand them. Let us reflect on our existing traditions, engage them and challenge them if

necessary. Tradition is a cornerstone of our student experience. But reflect on whether you want your own student experience to be dictated by the demands of tradition.

Sheridan Fuller is president of the Fourth-Year Trustees.

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CLIMATE CORN

Daniel Acker | Bloomberg News

Drought-damaged corn in Le Roy, Ill. in September. The U.S. corn belt shifts northward as food producers increasingly see this summer's record drought not as a random disaster but as a glimpse of a future altered by climate change.

## Police neglect seat belts

Federal data find police eschew state requirement; vehicle ejection kills officers

By Ashley Halsey III The Washington Post

By the time his police cruiser tumbled to a halt in the underbrush beside the interstate in August, the young police officer had been flung clear of the car to his death, the same fate that had been suffered by 139 other officers nationwide who were ejected from their vehicles when not using a seat belt.

Although most states' laws require police to use seat belts, federal data show that only about half of them do, and over the past three decades, 19 percent of the officers killed in accidents were ejected from their vehicles.

"We've been told it's 'I want to be able to get out of the car quickly, it interferes with my gun

or it interferes with my belt, it interferes with my driving.' All the wrong reasons," said Geoffrey Alpert, a University of South Carolina professor who has studied high-risk police activities for more than 25 years. "I can understand if you're pulling up to a scene and you undo your seat belt because you want to be able to get out quickly, but not when you're going 100 miles an hour on the freeway."

Prince George's County, Md., Police Officer Adrian Morris died of head injuries Aug. 20 after being thrown from his cruiser when it left Interstate 95 during the high-speed chase of a stolen car. His partner, Mike Risher, was buckled in the passenger seat. He was treated at and released from a hospital

That incident came a week after a Fairfax County, Va., police officer whose name has not been released was involved in a fatal accident. A car swerved in front of his cruiser, striking it head-on. The car burst into flames, and its driver died. The officer was trapped, but he was pulled free and survived.

"Thank God he had his seat belt on," said Capt. Susan Culin, who heads the county's traffic division. "He's very adamant that his seat belt saved his life."

Seat belts and air bags have made the high-risk pursuit of criminal suspects less deadly than it once was, but for more than a dozen years, traffic fatalities killed more police officers than bullets did.

# Metro systems see suicides

Single 20-year-olds kill themselves more frequently; some victims suffer psychological imbalances

> By Olga Khazan The Washington Post

In New Delhi, 12 people have killed themselves at rail transit stations this year, and most of the dead were under 30, The Washington Post reported. In response to the increase in attempts, authorities in Delhi are raising the heights of walls and railings at several New Delhi Metro stations. But they say they cannot afford to build sliding screen doors to act as barriers at each station, which has been done in Singapore and

Another study found that in Kolkata, India, the highest incidents of suicide at transit stations was also among those 34-40 years of age. More than a quarter of the people committing suicide in this study were office workers.

Here's a look at the demographics of metro-system suicide attempts around the world, and what countries are doing to try to prevent them:

A 2007 analysis showed that the majority of people who attempt to end their lives on subway systems are likely to be in their 20s, single and live alone. The attempts tend to occur at busier, more crowded stations. Metro systems that have a "pit" underneath the track see higher survival rates, because the gaps prevent bodily contact with the train.

A 2004 study of 306 cases on the Munich subway system between 1980 and 1999, published in the European Journal of Public Health, found that those who tried to kill themselves on the metro system tended to be younger than other suicide attempters and are more likely to be female. Women tended

to attempt suicide in the morning; men did so in the evening.

By analyzing coroner's office investigations of the 129 suicides in the Montreal Metro from 1986 to 1996, researchers found that most of the victims had mental health problems — usually depression. Twenty-seven percent had lived in a mental health facility.

"Suicide victims intentionally go to the metro to kill themselves. often tell others beforehand, and are generally in treatment for serious psychiatric problems," the author concluded.

In Hong Kong, most suicide attempters are "unmarried, psychotic young men" under psychiatric care, according to a 2009 paper in the Journal of Affective Disorders. The authors found that installing platform screen doors in metro stations reduced subway suicides by a whopping 60 percent.

Suicide rates in many Asian countries soared during the recession, leading Hong Kong and other regions to ramp up installation of safety barriers on subway platforms.

A review of all 3,240 suicide attempts on the London underground rail system between 1940 and 1990 found that there were significantly fewer incidents on Sundays than on the other days of the week, and the rate of attempts was highest in the spring. Nearly two-thirds of the incidents involved men. The peak age group was 25-34.

And last month, The Washington Post reported that 33 people have deliberately jumped in front of Metro trains since 2009 in Washington and its suburbs, and 26 have died.

## Skydiver breaks sound barrier

Austrian thrill-seeker Felix Baumgartner's fourminute, 20-second, 24-mile jump sets record

> By Emi Kolawole The Washington Post

Austrian daredevil Felix Baumgartner fell to Earth from 24 miles up Sunday, enrapturing millions of people following a live feed of his stunt as he became the first human being to travel faster than the speed of sound without the assistance of a craft.

During a four-minute, 20-second free fall, he reached a speed of Mach 1.24 or 833.9 miles per hour, according to an official with the National Aeronautic Association.

The data on Baumgartner's jump is preliminary until verified by international authorities, including those in Austria, Baumgartner's home country.

He stands to have broken three records: the highest jump from a platform, the longest free fall without a drogue parachute and the highest vertical velocity.

"These are mind-blowing numbers," Baumgartner said at a news conference later. "When I was standing there on top of the world, you become so humble, you do not think about breaking records anymore you do not think about gaining scientific data. The only thing you want is you want to come back alive.'

When asked how it felt to travel faster than the speed of sound Baumgartner said it was "hard to describe" because he "didn't feel it at all." The pressurized suit operated much like a casket, protecting him against the thin air and keeping his bodily fluids from essentially boiling at the high altitude.

Baumgartner, 43, completed his historic sky-dive above Roswell, N.M., a location chosen for its favorable weather conditions — a critical component of the high-risk mission. He was guided throughout the feat by retired Air Force Col. Joseph Kittinger, who held the previous record for highest skydive, for his 1960 jump from a balloon just over 19 miles up.

This time, however, Kittinger's feet were firmly planted on Earth, while he served as "Capcom," or capsule communication, during Baumgartner's mission. He was the only person with direct contact with Baumgartner during his flight and eventual descent.

The entire undertaking from liftoff to the moment when Baumgartner set foot on land lasted close to three hours, with the ascent taking up the bulk of

the time. Cameras inside and outside of the capsule captured Baumgartner's rise by a 550-foot tall helium balloon. The balloon rose first quickly and then more slowly as the atmosphere became thinner and the helium inside continued to expand. The ascent culminated in the nail-biting moment when he eventually squeezed out of the capsule's open door and, after delivering brief remarks, lightly hopped into the stratosphere's extraordinarily thin air, 128,100 feet above sea level.

Baumgartner's speech just before leaving the capsule was difficult to make out over the audio feed. During the news conference later, Baumgartner recited it again: "I said, I know the whole world is watching now, and I wish the world could see what I see. And sometimes you have to go really high to see how small you are.'

On the ground, Baumgartner's family, including his mother, Ava Baumgartner, watched. Online, the mission team's website gave followers an opportunity to watch closely as the various metrics, including altitude and cabin pressure, gradually changed.



Dulue Mbachu | Bloomberg News

**NIGERIA** Cassava farmer Graham Hatty at his farmhouse in Shonga, Nigeria. Nigeria's government is trying to boost production of cassava, as well as production of rice and sugar, to slash the \$10 billion spent every year on imports of wheat, rice, sugar and fish.

## Scots vie for independence

Britain, Scotland sign deal allowing fall 2014 Scottish sovereignty vote

By Anthony Faiola The Washington Post

Britain and Scotland signed an accord Monday paving the way for a historic vote for independence that could see this island's northern lands stand alone for the first time in three centuries as Europe's newest sovereign

Monday's accord effectively launches a critical two-year independence campaign during which the Scottish National Party — whose surprise victory in regional elections last year laid the path for a referendum - will go toe-to-toe against those fiercely opposed to rupturing modern Britain.

The deal agreeing on the terms of a Scottish referendum, to be held by fall 2014, comes at a time when independence movements are also rapidly gaining strength in Spain and Belgium amid Europe's brutal debt crisis. But the vote on independence for

Scotland sets up the possibility that Washington's closest strategic ally could be torn asunder.

"This marks the beginning of an important chapter in Scotland's story and allows the real debate to begin," British Prime Minister David Cameron said after signing the deal with Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond, the National Party leader. "It paves the way so that the biggest question of all can be settled: a separate Scotland or a United Kingdom? I will be making a very positive argument for our United Kingdom."

After centuries of bloody battles with the English, Scotland signed away its sovereignty in the early 1700s. By the late 1990s, however, it had won the right to a "devolved" Parliament, and it now has sweeping powers over its judicial system and public spending.

Full independence would give the ruling National Party the authority to fulfill a host of pledges, including the expulsion of the British nuclear fleet from Scottish waters, withdrawing from NATO and the removal of Scottish regiments from Britain's military forces overseas. It would also give politicians in Edinburgh the freedom to vote separately from — and perhaps counter to — Britain in world bodies such as the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund.

The deal signed Monday means the Scots will be able to stage their 2014 referendum amid the emotional 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, in which Robert the Bruce led Scottish troops to victory over the English invaders.

Recent polls have shown Scottish support for independence – which has hovered around a third to a quarter of the population — waning a bit since late last year. A solid majority of 55 percent are opposed to breaking



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**MEN'S SOCCER** 

The Cavalier Daily



Jennifer Cashwell | Cavalier Daily

Following disappointing 4-1 loss to Wake Forest, sophomore goalkeeper Spencer LaCivita and the Cavaliers' defense looks to regain footing against an anemic Wright State offense that averages 1.0 goals per game.

By Matthew Wurzburger Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

The Virginia men's soccer team takes the pitch Tuesday night against Wright State in the Cavaliers' second-to-last game at Klöckner Stadium. Tuesday's contest will be an out-of-conference tuneup for Virginia before battling Virginia

After suffering a 4-1 loss to No. 18 Wake Forest this weekend, the Cavaliers (6-6-1, 1-4-0 ACC) look to eliminate the mistakes that have plagued their ACC play so far.

Despite the loss, the Cavaliers were able to match the Demon Deacons blow-for-blow for long stretches of the game.

"Wake Forest is a good team and they capitalized on a couple of our mistakes," coach George Gelnovatch said. "It just looked like they were more experienced, more adapted to taking advantage of a little mistake."

Virginia allowed a single goal

in the first half, a 12-yard shot by sophomore forward Sean Okoli, who the Cavaliers believed was offside during the play.

But the team's troubles went beyond the first score. Several critical errors in the second half led to two more goals for the Demon Deacons and thwarted any chance of a Virginia comeback. Senior midfielder Luciano Delbono scored the game's second goal in the 64th minute after a turnover of possession in the Cavaliers' half of the field. That score fueled Wake Forest and allowed it to carve through a disjointed Virginia defense for another goal two minutes later.

Gelnovatch recognizes that his squad must eradicate such defensive miscues, even if it means reshuffling his future

"We have to take a look at it, take a look at who was involved in what plays and making decisions," Gelnovatch said. "[We'll] see for the next game if that means taking a look at something different."

The Cavaliers receive a break from their grueling conference schedule as they play Wright State (3-8-1, 1-2-1 Ĥorizon League). The Raiders find themselves near the bottom of the Horizon League standings and average exactly one goal

Juniormidfielder Derek Zuniga and freshman forward Brett Elder have highlighted Wright State's scoring attack. Zuniga is tied for first in the Horizon League with four assists, and Elder's 12 points is fourth-best in the conference.

Virginia will use tomorrow's game to iron out imperfections ahead of its final three conference contests of the season. The Cavaliers finish their home schedule against Virginia Tech Friday night and end the season with back-to-back road games against Boston College and N.C.

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# Cavs host Wright State Gelnovatch to experiment with defensive lineup after costly weekend miscues The cost of t

First-year coach remains winless in conference play, loses road matches to North Carolina, N.C. State

**By Peter Nance** Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

After dropping two tough matches this weekend against North Carolina and N.C. State, the Virginia volleyball team still seeks its first conference victory.

Entering the weekend, the Cavaliers (5-14, 0-9 ACC) hoped to snap a six-match losing streak by defeating the Tar Heels (15-4, 6-3 ACC). Virginia's 25-18 loss in the first set seemed to dash any thoughts of halting the skid, but the team rebounded to win the second set 25-21 — the first time Virginia has broken 20 points in a second set since beating Liberty Sept. 15.

"I think we definitely had a lot of motivation to get that second set, because that's been a problem for us this season, getting that second set and pushing through," freshman hitter Vivian Burcescu said. "We knew that we didn't want to have that

feeling again that we were so close and just let it slip away."

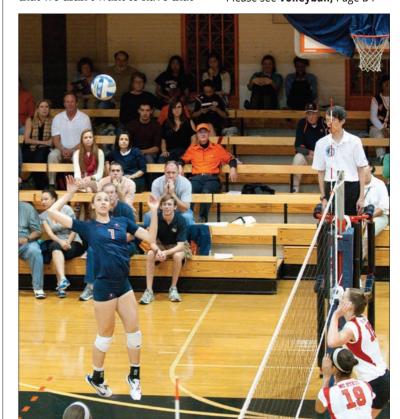
After losing a tight third set 26-24, the Cavaliers dominated the next round 25-17 to force a deciding fifth set. The Cavaliers gave up the first four points but charged back with four points of their own.

The two teams traded advantages to 10-10, but Virginia caught bad luck as two Tar Heel shots landed right on the line. The Cavaliers ultimately lost 15-11.

Virginia took the court against the Wolfpack (17-3, 7-2 ACC) Saturday seeking to build off the previous night's improvements. The squad surged out of the gate to take the first set 27-25 with a

.333 hitting percentage. But Virginia's night ended in defeat three sets later as the Cavaliers gave up significant leads deep into each of the last three rounds. In the second

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Freshman hitter Vivian Burcescu hit .341 through the weekend's two tilts, including a team-high .474 percentage in a five-set loss to North Carolina.

### Back to Tobacco Road

As the leaves in Charlottesville signal the start of autumn, many students take walks outside to appreciate the beauty of their surroundings. Some take pictures of the brightly colored leaves. Other sit on the steps of Old Cabell to admire the Lawn in all its glory.

But not me. I post up near the TV because the arrival of fall means one thing: College basketball is on its way.

I have a relationship with college basketball that dates back to my birth. Way back in 1992, I was born during the NCAA Tournament. It was sometime between the Duke-Kentucky game that has been called the greatest college game ever and the start of a Final Four that saw Coach K and Duke knock off Michigan's Fab Five for their second straight title.

My dad, a Virginia grad himself, has always been a huge college basketball fan, as evidenced by the home-video footage of him — in scrubs watching the tournament at the hospital. I guess it comes as no surprise, then, that I was raised to believe

**SEAN MCGOEY** 

ACC basketball was king.

You may point out that UCLA

has won the most NCAA titles, with 13, or theorize that Kentucky has become the dominant power in college basketball. You may even subscribe to the popular notion that the Big East has overtaken the ACC in the last several years. You would be right about all those things.

But I offer two rebuttals. First, in my lifetime, the ACC's seven basketball championships with three different teams are more than any other conference. Second, even if I concede that the ACC was not the dominant force in NCAA basketball for a stretch, that stretch is ending if not now, then certainly by the

time Notre Dame, Syracuse and Pitt defect from the Big East to the ACC. As Dick Vitale might say: The ACC is back, baby.

Let's start with the traditional powers, North Carolina and Duke. Both teams failed to live up to expectations in the 2012 tournament, and both lost crucial players — guard Austin Rivers for Duke and the quartet of forward Harrison Barnes, point guard Kendall Marshall and big men Tyler Zeller and John Henson for the Tar Heels. All five were first-round draft

picks. You'd think that teams losing such talent would struggle in the coming season, right?

But both teams restocked in recruiting. The two teams brought in a combined total of five players who made either the McDonald's All-American Game or the Jordan Brand Classic to complement returning cogs such as Duke's Ryan Kelly and North Carolina star James Michael McAdoo. The new crops are led by Duke signee Rasheed Sulaimon, a shooting guard from Houston who claimed ESPN's No. 12 national ranking, and new Tar Heel Marcus Paige, an Iowa native who came in at No. 22 nationally and earned acclaim as the country's top available point guard.

The ACC's recruiting dominance didn't stop there. In addi-

tion to Duke and North Carolina, four other schools, including Virginia, ranked in ESPN's top-25 recruiting classes. Perhaps the best haul of all went to N.C. State, who made impressive runs in both the ACC and NCAA tournaments. Not only do the Wolfpack return all of their key players — point guard Lorenzo Brown, three-point gunner Scott Wood and star power forward C.J. Leslie — but they also nabbed the top three prospects in North Carolina: Raleigh guard Rodney Purvis, Durham forward T.J. Warren and point guard Tyler Lewis of Oak Hill Academy, all of whom participated in the McDonald's game. The Tar Heels and Blue Devils may be the traditional

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**IN BRIEF** 

Sophomore forward Rachel Sumfest seemed to notch the deciding goal in Saturday's bout until No. 2 North Carolina tied the game with 5 minutes left.

## **SPORTS**

## Squad suffers OT defeat

The No. 5 Virginia field hockey team fell to No. 2 North Carolina Saturday in a battle between the ACC's top two teams.

Virginia (13-3, 2-1 ACC) had not lost to a top-five opponent all year, and the Tar Heels (15-1, 4-0 ACC) needed all of regulation plus six minutes of overtime to achieve victory.

North Carolina sophomore forward Loren Shealy scored the game's first goal five minutes into the contest, but Virginia redshirt senior midfielder Michelle

Vittese tied the game 15 minutes later after dribbling a penalty corner into the middle of the circle and launching a successful shot. The game remained tied through the half.

Virginia took the lead early in the second period when junior forward Hadley Bell found sophomore forward Rachel Sumfest at the goal's corner for an easy score. Virginia held its lead for most of the game, but the Tar Heels pulled their goalkeeper with eight minutes left to create

a one-man advantage. With fewer than five minutes to go, North Carolina sophomore forward Charlotte Craddock tied the game off a penalty corner to send the match into overtime.

North Carolina controlled the pace of the game in overtime, taking two shots compared to zero from Virginia. Five minutes into the period the Tar Heels took a foul in the circle, setting up a penalty corner that gave them the game-winning goal.

—compiled by Matthew Comey



Market



Photos Courtesy Morgan Stackman

By Molly Cudahy Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

Students flock to the Charlottesville City Market each weekend for the numerous stands selling locally made products and the atmosphere only farmers' markets provide. Every Saturday morning, the parking lot at the intersection of Second Street and Water Street transforms into an oasis of local, fresh food and other crafty

Open from 7 a.m. to noon, the market runs from April to December. It has been a Charlottesville staple since it opened in 1973. Visiting the City Market even made the Class of 2013's list of 113 things to do before you graduate.

Students go to the market to see the array of foods that may not be offered in dining halls or regular grocery stores. There they can find options such as free-range poultry and eggs, grass-fed beef, locally grown and organic produce and other homemade products. Fourth-year College student Camilla Nawaz, who does not eat gluten, praised the market's glutenfree bakeries.

The City Market has always been a community favorite, but recently the market has been reaching out to a younger crowd to promote its products. Kathy Kildea, the program coordinator for Market Central, the non-profit organization that promotes the Charlottesville City Market, said the organization is trying to bring new customers to the market.

"We have been community partners for Jefferson Public Citizens for last year and this year, so as their community partner we're helping to bring [programs] in," Kildea said.

Market Central also orchestrates

events such as farm tours and canning

tutorials that students can attend.

"It's wonderful to have them excited about being here and kind of getting their foot in the door for appreciating what's local and seasonal," Kildea

explained.
Students may not be the ideal customers, however, as Kildea said she does not see many students buy large amounts of fresh produce. Her advice: Stay aware of what fruits and vegetables are in season.

"There are a lot of resources online for people to understand what's in season at the time," Kildea said. "And enjoying things at the peak of their season when they're at their most flavorful and most fresh is when people develop the most appreciation.

The University's involvement with the City Market is not limited to student patronage. Many students are realizing there are even more opportunities to get involved in local produce and farmers' markets through working with local vendors.

Charlottesville chef Crissanne Raymond, the creator of NoBull Burger, a gourmet veggie burger offered at Bodo's Bagels, The Nook and other Charlottesville locations, said students at the Darden School studied NoBull Burger's business after hearing about

University students have also found opportunities to get their hands dirty. Several University students work at Joel Slezak's farm in Free Union, Va. Slezak specializes in pastured chicken and duck and grass-fed beef — one student even bikes the 12 miles to get

Despite efforts by City Market organizers to reach out to new partners, ultimately student involvement arises organically. Local-food initiatives may attract fresh blood, but it's the fresh food that keeps people coming back.

### Five People You Meet in Lecture

Hoos on First

**JULIA HOROWITZ** 

The lecture hall. The universal symbol of collegiate education - a motif almost as prevalent as the red solo cup, the universal symbol of "screw you, Mom." Yes, midway through the semester I have presumed it time to discuss that pesky, bloodsucking parasite on the backside of the unceasing party that is college: learning.

I use the term loosely, of course. "Learning" may be the end goal at these fine institu-

tions, but after a thorough investigation of what really goes on during lectures, I think it is safe to say it is more of an ideal. If the final destination is learning, it would seem the road most students take to get there is very long, very windy and includes more visits to a little place called Facebook than there are rest stops on this

side of the Mississippi. Going to Learning, Va. is like going to the dog park: It seems like a nice place in theory, but in reality it's full of crap.

How do I know this? As a selfpronounced expert sociologist and anthropologist — I attend the University of Virginia, and therefore am automatically an expert in everything, yes? — I have fit almost everyone into types that reflect what kind of student they are when in a lecture hall. I did so while not listening to my psychology professor discuss Freud's theory of mental energy — something about how the amount is finite? The irony was not lost on me.

Here are the big five:

1. The "let's have an intimate online conversation as if other people aren't sitting right behind me" boy

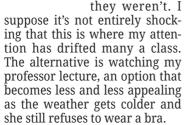
2. The "I just wrote a short novel" note taker

3. The "eternally searching for cute boots" girl 4. The "shockingly in-depth public Facebook stalker"

5. The "I'm going to climb over you to sit in the middle of the row and then not pay attention"

Recognize some of these young scholars? They are some of the most entertaining and most frustrating individuals you'll ever meet. I was surprised to find myself continually captivated while observing these beasts in their natural habitat.

Though watching "eternally searching" girl scroll through pages and pages of footwear without any intention of making a purchase should replace waterboarding as the world's foremost torture technique, you find you can't look away — the next pair could be the one, you think. Spoiler alert:



I have to level with you. I'd be lying if I said I hadn't been four of the five types myself at one point or another. Just don't peg me as number four; I have yet to muster the courage to make it through 273 pictures of a girl who could very well be sitting right behind me. I've even helped develop a new one – "tries to quietly sneak food in class but people act like she's using a jackhammer" girl. It's not something I'm proud of. So what right do I, of all people, have to lodge complaints?

The answer lies with "I'm going to make you watch me play 82 games of Tetris" boy. No matter

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### *How to Survive Midterms*

On behalf of the entire Cavalier Daily staff, I would like to extend a warm "Happy Midterms!" to all you lucky test takers out there — a.k.a. all of you. If you haven't done so already, bid your roommate a fond 'Auf Wiedersehen' and get cozy in Club Clem because this seemingly endless time of year is just getting started. The nonstop flurry of tests and papers isn't the only thing to look forward to, of course. There's also the perpetual sleep-deprived, mentally drained, anxietyand mucus-ridden zombielike state many of you will be experiencing. Let's face it: midterms blow. I can't come up with a more elegant word to do this soul-sucking part of the year justice. I have no cure, but Í do have some suggestions on how to make this trying time a little less miserable.

Get a flu shot. All of you. I

know exactly what you nonbelievers are thinking, and I'm just going to stop you right now

before you launch into your protesting tale about that one time when your third cousin fell fatally ill immediately after she was vaccinated. Come on. I expect more from U.Va. students. The little viruses floating

around in the syringe won't infect you. They can't because they're inactivated. If you don't trust me, look it up on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Flu shots are like

cell phones. They're helpful if a few people have them, but the positive externalities increase

dramatically when more and more people participate — shout out to Professor Elzinga. I'm not a germaphobe, but no one can contest the fact that college is an absolute cesspool of germs. Make your life simpler and keep as many illnesscausing critters away from you as



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possible. I'm not going to pretend that you're going to sleep a reasonable amount. But at least you can maximize the effectiveness of the sleep you

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## Internet Problem Solving

I'm sure we've all been there. Something random breaks, a friend asks you what you should be for Halloween, you've bought something that looked really great on the mannequin, and now you have absolutely nothing to wear

it for. Where do we turn for solutions to these problems? Back in the day, all 10 to 15 years ago, we simply asked a friend: Hey, what does this look cute with? Hi there, I really don't want to buy a costume this year, any good ideas? Now,

everyone gets their creative ideas from the Internet.

OK, maybe not everyone. Probably just me. We use the Internet like an encyclopedia, only everything in it doesn't have to be true and nothing is in alphabetical order. At

first it wasn't a problem, just a handy little reference tool. But now, it is time for me to admit a shameful secret. I rely on Google, YouTube and Pinterest far too much in my day-to-day life. When I need a do-it-your-

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self solution to a household problem, like how to trap fruit flies, for instance, I head immediately to Google. This habit has already led to a number of disastrous but hilarious solutions. After one lengthy tutorial — packed with

cell phone pictures for proof —

I tried to trap fruit flies with a disgusting concoction of peanut butter, dish soap and mustard left around my fruit. It reeked, and I'm pretty sure it became their breeding ground. Don't

I have a question for these

online tutorial makers: Why are you the way you are? Does it bring you joy to think of people spreading weird things in a circle around their apples? Does my idiocy keep you breathing? I don't know, and I don't care. I will admit I was pretty naïve to think it would work.

I have, however, had DIY tutorial successes. Since these websites became apps, I've been stumbling upon solutions for problems I didn't know I had. Ways to steam clean your microwave with a kitchen sponge, for instance. I wasn't aware my microwave required steam cleaning, but hey — someone out there probably appreciated me giving it a test run.

The fashion advice is probably the worst. I find myself perusing fashion blogs during class because taking notes is no longer the "in" thing. The extent to which I am on these websites has at times probably caused

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how many pages of Pinterest you scroll through, you can't help but fight the overwhelming desire to shout Tetris advice three rows down. If only he would rotate his L-shape twice to the left and shift it over two columns, all his problems would be solved. Unfortunately, dispensing advice in this fashion is about as socially unacceptable as trying to eat pretzels in class — believe me, I'd know. So you sit and watch "82 games

later" lose. Again. There's simply nothing you can do to stay sane but judge silently from afar and open a new browser window. The people three rows behind

you need to see how it's done.

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## Albracht | 'Don't forget to treat yourself,' student advises

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are getting. When you're running low on Z's head to www. sleepyti.me to find out exactly when you should wake up so that you don't interrupt an REM cycle and suffer in a drowsy haze for the entire day.

While you're on the web, download the SelfControl app for your laptop. It's a program that allows you to block websites for hours at a time. At this point it has probably saved me days worth of hours wasted on boredom-induced Facebook stalking binges.

I wasn't kidding when I suggested you move in to Club Clem. Actually, I would opt for Clark or Alderman because productivity is actually possible at those locations. Pack a

bag before class with Tylenol, a sweatshirt, all your requisite chargers, two or three caffeinated beverages of your choice, a water bottle and lots of snacks so that you can lib' it up all day long. Going home is distracting and a complete waste of time, so make your life easier and just eliminate the option.

Last, but most important of all, don't forget to treat your-

self. This time of year everyone is so critical of themselves, and it's completely toxic. Give yourself time for you, even if it means less sleep. Whether that means taking an hour to go to hot yoga and get your namaste on or buying bread ends and house dressing and watching trashy TV, it doesn't matter. Life will keep going long after you get your grades, so

don't let them ruin your sanity now. You'll need it come finals time. Relax, stay as healthy and happy as possible and you'll be in good shape. Best of luck, fellow Hoos.

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## **Egwu** | YouTube, Google users' solutions create problems

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students in the rows behind me to label me materialistic and shallow. This is actually not true. I am just incredibly bored. Outfits of the day are even more entertaining to me than cleaning solutions and ways to organize my living space. But after an hour and 15 minutes of looking

at my outfits choices for the day I start to wish I had a little more cash to get some of those amazing things I see online.

The solutions for domestic organization mostly make me bitter about my current living situation. I live in a perfectly good apartment with three other roommates in a sizable room that fits a dresser, bed, desk and

even a bookshelf. I'm lucky. But looking at the grown ladies on Pinterest who have taken the time to organize their pantries by nutritional quality in potato baskets they bought at yard sales and lined with 99 cent fabric from the thrift store, I start to feel a little inadequate. My room, which I like just fine thank you very much, to me

starts looking like an earthquake knocked everything down and I never picked anything up.

I think that's the problem with my reliance on DIY sites. I am not like those people on You-Tube or Google. I have classes to attend, basketball to play and friends to see. I am comparing myself to people who spend all day doing these things and beating myself up when I don't succeed. I think next time, I'll try and fix my fruit fly problem the old fashioned way — calling a friend and whining about it for three minutes.

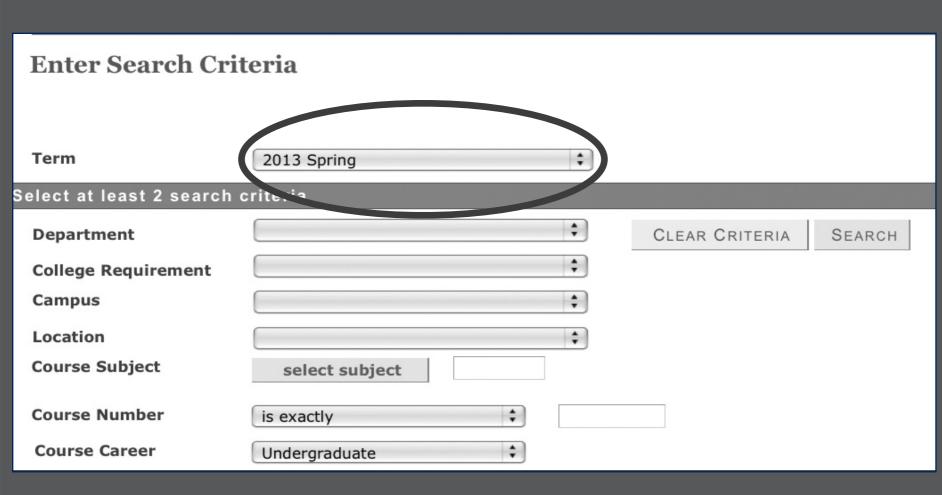
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## **SPORTS**

## **AROUND THE ACC**

When the ACC released its first men's basketball coaches poll Monday, one state stood out. The top three teams all hailed from North Carolina. N.C. State led the list with Duke and North Carolina following. The Wolfpack also swept the individual awards: Coaches

voted junior forward C.J. Leslie the league's preseason player of the year and freshman guard Rodney Purvis snagged preseason ACC rookie of the year. Florida State's senior guard Michael Snaer was the only preseason all-conference selection outside of Tobacco Road ... The NCAA issued another even more anticipated list Sunday: the BCS standings. No. 14 Florida State (6-1, 3-1 ACC) registered as the ACC's highest-ranked team and No. 19 Clemson (5-1. 2-1 ACC) was the conference's only other representative. The SEC and Big

12 produced the most top-25 teams with seven each with the Big Ten conspicuously absent from the standings ... Virginia Tech (4-3, 2-1 ACC), typically a staple among the top 25, plummeted outside the rankings after losses to Pittsburgh (2-4, 0-3 Big East), Cincinnati (5-0,

1-0 Big East) and North Carolina (5-2, 2-1 ACC). The Hokies nearly hit rock bottom against Duke Saturday but rattled off 41 unanswered points to overcome an early 20-0 deficit and salvage the win.

—compiled by Ashley Robertson

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These final ACC games will prove crucial to the Cavaliers, who are far from a lock to reach the NCAA tournament. The team has lost four of its five confer-

ence matchups so far but hopes the selection committee will consider the strength of those opponents. Virginia lost 1-0 heartbreakers to No. 1 Maryland and No. 2 North Carolina, proving it can challenge the toughest

teams in the country.

"We're in good shape with RPI and all the 1-0 losses we've had to the top teams," senior forward Will Bates said. "We're in decent shape. We just have to turn things around a little these last

few games and hopefully we'll be all right."

Virginia's 32-year streak of NCAA appearances hangs in the balance, but Gelnovatch refuses to let his young team panic about the postseason.

"I don't want to put the playoffs or even the ACC tournament ... on their shoulders," Gelnovatch said. "We're too young ... we just need to get ready for Tuesday to put ourselves back in a good

## Volleyball | Wolfpack repeatedly stage late-set comebacks

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set the team tallied eight points to turn a 7-4 deficit into a 12-7 lead. They gave up 14 of the last 17 points, however, to drop the round 25-19.

The third set brought another collapse, as Virginia led 20-14 before ceding seven consecutive points to lose 25-23. The fourth and final set followed the same disappointing pattern, and the Wolfpack scored six consecutive points to swing from three down

to three up for a 25-21 win.

The Cavaliers' mental mistakes frequently prevented them from stopping N.C. State's runs.

Reliable sophomore setter Tori Janowski had a negative hitting percentage for the match. The team as a whole combined for nine service errors and 29 attacking errors.

"We're doing a lot of really good things, getting great touches on balls, getting some good swings at times, getting some good sets, but we just can't get a great pass, a great set, and then wail the ball out of bounds," senior middle Jessica O'Shoney said, "It's just making the little things, the elementary things perfect ... so we can execute whenever we have the opportunities to and not make the game any harder for ourselves than we need to."

Although the team remained competitive this weekend, it has now gone a month without winning. The Cavaliers recognize that bouncing back from a first-set loss to win the second would

be nice, but winning the first two sets is even better. The squad sits on the brink of a breakthrough but still needs to connect all the pieces for a successful match.

"They're at the edge right now, and how do you get over that last hump?" head coach Dennis Hohenshelt said. "Did we take steps forward this weekend? For sure. But am I really disappointed because we could have had two wins? Yeah. ... We said the other week that winning is hard, winning isn't easy. If win-

ning was easy, then everyone would do it."

The team will have a strong chance at that elusive next victory when it visits James Madison Tuesday night. The Dukes (10-10, 3-3 CAA) suffered a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Towson on Sunday and will be playing the Cavaliers on only two days' rest. The matchup will be Virginia's last non-conference competition of the year, as the squad faces only ACC opponents the rest of the season.

## McGoey | Despite heralded recruits, Bennett lacks prime big man

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icons of North Carolina basketball, but after grabbing the state's premier recruits, it was N.C. State that came out atop the ACC coaches' poll Monday.

Virginia sat seventh in the poll, sandwiched between Maryland and Clemson. The Cavaliers finished fourth in the conference last year, but after an unceremonious exit from the NCAA tournament, the Cavaliers lost

three players to graduation — namely ACC Player of the Year runner-up Mike Scott. Last season Scott often seemed like the entire Virginia team, so the obvious question for Virginia fans is: What now?

Coach Tony Bennett has brought in a heralded recruiting class, ranked 20th nationally, but questions remain. The youth "problem" Virginia experienced last year has not gotten any better; only senior point guard Jontel Evans, junior swingman Joe Harris and junior forward Akil Mitchell played significant minutes last season.

In addition, the logjam at the wing positions has worsened. Harris should be penciled in at one starting spot, but there are three candidates to suit up at the other spot. If he is fully recovered from his late-season injuries, sophomore Malcolm Brogdon will likely get the nod. Freshmen Justin Anderson, an

athletic slasher similar to Brogdon, and Evan Nolte, a shooter like Harris, are also in the mix.

Meanwhile, the lack of depth in the post has gone brutally unaddressed. For the second season in a row, Bennett will trot out just three scholarship big men: Mitchell, sophomore Darion Atkins and freshman Mike Tobey. Reports are positive about Tobey's progress, but if Virginia gets into foul trouble we could see much more of the

same forced small ball as last

Given the questions about Virginia's experience and depth and the abundance of talent and experience on other conference squads it's unlikely the Cavaliers will claim the ACC

crown.

But the start of a new season is always a time for relentless optimism. After all, college basketball is back and so is the



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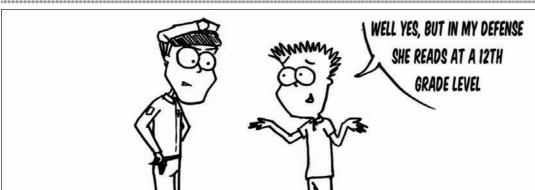
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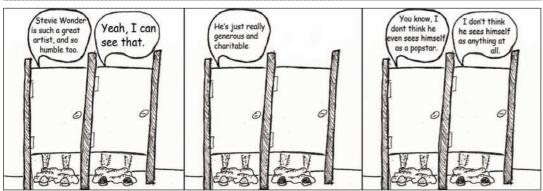
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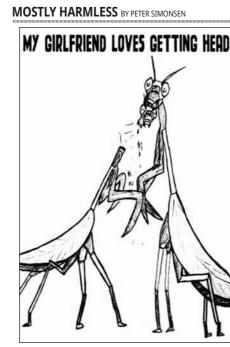


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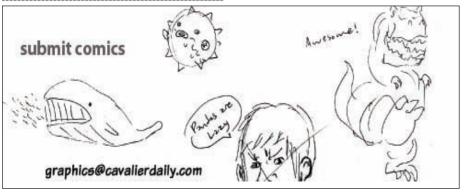
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Open your mind to embrace the ideas of those who have far less experience than you. Much of what you hear from these newcomers must be taken with a grain of salt, but there's value to some

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There may be a strict set of rules to the game you're playing; however, nobody is enforcing them. You can use this to your advantage, picking and choosing which limits you want to honor.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people make you feel like you're 3 years old, fighting over a toy. There is valuable learning in these primal instincts. Let the child in you feel however he feels, while the adult you keeps behavior in check

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Mental focus is easier to keep when you employ all of your senses in a task. That's why writing down your intention with pen and paper is so important -- it's a tactile act. Think of the pen as a conduit of your power.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friends who dump all of their problems on you by endlessly venting are creating an energy deficit. Limit the spiritual credit you extend to others to protect them from getting too far into your debt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Build your team by adding new members or by bolstering the morale and investment from the members

you already have. If you don't know who is on your side, now is the time to figure it out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Procrastination is a serious danger. Stop thinking, worrying and wondering. Just take a step, even a small one. The skills you want to learn won't take as long as you think to acquire.

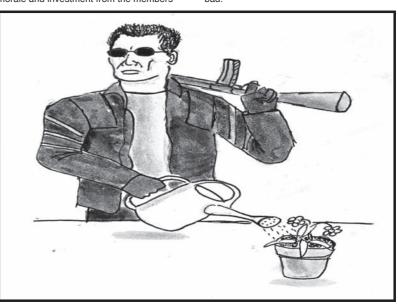
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can see what people want out of a deal; however, not everyone is on the take. You set the tone by being generous and longsighted without losing touch with your own needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because you're making money doesn't mean you shouldn't be having fun. You can stay in professional mode and still be playful. Why walk a fine line when you can dance it?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel unsure about how well you are doing on a job or in a relationship. Your every act is charged with the energy you put into it. Pay close attention to the value in what you exchange.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have unique freedoms. Those who require much of other people will give you a no-obligation, allaccess pass. Use this fabulous opportunity to focus on the endeavors you feel you were destined to do.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 16). This year you get older, but you don't age. Time seems to reverse as you embody the vision of yourself you had as a child. Your days are infused in playful creativity. This month an unexpected financial bonus helps you achieve a goal. Loved ones lean on you in the winter and the favor is returned in the summer. You have no lucky numbers. Too





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