

Arts Madness auction draws students, faculty



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College Council hosted a Student Art Auction yesterday evening in Newcomb Ballroom as part of the "Arts Madness" initiative. The event auctioned student work in live and student auction portions.

Va. earns failing grade

Corruption Risk assessment report card ranks Virginia 47th nationally

By Viet VoPham
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Virginia received a failing grade on a Corruption Risk assessment report card released Monday by the Center for Public Integrity, Public Radio International and the nonprofit group Global Integrity. The report ranked Virginia 47th among all states in its risk for government corruption.

The assessment was part of the State Integrity Investigation, which evaluated 330 indicators of risk in 14 categories. Virginia failed nine of the

14 categories, which included public access to information, executive accountability, state pension fund management, political financing, legislative accountability, state budget processes, lobbying disclosure and ethics enforcement agencies.

Geoffrey Skelley, University Center for Politics spokesperson, said he thought "Virginia's government and bureaucracy have some major problems that need to be addressed" but noted his surprise for Virginia's grade on some categories, specifically redistricting, which the report

awarded a "C" grade. Skelley said Virginia's redistricting process should have received a lower grade.

"I found [the grade] to be surprising as both the final state level and congressional redistricting maps are heavily gerrymandered," Skelley said.

Megan Rhyme, executive director at the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, said the creation of an ethics review board would help reduce the state's risk of corruption.

"I don't know if we have an

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StudCo creates new committee

Council legislation starts graduate affairs board, requires graduate student members' participation

By Krista Pedersen and Emily Hutt

Cavalier Daily Editor and Staff Writer

Student Council passed a bill at its Representative Body meeting yesterday evening which created a Graduate Affairs Committee.

The bill will require all graduate students who serve on Council to be members of the new committee, in addition to the other committees of which they are a part.

Council held an hour-long debate regarding the fate of the bill, which was originally introduced Feb. 28.

Darden Rep. Zubin Mehta said he supported the creation of a new committee because graduate students lack a strong connection to both the undergraduate community and the University as a whole.

"If graduate students are not involved in a regular committee, we're basically encouraging isolation," Mehta said. "Each [graduate student] currently lives in their own micro-communities."

The addition of the Graduate Affairs Committee brings the number of Council presidential committees to 12. The bodies

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

VMI visits slumping Cavs

Virginia seeks to remedy erratic pitching; looks to move past Florida struggles

By Sean McGoey
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After a disappointing three-game series loss to No. 4 Florida State, the Virginia baseball team headed home from Tallahassee Monday night to host Virginia Military Institute today.

Virginia (11-8-1, 2-4 ACC) will take on another team which has recently faltered when it hosts the Keydets (6-13, 0-3 Big South) at Davenport Field, kicking off a six-game home swing which includes a weekend series against ACC foe Clemson.

The Cavaliers will need improved play from its pitching staff to be able to right the ship and prepare for a run at

its second straight conference championship coming off of a rough start.

But freshman catcher Nate Irving said the team is confident it has the skills to be able to pull it off.

"This team is a special team," Irving said. "We're in here for 56 games... The wins and losses will take care of themselves if we play the way that we know how to play and the way that we pride ourselves on playing."

Monday's series finale was undoubtedly the bitterest game to have to swallow for the Cavaliers, as the Seminoles (17-2, 6-0 ACC) again came from behind to take a 7-5 victory in a nationally televised game.

All three games featured multi-run leads for the Cavaliers and a furious comeback by Florida State against an ineffective Virginia bullpen. The Seminoles turned a 3-0 deficit into a 12-3 drubbing in the opener, and scored three runs during eighth-inning rallies Sunday and Monday to win 4-3 and 7-5, respectively. Cavalier relievers, however, ultimately allowed 14 runs during 10 innings of work.

Virginia's struggles this year start and finish with troubles on the mound. Last season, all four of Virginia's now-departed regular starters posted ERA's

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Senior utility man Reed Gragnani leads Virginia with a .373 batting average for the season. Gragnani has helped solidify the two spot for the Cavaliers, who are second in the ACC with a .312 team batting average.



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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Reeling U.Va. hosts Dukes

Four-of-five losers, No. 10 Virginia seeks return to win column at home

By Stacy Kruczowski
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

The No. 10 Virginia women's lacrosse team hopes to get its season back on track when it hosts No. 20 James Madison tonight, after going 1-4 since the beginning of March.

The Cavaliers (4-4, 0-2 ACC) enter the bout fresh off a disappointing 9-7 road loss against No. 16 Princeton, which further marked Virginia's decline since kick-starting the 2012 campaign with a 3-0 record.

The Tigers and the Cavaliers appeared evenly-matched during the first half with the half-time score knotted at four

goals apiece. But Princeton's attack strung together a 3-0 run after the intermission to send Virginia home with its fourth loss against a ranked opponent in its last five appearances.

"We were just having a rough time connecting from the defense to the offense, getting the transitions down," said junior goalkeeper Kim Kolarik, who was named ACC Defensive Player of the Week yesterday. "We had a few key turnovers that just didn't help. It was just a rough transition for us after those."

Kolarik allowed nine goals on 21 shots against Princeton and made eight saves in a

10-3 win against William & Mary Wednesday to earn her second ACC weekly honor of the season.

The Cavaliers have to shore up these transitional problems before the Dukes (4-3, 0-0 CAA) arrive in Charlottesville, eager to extend their in-state rival's recent woes.

Unlike the blue and orange, James Madison rides into Klöckner Stadium boasting a marquee triumph in its last outing. The Dukes managed a come-from-behind upset against No. 13 Loyola Saturday to snap a

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Junior goalkeeper Kim Kolarik was named ACC Player of the Week for the second time this season after allowing just 12 goals in two games.

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however, I started to go out with these friends during weekends. If you had told me this in September, I would have balked at the idea.

I have never liked the idea of partying. As I once so charmingly put it, “Why would I voluntarily go out for the sole purpose of attempting to lose consciousness?”

I looked at the partiers, and I saw the stereotype, not the possibilities. I had built up a box of imagined beliefs which, as soon as I stepped out of it, I realized was completely made up. The world wasn’t at all like I had thought.

Of course, I still see those disgusting girls and those obnoxious bros. But it isn’t all like that.

You can, I discovered with the delight which only accompanies the departure from true ignorance, just go out during the weekend to have fun with your friends. It isn’t like the movies or like the horror stories you hear from your neighbors, or your friend’s mom.

At the frat where my friends and I spend most of our time, my prior beliefs are quickly melting away with each brother I get to meet.

Really, the only thing which I now know for sure is people and experiences will constantly astonish you, if only you give them the opportunity to. And if this means you have to admit you were wrong and step outside your comfort zone, do it. Life will always surprise you.

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corporations make decisions about dividend payments and stock buy-backs.

When companies issue dividends, it makes them appear more valuable to investors and the general public. It makes them look sure of their management, products and future growth. Furthermore, when businesses decide to distribute dividends, they are confident they have the monetary supply to continually do this for a long period of time. It becomes a red flag when a company decreases or discontinues its dividend payments, which is what occurred at Apple when it was floundering during the 1990s.

Apple’s plan to buy back \$10 billion of shares is a clear demonstration of economic supply and demand. This move represents Apple’s belief that its stock is undervalued. Repurchasing more of its own stock creates a shortage, which will increase the share price of the outstanding stocks. As the share price increases, investors notice, and then understand the hidden value the company believes it brings to the table. This action is intended to increase the demand for the company’s stock. When combined with the manufactured shortage, the increased demand drives the share price up considerably.

There is always a risk a buy-back will not be initiated fully, which would make the growth in stock price and value short-term. But when the world’s most valuable company declares it will do this, I tend to believe it will keep its word. Understanding the way dividends and stock buy-backs work can be useful as you research other places to invest your money. Given these principles and analysts’ views, it appears Apple is making a decision which will appease investors and take the company to new heights.

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OBAMA APPLAUDS MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP

President visits Virginia, discusses billion dollar initiative linking state engineering schools, U.S. manufacturers

By FIZA HASHMI | CAVALIER DAILY SECTION EDITOR

President Obama visited the Rolls-Royce's disc-manufacturing facility at Crosspointe in Prince George County earlier this month, praising it for its partnership with Virginia universities to incorporate faculty and students into workforce development and research.

The University has been collaborating with the facility since 2007, and will now participate in a \$1 billion project created by the Obama administration to advance manufacturing facilities with innovative methods and technology.

Obama said he applauds the initiatives which will eventually help restore manufacturing jobs across the nation.

"We brought together the brightest academic minds, boldest business leaders, the most dedicated public servants from our science and technology agencies all with one big goal: renaissance in American manufacturing," Obama said.

The President explained the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership, a billion-

dollar initiative, is a national network of the most advanced engineering schools and manufacturers. Participants will work together to creatively research technology and manufacturing methods. The University, Virginia Tech, Virginia State University and the Virginia Community College System will work together in the initiative.

Students will be able to actively take part in research and discover job opportunities, which is crucial to the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing.

"While it advances research, this partnership is also a great educational opportunity for our students, and gives us an opportunity to cooperate with other higher education institutions in the state," University President Teresa Sullivan said in a press

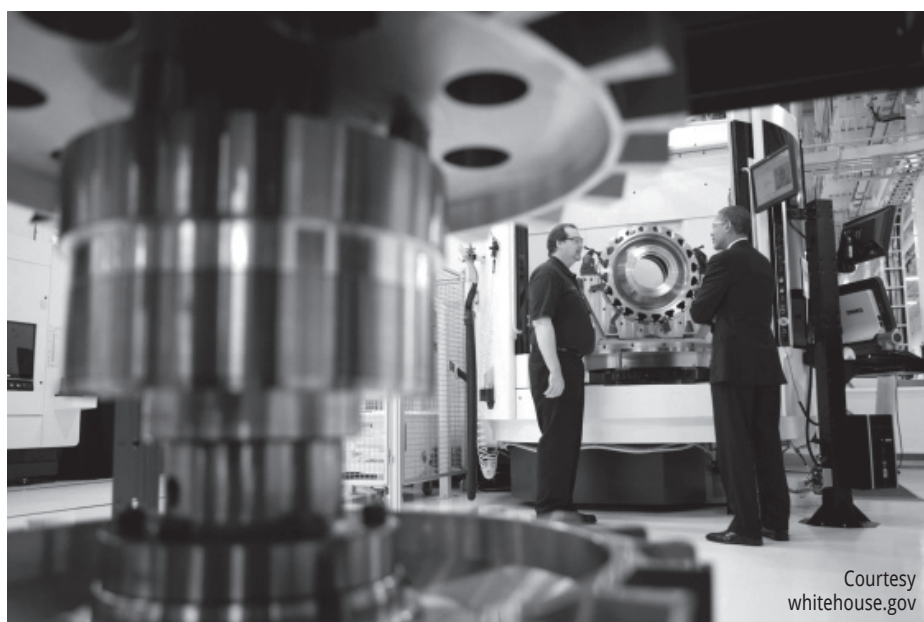
release.

The collaboration has also helped create a new laboratory for the University's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Departments. Students will be able to help design and build prototypes for the facility in Crosspointe.

According to the University press release, the initiative will also create a new Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM) in Crosspointe. CCAM will serve as a manufacturing laboratory where faculty and students from the University, its partner schools, Rolls-Royce and seven other companies will work to create innovative ideas and move them into the global market.

"Students and workers are picking up new skills; they're training on state-of-

the-art equipment; they're solving some of the most important challenges facing our manufacturing," Obama said. "All this brain power, experience and skill are coming together in this hub... it allows everybody to learn from each other."



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DAVID RABINOWITZ

Apple, Blackberry... and Raspberry?

The Raspberry Pi, an extremely thin, bare-bones computer, launched at the end of last month to the delight of tens of thousands of people. Consumers around the world had been anxiously waiting for its release for six years, and the computer sold out within hours.

So what's all the hype? The main appeal is the price: the Model A Raspberry Pi is only \$25 and the Model B is \$35.

The Model A Raspberry Pi packs a 700 megahertz processor, 256 megabytes of RAM, a USB port, an SD card reader and an HDMI port. The \$35 Model B also comes equipped with an Ethernet port for a wired Internet connection and an additional USB port. All this is amazingly crammed into a credit card sized computer, which consumers then connect to a separately-purchased monitor.

Although it certainly has mass appeal, the computer wasn't designed for the general public. Instead, co-founder Robert Mullins told CNN "the primary goal was to build a low cost computer that every child could own, and one where programming was the natural thing to do with it."

The Raspberry Pi Foundation, the non-profit charity which created the Raspberry Pi computer, aims to help children who are unable to afford regularly priced computers to obtain one. The founders hope increased access to technology will help improve young children's education, specifically in the fields of computer science and programming.

Eben Upton, a former computer science professor at St. John's College of Cambridge University, started the Raspberry Pi Foundation in 2006. Upton was disappointed at the declining number of computer science applicants for his department. He said young adults know how to use computers, but often do not know how they work.

According to the foundation's website, the founders also said they noticed the same problem.

"... [C]omputers had become so expensive and arcane that programming experimentation on them had to be forbidden by parents," they said.

The Raspberry Pi Foundation's founders said they hope the inexpensive nature of the computer will allow children the freedom to experiment with the technology.

To have the price so low, the designers had to make a few compromises. There is no data storage included, for example. The operating system has to be saved on an SD card, or on an external USB hard drive. Also, the operating system is a free version of Linux, not the more popular Microsoft Windows or Mac OS X.

These compromises, however, have not prevented consumers from recognizing the Raspberry Pi as an incredible device. The inclusion of an HDMI port, an RCA video port and an audio jack means buyers can hook it up to a monitor or TV and stream HD video and music.

The Linux operating system also supports many of the same functions which Windows or Mac OS X provide. Users can run word processing applications, surf the Internet or play 3D games.

Many of the current buyers are technology enthusiasts, but the foundation hopes the computer will soon reach children, improving their intellectual engagement.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

University researchers are conducting a new study monitoring the effectiveness of removing kidney nerves as a method of treating high blood pressure. One group of participants will continue taking blood

pressure medication, and the other group will undergo the surgical procedure to remove the nerves.

Engineering students celebrated the school's 175th anni-

versary this year by creating, from scratch, an electric guitar shaped like the Rotunda, valued at an estimated \$10,000. The process took nearly 400 hours.

Medical School Assoc. Prof. George Stukenborg published a study last month which argued low BMI should be considered a potential contributing factor when underweight patients die following surgery.

Group finds new ancestor

Researchers at the Yunnan Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology in Kunming, China this month recovered the remains of what could be another species of prehistoric human.

Lead researchers Ji Xueping and Darren Curnoe found the remains in a collection of relics which other researchers had previously discovered in 1979 and 1989, but Xueping and Curnoe did not study until 2009.

The collection consists of partial skulls and bone fragments from at least four different individuals, each estimated to be between 11,500 and 14,300 years old. The remains were originally found in two caves of southwest China — Longlin and Maludong.

Researchers decided to call these individuals the Red Deer Cave people, honoring the translated name of the "Maludong" cave in which they were found. Xueping and Curnoe said the skeletons have a mixture of prim-

itive and modern features and indicate the individuals' diets were highly dependent on venison.

The remains also appear to lack the modern chins of *Homo sapiens*. The people had jutting jaws with large molar teeth, prominent brow ridges with short, flat faces, and broad noses, tucked beneath rounded brain cases and thick skull bones.

Researchers need more DNA evidence before they can accurately place the species in the *Homo* family tree, but the findings are fundamental to expanding the diversity of human evolution. The research suggests these Red Deer Cave people are related to the "hobbit" humans, *Homo floresiensis*, originating from western Indonesia and the Denisovans and Neanderthals which lived in Asia at the end of the Stone Age.

—compiled by Blythe Fiscella

U.Va. physicists seek Higgs boson particle

University physicists working with colleagues from the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory made significant advancements last week in their search for the Higgs boson particle, which scientists believe attracts all other particles, causing them to accumulate mass.

This particle, first introduced by English physicist Peter Higgs, may prove pivotal in understanding the reasons behind the existence of matter and, therefore, the universe's creation.

Researchers use high-energy colliders, such as the Tevatron and Large Hadron, to gather trillions of data points, hoping to find clues which lead to a better understanding of the particle.

The Large Hadron collides protons, creating smaller subatomic particles. Another collider — the Tevatron — uses protons and antiprotons to create the subatomic particles.

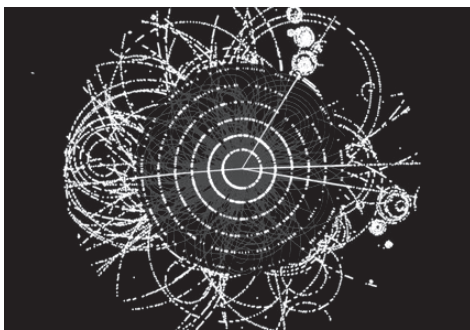
The Higgs boson particle decays and stabilizes as soon as the high-energy collider creates it, allowing physicists to eliminate the possibility

of other processes tracing its decay pattern.

Researchers have successfully narrowed down the size of the Higgs particle to a mass between 115 to 135 volts, about 125 times larger than a proton.

Many University faculty members, graduate students and post-doctoral researchers in the University's High Energy Physics Group are actively involved with the Higgs research project, especially with the collection and analysis of data from the Tevatron and Large Hadron Collider.

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TECHNOLOGY of the WEEK

Robots use wave, solar energy to travel seas

Who: Liquid Robotics

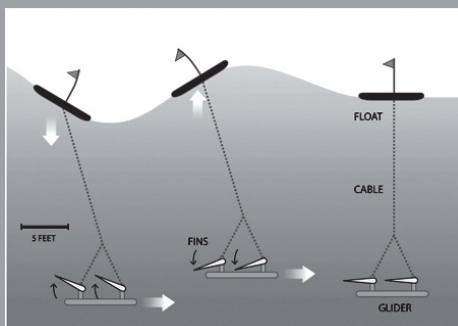
What: Four record-breaking drones traveled 3,200 nautical miles unmanned and without fuel through the Pacific Ocean, recording samples of the water's salinity, water temperature, weather, fluorescence and dissolved oxygen.

Each aqua drone is powered by solar panels and the converted energy of the ocean's waves, and is comprised of two halves: an upper portion which resembles a surfboard, and a lower portion which is connected by a tether and has a series of fins and

a keel.

The Future: The information gathered by aqua drones allows environmentalists to target portions of the ocean which are in dire need of cleansing.






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Three-Day Weather Forecast

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Clouds continue to be in and out as we still have the chance for a passing shower or storm. Temperatures stay in the upper 70s through the end of the week with more sunshine as we head toward Friday. A storm system this weekend will bring another chance for precipitation and cooler temperatures.				To receive Cavalier Weather Service forecasts via email, contact weather@virginia.edu

‘Hoos for Obama’ group speaks to first lady

Volunteers participate in conference call with Michelle Obama; campaign establishes dialogue between students, political leaders

By Grace Hollis
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The University’s Hoos for Obama movement participated Tuesday in a conference call with First Lady Michelle Obama after the Republican Party of Virginia this week announced the dates for its three U.S. Senate Primary debates.

Hoos for Obama co-president Alysha Tierney took part in the call with student leaders from other Virginia colleges and selected high school students.

“The purpose of the conference call is to connect people throughout Virginia with the campaign and with the first lady; talking about why it’s important for students to get involved and to get feedback,” Tierney wrote in an email.

She said the talk was an attempt by the Obama Campaign to “create a dialogue” between students and political leaders. Press was not permitted to join the call.

During the call, Tierney asked the first lady to speak about the actions the president had taken during his term to aid college graduates who were entering the current economic climate. Tierney said Michelle Obama referenced the “continued job growth” which had taken place since Barack Obama’s inauguration.

“[The fact] that we can stay on our parents’ health care until we are 26 years old takes some of the stress off of our shoulders,” Tierney said.

The current Hoos for Obama organization was re-founded at the start of the year by Tierney and Sahar Rizvi, but originally started during the 2008 campaign as the quickly approaching 2012 November presidential election has set both Republican and Democrat campaigners in motion.

“This semester our goal is to create support so next semester we’ll hit the ground running,” Tierney wrote. “In 2008, Obama had a great turnout [of student support] and we want to make sure he gets elected again.”

Obama won 66 percent of the 18-to-29 age demographic during the 2008 election, which translated into 18 percent of the overall vote.

Kyle Kondik, University Center for Politics spokesperson, said the conference call is likely just one of the many actions the president’s campaign is taking to establish support.

“I’m sure [the Obama campaign is] doing things like this conference call to recapture the same enthusiasm in 2008, to the extent that the bigger youth vote is, the better for Obama,” he said.

Kondik said Obama’s current approval rating for 18 to 29 year olds is 55 percent, while his approval rating with voters 65 and older is 42 percent.

“His overall approval is 49 percent so again we see that younger people are more likely to approve of the president and seem more likely to vote for Obama, and that will probably [still] be true in 2012,” he said.

During the conference call, Michelle Obama emphasized the importance of student voters during the upcoming election, Tierney said.

“The First Lady remarked on how important students were in the 2008 election and how we turned out in record numbers,” Tierney said. “Our voices, our efforts and our votes are critical in this election to keep the country on the right path.”

Students can become involved with the campaign in many ways, Tierney said, including volunteering to become an organizing fellow, joining the Obama group on campus and talking to voters themselves.

Student voting rates and participation in political campaigns can often be low, but Tierney said students should recognize the many ways in which the election results could impact their futures.

“We try and tell people that every issue is a huge issue, since we’ll enter the job market in a few years, and though you might not care about Social Security and Medicaid now, you will care about it,” she said. “Most people think that these aren’t youth issues but they are issues for us because this is a country we’ll be inheriting.”



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New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks and Psychology Prof. Jonathan Haidt spoke yesterday at the Batten School.

Brooks, Haidt talk morals

New York Times columnist, Psychology prof. discuss nation’s ethical diversity

By Sarah Hunter Simanson
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David Brooks, an op-ed columnist for The New York Times, spoke yesterday with Psychology Prof. Jonathan Haidt at a talk hosted by the Batten School called “Morality and Politics: The Challenge of Public Policy-making.”

Haidt opened the discussion with a 25-minute presentation about his book, “The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion,” which was released last week. Haidt outlined the key points of his book, which describes the origins of ethics and the manner in which they affect political discourse.

He said the United States’ moral diversity is created by six values: fairness, proportionality, liberty, authority, sanctity and care.

Haidt said conservatives and liberals have ethical foundations which emphasize the importance of different morals. While conservatives consider a little of all six morals, liberals tend to emphasize fairness, care and authority, he said.

“Morality binds us into ideological teams that fight each other [and] blinds us to the fact that each team is composed of good people who have something to say,” Haidt said.

Brooks followed Haidt’s presentation, critiquing Haidt’s work. Despite his disagreements with parts of the book, Brooks said it offered a great foundation for analyzing politics, providing “shafts of insight into how our moral drives are dividing us.”

Brooks, however, said he was hesitant to reduce the interplay of morality and politics to specific morals divided along partisan lines. He said the morals Haidt attributed to conservatives and liberals cannot fully explain political changes which disrupt the moral foundations of parties.

Public policy could be improved by taking into account moral, social and spiritual concerns, Brooks said, instead of focusing on economic issues, as is the tendency in modern politics.

A thirty-minute question and answer session followed Brooks’ critique, which allowed Brooks and Haidt to apply their theoretical concepts to current politicians and public policy.

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aim to implement the Council president’s initiatives.

Council President Dan Morrison said the creation of the committee was the best way to get the graduate population involved with Student Council, and by extension, with the entire University community.

“There is no unified front [currently] for which we can represent what is... a hugely underrepresented minority academically,” Morrison said. “I think that this is the best way to begin a dialogue with graduate students simply by getting them into Student Council.”

Law School Rep. Ryan Woessner said he supported the creation of a committee solely for graduate students but acknowledged poor attendance and low prioritization would likely still be a concern for Council.

“You can never guarantee that anyone’s going to participate in that committee,” Woessner said. “You can’t force anyone to do anything.”

Representative Body Chair Siddhartha Paila said he thought involving graduate students with Council would encourage graduate representatives to establish a more robust dialogue with their constituents.

“Graduate students tend to be more interested in planning and committing their time to plan events that are for graduate students only,” Paila said. “I think that this [committee] will increase the retention rates for the graduate students.”

Eric McDaniel, Marketing and Communications Chair and next term’s director of University Relations, said increased interaction between graduate and undergraduate students would ultimately benefit Council’s initiatives.

“Their participation in a combined way will benefit Council,” McDaniel said. “This is going to hugely benefit the graduate community as a whole.”

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ethics review board, but there should be some sort of mechanism for government ethics and state governments, and I know Virginia is currently lacking in the rules governing financial disclosures,” Rhyne said.

Rhyne said Virginia is admired for its Freedom of Information laws, but also noted an error in the report’s summary for the state. Contrary to the report’s findings, Virginia does not subject constitutional officers to public records law.

Randy Barrett, Center for Public Integrity spokesperson, said the core problem of Virginia’s governmental structure is its lack of transparency.

“Virginia has a giant, gaping hole in terms of transparency,” Barrett said. “[The solution] starts with public access to information.”

Tucker Martin, spokesperson for Gov. Bob McDonnell, responded to the report by reaffirming the state’s mission of ensuring executive accountability and transparency.

“This report is long and detailed,” Martin said. “Upon learning of the report this morning, [McDonnell] immediately directed his secretaries of the Commonwealth and Administration to launch a full and thorough review of the document.”

Barrett said state pension funds management, a category which Virginia failed, is a closed process, which suggests the governor has a responsibility for its failure.

“It’s up to governors around the country to fix these problems,” he said.

Barrett added that Virginia’s low ranking was to be expected.

“It’s not surprising that Virginia is coming up towards the bottom,” Barrett said. “We’re hoping that citizens take this information and use it to demand more accountability in their state government.”

Martin said McDonnell will closely look at the report to see if policies need to be changed to improve transparency because “Virginia’s taxpayers deserve a fully open, ethical and transparent” government, he said. But Martin added some categories may not require alterations.

“In some areas it may be that the Center [for Public Integrity] simply believes certain policies are more conducive to ethical government,” he said. “However, that is a policy discussion, not a finding of how a state is actually performing under the current policies it has in place.”

Rhyne said she hoped the report would raise awareness about the importance of ethical, secure government.

“To be a transparent and open government, you have to have all the elements [that are a part of the report],” Rhyne said.



An ode to Mike Scott

Last week, members of the Virginia basketball team wore T-shirts which had “T.A.Y.” emblazoned on their fronts. People said the acronym was supposed to mean “Turn Around Year.” Because of Mike Scott, the year proved to be so much more than just that.

Here’s a fun fact: At the beginning of our basketball season three years ago, the University gave out promotional T-shirts at all the dining halls to support the team. I can distinctly remember feeling mixed emotions seeing the shirts had the spectacular visage of the great Sean Singletary on them — a full two years after the end of his college career.

Yes, the shirts were glorious, but we were a team with a highly respected new coach, Tony Bennett, a second-year point guard who had shown much promise the previous season in returning ACC Rookie of the Year Sylven Landesberg and, well, really not much else. We didn’t have an identity.

I’m not sure if they decided to not put Sylven on the shirts because they didn’t think he had earned the distinction yet or because of some weird clairvoyance thing going on, but about five months later, he was off the team, and everyone was stunned.

At the time I thought it was the sort of calamity which could completely derail the program. Sylven was supposed to be the next face for us, to pick up where Sean had left off, and now, suddenly, he was gone.

It was a really, really tough spot for coach Bennett and the entire program. We needed a new star player and we simply didn’t have one. We needed someone to step up and lead the team. We needed a miracle.

Enter James Michael Scott. If you ask me, I really think it all changed after his season-ending ankle injury last year. True, he was playing really well before the injury — he had a solid 10-game stretch going — but that

Mike Scott wasn’t the Mike Scott we know now. It just wasn’t.

It was as if he saw being granted the medical redshirt and another year of eligibility as a blessing. Some people respond to adversity with dejection or surrender; Mike Scott responded with steely determination.

I don’t know what he did in terms of rehab or exercise during the offseason, but I like to imagine it going something like the Rocky IV training montage: just running across barren snow-covered mountains and chopping down trees and stuff. Either way, it was laudably effective.

I remember our first game this year, a matchup with South Carolina State, and I think I can still feel the muscle I pulled jumping out of my seat after Scott scored our first two points of the season on a thunderous put-back slam. I remember tweeting something along the lines of “Oh my God, Mike Scott is a beast.”

I could talk all day about how automatic that jumper is from 18-feet, or detail the many effective post moves which Scott now has in his arsenal, or even expound on the array of circus shots which he had a penchant for pulling out when we desperately needed a basket. I could mention the fact that his attitude toward rebounding has improved tremendously and his ability to rotate effortlessly from block to block allowed our defense the great flexibility it had. I could talk numbers about free throw and field-goal percentages, double-double totals and Player Efficiency Rating — 9th best in the country, by the way. But, at least to me, that’s all secondary.

What I’ll remember most about Mike Scott is that he played basketball the right way, the way it was meant to be played. I know that may sound disgustingly cliché, but every single game we played this year, Scott was the main, and sometimes only focus of opposing teams. This was Mike Scott’s team and every-

body knew it. Yet despite being constantly double and triple teamed, Scott never relented, never backed away from that responsibility. He carried our team night in and night out until he physically could not carry it any longer.

I really think this season could have turned out differently, could have been special. But unfortunately in sports it never is quite that easy. We had the perfect formula for a Cinderella story — the hardworking, never-say-die team of overachievers all following the lead of its one dominant, star player. But we’ll never know now. Bad luck, transfers, injuries and suspensions forever flipped the script and marred our fate.

But through it all — through KT and James, through Joe’s wrist, Assane’s ankle and Malcolm’s foot, through all the good and all the bad — Mike Scott was the one constant. He never complained about bad luck or poor circumstances, never made any excuses. Really, he just never said never.

At the end of the season we were playing a rotation of six guys and a mirage named Paul Jesperson — who hopefully can Men in Black “flashy thing” this season completely out of his memory — yet Scott never got visibly angry on the court, never called out or showed up a teammate for missing a wide open shot when the entire opposing defense was guarding him.

He continued to always make the right pass when doubled, the smart basketball play. He continued to be the perfect teammate. He never stopped leading this team, no matter how physically exhausted and down on our luck we were. And that, to me, is truly remarkable.

Mike Scott gave our school someone to believe in again. He gave us a countenance to admire, a legend to revere and a name to call out whenever we were playing beer pong or shooting a wad of paper into a trash can. Mike Scott gave us an identity.

Yeah, in two years I might be complaining that we’re still putting his face on our T-shirts, but right now, I just want to say one thing. Thanks, Mike.

SPORTS

IN BRIEF

Cavs open new track stadium

Almost one full year after the Virginia track and field program announced it had received a \$5 million fundraising contribution from University alumna Amy Griffin for the construction of a new venue, the Cavaliers are finally ready to open the state-of-the-art facility this week.

Virginia will host a handful of mid-Atlantic teams at the U.Va. Swashbuckle Saturday, showing off the brand new Lannigan Field, which the athletic department expected to cost approximately \$14 million. The project has not yet been fully completed, so final construction expenses are unknown.

The project, which began last May, included the construction of a new track surface, 1,500 bleacher seats and a new entry plaza which also leads to Klöck-

ner Stadium and Davenport Field.

The first phase of construction was scheduled for completion last December, and the team has been using the partially completed facility for training during the last few weeks.

The ACC Outdoor Championships will take place April 19-21 at Lannigan Field, which first became home to the team during 1971. The site will also host the Virginia Challenge May 12.

In addition, this weekend marks the beginning of the outdoor season for the Cavaliers, who finished fourth at the ACC Indoor Championships in both the men’s and women’s competitions under new head coach Bryan Fetzner.

—compiled by Ian Rappaport

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below 3.00 with Will Roberts and Danny Hultzen — the second pick of the MLB Draft — breaking the 2.00 barrier. Former relievers senior Scott Silverstein, junior Whit Mayberry, junior Branden Kline and sophomore Artie Lewicki have been called up to the rotation to replace the team’s departing superstars with mixed results. Kline and Mayberry have winning records at 3-2 and 2-0, respectively, yet both have ERAs in the 3.60 range. Silverstein, a 6-foot-6 lefty, has the rotation’s best ERA at 2.22, but has put up just a 1-2 mark in his five starts.

Coach Brian O’Connor seems largely undecided about which midweek starter to use, and has played several throughout the season based on matchups and availability, including junior Joel Effertz, Lewicki, Kline and freshman Barrett O’Neill. Virginia used at least two relievers in each of the three losses to Florida State, meaning O’Connor will have fewer options available for today’s contest.

Whoever takes the mound for Virginia today will need to focus on shutting down VMI’s top hitters, senior outfielder Jacob Morley and senior first baseman George Piccirilli. The senior duo have both batted more than .300 for the season, with Annandale native Morley leading the Keydets in average, home runs and RBIs with a line of .382/4/13 out of the cleanup spot.

But even that kind of production at the plate has not been enough for VMI, which has lost

its past six games and 10 of the last 15.

Virginia coach Brian O’Connor still has plenty to work with offensively, despite losing a prodigious group of hitters to the draft, including Hultzen, John Hicks, Tyler Wilson and John Barr.

“I really like the depth of our position players,” O’Connor said. “I think that we have some more options than we’ve had in previous years, some more flexibility which allows us to make some different moves.”

After losing such a talented core of players, Virginia’s squad has leaned on many younger players to produce this season. The only seniors in the everyday starting lineup are second baseman Keith Werman and first baseman Jared King. Irving, designated hitter Derek Fisher and outfielder Mike Papi have formed an impressive freshman nucleus which gives O’Connor options when filling out his lineup card.

“I like [junior third baseman Stephen] Bruno, Papi and King in the middle of the lineup,” O’Connor said. “Our six and seven hitters have been free-swingers like Fisher that have a chance to hit... a ball out of the ballpark.”

Papi, Fisher and Irving have set a strong example with their play at the plate this year, all hitting at least .273 with double-digit RBIs. Junior utility man Reed Gragnani leads the Cavaliers with a .373 average for the year while splitting time between center field, left field, second base and DH.

First pitch is thrown 5 p.m.

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two-game losing skid.

Freshman goalkeeper Schylar Healy bolstered the Dukes’ defense, which held the Greyhounds to a season-low six scores during the top-20 showdown. Healy, who made her first career start for James Madison between the pipes, notched 13 saves and earned CAA Rookie of the Week honors for her standout performance.

Anchored by strong play overall in the cage, the Dukes tout a formidable defense which challenges their opponent to rely on pinpoint shot selection. James Madison’s opponents average 9.57 goals per game for the season, making the Dukes the nation’s 22nd toughest scoring defense.

The Cavaliers expect James Madison to bring much of the

same defensive tenacity to tonight’s battle.

“[The Dukes] love playing Virginia because they love the opportunity to knock us off,” Virginia coach Julie Myers said. “They come hard-nosed, really tough. They’ll be really physical and really determined... Beating Virginia would really make their season.”

To combat the Dukes’ hunger for their third consecutive win against the Cavaliers, the home squad will rely on the steady play of senior attacker and co-captain Josie Owen. The Maryland native continues to shine amidst her team’s struggles, registering nine assists in the Cavaliers’ last three matchups. Aside from leading her team in points, Owen also ranks sixth in the nation in total assists with 22 for the season.

“Josie is just doing so well

connecting with her assists and her goals,” Kolarik said. “She’s finding the open player all the time. And as a team captain, she’s always there. She’s always motivating us, trying to get us better.”

Drawing on inspiration from Owen’s brilliant play, Myers hopes to motivate her squad to tap into the same desire which helped propel the team to its best start since 2009.

“I think we’re hungry, not only because of the loss over the weekend to Princeton, but just having four losses already to this point,” Myers said. “We’re just a little off in a few too many places, but it’s all very fixable... Our backs are against the wall, so I’m excited to see us fight our way out of this.”

Tonight’s opening draw is slated for 7 p.m.

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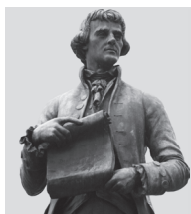
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Arizona's decision to censor classroom speech is the latest in a series of the state's misguided education policies

Along with the lunch served yesterday at the “Morality and Politics” panel at Garrett Hall, New York Times columnist David Brooks offered some preliminary, if bittersweet, intellectual hors d’oeuvres. I’ve spoken at this University before, and I know that none of you came to hear me, he said. You came to hear yourselves. Brooks accurately identified the trend of audiences releasing personal statements rather than asking questions at such events, a tradition of outspokenness not surprising to find at the institution founded by Jefferson. While in classrooms here the mantra of “There is no such thing as a stupid question” is up for debate, the idea of free expression isn’t; an idea so tired and rightfully taken for granted that coming across the endangered species of censors should wake us up.

Enter Arizona, a state known for its strict immigration laws and its heat, which is now looking to deport speech or else start firing teachers. Senate Bill 1467 would apply the Federal Communications Commission’s standards of obscenity, indecency and profanity to any “person who provides classroom instruction in a public school” The punishments include a one-week suspension for a first-time offense, a two-week suspension for the second and a firing for the third. The wording of the bill alarms some, who point out there is no boundary defined. The censorship rules would seem to apply wherever teachers are, meaning they now face the clear and present danger of administrations shouting, “fired.”

Some have said this bill could exclude literary works with profanity from the classroom, reigniting all the debates about banning books which

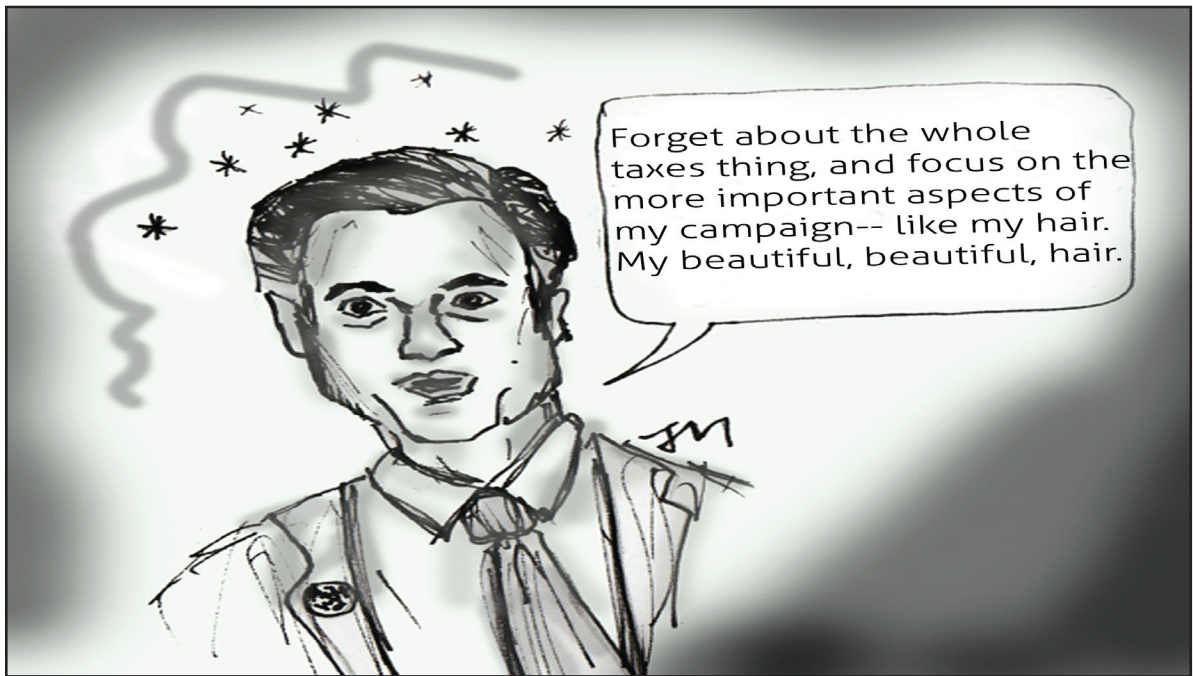
were thought to have been cleared with the court ruling *United States v. One Book Called “Ulysses,”* which found works with artistic merit are not obscene. Others have said this bill would redact lectures on sexuality.

But then Arizona has always been looking the other way when it comes to education reform. Its legislature passed a 2010 bill outlawing classes which endorse overthrowing the U.S. government, promote race or class resentment or “[a]dvocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals.” And so universities in Arizona exile minority studies programs while blacklisting works of minority writers. One school even removed “The Tempest” by Shakespeare, who has done more to make individuals out of pupils than any teacher or legislator.

Meanwhile, one small acronymic step from being the space organization, NASPA released a study on cheating last week taken from the state’s flagship school. The report surveyed 2,000 students along with 600 teachers at the University of Arizona, finding two-thirds of students were honest about their cheating, confessing it. Yet instead of fixing this, and all the while trimming budgets in education, Arizona lawmakers decided to focus on the manufactured issue of obscenity.

It is 2012 and censorship in public schools is not science fiction. Let them cut back on funding, fine. Take away the cheaters which swarm and infest, if you so please, for only politicians stand in your way. But remove books, or start censoring academic expression, and you’re going against history: Jefferson, Bradbury, Twain, Heine, Joyce and here comes everybody.

Editorial Cartoon by Jane Mattimoe



To infinity and abroad

The University provides a number of excellent resources for studying abroad

I AM WRITING in response to Sanjiv Tata’s March 14 opinion column, “Going above and abroad.” As a fourth-year student, returned study abroad participant and Peer Advisor in the International Study Office (ISO), I would like to bring attention to several incorrect statements in Tata’s article.

First of all, the University has a multitude of structured study abroad opportunities with more than 50 exchange partners and faculty-led programs worldwide. “UVA in Lyon,” for example, allows students to take classes alongside their French peers at the University of Lyon 2 and Sciences Po Lyon while benefitting from the continual guidance and support of the University coordinator in Lyon. Additionally, students have the opportunity to study on one of the multitude of direct exchange programs at prestigious universities around the world, such as St. Andrews University in Scotland or Waseda University in Japan, which allow students to have a full, immersion-based experience in another country.

Flexibility is a strong suit of our study abroad programs. The University is flexible with transfer credits and pass/fail grading options, and it offers a number of ways for students to study abroad, whether through J-term, summer, semester or year-long programs. The key to getting study abroad credits to count toward one’s degree at the University is plan-

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ning in advance and knowing what can and cannot transfer. In addition, both the McIntire School of Commerce and the Engineering school have organized study abroad programs specifically for their students. As Mr. Tata is a Law student, there are many Law School programs at his disposal, so it is not too late for him to study abroad.

The ISO has a large presence around Grounds, including biannual Study Abroad Fairs, tables at Days on the Lawn, Summer Orientation, Family Weekend and other university events. Additionally, the ISO works with a group of more than 20 volunteers, Advisors and Outreach Liasons, who are study abroad returnees volunteering their time to increase awareness about study abroad within the University community.

In his article, Tata mentions studying abroad with a group of friends: This is possible on any University program, but key to the experience is being open to new and challenging situations, including making a new friend group with students from around the world. The friends I made during my year abroad in Lyon, France from 2010-2011 were

British, Irish, Australian, Italian, Spanish, French and German!

Besides working on my — abysmal — British accent, the relationships I formed speaking only French opened my eyes to new experiences which I never would have had without my knowledge of another language and my chance to study abroad.

Finally, Tata personifies the number one reason why University students choose not to study abroad — fear of missing out. My personal experience studying abroad was the most incredible year of my life. Not only did I make lifelong friends with whom I am still in close contact, but I had the opportunity to partake in many aspects of French life. Studying and spending a significant amount of time in a foreign country opens your eyes to ways other people live and think. You even appreciate and dislike things about your own country that you never would have thought about before.

Not only should University students study abroad, but we do. If you would like further information about these many opportunities, please visit the Education Abroad website at www.studyabroad.virginia.edu.

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Featured online reader comment

"To naysayers of this article: if your organization could sustain your secret rituals, new member abuse or hateful conversation without ever getting caught or anyone getting hurt, then this call for open reforms would not apply to you. Alternatively, getting so protective and worried about being deprived of your freedoms might indicate that your associations' practices involve risks of both exposure and harm."

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Pardon the messenger

Critics of the Invisible Children campaign should focus on the organization’s shortcomings, not those of its co-founder

INVISIBLE Children’s Kony 2012 video, which took only days to become an Internet sensation, has elicited myriad comments and opinions since it was first posted in early March. There have been those praising the video for quickly raising awareness of the child soldier issue in Uganda. Conversely, there are those criticizing the video — and at times Invisible Children — for not being as devoted to the cause as the group leads people to believe. Recently, another blow was potentially dealt to the Invisible Children organization. Jason Russell, one of the founders of Invisible Children, was arrested in San Diego for running around naked and disrupting traffic. He was subsequently taken to the hospital, where it was reported he was suffering from malnutrition, dehydration and exhaustion. There is speculation, though, that he was either drunk or under the influence of drugs. Opponents or skeptics of the Kony 2012 campaign will perhaps use this incident to further fuel their doubts toward Invisible Children. Already, there have been Facebook posts which use the news to try and further argue against what some view as the misguided initia-

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tives of Invisible Children. But should Russell’s arrest serve as grounds to discredit either Invisible Children or the Kony 2012 video? One would hope not. Russell’s actions, even if he is a co-founder of Invisible Children, should not change the way in which people perceive the organization’s goals. The usefulness of the Kony video in raising awareness and informing people is the one area where Invisible Children should be commended. The Kony video has served as an effective tool for spreading the word about the actions and identity of Joseph Kony. Because it was spread largely via social media, the video was able to reach a large number of younger people who perhaps would not have heard of Kony by watching the news or by keeping up on international issues. Those who were formerly oblivious to the situation in Uganda, if they are so inclined, are now able to help the cause in whatever way they see fit, provided they do substantial outside research and not take the Kony video as gospel. There are reasonable criticisms of the video, however. It does not serve to promote a definite course of action besides donating to Invisible Children, and it

may seem over-dramatized. It is produced in a way that at times prioritizes emotional appeal over promotion of objective facts. As happens with different viral campaign phenomena, the Kony 2012 video has succeeded in making under-informed people feel empowered while they do nothing to actually help. As great as posting Facebook links and lauding Invisible Children can make one feel, nobody realistically gains any benefit from self-righteous issue promoting. It would not be unacceptable to assume that a huge majority of people who “support” the Kony 2012 campaign have done nothing to actually help it succeed. Additionally, Russell admits the video was intentionally made to present the issues in Uganda simply. In doing so, the video greatly trivializes the intricacies of any intervention to stop the abduction of child soldiers or arresting Kony himself. So, the Kony video should not be taken as anything but a basic introduction to the problems in

Uganda. Russell’s recent conduct does nothing to change this. People cannot take Russell’s arrest and use it to fuel the anti-Invisible Children backlash which has arisen since the Kony video came out, because this arrest is in no way related to the cause in Uganda to which the organization gave attention. People can say what they want about Invisible Children based on how they receive the group’s publicized agenda. For instance, it would be acceptable for people to disagree with the Invisible Children organization based on the fact that they found the Kony video misrepresenting the situation in Uganda. That disagreement would be based on the way in which Invisible Children as a group chose to identify with the child soldier problem. Discerning people should have already realized that the video’s limitations leave it constrained to merely promoting awareness, which at times can be done in a misleading or biased manner. Critics are thus free to discredit

the organization for not doing more to help the problem. Russell may have made the Kony 2012 video so that people who previously supported Invisible Children’s cause may now find themselves more hesitant to do so. This should not be the case because the cause is the same whether Russell was arrested or not. Invisible Children is judged by its success toward stopping Kony. People may now dislike Russell — and by extension the management of Invisible Children — more, but Invisible Children is more than just its co-founder. The group will not change and adopt different or more controversial stances toward Kony because Russell was arrested. Only if something like that happened would Russell really be a reason for discrediting the group as a whole. The chatter and argument surrounding Invisible Children once reached an almost annoyingly high level, yet has died down as of late. Hopefully Russell’s arrest will not trigger another round of debate, as this development changes nothing.

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A month-long celebration

The upcoming Islam Awareness Month is an opportunity to learn about the diverse religious and cultural backgrounds present at the University

IN RECENT times Muslims have been one of the most misunderstood populations in the United States. During this election season we have seen prominent public figures make disparaging comments about the place of Muslims in U.S. society. Some have gone so far as to suggest that Muslims be dealt with like Nazis or that there is a threat of an “Islamic and Atheist takeover of true American values.” There has even been the suggestion that Sharia law is creeping into our legislature and that it threatens to overtake our nation. This has caused lawmakers to rush into action by trying to ban this religious doctrine. In reality, this is an unnecessary reaction, given there is already a separation of church and state expressed in the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion....” This

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trend of unmindful behavior has not been restricted to the political arena. It has crossed over into the daily lives of Muslim American citizens. Recently, the Associated Press reported the New York Police Department has been actively monitoring Muslim Student Associations at college campuses without any reasonable cause. A recent poll showed that 58 percent of readers approved of this surveillance of Muslim students. It is unfortunate that well-meaning, everyday people adopt some of these views because of a lack of awareness and dialogue across cultural boundaries. Our University, as an institution of higher learning, could not be a better place to encourage this type of dialogue and education. It is necessary for us to reach out to one another and break down the boundaries which promote fear-

mongering and misunderstanding. In an attempt to encourage meaningful dialogue on this crucial matter, the Muslim Students Association (MSA) is holding its annual Islam Awareness Month in collaboration with Student Council. It is taking place from March 12th to April 2nd. The goal is to educate and inform the University community about Muslims at the University and how American Muslims are an integral part of our great nation. During this month, the MSA will be hosting four special events open to the University and greater Charlottesville communities, free of charge. The events will follow an inventive theme of “Sensing Islam,”

to allow the audience to grasp Islam in different ways. The first event is “Speaking Islam” as we engage in conversation about common stereotypes of American Muslims, moderated by Sustained Dialogue. The next event involves “Thinking Islam” with a film screening which will showcase an average American’s experience living in a Muslim household for 30 days. The third event will present the opportunity for “Living Islam” by taking a pilgrimage to Mecca in the Amphitheater. Islam Awareness Month will conclude with “Tasting Islam” through a fast-a-thon dinner. During this event, participants will pledge to fast for a day and then be invited to enjoy

a fully catered dinner and keynote speakers. The MSA will also be collecting canned goods and monetary donations to benefit the local Emergency Food Bank at fast-a-thon. Our University has a large and vibrant community of Muslim students, faculty and staff. The MSA hopes to showcase the American Muslim experience through this Awareness campaign to the University community. Thomas Jefferson put it best when he said: “Educate and inform the whole mass of the people ... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.” Thus, by working together to promote efforts such as these we can begin to remedy the alarming trend of misunderstanding, disparaging remarks and unmindful actions toward people of different backgrounds.

Mohib Tora and Andaleeb Rahman are members of the Muslim Students Association.

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An escalating discussion

The public should examine the facts before suggesting Israel pursue military aggression in Iran

MANY PEOPLE have begun to believe that military action between Iran and Israel is inevitable. This attitude is regrettable when one considers the number of very good reasons not to initiate a preventive strike on Iran. Fortunately, Israel and the United States are democratic nations and cannot go to war without some sort of approval of their citizens. The people have a say in the matter, and if they see the facts, only one path is clear: They must demand continued diplomacy and no war with Iran. First, the opposing case. Those advocates of war in Prime Minister Benyamin Netanyahu’s right-wing Likud party, and their sympathizers in the United States, have declared that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons which they will not hesitate to use to destroy Israel and the Jewish people. The Iranian leadership has committed themselves to killing Jews and in the past said that Israel should be “wiped off the map,” obviously a task made easier with nukes. A more technical case against Iranian nukes warns of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East and the risk of communications failures which could cause the weapons to be used. Those arguments can be

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more calmly discussed than the popular ones which hinge on Iran holding an eliminationist agenda against Israel. To address the first case, one must point out it is based on exaggeration and factual sloppiness. While Iran is no friend to Israel, the old “wiped off the map” trope has been identified by The Washington Post’s fact-checkers as an over-the-top translation and has been “blithely repeated” to fit any speech where one must seem tough on Iran. Iran has the largest Jewish population of any Muslim-majority nation, recognizes them as a protected religious minority and designates one seat in its Parliament especially for a Jewish representative. This is not a perfect or even fair social arrangement — such is theocracy — but if Iranians wanted to wipe out Jewish people, which is presumably closely tied with destroying the Jewish state, would not Persians Jews have taken notice by now? Thousands of Persian Jews have immigrated to Israel or elsewhere since Iran’s 1979 Revolution, so they have not exactly been trapped in by a hostile regime. It would take some spectacular logical acrobatics to say Iran still seeks the death of all Jews. There is an undeniable

anti-Zionist strain in Tehran, but this does not translate to genocidal intentions. Next, and more practically, there is no solid evidence that Iran wants to acquire a nuclear weapon. The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reports this week that the CIA and Mossad, Israel’s top intelligence agency, both agree that Iran has not yet decided to build a nuclear weapon. Well, President Obama has committed to making sure Iran does not possess a nuclear weapon, much to the dismay of the pro-war factions which wish to prevent Iran even nuclear capability. Obama does this not out of purely electoral concerns — because in that case, he might be better off agreeing with his hard-line Republican opponents — but with the benefit of intelligence from his military advisors. Generally speaking, the people who know the evidence know that war is not the answer at this time. Nobody could know more than Meir Dagan, the recently retired head of Mossad. While some advocates for preventive war naively believe any conflict to be over quickly and assure peace for a long time, Dagan

expects otherwise. Dagan said on 60 Minutes that initiating a conflict with Iran “will [have] a devastating impact on our ability to continue with our daily life. I think that Israel will be in a very serious situation for quite a time.” Far from a dove, Dagan orchestrated multiple covert operations against Iran to set back its nuclear program. Yet even he can tell that an open conflict would take a massive toll on all parties involved. The conservative “pro-Israel” war cheerleaders are insisting on taking an action which will disrupt daily life in Israel, possibly for years to come, to defeat a threat our intelligence agencies believe is not yet in motion. It makes one ask, in what way are these people actually pro-Israel? Dagan, like U.S. General Martin Dempsey, views Iran as a “rational actor,” meaning it would not use a nuke if such a move would be suicidal. Rational actors, though they may have differing goals, are ultimately open to negotiation. A military strike in the region, the Pentagon expects, would open up a wider regional war. Such an event would, if anything,

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only increase Iranian resolve to possess nukes. The consequences of nuclear proliferation are worth avoiding, and looking at our choices, diplomacy seems to be the best way to keep it from happening. The elected leaders of Israel and the United States must rationally assess the costs and benefits of a conflict with Iran without giving into the hysterical calls for confrontation. People everywhere, but especially the two democracies concerned, must cry out for peace. A few Israelis have initiated an online campaign, with a blog named “Israel loves Iran,” expressing their desire for peace, and some Iranians have returned the sentiment. Now it is up to the Americans to demand that we do not rush into conflict. This can be difficult in the United States, where failure to support the pro-war, “pro-Israel” forces can get one wrongly branded as “anti-Israel.” Americans, then, must allow the facts to speak for themselves and show that pursuing negotiations and diplomacy, not an ill-conceived act of aggression, is what is truly in the interests of the people of Iran, the United States and Israel.

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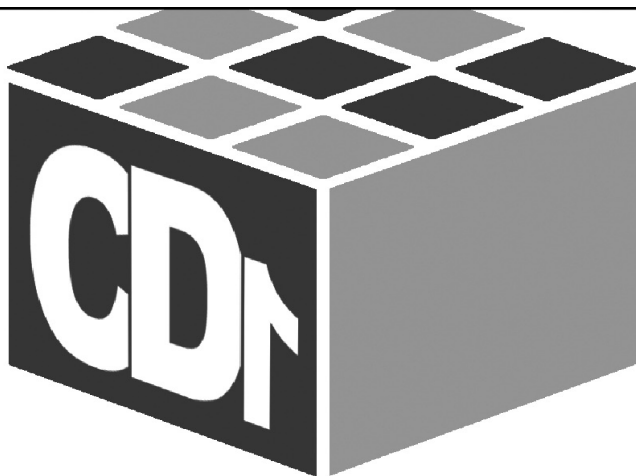
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Charlottesville: Beer City

Charlottesville residents, University students appreciate City's rise to beer stardom

By SARAH BINGOL | CAVALIER DAILY SENIOR ASSOCIATE WRITER

Throughout the years, the City of Charlottesville's main claim to fame has been the University. More recently, however, Charlottesville has been recognized as a great place to raise a family, to retire and to practise environmental sustainability. Now the City can add another selling point to its already impressive list — it is a great locale for beer and beer lovers.

Earlier this year, livability.com named Charlottesville number eight in its "Top 10 Beer Cities" list, citing Charlottesville's multiple locally owned microbreweries and their several award-winning brews among them.

The ranking mentioned Starr Hill Brewery prominently, which is a brand familiar to many 21-and-up University students. A cursory look at the company's website makes it clear this local microbrewery is serious about its craft beers.

Founder and master brewer Mark Thompson proudly discussed Starr Hill's award-winning brews, including the Dark Starr Stout, which won the gold medal at the Great American Beer Festival in 1999, the year Starr Hill opened. Most recently, its Jomo lager took home the gold in 2011.

"We're the largest and most award-winning craft brewery in the state of Virginia," Thompson said. "We've won nineteen awards."

Other breweries in the area include South Street Brewery, Blue Mountain Brewery, Devils Backbone Brewing Company and Wild Wolf Brewing Company. These four breweries, in addition to Starr Hill, make up what is known as the Brew Ridge Trail.

Promoted by the Nelson County Economic Development and Tourism board and the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the trail allows beer lovers to spend the day visiting each brewery. Since each brewing company has its own distinctive and critically acclaimed beers, the Brew Ridge Trail is a great way for microbrew enthusiasts to the area has to offer.

Thompson said local culture has helped to support the breweries from the time they were fledgling enterprises all the way to their award-winning years.

"Charlottesville basically has the perfect storm of factors [for beer lovers]," Thompson said. "Some of it comes from the geographic location and from the University for having dedicated itself to higher learning and education... Charlottesville has a fiercely independent attitude, and the city has remained loyal to independent entrepreneurs."

Enthusiasm for craft beer and microbrews does not end with formal brewing companies. With

increasing frequency, University students are independently brewing their own beer and mead.

Second-year Engineering student Andrew Heekin said his brewing experience has caused him to think more seriously about locally sourced foods and beverages.

"[Brewing] is a pastime that encourages you to get in tune with local food and honey," Heekin said. "It gets you thinking about your ingredients for your drinks, and what really goes into crafting a good tasting beverage."

Third-year Commerce student Arturo Esteve was also bitten by the brewing bug after coming to the University from Panama.

"There are the same kind of lagers [in Panama as there] are here, [but] when I came to the University I was drinking Bud Light and Natty," Esteve said. "Second year I started buying different beer with my roommates and I had this epiphany: There are so many beers, and I want to try them all. Between here and Panama I've brewed close to ten batches in a little less than a year."

Like Thompson, Esteve said Charlottesville's culture and economic opportunities are conducive to home brewing.

"Something that's really cool about brewing is that you can be really creative about what you put in [your beer], and getting raw materials is really easy,"

Esteve said. "I think brewing beer and being creative with it falls in line with Charlottesville culture."

A brewing CIO previously existed on Grounds, Esteve said, and he and his friends are trying to revive it by the beginning of next semester as an opportunity to bring together people of similar interests with different backgrounds.

"One of the cool things about brewing beer is that I can bring brewing back to Panama so people can have the same epiphany I did," Esteve said. "I'd like to open a small brewery in Panama."

The microbrewing trend appears to be here to stay, as Thompson noted smaller craft beers such as Starr Hill's are gaining nationwide exposure.

"From a global perspective, craft and microbrews are driving the growth of beer, and it's exciting to see the shift in market share," Thompson said. "The average 21-year-old is not drinking his dad's beer."

As with other national fads, it seems Charlottesville and the University are on their way to securing an enduring position as one of the nation's top cities for those who love beer.

Reality Check



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Attitude adjustment

I didn't have high hopes for coming to school here.

I thought I could get a good education at a fairly well-known school close to home and be out in four years. I looked at U.Va., saw the stereotype, and blindly decided it wasn't for me.

But I have found the farther into life I travel, the more my previously held beliefs are replaced as I discover more and realize life isn't at all how I thought it would be.

You see, when I started school here, I looked at who I thought was the average student and decided I wouldn't get along with him. I looked at the Rugby Road crowd and only saw a collection of self-constructed stereotypes. Instead of seeing groups of friends laughing, having fun and meeting new people, I saw crowds of desperate girls in tight skirts and parties filled with shirtless guys shouting a lot.

Instead of going out during weekends, I stayed in. I fancied myself an intellectual, separated from the crowd of sameness. I scoffed as my hallmates proceeded out the door late on Thursday nights, turning myself to the more refined pursuits of homework.

I remember vaguely trying to convince myself there was a way to meet new people by staying locked up in my room all weekend. Surely someone had to walk through the door and announce, "Hello, yes, I am here now... your new best friend! Let's sit here and do homework all night, shall we?"

I don't know what I was thinking.

Sometime around Winter Break, I started to come out from this shell. I started taking part in friends' festivities, meeting people and, for the first time since getting to school here, started to have fun. In short, I figured out everything which everyone else learned the first week of school.

When I got back to school, it was as if U.Va. was a whole new world. I started talking to the girls on my hall and quickly realized they were some of the funniest and sweetest people I've ever met. I've started friendships with them which will last far beyond college.

More than simply shedding my judgmental, reclusive persona,

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Model students

Name: Alyssa Tulabut

School: College

Year: First

What are you wearing: Forever 21 blouse, Express black top, American Eagle jeans, black flats

Style icon: "Probably Lea Michele, and I like Eva Longoria."

Favorite stores: Express, Forever 21, the Nordstrom junior section and [in Charlottesville] Finch

Self-described style: "I'm pretty girlie. I like ruffles and flowers and lots of jewelry."

—compiled by Aysha Chadbury

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Apple's next big move

When Steve Jobs returned to Apple (NASDAQ: AAPL) as CEO in 1997 the company was on the verge of collapse. The firm had lost the edge it previously held over its competitors and was struggling to create new products. Steve Jobs then went on to become the innovator who would carry the company to incredible success, creating the iPod, iPhone and iPad. Today, Apple is the world's most valuable company with a current market value of \$560.98 billion.

The company soared to new heights Monday as it closed at \$601.10 per share, the first time the company had ever reached more than \$600 per share. Monday's \$15.53 share price increase occurred because of Apple's surprising announcement to pay quarterly dividends of \$2.65 a share beginning July 1. Apple's board also decided to repurchase \$10 billion worth of shares Sept. 30. This decision will cost the company \$45 billion dollars during the next three years, according to The New York Times.

I believe this move is a sign of the strength of Tim Cook, Apple's new CEO. While some may be skeptical about moving

away from the success Jobs brought the company, I believe it shows investors Cook is ready to lead Apple down a new path. Cook's actions speak to his confidence in the company's innovation and future direction. Jobs, however, opposed dividends because he believed cash should always be available to the company

to fund new innovations, acquisitions or any other potential purchases. His philosophy likely stemmed from his experience as a young entrepreneur, where a man lives or dies by every dollar he has.

While the decision to pay dividends is a significant change for Apple, some analysts were still not impressed by the announcement, because they believed the 1.8 percent dividend was too low when compared to Apple's competitors.

Microsoft and Intel each pay higher dividends at 2.5

percent and 3 percent, respectively. This lower percentage could, however, be a starting point for Apple as it tests the waters with the new initiative. Apple said it would be willing to re-negotiate its dividend payments as time progresses.

While paying dividends does decrease the cash available to the company, Apple will likely

Following the Money



Matt Robertson

see the benefits of the new business it encourages. Analysts expect Apple to have more than \$180 billion in cash by the end of September 2013 compared to about \$100 billion it had at the end of last year.

Many analysts have projected Apple's share price to rise substantially in future months, with some estimates as high as \$720 and \$760 per share. Apple's announcement presents a great opportunity to learn and understand why

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