

Next steps for Phi Psi

Fraternity likely to face numerous legal obstacles



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The University Phi Kappa Psi chapter announced Monday its intentions to pursue legal action against Rolling Stone Magazine shortly after the Columbia Journalism School released its review of the magazine Sunday.

The review detailed the journalistic failures of writer Sabrina Erdely and the Rolling Stone editing chain in the Nov. 19 publication of an article detailing a brutal gang rape of a University student by a member of Phi Kappa Psi. In the wake of the article and the impact it had on the chapter, Phi Kappa Psi plans to file a lawsuit against the magazine for defamation.

As a defamation case, the lawsuit will seek reparations for the injuries Phi Kappa Psi brothers experienced as a direct result of false statements made against them in the article. While specific details of the lawsuit have yet to be released, legal experts are speculating what it may entail.

One of the initial clarifications to be

made is whether the court will rule the fraternity as a public or private figure. University Law Prof. G. Edward White said the latter would prove more advantageous to the fraternity during legal proceedings.

“Given the difficulty of showing out-of-pocket losses in defamation cases, it will be critical in this case whether the fraternity is considered a public figure or a private citizen defamed on a matter of public concern,” White said. “Private citizen plaintiffs defamed on matters of public concern can recover if they can show falsity, loss of reputation and a negligent attitude toward whether the statement was false or not — for example, failing to make a ‘good faith check’ on the accuracy of the allegedly defamatory statements.”

As a private figure, Phi Kappa Psi would need only prove negligence in checking for accuracy on the part of Rolling Stone, while if considered a public figure, the chapter would need to prove “actual malice” on the part of the magazine.

Questions have also been raised as to whether the fraternity brothers should

sue collectively as a fraternal organization or as individuals. UCLA Law Prof. Eugene Volokh said he was not in favor of the idea of the brothers suing individually, especially given that courts generally draw the line well below 80 individuals for organizational cases.

“The size of the organization does matter, and it cuts against the organization, but what also matters is the nature of the accusation and how it bears against each member,” Volokh said.

Given the article’s implication that rape was part of a ritualized initiation all brothers had to go through and the lack of evidence linking the brothers in the article to actual brothers in Phi Kappa Psi, Volokh said the lawsuit would be better presented on behalf of the fraternity as a collective since the allegations of the article reflected on all brothers equally.

Though Phi Kappa Psi publicly stated intentions to sue the magazine, it is uncertain whether writer Sabrina Erdely will also face legal action. Volokh said both the magazine and Erdely are potentially culpable and that restricting the lawsuit to one party may pose problems.

“Since both of them seem culpable in different ways, I think suing just one would invite the defendant to say, ‘This is the other defendant’s fault’ and would make the jury wonder why the other entity or person wasn’t sued,” Volokh said. “[This could] incline the jury maybe to saying, ‘Well, this defendant is only responsible for part of the damages, maybe half.’”

Volokh said whether the lawsuit will go to trial by jury is another question entirely. He said he had some reservations as to what the best course of action for Phi Kappa Psi would be, mentioning that plaintiffs often get a better deal through settlement due to the expenses incurred during trial. He said he was doubtful the fraternity would refuse to settle.

White said he thought settlement would be a less sensible option for Phi Kappa Psi and hopes the fraternity will “aggressively pursue” the case to trial, as settlement would provide Rolling Stone the opportunity to avoid having its jour-

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Minority Rights Coalition elects new board

Leaders call for greater community action, advocacy

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Corrections

In the Thursday, April 9 edition of *The Cavalier Daily* two articles incorrectly stated that the University employed 151 non-tenure track faculty in 2012-13 and 270 non-tenure track faculty in 2014-15. The correct figures are 162 and 290, respectively.

The Minority Rights Coalition elected its new Board members Wednesday. The executive board members will be Chair Parisa Sadeghi, Chief Financial Officer Sara Surface and Chief Publicity Officer Gloria Roh — all College third-years — along with Vice President of Organizations Emily McDuff, a third-year Engineering student, and Vice President of Administration Alex Adames, a second-year College student.

Sadeghi said it would be important for the newly-elected board to make changes to the organizational structure of the MRC — made up of eight student-led organizations — so that each constituent group of the Coalition is involved in all future actions.

“One of the top reasons I ran is I want to make a lot of internal changes,” Sadeghi said. “I think it is important for MRC to become a more cohesive unit,” Sadeghi said. “We really are just there as a coalition of people. MRC is given

meaning by its constituent organizations and the people who stand behind it.”

McDuff said she has similar goals, discussing interest in aiding the working relationship between the eight organizations.

“I personally want to help foster friendship and trust among the leaders of ASU, BSA, MELC, QSU, UFUSED, FIFE, LSA and NASU, and the leaders of the MRC,” McDuff said. “To create unified action, I think it is important to begin with foundational relationships.”

McDuff said another change she hopes will come out of internal redirection is a greater effort in responding with direct action to important issues facing the community.

“There are too many issues to count at this university and really in our country, but I think the biggest issue the MRC as an organization is facing is acting upon these issues — through action, word and actual change,” McDuff said. “Last year for us was one of reorganization but now is the time to act and engage and fight

for what we want U.Va. to look and feel like.”

To a similar end, Sadeghi said she hopes to develop a push towards greater community advocacy by the group.

“One of my biggest goals is to make MRC more active in terms of advocacy,” she said. “I would really like us to help our organizations when they’re working on more advocacy-oriented campaigns. I think that is something MRC really needs to get involved in. Another thing we want to focus on is something related to cultural sensitivity training, or just increasing awareness of culture at U.Va.”

McDuff agreed that the organization must be more action-oriented this year and said she hopes the group will find issues they feel strongly about and take direct and meaningful action towards enacting change.

“We are meeting this week for the first time as a new executive board, so I know we will come up with an agenda then, but Parisa Sadeghi and I feel very strongly about taking tangible action

rather than simply talking loftily about issues,” McDuff said. “You only have four years in college to make change and you have to make every day, every moment count.”

Surface said one of the ways the organization is hoping to generate more community-driven action is by developing closer relationships with non-MRC affiliated groups and other University populations.

“I would like to work on developing parameters for co sponsorship,” Surface said. “I would also like to focus on alumni relations and look forward to seeing MRC more involved in advocacy on Grounds especially with organizations that are less visible.”

Sadeghi said all these ambitions come down to a deep interest in responding to community issues with any and all appropriate steps.

“What’s key is making sure we don’t resort to the ‘standard response,’” Sadeghi said.

—Mitch Wellman contributed to reporting.

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University students will Bike & Build across country

Individuals must raise \$4,500 to participate

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A number of University students are planning to volunteer this summer for Bike & Build — a national non-profit organization that raises funds and generates awareness for affordable housing. Each volunteer will ride his or her bike 4,000 miles across the country from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific, working along the way with local non-profit organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together.

Justin Villere, Bike & Build's director of operations and outreach, said that although the volunteering is demanding work, most riders do not have extensive prior experience. Rather, the group seeks individuals who are committed to service.

"Most Bike & Builders actually are not experienced cyclists or builders when the summer begins," Villere said in a news release. "We strive to engage young people with a passion for service and adventure. Because of this, our riders make an incredible impact in hundreds of communities."

During its 10 years of oper-

ation, Bike and Build has raised \$4.5 million to fund housing groups and other projects initiated and organized by young adults. Second-year Nursing student Daniel Poehailos — who will volunteer for Bike & Build this summer — said helping families pay for housing lets them focus on other important budget areas, like education.

"Forty million Americans are paying over 30 percent of their income on housing, 20 million of that 40 million are paying over 50 percent," Poehailos said. "The families aren't focusing on family education, healthcare, etc. It becomes a vicious circle where family is at risk for the future. [A] family [that] has [a] mental onus for disabilities or mental backgrounds will not be able to get out of the situation if they don't get helping hands."

Poehailos said he thought the effort will also draw needed attention to an important societal issue.

"I think that 240 young adults biking across the U.S. is in and of itself a feat that immediately draws attention to the public," he said. "Across the U.S. we will be stopping into cities as big as Seattle to towns with populations

barely in the hundreds to give presentations about the affordable housing cause."

Poehailos will be riding along the route beginning in Providence, Rhode Island, and ending in Seattle, one of eight east-to-west routes available this year. Harmony Pham, a third-year Nursing student, will be participating along the route from Virginia Beach to Canon Beach, Oregon.

Pham, who works with the Habitat for Humanity program here at the University, became interested in the program after members of her service fraternity participated last year. Through growing close to community members, Pham said she has seen the impact that affordable housing can have on families.

"It's often overlooked," Pham said. "We don't realize how much of an impact having affordable housing has on your life."

Pham said the program will help raise awareness about affordable housing by giving presentations in all of the cities that they stop in. Volunteers will also stop at scheduled build sites along the way, where they will assist in building houses.

"At each build site... we have



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Volunteers will give presentations in the cities they visit and participate in local housing construction.

either one or two days," Pham said. "We just build at whatever point they are, just like how Habitat for Humanity here works."

In order to participate in the trip, each rider is required to raise at least \$4,500. All of the money raised is donated directly to housing projects. Communities can then apply to the program for grants to build houses.

"Up to this point, most of my fundraising has been writing letters to friends and family," Poehailos said. "If given the time, I want

to set up a bike trainer somewhere on the Corner — see if I can get the attention of some students!"

Both Pham and Poehailos said they are excited to be participating in the program this summer and encouraged students to check out the organization's website to learn more about the housing problems and how to help.

"I believe the most important way to participate is educating yourself about the homelessness issue around the country as well as your hometown," Poehailos said.

OpenGrounds holds Public Day

Students showcase research on Lawn

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OpenGrounds held the second annual Public Day showcasing student research, scholarship and creative work across disciplines Friday. The exhibit was held in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of the Provost on the behalf of President Sullivan.

Students from varying years and undergraduate and graduate schools gathered on the Lawn to present their work. The event featured projects discussing a diverse range of topics, including mental health awareness, pancreatic cancer, astronomy and female suicide in China.

OpenGrounds Associate Director Lindsey Hepler said the event presents a rare opportunity for a diverse range of students to display their academic strides at the University.

"To have first years through post-doctorates in all disciplines in all schools presenting their work

in one place is a really rare thing," Hepler said. "Public Day is meant to showcase the depth and breadth [of work] students across the University are all doing."

The idea behind Public Day goes back to the early history of the University, when students and professors displayed their work to the public in the Rotunda. Over the years, the tradition disappeared as the University opted for more formal commencement ceremonies.

"We're expanding and embodying that spirit," Hepler said. "This event is striving to recapture that."

To find student researchers to highlight, OpenGrounds reached out to all of the undergraduate and graduate schools. A student could be featured through nomination by their respective professors, deans or peers.

"There is wonderful work going on that students know about," Hepler said. "We rely on students, faculty and administrators to let us know what work should be here."

Fourth-year College student Alex Rafala presented a film inspired by the suicide of one of his

co-workers.

"The reason I started doing this was because I wanted to create a film, then it had meaning when the incident happened," Rafala said. "Instead of trying to represent how a suicidal person feels, I decided to approach it from what I knew, how a bystander feel[s]."

Rafala said the Public Day attendees who stopped by his presentation were intrigued. Because the film addresses what he said is such an important topic, Rafala said he hopes the attention it is generating will create dialogue.

"From anyone who has seen the film, we get overwhelmingly positive feedback," Rafala said. "I hope that will spur discussion so we can all try to understand each other better."

PhD Nursing student Karen Moss presented her project on end of life care among African-Americans. She said she has been working on her research since her entrance to the Nursing School.

"It started when I entered the doors as a student of the University," Moss said. "We [graduate students] have an idea of what

we want to research and we build upon it."

A faculty member nominated Moss as a representative of the Nursing School for Public Day. Moss said her collaboration with the faculty has been indispensable to her research and her growth as a student.

"It's uncharted territory to enter a PhD program," she said. "I couldn't be doing what I'm doing without the help of my advisors and mentors to get this work done."

Moss said her interactions with public audiences were constructive and brought to light the importance of an often overlooked issue.

"The persons I've spoken to have been great," Moss said. "I'm amazed by the input I'm getting from folks who have stopped by and the discussion we're having on this topic in a very specific topic."

Overall, Hepler said she thought Public Day was a success as it allowed students and passerby to engage in critical discussions on students' work.

"It's really great to see some of

the conversations that have been happening and for the participants to be interacting with each other and with the people who come by," Hepler said.



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Students from various years and University schools presented research to the community.

Huguely seeks Supreme Court case

Case writ to be reviewed by May 15

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Former University student and lacrosse player George Huguely, who was convicted of second-degree murder in the 2010 killing of his former girlfriend Yeardley Love — also a University student — is trying to take his case to the United States Supreme Court after a series of failed appeals in Virginia. This will be the final opportunity that Huguely, who is serving a 23-year prison sentence, and his defense team have for overturning the sentence.

The Supreme Court appeal stems from an incident nine days

into Huguely's original trial in Charlottesville, when one of his attorneys fell ill. At that time Huguely requested that the trial not go forward, but was not granted that request. His defense team plans to argue that his Sixth Amendment right to counsel was violated because of the incident in Charlottesville.

Huguely requested from the court a one-month extension to file his writ of certiorari, his appeal request. Paul Clement, Huguely's attorney, filed for the extension. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts signed off the extension.

A spokesperson for the Supreme Court said there is a process following the extension of the writ that a

case will go through when being considered for review by the Court. She said the next steps for the case include a series of preliminary oversight and checking procedures.

"The next thing that happens is that the petition gets filed, and then scheduled for conference, and then it shows up on an orders list for an argument," she said.

John Elwood, a lecturer at the Law School and a partner at Vinson and Elkins in Washington, D.C. — specializing in review of administrative action — said Clement is one of the best lawyers his client could have hoped for. Though he said it is difficult to have a case considered by the Court, he said he thought Clem-

ent provided a better chance than most.

"[Paul Clement] is one of the very best Supreme Court advocates in the country, really one of the best lawyers in his generation," Elwood said. "The general acceptance rate is certainly no higher than one to four percent. I imagine that Paul will do a better job of persuading the Court, but generally speaking it's pretty hard to get the Supreme Court to grant review in a case."

Huguely's writ of certiorari is due May 15. The Supreme Court tends to receive about 8,000 to 9,000 petitions each term and grants somewhere between 70 to 80 of those petitions.



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George Huguely's lawyer Paul Clement filed for a case review by the Supreme Court.

Education School to offer online degrees this fall

Program promises significantly reduced costs

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The University School of Education will begin offering three degrees online starting fall 2015 including an M.Ed. in reading education, M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction and an education specialist degree in reading education.

Catherine Brighton, Education School associate dean of academic programs and student affairs, said the online degrees will allow the school to reach more students, overcoming obstacles like geographic location.

The new online programs will also offer greater financial flexibility for students. For the 2015-16 school year, graduate tuition currently stands at \$14,856 for in-state, full-time students, and at \$24,288 for out-of-state, full-time students. Class credit rates for regular tuition are \$802 per credit hour for in-state students and \$1,326 per credit hour for out-of-state students. New online tuition is expected to be considerably cheaper, however, and charge lower rates of \$500 per credit hour for both in and out-of-state students.

Education School Dean Robert C. Pianta said he is excited for the launch of the new program.

He said it will advance the fulfillment of the school's mission of providing the best education possible for its students.

"One of the core features of our mission is delivering to educators in the field the very best and most contemporary support for their practice and decision-making," Pianta said. "The new degree is also important because the design and delivery of an online course, when done well, forces us to think even more carefully about how students' experiences in the online environment contribute to their knowledge and skill gains."

He also said the new degrees will help further the Education School's institutional wisdom and effectiveness.

"Teaching online, and studying our online teaching, is a way for us to deepen our foundational knowledge and capacity in effective instruction," Pianta said. "An online experience is well-suited to the needs of educators, who work all day in a classroom of students and its often hard for them to come to class for three hours in [the] evening. The flexibility of a fully online degree is something they really value."

Education Asst. Prof. Stephanie Moore, an online learning coordinator, said the effort will also allow the school to cater to a

more diverse population.

"The Curry School's expansion of online offerings reflects this core value of embracing diverse learner populations and needs," Moore said. "It allows us to serve eligible students who may not be able to move for a degree, but who bring valuable experience and perspective into the learning environment."

Moore said the first step in creating an online program was identifying a curriculum and setting core classes that would be required of every student, then identifying focus areas that received strong interest. She said one of the major considerations was how to structure the learning timeline, and said the school ultimately decided to carry out a weekly program rather than the common self-paced method.

"People who generally use online programs are adult learners who need flexibility in their lives," Moore said. "However, studies have shown that self-paced online programs don't work. We decided to create the program on a weekly basis—that sort of structure tends to work really well."

Moore said the program is already showing promising interest from prospective students and Education School alumni.

"It is clear to us that curric-



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The Curry School of Education will begin offering three online degree programs in the fall of 2015.

ulum and instruction is a high demand area," Moore said. "This program has a high degree of national interest — we've already seen a lot of response to the announcement of the [reading] program."

Second-year College student Chantal Tran said while she would not pursue an online degree and felt traditional degrees were preferable, it was still a good policy to offer online programs.

"I think [online courses] are a good idea for people who don't have time," Tran said. "Personally, I wouldn't get one, but they are

a good idea. I think they are less valuable than traditional degrees. I feel like you need interaction with professors to really learn."

First-year College student Sawan Patel also said online degrees were seen as less valuable, but said he thought that view was mistaken.

"I think online degrees are a great idea," Patel said. "It's a lot cheaper, a lot more efficient, and you learn the same stuff. It's definitely less valuable in the eyes of an employer, but it shouldn't be. No, I wouldn't want to get an online degree myself."

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Exploring Class Council selection processes

Questions arise over interview methods

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University Board of Elections announced Feb. 27 that 7,017 students voted in University-wide elections, representing 30.8 percent of the student population.

Once the election process is completed, student self-governance provides the winning president and vice president the ability to carry out the selection process for the Council's body at their own discretion — a practice that has raised concerns among current Council members.

The selection process

According to the Class Council Constitution, the Council body will “consist of forty to sixty members of the Class along with the President, Vice President and Secretary.”

Second-year College student and Third Year Council President Lital Firestone said the Alumni Association provides a scripted process for ensuring effective and fair selection practices.

Mary Elizabeth Luzar, director of student and young alumni programs, and Assistant Director Emily Handy advise the Class Councils and the Fourth Year Trustees, respectively, to reach out to as many students as possible to reflect the diversity of each class.

“[Patrick and I] specifically wanted to make sure that we reached out to organizations that don't usually hear about Class Council stuff to be a part of the conversation, so we sent emails to various multi-cultural and social organizations asking them for nominations for current second-years who would be interested in applying,” Firestone said.

As advisers, both Handy and Luzar distribute the applications to the presidents and vice presidents for review. From that point in the process, the president and vice president have the autonomy to select applicants and conduct interviews as they see fit.

Firestone and Malcolm Stewart, a first-year College student and the Second Year Council president, decided to diminish the possibility of bias by reading the applications anonymously in order to enhance the merits and skills of an individual's application.

“[Patrick and I] read the applications blindly so we could focus on the content, and then from there, we picked about 90 people to invite for interviews based on who we decided on individually and then we discussed them together,” Firestone said. “It was a really rough process because everyone was qualified, but ultimately it was those who came completely prepared [for their

interview] with creative ideas and projects in mind that made it to Council.”

“Applications [were] the worse part of the process — you're making decisions on someone off of paper,” Stewart said. “But time commitments were vital, and we especially wanted people who were invested.”

Issues with consolidated independence

As one of the University's most robust and enduring traditions, student self-governance functions as a mechanism entrusting students with a majority of the decision-making on Grounds. Nevertheless, the degree of governing power given to the presidents and vice presidents of Trustees has generated concerns around Grounds.

Although the Class Council and Trustees officers receive guidance on how to construct effective and valuable questions for Council body interviews, the questions asked are ultimately at the discretion of the officers themselves, and may vary between applicants.

Firestone and Stewart both said that they sought to standardize the questions they asked in interviews — between three and four questions, depending on the time — and asked every applicant the same questions. If the applicant was a returning member of the Council body, they were asked a question that reflected on their time with Council and if there were any changes they would make in the next term.

Nevertheless, three applicants for Trustees and current members of Third Year Council — Commerce student Meredith Markwood, College student Lauren Russell and Batten student Jasmine Chiu — said that they received a question that was not asked to every applicant, and more specifically was not asked to every returner.

“Your application is obviously targeted towards who gets elected in terms of what they know about your background or your involvement prior to [the interview],” Russell said. “Especially if you're a returner, if the incumbent wins, they've seen what you've done. [...] If it's not the incumbent then you might want to show, [...] ‘Well, here's what I've given to Class Council,’ [...] so it's a little bit different.”

All three students said they were asked standard questions by third-year College student Andrew Kwon, the Fourth Year Trustees president-elect, and third-year Batten student Donald Fryar, the Fourth Year Trustees vice president-elect, and an additional question along the lines of, “How would you deal with conflict and disagreement with [Andrew and Donald]?”

Markwood said the question startled her

but that she answered the question honestly, while Russell said she did not think twice about the question until after the interview.

“I left the interview concerned about that question,” Markwood said.

Russell said that once she found out that Kwon and Fryar did not ask every applicant that specific question it became a “pointed question [...] which seemed strange.”

Russell used the example of Madison House, which she said conducts interviews for leadership positions with completely standardized questions.

“Everything follows a very set and specific pattern and consistency across the board,” Russell said. “There's none of this alternating [the questions] for specific people or not asking it for certain people. How do you look at every applicant on the same level if you didn't ask them the same questions?”

Markwood said she questioned if the only applicants asked the question were those who publicly supported incumbent candidates Jack Vallar and Parisa Sadeghi during student elections in February.

“I left that interview concerned about that question,” Markwood said. “Why was I asked that question? Is it because I shared Jack and Parisa's campaign on my Facebook profile picture?”

Russell and Chiu also said they were asked the question in their interviews. Both were Council members who publicly supported Vallar and Sadeghi.

Luzar said the outgoing president and vice president of Trustees conduct a training session with the elected officials of Trustees to talk about the best practices to use when conducting interviews and informing applicants of the decision.

“There's a lot of leeway in deciding how questions are formed because each of the [elects] has a different personality,” Luzar said.

Ultimately, student self-governance allows the officials to dictate the questions however they want and does not allow an adviser, adult or other student to intervene.

Chiu highlighted that Trustees will have a 29 percent return rate from Third Year Council and 34 percent will have Council experience in general. In comparison, 51 percent of Second Year Council will be returners, and Firestone said about 60 percent of Third Year Council will be returners.

Both Stewart and Firestone said institutional knowledge is an important asset to strengthening the Council, but that new members will bring fresh and new ideas.

“Generally, experience on Class Council is very beneficial, but new people bring new perspectives and if you have too many people who have served with Council it will

bring a limitation to initiatives,” Sadeghi said.

Nevertheless, Markwood, Chiu and Russell, as well as Sadeghi, said that because of the steep learning curve, the low percentage of students with Council experience could hinder the productivity of ad hoc committees and Trustee events such as Final Exercises and Class Giving.

After multiple requests, Kwon could not be reached for an interview before press time.

A discussion of solutions

“In the way the bylaws and Constitution are set is that the two people who select [members] are the president and vice president, and no one else is in the room,” Russell said. “There's no one to monitor what's happening and there's no one really to sit there and not have a conflict of interest [...] for good or bad.”

Current members of Third Year Council said the most effective way to alleviate this issue of variation in interview questions in the selection process is to add a third party to the interviews and revise the Class Constitution.

The Constitution, which has not been revised since 2010, provides no amendment or bylaw that discusses specifics on the selection of Class Council members.

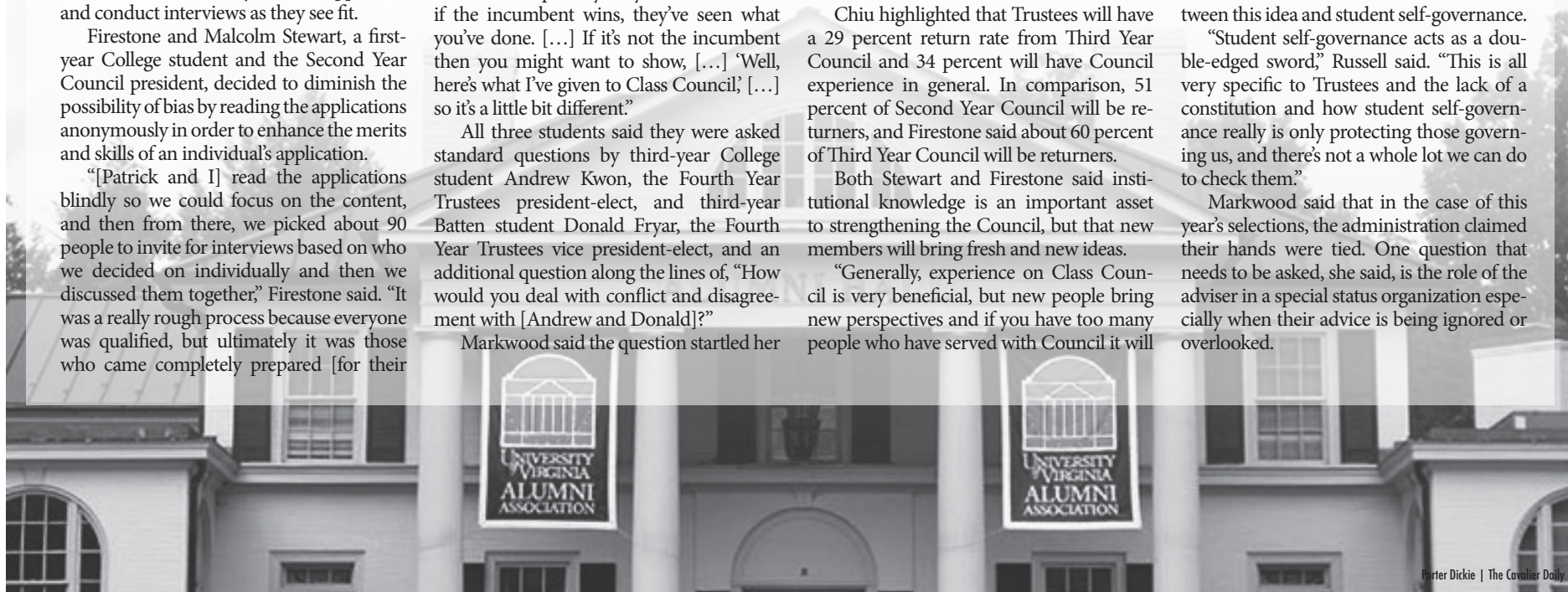
According to the Constitution, any permanent changes to the Constitution must be proposed through a student-wide referendum in which two-thirds of those voting in the Council must approve of the changes.

“Any changes made to the Constitution are done during the spring elections and are voted on by the entire class,” Luzar said.

Russell and Markwood agreed that the Council should implement a third party in the selection process in order to have an individual who can sit in on the interview to advise on any bias shown and consult with the president and vice president. Nevertheless, both said there would be tension between this idea and student self-governance.

“Student self-governance acts as a double-edged sword,” Russell said. “This is all very specific to Trustees and the lack of a constitution and how student self-governance really is only protecting those governing us, and there's not a whole lot we can do to check them.”

Markwood said that in the case of this year's selections, the administration claimed their hands were tied. One question that needs to be asked, she said, is the role of the adviser in a special status organization especially when their advice is being ignored or overlooked.





Baseball loses series with Georgia

No. 15 Virginia baseball dropped its weekend series against Georgia Tech and fell further from the top of the Atlantic Division standings with this disappointing effort.

Virginia (21-14, 7-11 ACC) took care of business in the opening game, winning 14-4. The 14 runs produced by the Cavalier bats mark the highest total in a conference matchup since they scored 14 against Duke on May 12, 2013.

In total, Virginia racked up 15 hits — all starters recorded at least one.

Junior Nathan Kirby was not sharp but picked up his fifth win of the season. The lefty threw 5.1 innings, allowed four runs, five hits and six walks, while striking out four.

The Yellow Jackets (24-12, 9-9 ACC) scored five runs in the first inning and never looked back as they blew out the Cavaliers 11-4 in game two.

After loading the bases with two outs in the bottom of the first, Georgia Tech's next seven batters reached base safely. In total, 11 men went to the plate in the inning.

The Cavaliers missed plenty of chances on offense accruing 16 hits but leaving 15 runners stranded — a season high.

Sophomore Connor Jones

took the loss after working five-plus innings. The Yellow Jackets scored eight runs on seven hits and three walks against Jones.

Virginia fell into an early hole, but could not complete the comeback as they dropped the rubber match of the series 4-3.

Twice the Cavaliers put the tying run aboard in the closing innings, and twice they failed to drive him in.

Freshman Pavin Smith tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly from junior Kevin Doherty to break the shutout in the seventh inning.

Virginia pulled within one in the eighth inning on a two-run homer by freshman Charlie Cody, who entered the game after sophomore catcher Matt Thaiss injured himself while running out a grounder in the sixth.

The Cavalier appeared poised to carry their momentum into the final frame. Doherty led off the inning with a walk and would reach second base, but he would be stranded there.

Junior Brandon Waddell struggled once again. He could not get out of the fifth inning and surrendered four runs on six hits and four walks. Junior closer Josh Sborz threw scoreless ball for the final 3.1 innings.

Virginia has two midweek games against Radford and William & Mary before entertaining No. 11 Miami over the weekend.

—compiled by Matt Wurzbarger



John Pappas | The Cavalier Daily

Freshman Charlie Cody came off the bench to blast a two-run homer in Sunday's 4-3 defeat to Georgia Tech.

Men's lacrosse falls against Duke, 15-8



Zoe Toone | The Cavalier Daily

Sophomore goalie Matt Barrett allowed 15 goals in Virginia's loss to Duke.

The Virginia men's lacrosse team (8-4, 0-4 ACC) dropped its seventh straight game against Duke (8-4, 1-3 ACC) Sunday, 15-8. The Cavaliers have now lost 15 of the last 16 games against their conference rival.

After Duke scored 32 seconds in, Virginia rallied off two straight goals by senior midfielder Tyler German and junior midfielder Greg Coholan, respectively, to take a 2-1 advantage with 6:44 to play in the first quarter.

But the Cavalier lead lasted only until the 2:05 mark in the opening quarter when Duke tied the contest at two. From there, the Blue Devils never looked back.

Duke's second strike was the first of a four-goal run that stretched into the second quarter. Coholan scored Virginia's lone second quarter goal, as the Cavaliers trailed 7-3 at halftime.

Virginia opened the third quarter on a quick 2-1 run to cut the Blue Devil lead to three, but just as it did in the first half, Duke squashed the Cavaliers' comeback attempt by netting the next five goals.

The Cavaliers committed 17 turnovers, including nine in the second quarter, and were outshot, 51-36. Duke picked up 18 more ground balls than Virginia.

Sophomore midfielder Jack Bruckner led Duke in scoring with seven goals. Virginia sophomore goalie Matt Barrett recorded 17 saves.

The Cavaliers will miss the ACC tournament for the second consecutive year, instead playing Pennsylvania April 25 in a showcase game.

Virginia will conclude the regular season at home against Georgetown Sunday on senior day. Opening faceoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

—compiled by Robert Elder

No. 4 Men's tennis bounces George Tech, Louisville



Mitchell Vaughn | The Cavalier Daily

Two-time All-American Mitchell Frank competed in his final home matches for Virginia tennis.

The Virginia men's tennis team closed out its home schedule this weekend with wins against Georgia Tech and Louisville. The No. 4 Cavaliers (18-3, 10-0 ACC) extended their winning streak to nine matches — all claimed by 7-0 or 6-1 final scores — while clinching their 12th consecutive ACC regular-season title Sunday against the No. 28 Cardinals.

Virginia topped Georgia Tech (11-9, 3-6 ACC) Friday afternoon at the Boar's Head Sports Club, after inclement weather moved the match indoors to the club's Boyd Tinsley Courts. The Cavaliers pulled out 8-5 victories at Nos. 1 and 2 doubles before sweeping the singles matches.

No. 14 sophomore Thai-Son Kwiatkowski got Virginia started with a 6-0, 6-0 win against sophomore Cole Fiegel at No. 4

singles. Sophomore J.C. Aragon and freshman Henrik Wiersholm followed with straight-set wins on the courts five and six to give Virginia the match win.

No. 22 senior Mitchell Frank — a two-time ITA All-American competing in his final home matches — added a 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) win against 6-foot-7 No. 54 freshman Christopher Eubanks at No. 1 singles. Though Frank also played Sunday, Virginia celebrated his senior day Friday.

"Mitchell did what he had to do," coach Brian Boland said. "It wasn't easy, but he won in true Mitchell Frank fashion."

The Cavaliers continued to roll Sunday, capturing the doubles point for the 12th consecutive match with wins on courts two and three. Virginia seized victory with wins at the third, fourth and

fifth singles positions, with junior Ryan Shane sealing the match win on court three.

All six Cavalier singles players won their opening sets, but No. 8 senior Sebastian Stiefelmeyer came back against No. 72 freshman Collin Altamirano at the No. 1 slot for Louisville's only win. The Cardinals (23-6, 7-4 ACC) had won four consecutive matches.

Virginia's wins pushed their ACC-record winning streak to 134 matches, the longest winning streak by any team in any sport in conference history.

The Cavaliers conclude their regular season this weekend with road matches against Florida State and Miami. The first serves against the Seminoles and Hurricanes are slated for 3 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Sunday, respectively.

—compiled by Matthew Morris

Softball falls to North Carolina State in final home series

Seniors Megan Harris, Heidi Velk honored prior to Sunday's game



Sarah Dodge | The Cavalier Daily

Heidi Velk was one of two seniors honored for her contributions to the program.

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Staff Writer

After splitting a doubleheader against ACC rival Virginia Tech this past Wednesday, the Virginia softball team was once again looking to improve its conference record against the NC State Wolfpack and senior pitcher Emily Weiman, who, going into Saturday's game, sat fourth in the ACC with 209 strikeouts.

However, if Weiman was a problem for the Cavaliers (13-33, 4-14 ACC), they certainly didn't show it in Saturday's first game — especially not sophomore first baseman Kaitlin Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald, who currently leads the Cavaliers with a .372 batting average, got the offense started early in game one, launching the first pitch she saw over the left field wall to give Virginia a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Then, just two innings later, freshman shortstop Allison Davis widened the lead to two runs on an RBI single that scored freshman catcher Brittany McNulla.

But the NC State (25-16, 9-6 ACC) offense refused to yield, roaring back to tie things up at two in the top of the fifth and eventually loading the bases in the top of the sixth. However, freshman pitcher Andie Formby demonstrated the resilience that has made her the Cavaliers' best pitcher thus far, striking out NC State junior third baseman Lana

Van Dyken for the final out of the inning, stranding the three Wolfpack base runners and escaping the jam scot-free.

"Andie did a great job of keeping the ball down the whole game," Virginia coach Blake Miller said.

Flash forward to the bottom of the seventh and the Cavaliers were in a position to walk it off. McNulla started things off with a single to left and was lifted for junior pinch runner Aimee Chapdelaine. Chapdelaine then advanced to third base when Davis picked up her second hit of the day with a double to right-center. Then, with two outs and runners on second and third, Chapdelaine scored on a passed ball for an unorthodox 3-2 Cavalier walk-off victory.

Unfortunately, this would be the only game that the Cavaliers won. The second and third games of the series were defined by NC State's offense and Virginia's lack thereof.

The Cavaliers started the second game strong and headed into the third inning tied at zero, but the Wolfpack offense eventually let loose. The rally started with back-to-back home runs by senior shortstop Renada Davis and sophomore left fielder Tyler Ross, blasts that put the Wolfpack up 4-0 and led to a six-hit top of the third that generated eight runs on four homers. The game ultimately came to an end in the fifth inning when the mercy rule came into effect, and the Cavaliers lost 8-0.

Although Sunday's finale did

last all seven innings, the Cavaliers saw much of the same. Unable to get anything going offensively, Virginia tallied just four hits and committed three errors, allowing the strong NC State offense to manufacture another huge performance. The Wolfpack scored five runs in the top of the fourth and one in the top of the fifth. Their six-run lead proved to be insurmountable for Virginia, as the Cavaliers dropped the game by a score of 6-0.

But despite the shortcomings in games two and three, the Cavalier players and coaches are remaining optimistic.

"[NC State] ended up making some good plays that cost us, but overall we hit the ball pretty hard," Virginia assistant coach Joe Morabito said. "You like runs but you have to see the upside of something [like that]."

"We definitely battled," Fitzgerald said. "There's a lot of positives to come from it and we hope to bring it next weekend."

The Cavaliers will host a doubleheader against the Longwood Lancers (20-21, 14-4 Big South) Wednesday in what will be their last home games of the season before traveling to Tallahassee to face the No. 8 Florida State Seminoles (34-11, 14-3 ACC) this upcoming weekend.

"We're focusing on Longwood right now," Fitzgerald said. "But we're definitely looking forward to playing Florida State this weekend because it's an ACC game."

Women's lacrosse surges past Louisville, 17-9

After surrendering four goals, Virginia outscores Louisville 17-9

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After scoring only four goals against Notre Dame last weekend, the No. 6 Virginia women's lacrosse team bounced back with 17 goals in a 17-9 win against No. 11 Louisville Sunday in its penultimate regular season game.

"We were very humbled last weekend and there was no way we wanted that to happen again," coach Julie Meyers said. "Louisville had our

attention in part because of the Notre Dame debacle but also because they're a worthy opponent."

Louisville (9-5, 1-4 ACC) quickly scored after winning the opening draw, but Virginia (10-5, 3-3 ACC) countered with a long-range shot from just inside the eight-meter arc from freshman midfielder Kasey Behr. The two teams exchanged subsequent goals in the next 10 minutes and appeared evenly matched until the Cavaliers went on a 5-0 run to close out the half and quiet the Louisville crowd present at Klöckner Stadium.

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"This is a kind of a home game for a lot of Louisville families — they live closer to Charlottesville than Kentucky, but I thought our crowd did a nice job," Meyers said. "The band was really fun, the group that sung in the beginning — it made it feel like a Virginia day and a Virginia home game and we're really thankful for that."

And indeed it was Virginia's day, as senior attacker Casey Bocket challenged the Cardinal goalie — who was out of the net — to receive a

backwards pass from her teammate, causing a turnover, leading to an easy wide-open goal for the Cavaliers and igniting the 5-0 first-half run.

Virginia finished the half with another exciting goal. With 11 seconds left on the clock, senior midfielder Courtney Swan won the draw and drove the ball down the field before handing it over to redshirt senior attacker Liza Blue for the score with two ticks left on the clock.

The Cavaliers finished the half outshooting the ACC leaders in shots by 10, while only turning the ball over once to Louisville's five.

Virginia opened the second half with another goal to extend its 9-4 halftime lead, but the Cardinals would control the next seven draws and score off five of them, including a string of four-straight to pull within three at the 14:04 mark. But that was the last time Louisville would score, as Virginia closed out the game with five unanswered goals to win their seventh in eight games.

"I'm really proud of how our girls played today," Meyers said. "It was a really clean game. Getting eight people score 17 goals and really being pretty efficient with that made a big difference as well. Our defense did a nice job. They cracked a little bit, but then they came together and got stops when it was really important. It was a great team effort that resulted in an awesome opportunities and a great win."

Louisville outshot the Cavaliers by five in the second half, but Virginia only turned the ball over once more in the half and held a slight 12-10 ground ball advantage at the end

of the game. The Cardinals finished with four more draw controls than the Cavaliers and were 3-of-6 on free-position shots, but Virginia finished the game with two more saves overall.

Bocket added one more goal in the second half after a phenomenal first half that featured three goals and three assists and finished with two forced turnovers.

"I think we had a ton of assisted goals, so we were really just moving the ball and everybody was just sharing the ball well and that's why we were so successful," Bocket said.

Leading the Cavaliers in the second half was junior attacker Kelly Boyd, who had four goals — all after the break. Swan finished with three assists and two goals.

"We knew they were going to start pressuring out on our attack because they were down and the game was running out of time, so I find myself in those situations wide open in the middle a lot," Boyd said. "It's just my job to finish when I have that opportunity, and I think I did that well today."

Leading the Cardinals was junior midfielder Kaylin Morissette, who secured an incredible 13 draw controls and a goal, while sophomore attacker Hannah Koloski led her team in scoring with three goals.

"Their draw kid was such a big focus for their team, and we were able really able to prepare for her — that's something that separates them from other team," Meyers said.

Virginia will return to the field Friday to close out its regular season against Virginia Tech.



Zoe Toone | The Cavalier Daily

Junior attacker Kelly Boyd scored four times in the second half against Louisville.

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nalistic practices reexamined in a public forum.

"[The fraternity] is seeking primarily to vindicate its reputation as opposed to recovering a substantial damage settlement," White said. "Any settlement, in my view, should include a very conspicuous public statement by Rolling Stone that none of the practices alleged to have been

part of Phi Psi's hazing protocols occurred, and that no members of the fraternity were involved in any assault on 'Jackie.'"

Robert Turner, associate director of the National Security Law Center of the Law School, said Rolling Stone would have interest in stopping the lawsuit at settlement, explaining the magazine's insurance company would face risks in a trial setting.

Turner said if the lawsuit does find its way to a courtroom, Phi

Kappa Psi will need to provide evidence of the article's harm to the chapter's reputation, such as a decline in contributions or a loss of membership — and thus decreased revenue from membership fees. While he said no guarantee of legal success can be made for Phi Psi, the conduct of Rolling Stone both in producing and responding to the article will provide a challenge to the magazine's lawyers.

"Now that [Rolling Stone's

lawyers] have asked top experts to investigate every aspect of the matter and the report is public, and they still have done nothing to hold anyone accountable for all the wrongful things that have been done, I find it difficult to fathom a legal theory by which Phi Psi would lose unless there is some procedural hurdle," Turner said.

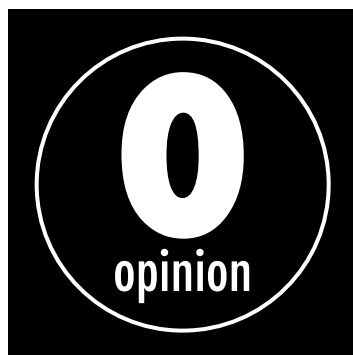
While the lawsuit is on behalf of the fraternity, it ultimately stands for something far greater

for the University community, he said.

"Since the University itself cannot sue, in going forward [Phi Kappa Psi] would be vindicating the reputation of our entire community," Turner said. "I think Phi [Kappa] Psi is in a position to champion not only its own reputation, but that of the University and its living graduates around the world. And I will be greatly surprised if they lack the courage to do what they believe is right."

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Comment of the day

“...What would the direct, financial impact be on eliminating this type of contract and moving toward a new overarching (omnibus) contract, or one that subcontracts out to individual companies, and is either managed by a contracting officer (employee university) or by a prime/sub relationship? The cost increase for a service that directly benefits the student would be offset by the student through increased fees and/or tuition. How much would that be, and would the student population be willing to front it?...”

“nanbroga” responding to the Managing Board’s Apr. 9 lead editorial, “Aramark proves unethical once again.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

Don’t just focus on Sullivan

When evaluating our administration, students should look closely at all administrators, not just the president

With discussion of whether University President Teresa Sullivan’s contract will be renewed and the plethora of issues that have received national attention this year, many at U.Va. have voiced disapproval of or support for Sullivan as our president. But this focus on Sullivan, while important, has overshadowed the importance and relevance of other administrators — administrators who directly impact issues like sexual assault, race relations and other problems facing our student body.

Earlier this month, University alumna Jenny Wilkinson penned an op-ed for The New York Times on her experience filing a complaint with the Sexual Misconduct Board in the late 1990s. At her University hearing, Wilkinson’s case came before “a five-person panel of faculty, university staff members and current

students.” One has to wonder — how many of those faculty and staff members are still at our University? And what has their role been in facilitating needed change in our sexual misconduct policy?

Patricia Lampkin, vice president and chief student affairs officer, started her job in 2002; prior to that, she served as interim vice president for 15 months, and prior to that she served as associate vice president for student affairs for six years. Her work for the University dates back to 1979. Dean of Students Allen Groves started his position in 2007, and though he came into this position after spending 16 years as a lawyer, prior to that in the 1990s he worked as area coordinator for 11 first-year dorms under Lampkin, who was then the associate dean of students. Nicole Eramo, associate dean of students and chair

of the SMB, has been involved with the board since 2004 and became chair in 2006. Deans in other areas have been in their positions for similar amounts of time, with deans in the Office of Diversity and Equity and the Office of African-American Affairs dating back to the early 2000s, and dating back in other positions at the University as far as the 1980s.

This is not to comment on the work of the administrators mentioned above. But the intense scrutiny of Sullivan — who has only been at the University since 2010 — begs an important question: where is that same scrutiny of other administrators who have been here much longer and whose impact is, in many ways, much more significant to the lives of students?

Certainly, the question of Sullivan’s contract renewal is incredibly significant and

will have an impact on students’ lives. But, since the president of the University is, in many ways, beholden to the Board of Visitors, and since that role is much more geared toward fundraising, those whose work actually affects students are at other rungs of the University’s administration. How the vice president and chief student affairs officer interacts with student groups — and with the administrators below her — has a much more obvious impact. And if we have seen over time that University policies have not significantly improved, we should look to those who propose policy changes and inform the president’s decisions — not just the president herself.

Scrutiny is merited at all levels of the University bureaucracy, and it would be a disservice to the work of others to focus all of our frustration or praise on one specific administrator.

Pushing the envelope

It is in the best interests of The Cavalier Daily to discontinue its April Fools’ edition

I’m still thinking about the April Fool’s edition of The Cavalier Daily. The issue drew a lot of feedback (more than most normal issues of The Cavalier Daily), most of it negative. There were, though, many comments from people who were upset that articles were pulled and further dismayed that the Managing Board chose to apologize for some of the pieces in the joke issue. Those objecting to the apology lamented the loss of free press, free speech or the ability to make jokes without offending someone. It doesn’t seem to me that if the management of a publication decides, on its own, to pull stories that aren’t meant to be factual in the first place that there is any free press issue to worry about. The same is true about free speech. The Managing Board decided to pull the pieces and apologize after they heard from enough others that what they published was, in fact, of-

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fensive because they didn’t want to be offensive and hoped apologizing would make that clear and help heal the wounds they’d caused. The staff of The Cavalier Daily was, in fact, free to publish the satirical articles.

Then there is the concern about being able to make jokes without offending someone. Being able to publish (or speak) humor that pushes the edge of (or goes right past) peoples’ comfort level has a long history. Often humor seems an effective way to highlight uncomfortable truths and realities. In newspapers, humor usually shows up in the form of comic strips, political cartoons or columns by writers who use humor regularly. That is, humor is woven into coverage in a particular way and in an ongoing manner. There isn’t a special effort to be funny, especially for an entire issue’s worth of content. In The Cavalier Daily the ongoing form is the Humor

section. I think some of the efforts there miss, but some of it is pretty funny, as I read it. Whatever else the humor pieces are, they are topical and an effort to grapple with current issues facing the people writing them. They are also clearly the thoughts of the author, rather than coming off as what the entire staff of the paper finds funny which is how it seems people received the April Fools’ issue.

We love our traditions at the University, and the April Fools’ issue of The Cavalier Daily has a long history. There are, in fact, long traditions of April Fools’ joke issues at many collegiate publications. You can see several examples at the College Media Matters blog, which covers collegiate publications. It’s easy to understand the impetus to keep the tradition going. Publishing a daily paper is a grind. It’s hard work and requires consistent dedication of time and mental energy. Being able to relax a bit and have fun while making jokes is some-

thing I’d imagine most everyone could appreciate is a good thing. But in the face of pushback and people who were clearly offended, I keep thinking: should collegiate publications generally and The Cavalier Daily in particular still produce April Fools’ issues at all?

I was thinking about this question when I read the text of Garry Trudeau’s acceptance speech at the Long Island University’s George Polk Awards ceremony. Trudeau is most famous for the “Doonesbury” comic strip that he has been writing for more than 40 years. He spoke about the use of satire and said, in part, while talking about the comics he wrote very early on in his career:

“Why were they so subversive? Well, mostly because I didn’t know any better. My years in college had given me the completely false impression that there were no constraints, that it was safe for an artist to comment on volatile cultural and political issues

in public. In college, there’s no downside.”

Trudeau may have been right that there was no downside when he was in college to trying to use humor or satire as commentary. Even 20 years ago, the April Fools’ issue would have been limited to the print run on Grounds. There is a downside now. As we have seen in the past year, articles and issues of The Cavalier Daily frequently garner national and sometimes international attention. Commenters are not limited to immediate members of the University community. It’s time for The Cavalier Daily to end the April Fools’ issue: it’s not worth the risk of offending people and damaging the reputation of the paper.

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Moving beyond tenure

The tenure system is antiquated and cannot adequately respond to the challenges of modern education

On almost every college campus across the nation, the antiquated tenure system is one of the strongest links chaining universities to the past, loading them down with unnecessary costs and preventing them from modernizing at a necessary pace. Almost no other field in the world enjoys the easily abused perks that come with tenure, which include an almost guaranteed lifetime job and freedom of choice in research. As the University's finances come under increased scrutiny with the introduction of the "Affordable Excellence" program, it is time to take a closer look at the tenure system at the University and across the nation.

Tenure's roots lie in the 19th century, when powerful university donors would use their monetary influence to remove professors whose views they disagreed with. As a result, tenure was instituted to protect the academic freedom of professors on college campuses. However, despite the claim that it is the champion of academic freedom, in practice tenure can act to narrow discussion to a limited range of noncontroversial research. This is because while

the system is designed to protect professors from outside influences, it does nothing to protect prospective candidates from the discriminatory attitudes that the tenured faculty choosing them may possess. Tenured Professor

Robert Shupp, a French professor at the University of Houston, lamented the political nature of tenure, noting "Professors will vote tenure for colleagues who are more or less clones of themselves." A professor's other biases may come into play as well. In fact, a study at the University of Southern California found a consistent pattern of discrimination against women and minority candidates for tenure positions. This means that a substantial subset of the population is being prevented from entering prestigious positions in their fields by the racist and sexist attitudes of the committees that chose them, a grave injustice that may be playing a role in the lack of diversity within University faculty.

Another reason tenure has failed is the perverse incentives it provides. The tenure system in the United States consists of a probationary period of around five years, during which a prospective candi-

date's research, teaching and service are evaluated. At the end of this period, a committee of tenured faculty vote on whether to recommend this person for tenure. If this person succeeds, he is given a job that is almost guaranteed for life. If he fails to receive tenure, he is often terminated. This all or nothing system couples tremendous pressure early in a person's career with very little



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incentive following his acquisition of tenure, leading to stagnation in the education system. It is impossible for young professionals to advance up the academic ladder with the entrenched professors above them stepping on their fingers. Tenure is also an enormous financial

burden for an institution. As forced retirement is not allowed, professors can remain long past their expiration date, pushing up costs and stifling innovation while not necessarily being productive. Mark Taylor, chair of Columbia University's Department of Religion, calculated that the cost of a tenured professor is more than \$12 million over the course of their career. Since most

tenured professors are paid out of an endowment, millions of normally liquid endowment dollars are put under lock and key. This is money that could be used to advance the quality of the University by being put towards anything from student mental health resources to scholarships for underprivileged students.

This is not to suggest all tenured professors are lazy and do not work to the best of their abilities. In fact, the opposite is most likely true. But the current system allows a small minority of professors to slip through the cracks and estab-

lish a habit of incompetence that harms both their students and the reputation of other tenured professors. A professorship should not be given once and kept for life, but evaluated constantly throughout a person's career. One possible solution would be the institution of renewable contracts. On anywhere from a one-year to a five-year basis, these contracts would ensure that professors have incentives to stay active in their field, and allow the University to keep only those professors who have continued to prove their worth. In fact, the University has already begun to move in this direction. Statistics from the past year show a dramatic increase in hiring of non-tenure track faculty, while the number of tenured faculty remained static. This shift is a natural response to the financial and academic burden of tenure. Overall, tenure is a relic of a past age that needs to be adapted to our new academic environment, or it will continue to decrease the quality and increase the price of our education system.

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The rise of money in politics is corrupting American politics

The indictment of Senator Menendez reflects the damaging power of corrupting pressures on holders of public office

Last week New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez was indicted on corruption charges. Menendez has been accused of bribery and conspiracy, along with other charges. The indictment is centered around Menendez's relationship with Dr. Salomon Melgen, a long time donor to Menendez, who spent hundreds of thousands of dollars supporting the senator. The prosecution claims Menendez gave Melgen special treatment because of his donations, making it akin to a bribe. With money becoming more prevalent in American politics, the line between bribe and donation has blurred. People who donate significant amounts to politicians might get preferential treatment, but it is hard to prove their donations amount to bribes. Donations can also be a much more innocuous show of support for a candidate. However, it is almost inevitable that involving such a large amount of money in politics will create corruption.

Corruption here does not necessarily mean bribes and shady backroom deals. Some of that does happen, but at least one study has found that money does not affect the level of

corruption in American politics. The real effect money has is much more subtle. Money takes away the power the American people have over politics and makes politicians fundraisers first. While this is not illegal, it undermines the democratic process and disconnects people from politics.

Good politicians have to be good fundraisers; this is a fact in contemporary politics. In the 2014 midterm elections, the average congressman raised \$721,082, and the average senator raised \$2,657,953. Parties will rarely even endorse a candidate who does not show he can fundraise well. In the 2004 elections, 95 percent of House races and 91 percent of Senate races were won by the candidate who spent the most on his campaign. This leads many politicians to chase large donors instead of voters, since they can translate money into votes at a more rapid rate than if they just campaigned.

It is clear the current system makes politicians worry about money a great deal. Even the most well-meaning politicians have to worry about how their actions will look to their donors; one harmful

decision and a politician could be out of office because he lost his donors. Freshmen politicians are forced to spend more time fundraising than legislating — it's not hard to imagine what this does to their mindsets. If political donations were capped at a reasonably low number or fundraising disallowed while Congress was in session, politicians could make more time to review policies and figure out what would be best for their constituents, not donors.

The major problem when it comes to limiting money in politics is that it is considered speech since



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the Citizens United ruling. This ruling makes it very hard to pass any laws limiting political spending since free speech is a dearly held right

for Americans. Arguments for free speech do have merit. In principle, no one should be able to tell an American citizen how to spend his money. Yet, when this spending encroaches on other freedoms, the government has a right to step in and protect the rights of the people at the expense of a few individuals. There is precedent for the government limiting what people can spend their money on in the interests of the whole; drugs are the most prominent example of this. Politics seems different because the harmful effects on society are not as apparent. Yet, I think it clear that money's current influence in politics is just as corrosive to society.

Despite the desperate need for this change, it is not something that will be achieved easily. Many politicians resist change for fear of losing office. Most people with enough money to make their voice

heard in politics benefit from the current situation. Even if a law were passed, the current Supreme Court is clearly not in favor of campaign

finance reform. Realistically this only leaves a popular movement to pressure the government for change. The beginnings of this can already be seen. In the most recent elections a majority of likely voters, from both sides of the isle, believe that Super PAC spending was wrong. Even the Supreme Court has been known to change its mind under the pressure of a popular movement.

Removing some of money's influence would place the power of setting the debated issues more squarely in the hands of the people. People are becoming more disillusioned with politics and are participating less because they feel like their vote doesn't matter. For all these reasons and the ones I mentioned above money's influence should be strongly curtailed in politics through limiting campaign financing. The protection of our individual rights is not worth degrading the democratic process. Money needs to go.

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PARTING SHOTS

Fourth years reflect on their experience as Cavalier Daily editors

Why we do it

At 3 in the morning as I finally close my laptop cover, set my alarm for the next morning and rest my weary eyes for the night, the question bellows through my mind, unmissable over the silence in my apartment at this late hour.

Why do I do this?

It was early spring 2013, and I was entering my fourth week as senior associate editor for the Sports section. I had not slept more than a few hours in days. I had not touched my homework in weeks. I had not had a minute of free time in what felt like months. I was exhausted.

My schedule went something like this: Sunday night, edit every sports article for the next day's paper, put them online, write headlines for the print edition, coordinate with writers and other editors to ensure all goes smoothly, etc. Eight hours later...

Wake up on Monday and write a preview for the baseball team. Quotes are to be retrieved at 2 p.m. — the only time the team is free — so I sneak out the back of my Psychology lecture after 15 minutes and bike to Davenport field. Then I race back home to transcribe and write. Three



DANIEL WELTZ
124th Sports Editor

hours later...

The women's basketball team plays in an hour. It's time to bike back to JPJ for the game. Once the two hour contest ends, I rush to finish the article. The task is made more difficult by my fatigue, but I manage to meet deadline nonetheless. Three hours later...

I'm biking home, trying to ignore the winter chill and avoid the cars

swerving around me as I pedal below McCormick Bridge on my way to Bice Apartments. The flashing light behind the bike was probably a smart addition, the only thing that keeps me safe on these late-night rides home from sporting events that are becoming routine. Thirty minutes later...

I arrive home, just in time to transcribe the rest of the quotes and send them to a new staff writer, who has mercifully signed up to write the women's basketball preview for the next game. Twenty minutes later...

My head hits the pillow, and that question, the one about motives and my workload, begins to swirl. It pulls me awake even as my mind yearns for sleep.

I begin with these stories not to set up my ultimate indictment of The Cavalier Daily, not to conclude once and for all that doing so was a grave mistake.

Instead, I describe these experiences to hint at something else — a different question. One that has occupied my thoughts ever since.

How much personal satisfaction must the paper have provided to get

me to willingly commit to that schedule for roughly two years?

And how much genuine fulfillment must it have provided to allow me to reflect fondly on those days almost two years later?

The answer is that working for the paper was not merely time-consuming, frustrating and overwhelming — although at times it was all of those things. It was, quite simply, the most incredible thing I have done, not just at the University, but in my entire life. Thankfully, on those draining spring days in 2013, that thought was just as prominent as my doubts about the workload.

The opportunities, experiences, friendships and challenges The Cavalier Daily provided were irreplaceable, and shape both who I am today and who I strive to be tomorrow.

I have learned to be more independent and self-assured, more ambitious and optimistic and more confident in my ability to handle responsibility.

I have also realized that it is more important to love what you do than to love what it takes to do it.

Working seven hours in a single

evening without earning a penny may sound miserable. But it allowed me to sit down for press conferences with three Hall of Fame basketball coaches, develop semi-personal relationships with future professional athletes and gain behind the scenes access to my favorite sports teams. It gave me opportunities and experiences I could not otherwise have imagined.

It also introduced me to some of the most amazing people I have ever known, and I would like to conclude by thanking a few of them. First, my mentor Ashley Robertson, whose positive energy and passion for journalism inspired me. Second, my co-editors Fritz Metzinger, Ian Rapaport, Zack Bartee and Mike Eilbacher, whose talents made the paper excellent on a daily basis. Third, the next group of leaders on the sports section Peter Nance, Matthew Morris, Ryan Taylor, Matthew Wurzburg and Rob Elder, who have given me great confidence in the paper's future. And finally, to all the other writers and editors over the years who helped make my time on the paper so much fun.

A promising future, with some regrets

The Cavalier Daily has more than its share of problems. At its core, every person in the editing chain believes they are better writers, editors and reporters than those below them. To fully harness the paper's talent, The Cavalier Daily must fight this culture and trade writing quality for writer motivation. But, throughout, I have valued the News section's dedication to fair, unbiased coverage.

I have actively worked with five managing editors, trained an editor-in-chief and edited hundreds of articles with dozens of writers. I never made a lasting impact on the paper. I have to guess others feel the same way.

Writers have their stories rewritten. Editors choose to reject writers' hard work for only marginal improvement, if any. As an editor, I was no less guilty than others, but I remained close to writers and tried to hold the editing chain accountable for changes.

Managing Board members and assistant managing editors send the careful work of junior or "section" editors back down the chain, often failing to recognize how much already went into the story. Once articles fail to make the print edition, section editors lack substantial incentive to fight for their writers, and managing editors consistently belittle section editor concerns.

I get it: MB members and AMEs



JOSEPH LISS
125th News Editor

live, breathe, eat and [don't] sleep Cavalier Daily. They deserve respect for their hard work, but they do not "deserve" the overwhelming power they currently exercise. Concentrating that authority diminishes the perceived return to section editors' work and gives writers no incentive to care about, well, writing. The paper needs a culture and policy shift.

As I wrote a story a few weeks ago, I saw promising signs. Managing Editor Chloe Heskett worked with reporters while they wrote. Editors, stuck under time pressure, chose to trust high-quality writers instead of

relying on an overlapping, rote editing process.

But there was work to be done. The MB needs to intentionally reduce workload. Yes, editors down the chain are less skilled writers, but five people cannot will a daily paper to completion. Intentionally delegating significant responsibilities will improve operations and editor sanity.

So, looking back, I have to ask myself why I kept going. I lost a News editor contest, a senior associate appointment and a major battle about daily print production back-to-back-to-back. Dejected and disheartened, I nearly quit. But I stayed because I enjoyed the work, and I loved the people.

I cut my teeth on the Charlottesville City Council and complex City-County cost-sharing agreements. I covered "Occupy Charlottesville," the Living Wage protests and the Michael Mann investigations. I learned the intricacies of the Honor Committee, University Judiciary Committee and University budget.

I worked with numerous leaders, from Honor Committee and UJC Chairs Stephen Nash, Evan Behrle, Nick Hine and David Ensey, to Uni-

versity President Teresa Sullivan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Richard Shannon, Prof. Larry Sabato, and House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell.

And, all the while, we maintained a clear and unbiased vision of delivering timely news. To the many who pummel The Cavalier Daily's "liberal slant," I'd like to point out that I'm a registered Republican and helped run the News section.

But the real reason I stayed was my colleagues. Owen Robinson, Katherine Wilkin and Chloe Heskett



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are keeping the News section running strong. And Kaelyn Quinn and Caelainn Carney were consistently some of my best reporters. Conor Kelly will continue his great work at Opinion.

Matt Comey brought a great deal of dedication to news, sports and copy editing, while Peter Simonsen successfully ran some part of pretty

much every department. Emily Hutt and Peter Nance have proven it is possible to have a life beyond the paper and succeed as writers. Kelly Kaler beat everyone in spirit, energy and volume, and I may never work with better writers than Krista Pedersen and Aaron Eisen.

But a few people deserve special praise. Rebecca Rubin trained and inspired me as a News writer during my first semester of my first year. She made me an associate editor and quickly trusted some random first-year with significant responsibility.

Andrew Elliott was the most dedicated member of The Cavalier Daily staff, from first-year to fourth. He never made a decision — personally or professionally — without the best interest of the paper at heart. He always heard my concerns and pushed us to excel.

But no conversation would be complete without mentioning Daniel Weltz. His relentless dedication to sports coverage is exceeded only by his genuine interest in others and the world around him. I continue to live in awe of his demeanor and body of work.

So, with something about getting more sleep and missing 100 percent of shots you never take, I say thanks. Oh, and I worked with Moshe Goldberg — he was pretty cool too.



Meg Thornberry
Health & Science Editor

The Jefferson Debating Society concluded its Spring 2015 Distinguished Speaker Series Friday afternoon with a presentation from Dr. Dilan Ellegala — a neurosurgeon and founder of the Madaktari Africa Project called “Brain Surgery in the Bush.”

Training neurosurgeons in Tanzania

Dr. Dalin Ellegala speaks about creating lasting, self-sustaining change

Ellegala completed his residency in neurosurgery at the University Medical Center, under the supervision of Dr. John Jane, who was chair of the neurosurgery department from 1969 until 2006.

According to Ellegala, Jane completely altered the way neurosurgery residencies were done. He said that for the first few years, residents would just follow their mentors around, assist them for the next few years and operate on a few cases in their last year or two.

“He came in from day one and

everyone of his trainees operated from the very first day they started training,” Ellegala said. “They were given amazing amounts of responsibility — more than what was imagined before.”

When Ellegala found himself in a remote Tanzanian hospital, he adopted a similarly revolutionary strategy.

After completing his eight-year residency and a year-long fellowship, Ellegala decided he needed a vacation. He said that all but one of his mentors from those years called him to tell him that he was crazy, and that he was ruining his academic career by not starting work right away.

“There was only one person who called me, Dr. Jane, who thought this was a good idea,” Ellegala said. “He called me and said, ‘Dilan, I hear you’re going away.’ I said yes. He said, ‘Good. It will make you more interesting.’”

Rather than relaxing the whole time, as he had initially planned, Ellegala started working at Haydom Hospital in the northern-central part of Tanzania. Haydom was started in the 1950s by a Norwegian family as a missionary hospital.

Ellegala said that while medical missions may benefit the specific patients they treat, in the long run they can actually damage a region’s

health system by creating a system of dependency.

“Haydom Hospital served a population of about 2 million people spread out throughout north Tanzania,” Ellegala said. “It had 400 beds and at any one time 650 patients, and no Tanzanian doctors.”

Ellegala described the scene with which most mornings at the hospital started. During radiation rounds, the visiting doctors would sit around discussing radiographs while the local healthcare workers and medical officers stood in the back.

“They were disenfranchised from the care of their own people,” Ellegala said.

One night, Ellegala sat down with one of the local healthcare workers, a medical officer whom he called Dr. Hydeki out of respect. They went over the next day’s CAT scans, and Ellegala told Hydeki which questions he would ask and what the answers would be.

“So the next day, we looked at the same CAT scans, I asked him the same questions, he answered the same answers, and all of a sudden, everybody in the room looked at him with newfound awe,” Ellegala said.

From there, Ellegala began train-

ing Hydeki to actually perform neurosurgeries. He says he performed surgery with Hydeki assisting, assisted surgeries Hydeki performing and then watched while Hydeki performed surgeries with the assistance of other local healthcare workers.

A short time later, a Tanzanian doctor who had gone to medical school in the U.S., completed his residency in neurosurgery under Hydeki at Haydom Hospital. Haydom now has what Ellegala calls three “generations” of local healthcare workers.

Dr. Carin Ellegala, a pediatrician and Ellegala’s wife, was on hand during the presentation, also answering questions.

Carin Ellegala was running the pediatrics ward at Haydom, where she was the only actual pediatrician, when she met Dilan.

“I went over to the neurosurgery ward to see what Dilan was doing differently, and he was an arrogant man,” Carin said. “I had my sleeves rolled up, literally, but he had his hands behind his back.”

Ellegala attributed this strategy to his time spent under Jane.

“He forced you to figure things out for yourself, and that moment, where I kept on going, and it worked, you can’t get that in your notes,” Ellegala said. “Surgeons who finish this program are better neurosurgeons.”



Courtesy University of Virginia

The Haydom Hospital is located in northern-central Tanzania.

Determining processes of pancreatic cancer

Kashatus Lab discovers new targets for cancer medicine, could aid in preventing tumor growth

Areeka Memon
Staff Writer

Kashatus Lab at The University School of Medicine discovers new targets for Cancer medicine that could aid in the prevention of tumor growth

According to the Kashatus Lab website, the lab specializes “in the regulation of mitochondrial dynamics and how alterations in mitochondrial fission and fusion affect basic cellular physiology.”

The Kashatus lab in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology has been working on research involving mitochondria and cancer. Because many cancers involve the deformation of mitochondria, blocking that process could aid in the blocking of tumor growth as well. Tumor growth is due to a variety of reasons. The slow discovery of these individual reasons leads to more potential targets to block.

“The journey to this discovery has

been long, but it has also been exciting,” Dr. David Kashatus, assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology at the School of Medicine said. “The initial observations that led to this discovery were actually made while I was still a postdoctoral fellow at Duke University. I started my lab here at U.Va. in late 2012 and we have been working on this story ever since. It has been really exciting for me to bring graduate students into my lab and to see them get excited about cancer biology and watch them make these important contributions to science.”

Mutations in a protein called Ras lead to changes in the shape of the mitochondria. These changes in shape are very important and might lead to a new treatment for cancer, according to Kashatus.

The Ras genes regulate cell growth. A point mutation converts Ras into an oncogene, a gene with the potential to cause cancer. Overexpression, of the Ras gene, can lead to unstoppable cell proliferation, which can lead to cancer.

According to Kashatus, the lab was interested in studying tumors that resulted from the mutation in Ras. It was mutated in about 90 percent of pancreatic cancers. They discovered that the mitochondrial shape changed significantly in these examples. Therefore, stopping the ability of cancer cells to change mitochondrial growth could possibly also affect tumor growth.

Pancreatic cancer is a leading cause of cancer death. It spreads rapidly and is rarely detected. Signs and symptoms are not usually obvious and usually don’t become apparent until once complete surgical removal is close to impossible. The deadliness of this cancer is why treatment methods are vital.

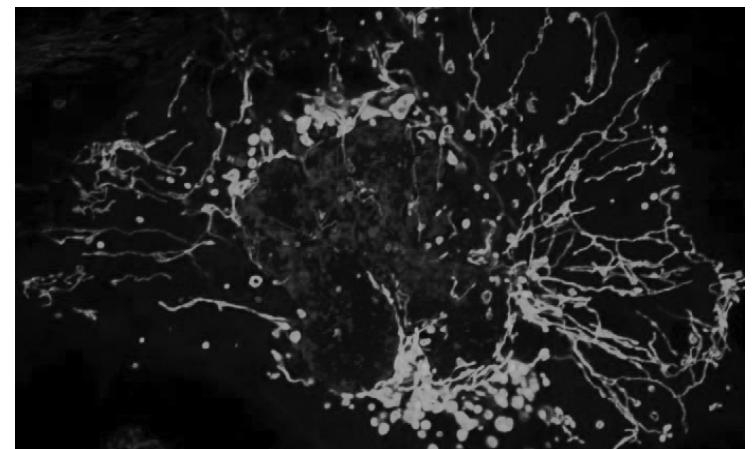
“We are working closely with clinicians at U.Va. to perform these studies and to further validate this approach as a potential treatment,” Kashatus said. “For example, we are testing the efficacy of inhibiting mitochondrial fission in combination with the current standard of care for pancreatic cancer. If successful, we can partner with chemists at U.Va.

or in the pharmaceutical industry to further develop these drugs or to identify second generation drugs that can then be used in clinical trials for patients with pancreatic cancer,” Kashatus said.

Although pancreatic cancer was a focus in this lab, the results could be advantageous for other cancers as well due to their involvement with

Ras.

“While we have primarily focused on pancreatic cancer, our research indicates that mitochondrial fission is induced by activation of the MAPK pathway, which is active in several other types of cancer, including lung cancer, melanoma and others,” Kashatus said.



Courtesy Dr. David Kashatus

The Kashatus Lab studies how processes in the mitochondria affect tumor growth and how harmful ones can be slowed or stopped.



Sarah Brotman
Feature Writer

Relay For Life garnered the participation of over 1,800 student volunteers Friday night through its partnership with Madison House. The event was held for 12 hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. and combined a traditional Relay fundraiser with Madison House's annual Big Event, which sponsored 25 different volunteer sites throughout the community this year.

After 13 years on Grounds, the University's chapter of Relay for Life has been recognized as a Top 15 Collegiate Event in the world. This year, Relay exceeded its goal of \$175,000 by raising a total of \$179,000 for cancer research.

Fourth-year Commerce student Katie Bailey, co-chair of Relay for Life, said the cause is important to her because many people in her life have been affected by cancer.

"I think one of the motivating parts of relaying is that there are a lot of reasons to do it," Bailey said. "One in three women and one in two men are going to have cancer in their lifetime, so everyone's been affected by it at some point."

Third-year College student Tahir Ahmad, co-chair of Relay's finance committee, voiced

similar reasons for participating in the cause.

"Once you get involved in it so much, everyone's story becomes a part of your story, and you get so attached to [these stories], you are so dedicated to finding a cure," Ahmad said.

Second-year Curry student Dani Ashum, who has been involved in both Relay and Madison House's Big Event, spent her morning at the Lile Mile.

"[The Lile Mile] benefitted the Hannah Graham Alternative Spring Break Endowment Fund," Ashum said. "The Big Event volunteers set up, checked people in and stood along the race course directing people where to run."

First-year College student Meagan Josephs, a participant in the Big Event, cleared vines in Rockfish Valley, a small town making strides to preserve its nature and environment.

"The whole reason we were clearing vines was so an archaeologist could come back and find the history of the town, and help restore it," Josephs said. "It felt like I was becoming in-

Service never sleeps

Relay by Night, Service by Day mobilizes over 1,800 students

involved in something bigger than myself."

Fourth-year Commerce Student Stephanie Bolton was responsible for organizing the bulk of the recruitment and volunteering logistics of the Big Event.

"What's cool about [the Big Event] is that we do the upkeep that goes on behind the scenes," Bolton said. "This is a busy time for everyone, but this was a reality check telling us, 'There are a lot of people in Charlottesville, there are a lot of people at UVA, [and] we can get together for a few hours with 300 students and do so much.'"

Bolton said Relay's partnership with Madison House was a step in a positive direction.

"I met with the Big Event team, and we just talked about how we could combine these two events in a meaningful way," Bailey said. "That's how we came up with 'Relay by

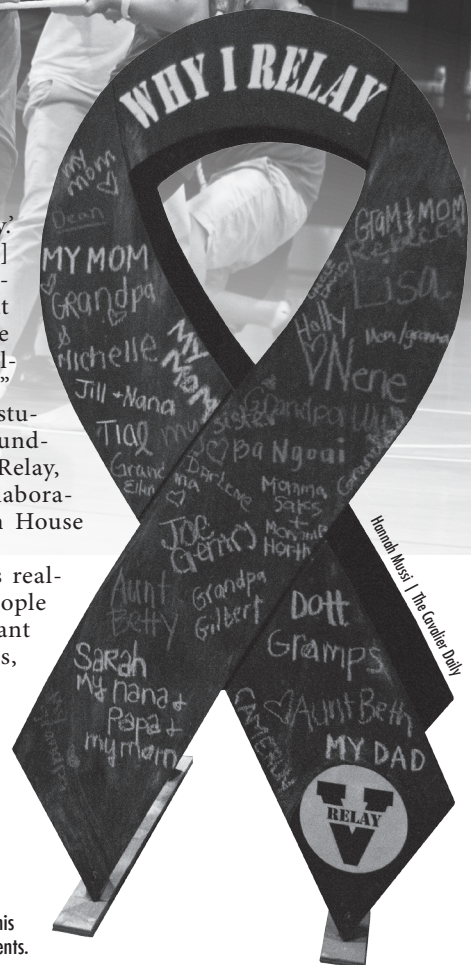
Night, Service by Day."

It was [coincidentally] also TJ's birthday weekend, so it worked out perfectly because one of Relay's mottos is 'celebrate more birthdays.'"

Third-year College student Connor Skahill, fundraising co-chair for Relay, also supported the collaboration between Madison House and Relay for Life.

"The partnership is really important to get people to realize how important community service is, and get away from academic life for a little, and realize what's important," Skahill said.

Relay for Life and Madison House partnered in a joint service event this weekend, drawing over 1,800 students.



Fighting the stigma

Second Year Council's Mental Health Awareness Week promotes discussion

Megan Richards
Feature Writer

Fight the Stigma — a mental health awareness week organized by Second Year Council — took place last week and aimed to re-work preconceived notions surrounding mental health at the University. The week's various events highlighted different aspects of addressing mental health issues.

"It's totally valid to feel stressed, it's totally valid to feel inadequate in such a competitive community, and the only solution that we have available to us is to talk about it," said second-year College student Taylor Gestwick, a member of SYC.

Programs such as Yoga on the Lawn and a meditation with the Society for Awakening Souls aimed to provide students with a chance to relax during their day and to take care of their bodies. Free rock climbing hours were also offered at the Outdoors Recreation Center.

"Although this week [was] designated to mental health awareness, a healthy body creates a great opportunity for a healthy mind," said second-year Batten student Maggie Gratz, a member of SYC. "They kind of go hand in hand."

Several events focused on promoting meaningful dialogue regarding mental illness as well as provided resources where needed. On Tuesday, Peer Health Educators presented a talk called "Trou-

ble in the Bubble" to discuss what it means to be mentally healthy and how students can check in on their mental health. Additionally, CAPS offered mental health screenings on the Lawn and gave a talk entitled "How to Help a Friend" later in the week.

Gestwick said teaching students how to help their classmates was one of the week's most important goals.

"It's empowering people to go out and help the people that we [weren't] able to reach with this week," Gestwick said. "It's allowing us to give skills to people to give to the ones that they're concerned about."

Sustained Dialogue also helped mediate a discussion on how mental health is discussed and handled

on Grounds.

"The idea is that students can come to these [events], think analytically and out loud about different views as a third person, and [then] take something away that they can use in order to help themselves and their friends," Gratz said. "It's not just discourse and dialogue — I think the purpose behind that is reflection."

Gratz said she hopes events such as this will help to change culture surrounding mental illness in a lasting way.

"We don't want this conversation about mental health to end," Gratz said. "We think that there's room to change within our community, and we think it's possible, and we think it's extremely [important]."



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Mental Health Awareness Week held events aimed at increasing dialogue among students.

Tom Tom Founders Festival returns for fourth year

Marriage of innovation, entertainment continues

Jane Winthrop
Feature Writer

The 2015 Tom Tom Founders Festival will take place April 13-19 in Downtown Charlottesville. Spearheaded in 2012, the festival embraces the unique spirit of entrepreneurship and combines it with a hefty schedule of events.

Tom Tom Founder Paul Beyer began Tom Tom as a music festival, which took place over the course of multiple weeks. He and the staff have since refined it into a week-long event and anticipate over 20,000 attendees this year.

"It's slowly but surely gotten more condensed, but also more packed," said third-year College student Alysia Dizon, Tom Tom student outreach coordinator. "It's now only a week long but it has so many verticals that it didn't before."

The festival will include events centered around art, music and innovation, as well as an increased focus on local food.

"Charlottesville is renowned for its food — especially its local food — so to be able to celebrate that in conjunction with music and art and entrepreneurship in general is really exciting," Dizon said. "One of the luncheons for the Founder's Summit is all about food entrepreneurs so we have some leaders in the local food movement, professors, entrepreneurs, funders,

[coming] together to talk about how we make sustainable food more of a thing in this area."

The festival aims to strike a balance between educational and fun events for all ages.

"If Tom Tom were just a party, it wouldn't be very interesting," Beyer said. "That said, if it weren't a party, it would be completely meaningless."

Beyer said Tom Tom brings individuals from various corners of Charlottesville together.

"It's one of the only times [you] see young families with founders of companies with old hippies that are art lovers with first year students, fourth year students, and the variety of artistic and creative people in Charlottesville and they're all at these events," Beyer said.

Dizon said Tom Tom allows visitors — especially students — to explore new areas of interest without investing a lot of time in a University seminar or CIO.

"There are also lots of U.Va. professors who are really involved," Dizon said. "It engages U.Va. in a really interesting way and allows students and faculty to have this dialogue off Grounds with other audiences that you wouldn't necessarily come into contact with."

The entrepreneurial and innovative spirit Tom Tom hopes to impart to attendees is reflected in their own organization.

"The whole idea of founding an entrepreneurship [always involves]

kind of scrappy people that just make things work and get things done and I think that's one of the things that Tom Tom has always excelled at," Beyer said. "We get a lot done for very little."

This year, the festival received a \$50,000 tourism grant from the state of Virginia and is gaining recognition outside of Charlottesville.

Beyer said he looks forward to Saturday's Founders Summit — an event which gathers nationally recognized entrepreneurs to share their stories of spearheading creative, entrepreneurial and civic projects.

"To have such a cool, premier event that's really setting the stage for TomTom to be more of a national thing and less of a regional thing because we have so many incredible speakers coming [is spectacular]," Dizon said.

Beyer said students are the lifeblood of any place.

"It's really important that the University and the community interact more," Beyer said. "It's the type of thing where the city should be a true city that's engaging with ideas from the University and the University is getting the diversity from being in an urban place."

While the staff and the Charlottesville community look forward to what's in store for 2015, they are already thinking about future festivals.

"For right now, I think the limit does not exist for what TomTom can do," Dizon said. "I think we're in a really great high growth stage."



Marshall Bronfin | The Cavalier Daily

Tom Tom Founders Festival brings together innovators from the University and the surrounding community. The event is expected to draw over 20,000 attendees this year.

University puts on annual Humanities Week

Participants given plants to keep with theme of renewal

Kelly Seegers
Feature Writer

The University's annual Humanities Week took place on Grounds last week. After a tumultuous year, the week was centered around the theme of renewal.

"We wanted to engage with some of the tough subjects that make you need to renew and grow," said Angela Nemecek, program administrator for the Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures. "We wanted to alternate between engaging with difficult subject matter and then coming back to how do we grow, how do we heal and how do we play."

A committee of the Institute joined students taking a four-week class called "Garden as Metaphor" to plan the week's events. Participants were given plants to represent planting their

dreams for the University in the class, which was designed to bring students together after the fall semester. The opening event for Humanities Week — "Plant your dreams" — was modeled after the class.

"Some people arrived and thought they were going to be lectured about how the garden is a metaphor, but instead we planted things and they took home herbs," said third-year College student Katie Abbott, an intern at the Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures. "The point is regeneration, regrowth and a lot of people do that just by doing things. Not by letting themselves sit idle and stew and reminisce."

The rest of the week's events included a talk by autistic self-advocate Lydia Brown, a "Humanitea Party," a reading of the entire novel "Ulysses," a night of spoken word poetry and much more. The events ranged

from serious to playful and touched on ideas of healing and renewal, Nemecek said.

The "Humanitea Party" — one of the week's most popular events — brought students together to read the children's books they loved as a child and encouraged students to think about how these books helped them grow into who they are today.

Other events related to the theme of growth and renewal more loosely. The slam poetry event was designed to center around recovery — but sticking too closely to the theme would have hindered the poets' creative process, Abbott said.

"The goal of spoken word is to speak your truth, or the truth that you see, and that's not limited by a theme and so I didn't want to limit them," Abbott said.

When Abbott planned the spoken word event, one of her main goals was to increase mi-

nority involvement, which she noticed had been lacking in previous events. The spoken word poetry, which took place on Thursday night, drew a crowd of 100 people at one point, as people came and went throughout the event.

"Humanities Week is both a time of celebration and a time of reflection because not everything that humans do is good," Nemecek said. "It isn't necessarily taking a literature class. It could mean sitting on the Lawn and playing with Legos to bring humanities to people in a fresher way and make it more approachable."

The week culminated with acrobatic performances in Nameless Field by the University's acrobatics team and "Moonlight-Circus," an acrobat troupe which travels across Virginia. The event included aerial performances, LED hula-hooping, stilt walking and carnival food

for attendees to enjoy.

"In my opinion, what makes us human or what defines us as human is our ability to empathize, our ability to connect with another human being," Abbott said. "I feel like circus people are often viewed as a group of people who are hard to empathize with. I feel like you need to be there and talk to those people and empathize with them."

Moving forward, organizers of Humanities Week want to increase student participation, as the week's ideas and events are largely student-driven.

"I hope that other people join in next year for the Undergraduate Humanities Initiative meetings leading up to Humanities Week because students like me are the main people doing all of this," Abbott said. "If they have an idea for something they want to see happen, they can see it happen — they just have to make it happen."

LOVE CONNECTION:

CHRIS & MARIPAZ

This week's Love Connection is sponsored by Café Caturra.

An evening at Café Caturra leaves this couple eager to see each other again

Margaret Mason
Love Guru

Chris and Maripaz met at the Rotunda at 7 p.m. and went to Café Caturra on the Corner.

Maripaz: I signed up [for Love Connection] because of my roommates. They said, "You should totally do it, we'll sign you up!" I was hesitant about it, but was like, "Why not?" They made my profile for me and signed me up.

Chris: One of my friends threatened to fill [a survey] out for me if I didn't do it. And I definitely don't trust her, so we tag teamed it. We also filled one out for her, but I guess I'm the more dateable of us [two].

Maripaz: I was nervous [after being selected].

Chris: I was initially terrified and very unwilling.

Maripaz: I had never been on a blind date before — I usually know what the person looks like. I got there and was waiting and no one was coming. I thought, "Oh my god, what happens if this guy never shows up?"

Chris: Maripaz was there on time — I was late. We did the awkward look up, look away, look up, look away. We then proceeded to cautiously approach each other.

Maripaz: I was really nervous — I didn't know if it was him or not. I didn't know if I should just go up and be like, "Hey, Love Connection?"

Chris: She was very smiley, which made the whole thing easier. She also went in for the hug, which was a relief, because I was fully pre-

pared for my hug to get rejected. **Maripaz:** He was very outgoing, which I really liked. I was nervous I would get a guy [who wasn't] talkative, but he was very outgoing. We just started talking, which was really cool.

Chris: [The conversation] was awesome. I normally talk way too much, but the conversation flowed really well. She laughed at my jokes, which always is a good sign.

Maripaz: We both got along really well [because] we both asked a lot of questions. The conversation was back and forth. There [is] a lot of stuff we [have] in common, like Curry School, putting cheese on food and more. I'm super clumsy and trip all the time, and we were both looking at the floor [trying not to trip] on the way there, so it was really funny.

Chris: She and I are both in the Curry School, so we talked about that for a long time. She's doing special education too, which is objectively the noblest profession ever. We also both admitted we [are] pretty clumsy people. I then proceeded to drop my napkin at least five times throughout the dinner.

Maripaz: We both came in with the same expectations and we [were] super nervous. He just came out and was like, "Alright, let's talk for real: what were your expectations?" It was very straightforward.

Chris: I had to ask her what her name was again, since I was still getting over the fact that the ini-



Courtesy Chris

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School: Curry
Major: Secondary Education Social Studies
U.Va. Involvement: Club Cross Country, Beta and Greek IV
Hometown: Richmond
Ideal Date: Athletic, brunette, under six feet
Ideal Date Activity: Dinner and ice skating
Deal breakers? Quiet, shy
Describe a typical weekend: Recounting [my] days as a high school theatre major, running a lot, going to bars and Facebook stalking people back to seventh grade.
Hobbies: Running, running some more. Did I mention running? Crafting in Curry.
What makes you a good catch? I'm the type of guy who will cover you with a blanket on the couch if you fall asleep!

CHRIS

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I'll probably accidentally take your blanket if I get cold.
What's your favorite pick-up line? "Are you a magician? Because when I look at you, everyone else disappears."
Describe yourself in one sentence: I'd rather people be afraid of how much they love me.

Year: Second
School: College
Major: Special Education and GDS
U.Va. Involvement: Second Year Class Council, Peer Mentoring Program Executive Board, Latino Student Alliance Executive Board, First Year Seminar Facilitator, Towards a Better Latin America, Multicultural Student Center
Hometown: Costa Rica
Ideal Date: Tall, handsome, athletic guy!
Ideal Date Personality: I'd love for a guy to be spontaneous with a good sense of humor, but at the same time be a gentleman.

Deal breakers? A guy [who] is too cocky, arrogant and close-minded.

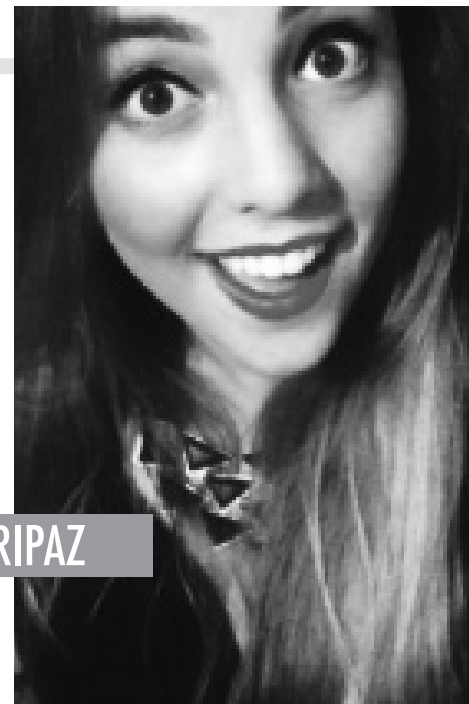
Describe a typical weekend: I love making good brunch on the weekends when I have time. After, I usually study or, if I have nothing to do, I go out to the Corner, downtown or grab a cab and go somewhere new! Then at night, I spend time with my roommates and friends or Skype with my family.

Hobbies: I love to listen to good music and go out dancing. I also love traveling, cooking and exploring new places.

What makes you a good catch? I have a vibrant personality and I love to make people laugh. I have been told that I have a heart the size of Texas and a smile that shines like the Costa Rican sun.

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I am so empathetic that I don't really want to hurt anyone, so I end up hurting myself.

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Couple rates date highly

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tial introductions did not go down in flames. She was understanding, but that definitely was not one of my finer moments.

Maripaz: It's too early to tell [if it was romantic]. He was really nice and walked me all the way home — even though it's really far. We [have] a friend in common [and Chris] was actually texting him during dinner, which was funny. His phone died and I received a really funny text from our friend. He sent me [Chris'] contact information and said, "I think you need this." I sent Chris a screenshot [of the message], so we'll see.

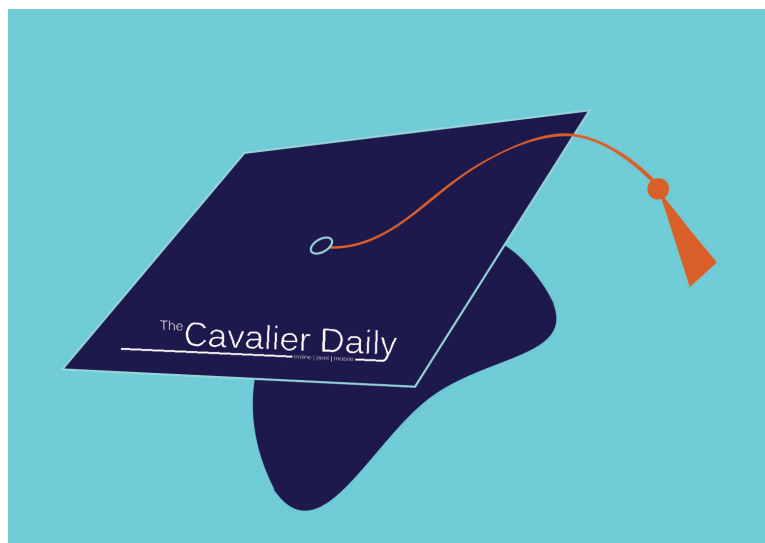
Chris: There might have been flirting, but I'm going to be real — my radar for that sort of thing is pretty terrible. Like god-awful.

Maripaz: I'm from Costa Rica and I still don't understand American flirting. Boys are different here. Back in Costa Rica, they're straightforward — you can totally tell they're flirting. Here it's more subtle. I don't know if [there] was flirting or not, but we got along very well and laughed the whole time. I had a great time either way.

Chris: I definitely could see myself going out with her again. I think we clicked pretty well and I'd like to get to know her better.

Maripaz: I would rate [the date] a 9 or a 10. It was really fun. Even if we don't talk again or are just friends, I think we got along really well and [have] a lot in common. We talked the whole time, which is very hard. It was a good experience — I was nervous I was going to have a weird or bad experience.

Chris: I'd give it a solid 8. I had a great time.



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