

Students protest tuition increases

Protestors hold impromptu discourse with President Sullivan, demonstrations span Tuesday, Wednesday



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Student groups and members of the University community held multiple protests to express discontent with tuition hikes as the Board of Visitors met on Tuesday and Wednesday.

U.Va. Students United and University community members gathered outside of the Special Collections Library Tuesday to protest tuition hikes. The tuition increases were passed in the Board of Visitor's Finance Committee meeting held in the library's auditorium.

Event organizer Ibbby Han, a second-year College student, discussed the proposed 3.9 percent tuition increase for the upcoming year and the

additional \$1,000 rate for incoming students — a total 13 percent tuition increase.

According to a statement by U.Va. Students United, it marks one of the largest tuition increases in the nation.

"They say that only high income Virginians are fronting this cost, but it doesn't make sense that they are charging students more for financial aid which is only necessary because they've increased tuition," Han said.

As the rally progressed downstairs, the protesters were confronted by the Charlottesville Police who prevented protesters from continuing further. However, the protesters held an impromptu question and answer session with University President Teresa Sullivan.

She addressed the protesters and clarified the

possible changes to be made in tuition, saying the plan would be cheaper for Virginians in the long run.

"The tuition hike would not apply to out-of-state students, it would not apply to those already on aid [and] it would not start until next year," Sullivan said. "The policy is it is a reduction of loan burden for low-income students of \$40,000 over four years and a reduction of \$10,000 debt for middle-income students."

One protester asked about the implementation of a similar high tuition-high aid system at the University of Michigan, saying that it severely de-

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Board approves tuition changes

Fall 2015 in-state rates
increase \$1,000

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The Board of Visitors took action Tuesday on a 3.9 percent tuition increase for all students, with additional tuition fees for students incoming in the fall of 2015 and the fall of 2016. The proposal was held to an official vote and passed by the Board in a closed session on Wednesday. Board members such as Helen Dragas questioned the Board's transparency in moving forward with the plan.

Proposed by Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee John Griffin, the Affordable Excellence proposal is part of a new "high tuition, high aid" financial model.

The new model reduces student indebtedness for both low- and middle-income in state students and increases grant aid, according to a press release from the University Office of Communications.

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Board discusses increase in CAPS visits

CAPS Director Tim Davis, athletic director Craig Littlepage present to committee

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The Board of Visitors' Student Affairs and Athletics Committee met Tuesday afternoon and discussed the University's Counseling and Psychological Services and new Athletics developments.

Patricia Lampkin, the vice president and chief student affairs officer, said the administration is working to finalize an interim policy on sexual harassment and intimate partner violence following the Rolling Stone article and its fallout last semester.

"Student safety will remain a critical focus this spring," Lampkin said. The University is conducting Green Dot training on sexual assault prevention and awareness this week.

CAPS Director Tim Davis then told the Committee about the dramatic increase in demand CAPS has faced, up 93 percent from 2003. Davis said the issues young adults face are getting more severe, and CAPS is on pace for referring a record number of students for psychiatric hospitalization.

"Depression is up, stress is

up," Davis said. "It appears that students are more accepting of the idea of reaching out."

Davis said the University remains at a high risk for student suicide, and students who know peers committed suicide are more likely to do so themselves.

"Everyone in this room is aware that we lost three students to suicide last fall," Davis said. "Our community remains at very elevated risk for more suicide."

As a silver lining, Davis said the rate of suicide is lower at the University than it is among college students nationally, but CAPS continues increased suicide prevention training.

Faculty are taking more of a role in student health. The University made faculty mandatory reporters when they hear about incidents of sexual assault starting this academic year, and Davis said 500 faculty have undergone suicide prevention training.

"Although all students will not come to CAPS, we can still help all students," Davis said. "Faculty need to slow down a little bit and notice opportunities for interaction with students."

Davis said college student brains are malleable, so they are responsive to counseling. He said 1,300 students said they

would have dropped out of the University if not for counseling according to CAPS internal survey data.

"In an average year, we see about 9 percent of the [University] student body [per year]," Davis said. "[Females] account for 60 percent [of patients]," and the average length of counseling is four-and-half sessions, down from six previously.

Board member Stephen Long said CAPS may be in need of increased funding to meet future demand. Lampkin said CAPS is funded through the student fee as a part of Student Health. Davis did not make any firm request for a greater budget.

"Counseling services at a place like this are a [great] investment," Davis said.

University Athletic Director Craig Littlepage and his staff then discussed new NCAA rules for the big five athletic conferences, which includes the Atlantic Coast Conference. Those schools can now offer scholarship athletes some additional money for the full cost of college attendance, an amount up to \$3,200 to \$4,600 at the University. The additional money would cover travel to and from school and incidental expenses while

there.

"[The cost would amount to] an additional 1.3 million dollars per year that would be added on to the [total] scholarship bill of the Virginia Athletics Foundation," Littlepage said.

The University needs to offer the additional scholarship to remain competitive, Littlepage said.

Other rule changes include allowing athletes to use future earnings to take out insurance for a career-ending injury, student athletes being permitted to vote at the NCAA convention and allowing schools to offer students four-year scholarships. Currently, colleges are only allowed to offer students one-year renewable scholarships (which are typically renewed by the University).

Littlepage said the NCAA would soon have to confront the issue of trust funds. A recent federal court decision allowed schools to set up trust funds for college athletes from which they can pull following the end of their college careers. The NCAA appealed the decision.

"We're getting into a gray area that looks, feels and sounds like pay for play for student athletes," Littlepage said.

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Board considers faculty salary equity adjustments

Faculty deans add performance evaluation, determine appropriate policy changes

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Kerry Abrams, vice provost for faculty affairs, announced recent faculty salary equity adjustments during the Board of Visitors Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting Tuesday afternoon, following the University faculty salary task force's recent findings. The Board members also discussed the 2015 MLK Community Celebration event and the President's Commission on Slavery and the University.

Dr. Marcus Martin, vice president and chief officer for diversity and equity, said the faculty task force was appointed in 2012 by University Provost John Simon in response to a spring 2012 report by the American Association of University Professors. The report found the average salaries of female professors to be lower than those of their male colleagues nationally and at the

University.

Abrams summarized the task force's previous findings presented during the September 2014 Board meeting in which they found some female University faculty members made less than their male peers on average.

"Last fall's report said that on average, women — tenured and tenure track faculty members at the University of Virginia, excluding the School of Medicine — made 2.7 percent less than their male peers," she said. "There was also no finding of a statistical difference for race or for citizenship, nation of origin [among the faculty]. This is not because there may not be a difference, but because the number of underrepresented minorities was small enough that we could not find a statistical difference."

Since September, Abrams said she and Simon met with each faculty dean to discuss the results of the faculty salary study and possible short-term solu-

tions. She said the deans have started making salary equity adjustments after adding an additional component to the study measuring faculty performance.

"Each dean took the results and added a performance component the task force did not have access to — performance measures by which they had set faculty salaries in their individual schools," she said. "[The deans] were able to determine whether they thought that the salaries, once performance had been added into the analysis, were appropriate. And in many cases they decided to make equity adjustments, so we now have a series of adjustments in place."

In continuation of the study, Abrams said she has been working with U.Va. Charge — a program that studies women in the STEM and social, behavioral and economic sciences fields — to analyze the experience of female faculty and create a better working climate for all faculty.

She said she is also working to broaden the scope of the study beyond just tenured and tenure-track faculty outside the Medical School.

The committee also discussed the 2015 MLK Community Celebration, a two-week event held annually in January.

"[The event] is an opportunity for us to work with the community to illustrate our commitment to community partnerships," Martin said. "We stress our commitment around diversity, equity and inclusion. We have a broad range of community and University representatives who engage in celebration and planning."

Martin said this year, the celebration's theme was "Giving Voice" and entailed nearly 25 events including lectures, film screening, panel discussion and performances centered on themes of equality, civility and mutual respect.

Martin also commented on the resolution the Buildings

and Grounds Committee passed earlier Tuesday morning which named a University building after an enslaved family.

"I want to thank the Buildings and Grounds Committee this morning that passed resolution to name [Alderman] building six the Gibbons' House," he said. "This is a major milestone for the University of Virginia. This is monumental in my opinion ... and will go very far with students who live in that building and information that will be in that building for visitors to the University of Virginia."

Martin also said the President's Commission on Slavery and the University will seek to continue the recognition of University enslaved laborers. Such efforts will include converting known slave spaces into interpretive education centers, creating memorials, scholarships, and course curriculums on slavery and producing scholarly reports on slavery.

Board of Visitors discusses new college rating system

Sullivan presents U.S. Department of Education guidelines, key measures

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University President Teresa Sullivan discussed the U.S. Department of Education's proposed rating system for institutions of higher education with members of the Board of Visitors Educational Policy Committee Tuesday.

"For two years, the Obama administration has been working on a rating system for all colleges and universities," Sullivan said. "Their goal is to increase transparency and improve access to higher education."

The rating system will measure the performances of institutions on metrics related to access, affordability and outcomes, and subsequently assign them to broad categories, which will highlight significant success and weakness. This information is intended to help prospective undergraduate students choose schools which provide the best value.

Sullivan responded to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's request for commentary from universities on the system with recommendations for improvements in key areas of institutional grouping, data, ratings categories and performance metrics.

The Department is planning to group the institutions into two-year and four-year schools for comparison purposes.

"Two-year and four-year is a rather clumsy set of categories," Sullivan said. "We have the Carnegie Classification of Institutions which I suggested as an alternative because it recognizes institutional differences such as different missions and student populations."

Sullivan said the administration made a number of suggestions to the DOE on how the system could be improved. Among the suggestions are utilizing data resources from a diverse range of institutions, presenting the scores in a beneficial way to prospective students and ensuring the data is taken over a long

period of time.

She noted the change in higher education institutions during the course of the 2008 recession, as it affected the stability and quality of their operations.

"American institutions looked different in 2009 as a result of the recession in 2008 than they did five years later," Sullivan said.

The University is likely to perform well on many of the proposed metrics, including the percentage of Pell recipients, percentage of first generation students, completion rates, loan performance outcomes and labor market success, she said.

Sullivan also said the University is making an effort to attract Pell recipients and first generation students.

"13.2 percent of U.Va. undergraduates [receive Pell], and this number has nearly doubled since we began AccessUVA," Sullivan said. "This application class just in, we had a 12 percent increase in first generation applicants."

At 94.1 percent, the University's

most recent six-year graduation rate is the highest of all public institutions in the nation. Its 1.7 percent loan default rate is much lower than the national average for four-year public institutions (8.9 percent) as well as the average for all institutions in Virginia (10 percent). Additionally, its graduates' average mid-career salary is \$99,300 — the 68th highest out of over 1,000 four-year institutions across the nation.

Despite the strong standing these data would indicate, Sullivan expressed concern that the labor market success metric does not account for the importance of service to University graduates.

"In 2012, we had 69 alumni working for the Peace Corps and we were one of the top 10 institutes for Teach for America," Sullivan said. "We also produce students both from ROTC and from other programs who go on to the military, valuable service that is not compensated as well as the common civilian occupation. I've asked the Department of Education not to provide a

disincentive to college graduates to pursue these service occupations."

During the meeting, the committee also heard a briefing from Phil Parrish, interim vice president for research at the University. Parrish discussed the University's new partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion.

"Students and faculty will be traveling to Germany to work in these labs from time to time in collaboration with scientists there," Parrish said. "They will have access to those scientists and also to instrumentation that is just not available in many locations in the world."

Parrish said the Max Planck Institute chose to partner with the University because of the reputation of its faculty.

"We are able to achieve this partnership based on the very high quality of our faculty in the fields that are involved," Parrish said. "The program was key to the retention of one of these faculty."

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Black flag campaign calls attention to mental health

To Write Love On Her Arms, Z Society raise suicide awareness

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Expansion byThe University's chapter of To Write Love on Her Arms placed 1,100 black flags on the South Lawn Monday to represent the 1,100 college students who die by suicide every year.

TWLOHA is a nonprofit organization that aims to fight the stigma surrounding mental health, create a "better and safer" conversation about mental health and educate and inform people about the importance of receiving treatment.

With the help of the Z Society, TWLOHA placed the black flags to both respect student lives lost to suicide and raise awareness. TWLOHA Vice President Arianna Trickey, a Curry graduate student, said the campaign is a way to bring attention to the conversation surrounding mental health.

"The Black Flag Advocacy Campaign is a way to break the stigma," Trickey said. "Suicide is not something that anyone wants to talk about, even though the ripple effect of a suicide affects everyone."

The Black Flag Campaign's goal is to encourage students struggling with their mental health to seek the medical attention they need.

"It's not meant to be a bandwagon," Trickey said. "It's part visibility, but we've also made sure that resources are available. We want to stress that suicide is not the answer — there are other avenues to get

help here at the University."

Trickey also explained the purpose of the University chapter of the organization.

"As an organization we try to do a lot of advocacy work to end the stigma and discuss what being a college student in a culture that stigmatizes mental health is," Trickey said. "We're trying to show that U.Va. is not alone in this problem and that there are so many people who have faced these issues."

Trickey said the primary goal of TWLOHA is to educate and advocate for people struggling with mental health, as 10 percent of students experience depression, and an estimated two-thirds of those students are untreated. TWLOHA aims to connect people to the resources they need to combat mental health problems, she said.

"One of the things we have to stress is that we are not a support group," Trickey said. "We are a group of individuals dedicated to helping students at the University getting the help that they need ... at the beginning of the semester, we created a document of every resource that we could possibly think of that a student could use, covering depression to eating disorders to anxiety to sexual assault."

Last semester, TWLOHA hosted National Suicide Prevention Week on Grounds, and the Z Society commended the chapter's hard work by sending the organization a letter.

"We had to dig through the

stacks to find it, and the letter was discussing that [the Z Society] really appreciated the efforts we had made to bring hope to the students at the University," Trickey said. "They offered us resources to continue this."

Third-year College student Shannon Power, a member of TWLOHA, said she believes the Black Flag Campaign, like many others, is primarily motivated by advocacy.

"It's flashy, it's on the Lawn, and it draws attention to the problem," Power said. "What needs to happen now that the problem of suicide has been brought to the front of people's minds is engagement, either through discussion with the administration, or among schools to create a larger support network, or through involvement of the national TWLOHA organization. Now that people are talking, we need a next step to motivate action and change."

Power said she has seen it become more acceptable this year for students to seek help through CAPS, but said she thinks students are becoming more aware of people around them who might be considering suicide.

"Besides the resources provided by the school, students are taking it upon themselves to listen to others' stories and help them talk through whatever is causing them to consider suicide," Power said. "That's one of the ways that TWLOHA is different from anything that President Sullivan or the



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TWLOHA Vice President Arianna Trickey said the campaign is a way to bring attention to something not often openly discussed.

administration could implement for the student body — when help comes from people who are like you, who are maybe experiencing some of the same challenges and stresses that you are, it's easier to trust that person to understand."

Looking to the future, Power said she would like to see the expansion of student peer networks on Grounds and across the country.

"A great next step would be to

create connections between peer networks at schools that are similar to ours that have students who are under the same kinds of stress and expectations as we are, so students can see that they are by no means alone," Power said. "Through these networks, and by creating a large group of peers who can speak without fear of being judged or worse, pitied, I think we can start to make people see how much they are needed and loved."

McAuliffe signs executive order to improve ABC law enforcement

Excessive force investigation continues following recent Martese Johnson arrest

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Gov. Terry McAuliffe signed Executive Order 40 on Wednesday, taking steps to improve law enforcement in the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The legislation was introduced following questions about the use of excessive force in the arrest of third-year College student Martese Johnson by ABC special agents Mar. 18.

According to a press release, the executive order takes four preliminary steps to "address broader concerns about ABC law enforcement," including requiring more training for ABC agents, improving accountability and oversight, examining the need for additional steps in the agency's structure and policies and improving cooper-

ation and communication with local communities and Virginia colleges.

"Keeping Virginia families and communities safe is the highest responsibility of the Governor and state government," the legislation reads. "Recent events involving special agents of the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in Charlottesville have underscored longstanding concerns about the agency's Bureau of Law Enforcement and exposed the need for more extensive training and oversight."

Johnson was arrested around 12:45 a.m. Mar. 18 by Alcoholic Beverage Control agents near Trinity Irish Pub on the Corner, after being denied entrance into the pub following discrepancies over his identification. During the arrest Johnson sustained a head injury requiring 10 stitches. Student

and statewide responses since the event have questioned the use of force in the arrest.

An independent Virginia State Police investigation into the use of force during the arrest, called for by McAuliffe, is still ongoing as the state of Virginia proceeds with an administrative review and the Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney carries out a criminal investigation.

"While we must await results from the investigations by Virginia State Police and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Charlottesville before drawing conclusions about that particular incident, it is not too soon to take proactive steps to improve ABC's Bureau of Law Enforcement," the statement read.

The executive order calls for ABC special agents to be retrained in "the areas of use of force, cul-

tural diversity, effective interaction with youth, and community policing." Agents are required to complete the retraining by Sept. 1, 2015. Additionally, the ABC Bureau of Law Enforcement is now required to "report directly to the Chief Operating Officer of the ABC, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of all ABC functions."

To "review the agency's mission, structure, policies and training and make recommendations regarding any identified changes needed," a panel of expert representatives will be convened by the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to present a report to the Governor by Nov. 1.

The fourth step requires the ABC Bureau of Law Enforcement to "review, update or enter into appropriate Mutual Aid Agreements, or other Memoranda of

Understanding, with local law enforcement agencies serving communities with state institutions of higher education, with the goal of improving collaboration, communication and delineation of expectations regarding enforcement activities performed by ABC special agents in these communities."

Daniel Watkins, Johnson's attorney at Williams Mullen, said the executive order will be good both for law enforcement and the community.

"The measures the Governor has taken in the executive order today illustrate that we all share a common belief: it is important for all law enforcement agencies to act within the bounds of the law," Watkins said in a statement. "Increased training, transparency, and accountability are good for law enforcement as well as the communities they serve."

Student Council passes ABC law enforcement resolution

BSA President collaborates with Student Council

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Student Council unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday night calling for the Virginia General Assembly to repeal sections of the Virginia Criminal Code granting the Alcoholic Beverage Control law enforcement power.

Student Council President-elect Abraham Axler, a second-year College student, convened the session.

The resolution also asked for monthly conversations with all law enforcement authorities about the treatment of students.

The resolution was formed in consideration of the Mar. 18 incident in which third-year College student Martese Johnson sustained a head injury requiring 10 stitches as he was arrested by ABC officers, as well as a 2013 incident in which an ABC agent pulled a gun on University student Elizabeth Daly in the

parking lot of a Harris Teeter.

Axler said he spoke with Brian Moran, Virginia's secretary of public safety and homeland security, about Gov. Terry McAuliffe's Executive Order 40, which states an expert review panel should be created to monitor the ABC's functions and make recommendations about needed changes.

"We have to be pragmatic," Axler said. "I don't think the governor's order went far enough."

Axler also said he urged Moran to place student representatives from Student Council and the Black Student Alliance on the review panel. He said these representatives would provide relevant input about the student perspective during the review.

"I think the students who are named to the committee are savvy enough to know their job isn't to analyze the vagaries of Virginia criminal and contours of ABC's law enforcement policies," Axler said. "I'm relatively

confident that Secretary Moran is not opposed to the idea. I am confident that the governor does care about students."

Before voting on the resolution, the Council invited any individuals present to share their views on the resolution.

Law student Sam Shirazi said he thought the resolution and what it asks of Virginia's government is positive.

"I think this is a bipartisan issue that can actually get done in Richmond," Shirazi said.

BSA President Joy Omenyi, a fourth-year College student, coordinated with the Council over the weekend as the resolution was drafted.

"Both organizations share the same end goal," Omenyi said. "Of course, Student Council took care of the legislative part of it. The idea was in collaboration."

Omenyi said it would also be productive to consider the enforcement powers of local law enforcement going forward.



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Student Council President-elect Abe Axler said the governor's recent executive action did not do enough.

"I think as much as we look at the ABC, I think it is important to apply the same quality control to the University of Virginia and Charlottesville Police Departments," Omenyi said. "We interact with them more."

Axler said special sessions are key in moments like this.

"It allows you to consider the most pressing issue of the moment and have a resolution on it," Axler said.

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an increase of \$1,000 in base tuition for in-state students entering the University for Fall 2015, and an additional increase of \$1,000 for in-state students enrolling Fall 2016, resulting in a total step increase of \$2,000.

Currently enrolled in-state students are exempt from the step increases. The revenue from the tuition increases will be used to fund tuition grants, making the plan effectively revenue neutral.

Including the 3.9 percent tuition increase, Board Member Helen Dragas said the incoming Class of 2019 will face a 13.4 percent increase in tuition from Fall 2014.

"It's conceivable if the Board passes this, that an entering freshman... in 2016 would be paying 27 percent more than entering freshman in 2014," Dragas said. "That's got to be the most significant tuition increase in the country right now at a public university."

Dragas said she does not see the plan as sustainable and likened it to a similar decision to raise both aid and tuition in

2004, which she said the BOV is still struggling to sustain.

"I don't think our students are going to be getting an education that is 27 percent better in 2016 than in 2014," Dragas said.

The proposal also included the development of a four-year, fixed-price base tuition contract option which will be available "at a reasonable premium." This contract would be exclusive of fees and school-specific tuition differentials.

The proposal aims to minimize the role of loans as part of a financial aid strategy, including a goal of a "\$10,000 reduction in maximum indebtedness after four years."

Griffin addressed this concept of high tuition, high aid programs at universities.

"We have heard many times about about high tuition high aid [and] low tuition low aid," Griffin said. "U.Va. is a hybrid."

Board Member Frank Atkinson said a similar plan instituted at William & Mary over the course of three years has reduced the net price for low income students.

"It's important to emphasize the difference between sticker price and net price," Atkinson

said. "[The proposal] is not only revenue neutral, but every dollar goes back to aid."

Because the plan intends to lower the debt burden to lower and middle income students by providing more aid, it will institute a cap on need based loans. The amount of need-based loans would be reduced to a maximum of \$4000 for lower income in state students and a maximum of \$18,000 for middle income in state students in this new model.

Atkinson said the average student debt burden is currently about \$25,000.

"We are meeting 100 percent of need," Atkinson said. "Everybody, not just low and middle income folks, will benefit from this loan cap."

Atkinson said this plan is not a subsidy by higher income students of lower income students because the overall low cost of in state tuition acts as a subsidy, and without higher income students who can afford to pay a higher cost of tuition, he said the Board would lack the source of funds to lower the overall net cost.

"We can show data that currently, the wealthiest person gets a subsidy in that they get a below cost education at the University

of Virginia," Atkinson said. "Are we reallocating something? Yes, we are reallocating a portion of that subsidy from wealthy people to people who need it."

Board Member Allison DiNardo suggested the Board wait a day to vote to allow all Board members to carefully consider the proposal.

"I would like to take a Board vote when we would normally take a Board vote," DiNardo said. "I just want to register my concern that this information wasn't provided to us earlier"

Dragas also said she took concern with the amount of transparency surrounding the proposal.

"I understand that we need to deliver certainty to applicants and people who are making decisions," Dragas said. "But I think the same can be said about our early action offerees who have already accepted admission, and I wonder, if any of them are going to change their minds if we pass the 13.4 percent tuition increase."

Dragas said she did not think the members responsible for the proposal — including the finance subcommittee, the administration members and law-

yers — had properly posted the materials related to the proposal.

"We need to give the public reasonable time for input and I don't think we've done that," Dragas said. "Legally we should have posted more information for parents and students and gotten their input."

Dragas said the proposal was not posted online prior to the meeting.

Griffin said he thought the finance subcommittee spent ample time consulting its members and outside sources.

"The amount of time I've spent personally talking to students and subcommittee members is substantial," Griffin said. "It would be wrong to characterize it as a rushed proposal without a lot of input."

Atkinson also said while he did not present clear numbers, he did present the concept of the proposal in a public meeting in November.

Atkinson said he thinks student concerns will subside when students see the positive impact on the net price for low income students.

"Part of what we have done here is listened extensively," Atkinson said.

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creased the number of minority and low-income students admitted. The protester expressed concern it would happen at the University with the new tuition increases.

Sullivan said the specific predicament faced by Michigan is not applicable here.

"I was at Michigan, and I can tell you some other things that happened," Sullivan said. "That had to do with a change in state law having to do with the consideration of race in admission. We are not under that law. We can still consider race as one of many factors."

The state of Michigan currently bans affirmative action from consideration in admissions decisions in public universities per a law that was upheld by the Supreme Court in April last year. Virginia, however, is not subject to the court's decision.

Sullivan emphasized the problems in Michigan would not be an issue at the University as no similar policies have been applied.

"The reason I haven't talked about it is this isn't an administration proposal," Sullivan said. "This is a proposal that came from the Board, which is why [the Board] is discussing it alone. This is not a tuition increase that you would pay. The students who would have to pay it would know about it, so it would not be sprung on them."

Sullivan then returned to the subcommittee meeting, and the proposal to increase tuition was passed. As the members left the room, remaining protesters chanted, "Whose university? Our university!"

Protesters displayed a red square as a symbol of protest. Members of Students United passed out these squares to all those who attended the rally. The idea was adopted from the 2012 student protests in Quebec on tuition raises.

Claire Wyatt, a former member of U.Va. Students United and a Class of 2013 graduate, spoke on the use

of the red square globally by student protesters against increased in tuitions.

"The reason why we're wearing these is the red square is now a symbol of the international student movement, and particularly the struggle against student debt and the struggle for student power," Wyatt said. "The red square means squarely in the red, squarely in debt."

U.Va. Students United held another rally outside the the Special Collections Library Wednesday to once again protest the tuition hikes

authority you have to close a public library," she asked.

University Spokesperson Anthony de Bruyn said all open sessions of the Board of Visitors meeting were public and livestreamed.

"The Harrison Institute and Small Special Collections Library was open to members of the public wishing to attend the open sessions of the Board of Visitors meeting," de Bruyn said in an email. "The open sessions of the meeting were livestreamed [online]."

The protesters sat outside the doors of the library, holding signs of

week.

"We need an increase in diverse faculty not only as Latinos but as a community," she said.

Han proposed three motions to stop the actions of the Board of Visitors, which passed unanimously in the group. Han also said a Board of Visitors meeting should not lock out those whom it affects the most.

"Is this what a Board of Visitors meeting should look like — students locked out?" Han asked.

De Bruyn said the decision to close the Special Collections Library

of diverse faculty, we have to march with them," Rodriguez said. "I think that there is a lot of power in numbers."

Rodriguez also said the minority groups intend to write an open letter to the Board regarding both tuition and transparency, while highlighting the issues facing minorities at the University.

"They do have a Diversity and Inclusion Committee, who [are] very incompetent and don't do their work correctly," Rodriguez said. "Their definition of diversity is very well-written in paper, but in reality they don't do a good job of it at all ... [The Latino community] lost four faculty members in the last year and nothing has been done about it."

Rodriguez said the Board of Visitors could improve their transparency and policies on diversity by increasing contact with students.

"I think that [the diversity and inclusion committee] should have some sort of spokesperson from faculty, and perhaps a student," she said. "They just need to reach out to us more, because they need to hear what we have to say [since] they're not here every day ... They only meet twice a year, which is very angering since they do represent us."

Though the Board of Visitors does include a student representative — currently fourth-year College student Meg Gould — Rodriguez said one representative is not enough.

"We do have a student rep, but that student rep doesn't represent all of us," Rodriguez said.

The continued effort of University students against the tuition increase has gained media attention. Tim Wronka, a Channel 8 reporter covering the rally Wednesday, tweeted a photo of the students wearing red tape over their mouths. There was a high level of excitement in response to the coverage when the tweet was read to the group by Talej.

"We're gaining momentum and people are noticing, people are on our side," Talej said.

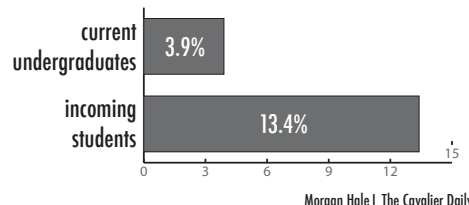
In-State Need-based Loans

Under the Affordable Excellence Model, the maximum amount of need-based loans Virginia families would potentially accrue during a four-year undergraduate career will be substantially reduced.*

	Old Model	New Model
Low-income	\$14,000	\$4,000
Others with need	\$28,000	\$18,000

*Courtesy Office Undergraduate Admission

2015 Percent Tuition Increase



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passed by the Board.

"The model shifts the burden onto middle-income students to subsidize low-income student enrollment, rather than emphasizing an institutional or state commitment to funding higher education and reducing loan debt," U.Va. Students United said in their statement.

According to the Board of Visitors proposal, the tuition increase is intended to offset costs for low-income students. However, U.Va. Students United said they feared it would have the opposite effect.

The rally Wednesday afternoon took place during a Board of Visitors panel discussing the approved tuition increase which was closed to the public.

U.Va. Students United member Nqobile Mthethwa, a second-year College student, began the rally by knocking on the locked doors of the library, and questioned the police officer inside.

"We're just wondering what legal

protest and wearing red tape reading "No Voices" across their mouths as a symbol of the lack of a voice the students had in the tuition vote.

The students said they chose to sit, as opposed to stand, to appear less violent due to the police presence at the Library today. They said they wanted to be a pacifist movement while still ensuring their voices would be heard.

"I just want to highlight [that] the decisions they're making in that room directly affect us and we're locked out," Mthethwa said.

The Latino Student Alliance, who were advocating increased faculty diversity, joined the U.Va. Students United because they said they believed the tuition hike and its effects on incoming student diversity will have a negative effect on faculty diversity as well.

LSA Advocacy Co-Chair Carina Rodriguez, a fourth-year College student, said the organization had been planning the rally for an increase in diversity among faculty for about a

during closed Board sessions was made by a number of parties involved.

"The decision to close the building was made by the Office of the Executive Vice President and COO in consultation with the Office of the Dean of Students and the University Police Department," he said.

Students from the crowd spoke about how the tuition increase would affect them and the University as a whole. First-year College student Megan Talej said it would weaken socioeconomic diversity.

"This promotes gentrification of the Charlottesville area [and]... it promotes the homogenization of University of Virginia and it marginalizes minorities and low-income students," Talej said.

Rodriguez said it was important to merge the rallies regarding tuition and faculty diversity.

"Yesterday I attended the rally for Students United and I [realized] we can no longer just make it an increase



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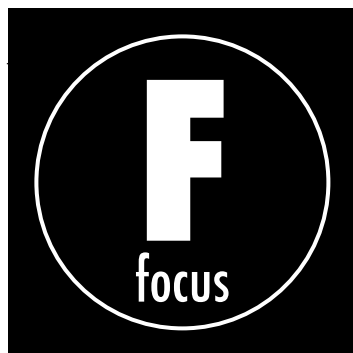
Students gathered outside the Special Collections library during multiple sessions of Board of Visitors meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Mitchell Wellman
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In light of the recent arrest and charge of third-year College student Martese Johnson by Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control, questions have been raised regarding the jurisdiction and authority of ABC agents.

Defining ABC jurisdiction

The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control operates under the supervision of the Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security. The Department was founded in 1934, and is governed by the Virginia General Assembly under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the Code of Virginia. The Department consists of the three-member Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, as well as the agents and employees of the Board.

The Code of Virginia charges the ABC department with several delineated powers, such as the authority to control the possession, sale, transportation and delivery of alcoholic beverages and the ability to grant, suspend and revoke licenses for the manufacture, bottling, distribution, importation, and sale of alcoholic beverages.

The Code also gives Board members and its agents police powers through the authority of the chief law-enforcement officer of a county, city or town. Within the ABC is the Bureau of Law Enforcement, whose members work alongside ABC special agents, state police and local law enforcement to enforce the laws outlined by the Code of Virginia and Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. Violations are punishable as a criminal act with fines, jail time or both.

ABC spokesperson Valerie Hubbard explained ABC's general jurisdiction and duties. Hubbard said that because all ABC officers are police officers certified by the state of Virginia, they are permitted to enforce state laws that do not relate to alcohol.

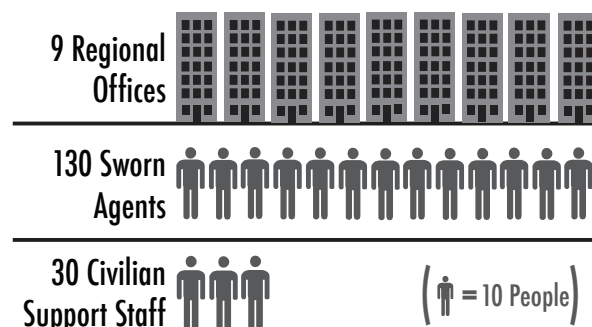
"ABC special agents are sworn and certified police officers, vested with statewide authority of arrest for ABC violations as well as any other Virginia criminal law violation associated with the regulated community," Hubbard said in an email. "Although Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations are our primary focus, we routinely enforce criminal statutes for the Commonwealth."

For example, Hubbard said ABC agents can and will enforce traffic laws, particularly in cases in which public safety is threatened.

The ins and outs of Virginia ABC

Understanding the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

ABC Activity and Employment Breakdown



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"While ABC agents don't typically stop vehicles for routine traffic violations, if we encounter extreme public safety issues on the highway or in the streets, which represent imminent endangerment to individuals and/or the public at large, such as reckless driving or DUI, we can and will make an arrest in that type of serious situation," Hubbard said.

Within the Bureau, there are about 130 sworn agents and 30 civilian support staff, working out of 9 regional offices. Agents are authorized to enforce the ABC Act, ABC Regulations and Virginia's Criminal Code. All agents are Department of Criminal Justice certified law enforcement officers and graduates of DCJS academies, such as Central Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, the Virginia State Police Academy and other regional and independent academies.

Approximately 70 percent or more of agent activity is spent on regulatory compliance including license suitability, background investigations, inspections of licensed establishments and providing training to retail licensees and banquet licensees.

The remaining 30 percent of agent activity is focused on underage access to alcohol and tobacco, citizen complaints of violations, over service of patrons by establishments and other investigations directly related to industry business practices.

Standards for use of force

"Excessive force," is defined in the ABC Bureau of Law Enforcement's document "Response to Active Resistance" as force in which "application is more than is necessary under the circumstances that exist at the time force is used."

According to the document, reasonable force may well be necessary in some scenarios, such as when the life of the agent is jeopardized, or to maintain the safety of bystanders.

The document outlines the

standards for scenarios in which the use of physical force are appropriate as well as guidelines for reasonable, objective application of such force.

"Based upon the severity of the situation, only that force which is reasonable and necessary to accomplish lawful objectives, while preventing injury and while protecting the life of the agent or others, shall be applied," the document stated.

The document also states that in all scenarios, ABC agents "should first attempt to achieve control through verbal commands and/or persuasion" and to resort to force only when other alternatives, such as police presence or verbal control have been exhausted.

Finally, the document recognizes that force should be exerted in a way that correlates to the citizen in question's level of resistance. The document mandates that agents should modify their use of force throughout the arrest.

"Agents shall modify their level of force in relation to the amount of resistance by the subject," it states. "As the subject offers less resistance, the agent shall lower or cease the amount and/or type of force used. Conversely, if resistance escalates, agents are authorized to respond with those techniques and/or tools at their disposal to gain control of the subject."

Recent reforms and policy adjustments

Johnson's arrest is not the first incident that has elicited criticism for ABC special agents from members of the University community. In April 2013, a group of plainclothes ABC agents approached University student Elizabeth Daly in the Harris Teeter parking lot. The agents surrounded her car while one of the agents drew a gun after they mistook the case of sparkling water Daly was carrying for beer.

Daly was eventually arrested after she exited the parking lot and contacted 9-1-1 out of confusion,

not understanding the out-of-uniform agents were law-enforcement officers.

"The incident that took place with the ABC was extremely troubling and disturbing for me personally," Daly said in an email response to Johnson's arrest. "I support any action to help ensure that this would not happen to anyone again."

In the wake of Daly's incident, ABC implemented 14 new policy and procedural changes following internal and state police reviews of the case.

According to an ABC press release, these changes include requiring agents to "promote a reasonable, common-sense philosophy regarding the correlation between the seriousness of an offense and the agent's response, ensuring the response is proportional to the suspected offense." According to the press release, "agents will be issued point-of-view cameras to be worn during operations."

"All policy and procedural changes initiated have been implemented with the exception of the body cameras," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said the delay in the implementation of body cameras is due to the ongoing development of policies regarding the cameras' use which are still being formulated, and because the state does not want to implement the program disjointedly across agencies.

"The Commonwealth is continuing to evaluate the use of body cameras by its law enforcement agencies," Hubbard said. "It is important that a measured, reasonable approach be taken in implementing this technology rather than doing so in a piecemeal fashion across our agencies ... ABC actively engaged in a process to move toward implementation, including determining how to best procure and utilize the cameras. ABC can move forward with the use of body cameras once appropriate procedures and policies are established for state agencies."

Additionally, Gov. Terry McAuliffe appointed former Fluvanna County Sheriff Ryant Washington as a special policy adviser on law enforcement to the ABC Department in April 2014, aiming to improve ABC's enforcement policies following the Daly incident. "Washington implemented a management/leadership workshop for all bureau supervisors and has established a training committee that has begun the process of strategically assessing the needs of the enforcement staff and will be forthcoming with recommendations," a statement issued by the Governor's office Sunday read.

Washington could not be reached for comment regarding ABC reforms.

Following the independent state investigation into Johnson's arrest which McAuliffe called for last week, McAuliffe signed Executive Order 40 into action Wednesday. The Order outlines four additional reforms intended to improve law enforcement in the state ABC department.

"Recent events involving special agents of the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Charlottesville have underscored longstanding concerns about the agency's Bureau of Law Enforcement and exposed the need for more extensive training and oversight," McAuliffe said in a press release. "While we must await results from the investigations by Virginia State Police and the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Charlottesville before drawing conclusions about that particular incident, it is not too soon to take proactive steps to improve ABC's Bureau of Law Enforcement."

Among other reforms, the order mandates immediate retraining of all ABC special agents pertaining to use of force, cultural diversity, interaction with youth and community policing by Sept. 1, 2015.



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Associate Editor

The No. 2 Virginia women's rowing team is back on the water and is already in the midst of the spring season. In the next few weeks the Cavaliers will see 15 of the other 19 top-20 crews leading into the ACC and NCAA championships.

In their first regatta of the spring season, the Oak Ridge Cardinal Invitational from Mar. 14-15, the Cavaliers won 14 of their 15 races against crews including No. 9 Yale, No. 12 Notre Dame and No. 18 Louisville.

The spring season races consist of 2,000-meter sprints, while the fall races are longer endurance pieces.

Following three decisive race wins in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the Varsity Eight was named ACC Crew of the Week. The boat featured four seniors, Hemingway Benton, Maddie Keating, Lizzy Youngling and coxswain Hayley LaFleche, along with juniors Sam Casto and Mackenzi Sherman, sophomores Erin Briggs and Georgia Ratcliff and freshman Eliza Spilsbury.

"I think it's awesome that we're being recognized for that," Briggs said, who rowed in the two seat. "But it's important that we're not too confident about it because success

isn't guaranteed and we need to continue to work hard."

Although the Oak Ridge Invitational was an excellent start to the season for the Cavaliers, the team will be facing consistently tough competition all season long, including the defending national champions, No. 1 Ohio State.

The Cavaliers scrimmaged against Ohio State this past weekend, which proved to be a great learning experience for both teams.

"Just having a connection with other teams has been really cool and I think it kind of changed our perspective for the rest of the season," said sophomore Jo Gurman, who participated in the Second Varsity Eight at Oak Ridge. "The comparison was on such a close level and it definitely showed us where we should continue to focus."

This weekend, the Cavaliers will travel to Redwood Shores, California for the Pac-12 Challenge. No. 4 California and No. 5 Stanford will be among the crews at the regatta.

"We know the West Coast is going to be fast, and it'll be a challenge," coach Kevin Sauer said. "That's why we're going out there."

The Cavaliers were very successful at last year's Pac-12 Challenge, winning three of four races against both Stanford and USC and sweeping all four against

Oregon State.

Traveling to the West Coast also provides a challenge from an equipment standpoint. Logistically, the teams work together to find the easiest way to transport the expensive boats. The Cavaliers loaded their boats onto University of Oklahoma's trailer while they were in Oak Ridge, as both teams will be at the Pac-12 Challenge. Oklahoma will return Virginia's boats to the East Coast when the teams meet up again at the Clemson Invite in mid-April.

Looking ahead, Virginia will host the ACC/Big Ten Challenge April 4 at Lake Monticello. Ohio State will return to Charlottesville, along with No. 6 Michigan from the Big Ten and Clemson from the ACC.

Virginia will then travel to Princeton to take on Ivy League crews No. 8 Princeton, No. 12 Harvard and No. 20 Cornell, followed by a trip to South Carolina for the Clemson Invite, which features some of the top crews from all across the country.

"Just looking at our schedule gives the rowers motivation," Sauer said. "You've just got to look at what's coming up, strive for excellence and be as good as we can be."

This will all lead up to the ACC Championships at Clemson and the NCAA Championships in Gold River, California.

The Cavaliers have won the ACC



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

The Varsity Eight boat was named ACC Crew of the Week following three decisive wins in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Virginia has won five consecutive ACC championships and is gunning for another.

Championship for five consecutive years, and 14 of 15 ACC Rowing Championships. Virginia has also finished in the top six at the NCAA Championships for the last eight years.

"Each day in practice if we give it our best shot, then we'll be able to improve as the year goes on," Sauer said. "Our goal is to be at the top and win the NCAA title."

Holding each other accountable, never taking success for granted and senior leadership will bolster the Cavaliers mentally and physically.

"Coach Sauer holds us accountable for every aspect of our lives and supports us when we do that well, and when we don't, we just become disappointed in ourselves,"

Gurman said.

The four seniors in the Varsity Eight, Benton, Keating, Youngling and LaFleche, along with Lexie Katz in the Second Varsity Eight and coxswains Julia Roithmayr and Chloe Sykes, have taken on significant leadership roles and claim extensive collegiate experience, valuable as races get more and more competitive.

Sauer and the team leaders stressed being intentional and always finding a job for yourself to do, which in turn will bring the team closer together and provide even more motivation.

"You can always do more, there's never a point where you're done," Briggs said.

Kolod to end illustrious diving career at NCAAs

Kolod, standout breaststroker Kaeser have high hopes for year-end meet

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As collegiate athletics become more and more competitive, it is rare to find many Division I athletes with less than a decade of experience in their sport. Virginia senior diver JB Kolod, a three-time reigning All-American, is the exception.

Until his sophomore year of high school, Kolod had aspirations of becoming an Olympic gymnast. But when his local gym shut down in 2008, he was faced with two life-changing choices — move to Colorado and practice at its Olympic training center or give up the sport entirely. He chose the latter.

But that was far from the end of his athletic career.

The Pittsburgh native took up diving with a friend and ultimately decided to pursue the sport with the same passion and vigor as he did with gymnastics.

"I really enjoyed it a lot and wanted to keep going with it," Kolod said.

Now seven years later, Kolod is unquestionably the best diver in program history, having racked up three All-American honors, and beginning Thursday, he'll be looking to add a few more to his résumé.

Kolod will join junior swimmer Yannick Kaeser as the only two representatives of the Virginia men's swimming and diving team at the NCAA Championships this weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. And for Kolod, it will be his last meet in what has been an illustrious career in orange and blue.

The senior has set and continually reset the program's diving records throughout his four years in Charlottesville. He recorded his best marks in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives in this season's opening meet against Navy with scores of 390.83 and 440.70, respectively. In February at the ACC Championships, Kolod again topped his

previous best in the platform dive, scoring 405.25 points to once more reset the program record.

At the NCAA Zone A Championships earlier this month, Kolod again qualified for all three diving events at the NCAA meet after placing second in both the 1- and 3-meter dives and ninth in the platform event.

While a master at all three dives, Kolod's best work has traditionally come in the 3-meter event, where he earned Honorable Mention All-American in 2013 and was an outright All-American in 2014 after placing seventh at the NCAAs — the highest finish by a Virginia diver in program history.

"I think [the 3-meter] suits me better," he said.

Still, Kolod has excelled in the other two events. He was an Honorable Mention All-American in the platform event last spring after placing 10th in the event at the NCAA meet, even without a regulation

10-meter podium with which to practice at the AFC.

Much of the credit for Kolod's success can be given to the regime brought in by coach Augie Busch two seasons ago. Under former coach Mark Bernardino — who coached Kolod for two seasons — some thought that the divers did not receive the same attention as the swimmers. Whether true or not, no such stigma remains today.

"Augie and the rest of the coaching staff are really vocal about supporting diving," Kolod said. "It definitely feels that they really value us."

But just as important has been the addition of diving coach Jason Glorius to the staff. Glorius — the Division III diving coach of the year in 2013 at Denison University — has not just improved Kolod, but the entire diving team with his meticulous



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Senior diver JB Kolod took up diving after giving up gymnastics in high school.

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Softball falls short against George Washington

Late-inning rally flames out too soon, pair of lead-off walks costs struggling team in 5-2 loss

Matthew Wurzbarger
Senior Associate Editor

Virginia softball dropped its Wednesday contest against George Washington, 5-2. The Colonials took advantage of a four-run third inning

to survive a late comeback bid by the Cavaliers.

The Colonials (14-11, 0-2 A-10) nosed in front with one run in the opening inning. Sophomore Megan Linn led off the game with a walk. A flyout later, Linn swiped second base and scored on a single by senior Vic-

toria Valos.

"They did a good job of capitalizing on [freshman pitcher Andie Formby's] mistakes," coach Blake Miller said. "Every time she left the ball up around the waist they got a hit."

Virginia (7-26, 1-8 ACC) appeared poised for a quick response in the bottom of the inning. Freshman Allison Davis smacked a leadoff double into left field, and sophomore outfielder Iyana Hughes walked. A sacrifice fly put Davis at third with only one out and freshman Danni Ingraham at the plate. Ingraham lined to shortstop. Hughes, who strayed too far from first base, was doubled up.

"The one thing that is putting us in the state we're in is attention to details," Miller said. "The attention to detail was not good. We have to get a lot more disciplined in what we do, and the results automatically come from that."

Formby ran into trouble in the third inning. Once again, she led off the inning with a walk, and once again that free pass came back to haunt the Orange, California native. Linn drove in the inning's first run with a double.

A defensive breakdown led to the next run of the inning. With Linn on third base, sophomore Bradleigh Breland broke for second. Anticipating a double steal, freshman catcher Brittany McNulla threw to third base, but

freshman Lauren Heintzelman could not corral the throw, which squirted into left allowing Linn to trot home.

A two-run shot to right-center field by Valos plated the final two runs of the third.

"The game sped up too much there," Formby said. "I was falling behind too many batters, and when you do that it makes it rough on your defense."

Virginia pitchers walked only two batters. Both were by Formby, were to lead-off batters and would both eventually score.

"The no-no in this game is giving up a leadoff walk because they're going to score," Miller said.

George Washington freshman Sarah Costlow kept the Virginia bats quiet for most of the game. She surrendered only three hits through the first five innings and only walked one batter in that span.

But finally the Cavaliers strung together good swings in the sixth inning, producing one run to show for it.

Davis turned on a Costlow offering for yet another leadoff double — her team-leading 12th. Hughes grounded out to second to advance Davis and make amends for her earlier base-running gaffe. The productive out paid off as Davis scored on an RBI groundout by sophomore Kaitlin Fitzgerald.

The Cavaliers put together an-

other rally attempt in the game's final frame. Down to their last out, sophomore Katie Park squibbed a pinch-hit infield single down the first base line to prolong the inning and game. Park quickly exited the contest in favor of a pinch runner — Heintzelman. Following a wild pitch which advanced Heintzelman, junior Aimee Chapdelaine singled her home.

Now, with real momentum, Virginia appeared ready to make a serious effort to tie or win the game. Chapdelaine stole second base before Davis drew a walk. Hughes — the potential tying run — hit a mean grounder, but it went directly to the first basemen, who stepped on the bag to end the game.

"They finally decided to get a little selective at the plate," Miller said. "Early, we were good and aggressive in the right counts, but then we went the other way and started taking good pitches and swinging at the bad ones. They finally settled down in the last two innings."

Formby took the loss and fell to 5-14 on the season. She allowed five runs over four innings. Chapdelaine threw shutout ball for the remaining three innings.

Costlow threw a complete game to earn her 11th win of the season.

Virginia travels to Chapel Hill, North Carolina for a three-game series over the weekend.



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Junior Aimee Chapdelaine knocked in the Cavaliers' second run. She also pitched three scoreless innings in relief of freshman Alex Formby.

Senior third baseman Kenny Towns racked up four RBI against the Flames. He also smacked his team-leading 10th double.



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Baseball outmuscles Liberty in 10-7 win

Fresh off a shutout loss to Georgetown, No. 14 Virginia baseball defeated Liberty, 10-7, in what can only be characterized as a bat-swinging contest.

The Cavaliers (15-8, 3-6 ACC) set a season high of 15 hits — five Virginia batters collected multiple hits.

Spots one through four in the order went a combined 10-17 and knocked in seven runs. Freshman Adam Haseley and sophomore Daniel Pinero each had three hits.

Senior Kenny Towns collected four RBI.

Virginia scored once in the first and twice in the third, but the bats came alive in the top of the fourth. The team sent 10 men to the plate and scored six times — utilizing station-to-station baseball to do so.

The Flames (14-10, 1-2 Big South) scored twice in innings four and five to keep themselves in the game. Two more runs in the bottom of the seventh put Liberty within four. Senior Ashton Perritt took

junior closer Josh Sborz deep in the final inning to pull within three, but the blast was Liberty's last run of the game.

Freshman Derek Casey earned his first career win. The righty allowed four earned runs, four hits and two walks in 4.2 innings pitched.

The Cavaliers now turn their attention to Notre Dame. The two teams will contest their first weekend series as ACC foes in South Bend, Indiana 6:05 p.m. Friday.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzbarger

SWIM & DIVE | Kolod earned 19 points at NCAA meet last season

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attention to detail.

This season, junior diver Carl Buegler joined Kolod with a top-eight finish at the ACC meet, while junior female diver Becca Corbett became the first female diver in program history to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

"He's moved the needle in a pos-

itive direction with diving," Busch said.

Virginia placed 26th at the NCAA meet last season after earning 23 points, 19 of which came from Kolod. But in 2015, even with just two competitors compared to nine a year ago, the Cavaliers have the potential to outdo last year's results.

Kaesar, who currently holds the country's 14th-fastest time in the 100-yard breaststroke and 10th-fast-

est time in the 200-yard event, seems poised to be a top contender. After placing 16th in the 200-yard breaststroke consolation final last year, Kaesar has an additional year of training under his belt and will be rested and shaved for the first time all season this weekend.

"You've got two confident guys that by themselves could outscore last year's team," Busch said. "Those guys could each score 23 points by

themselves. JB is capable of multiple top-eight [finishes] and so is Yannick. That's 40 or 50 points right there."

But the results from this meet will mean more than just a final point total. Back in high school, Kolod helped to take Fox Chapel's diving program to new heights. And now entering his final meet, regardless of what other accolades he receives both this weekend and in the future

when he prepares for the Olympic trials, he can rest assured that he has put Virginia diving on the map.

"In hindsight, that's the thing that I'm most proud of — seeing all the good divers that we have now, how the program has really turned around and how lucky I was to be a part of that turning point," Kolod said.

The meet will run from Thursday to Saturday in Iowa City, Iowa.

Women's lacrosse trounces William & Mary 16-6

The No. 5 Virginia women's lacrosse team continued its three-game winning streak Wednesday night with a 16-6 win against in-state opponent William & Mary in Williamsburg.

Virginia (7-4, 1-2 ACC) took an early 2-0 lead, but William & Mary (4-5) stayed close until the Cavaliers closed out the half scoring three unanswered goals to take an 8-4 lead into the break.

Virginia extended its lead in the second half on a free position goal by junior attacker Kelly Boyd after the Cavaliers won the opening draw control. William & Mary countered with its first goal in more than 15 minutes of play, but the Tribe would suf-

fer another scoring drought in the next 12 minutes as Virginia reeled off six straight goals to take its largest lead of the game at 15-5.

William & Mary sophomore midfielder Shannon Quinn broke the scoring drought for the Tribe with 15:24 remaining, but the Cavaliers answered with yet another goal to put the lead back at 10, allowing Virginia to put in its bench players with 12:36 to go.

In the last 12:36, the teams combined for 12 turnovers and 10 fouls, but neither team was able to find the back of the net, as the inexperienced Cavaliers only attempted one shot, while seven of the Tribe's eight shots were saved by Virginia freshman

goalie Rachel Vander Kolk.

The Cavaliers finished the game outshooting the Tribe 32-21 after outshooting them 19-7 in the first half. The Cavaliers also won the draw control battle, 17-7.

Reigning National Player of the Week and senior attacker Casey Bocklet recorded a career-high eight points on five goals and three assists to lead the Cavaliers, while Quinn finished the game with three goals to lead the Tribe.

Virginia gets a two-day break before returning to action on the road Saturday against No. 2 Boston College.

—compiled by Chanhong Luu



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Senior attacker Casey Bocklet dominated Wednesday night, scoring five goals and adding three assists for a career-high eight points.

It was never over

About a month ago, Fox Sports released a promo for their upcoming coverage of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup titled "It's Not Over."

The commercial begins with footage from the United States Men's National Soccer Team's Round of 16 loss against Belgium in the 2014 FIFA Men's World Cup. The camera zooms in and focuses on #13 Jermaine Jones, one of the American standouts during the last World Cup as the broadcaster announces, "The American World Cup dream is over."

The commercial proceeds to argue that the American World Cup dream is not over, hence the title, because the United States Women's National soccer team

now has the chance to make this dream come true.

"It didn't end when the final whistle sounded, when the fans headed home. It didn't end when the bars shut their doors, when the TVs went dark, when the celebrations stopped, and the paint washed away, because the final chapter of this story is just getting started."

As the last line is echoed, the image of Jones changes into an image of #13 Alex Morgan — one of the stars of the women's national team — effectively equating the two teams as one.

While this commercial certainly fits into the "One Nation. One Team." campaign and puts women on an equal playing field with men, it is unfair to compare

the USWNT — a team with much storied success and a legitimate chance to win the World Cup every four years — to the men's national team, who have a lot of work to do before they have an actual shot of realizing the American World Cup dream.

Case in point: since its inception in 1985, the USWNT has won two World Cups — in 1991 and 1999. Since its inception in 1913, the USMNT has won zero, with their best result a third-place finish in the 1930 World Cup. The 1930 World Cup only had 13 competitors, and Italy, Spain and Germany — the three most recent World Cup Champions — did not compete. Brazil, winner of five World Cups, competed but didn't come into prominence until 1950.

From 1954-1986, the men didn't even qualify for the World Cup after forgettable performances in the 1934 and

1950 contests and withdrawal from the 1938 World Cup, while the women have qualified for every World Cup since the first one in 1991, never finishing below third. Furthermore, the U.S. women's team's style of play is much better than the men's team — they don't let in easy goals in the game's first ten minutes and can actually execute an offense capable of scoring on every possession.

Thus, the promos should highlight the success of the USWNT instead of comparing it to the men's team, which the other two released ads have done a better job of accomplishing. "Two Stars," the first video released, acknowledges the World Cup titles, and ends with the kicker, "See that third blue star over the crest? No? Just wait."

The most recently released promo, "Conqueror," is even more transgressive because women

aren't traditionally thought of as conquerors. The video features images of the team and individual players "standing tall" to the lyrics provided by the hit show Empire and Morgan falling to the ground "on her knees" after a slide tackle then subsequently standing up and screaming. It ends with the subtitles, "Conquer the world." Male European explorers might have conquered the world in the 1500s, but women will be the new conquerors in 2015.

One of the biggest stages for women's athletics, the Women's World Cup should be celebrated without being associated with a lesser-accomplished male counterpart — because for them, it was never over.

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Chill Out!

Don't let midterms melt your iceberg.

An ode to Virginia winter athletics

The Virginia men's basketball team ended its season in heartbreaking fashion Sunday, which naturally elicited some pretty strong emotions from within. Of course, I can't get upset with the 'Hoos. However, I can get upset with the Tournament Selection Committee for seeding the No. 23 Spartans seventh in our region, senior guard Travis Trice for making ridiculous shots at the beginning of the game to put us down early and my annoying little cousin for rubbing the loss in my face.

But anger and sadness does no one any good, so let's flip the script and talk about everything that's gone right for Virginia athletics in recent months. It's time to give credit where credit is due, to some exceptional teams this great university saw compete during the winter season. If you're still feeling down about the Michigan State loss, this column is for you.

1. Women's Swimming and Diving

While you guys and gals were focusing all your attention on

college basketball this weekend, the women's swim and dive team was off in Greensboro, North Carolina putting together its best performance ever at an NCAA Championship meet. After winning its eighth consecutive ACC title four weeks ago, the Cavaliers followed the performance up with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championship, beating out historically elite programs like Texas, Florida, and USC.

Sophomore distance swimmer Leah Smith earned national champion honors in the 1,650 and 500 freestyle events — the only Virginia swimmer ever to win two national championships in the same year. Backstroke specialist junior Courtney Bartholomew placed second in the country in the 100 and 200 back, breaking an ACC and program record in the latter. And sophomore Laura Simon finished second in the 200 breast and fourth in the 100 breast, breaking a program record in the 200.

The number of top five finishes at NCAAs was nothing short of

amazing for this school. You may have read my previously published opinions on Virginia coach Augie Busch, but I don't want that to distract from the incredible things these women accomplished this year.

2. Wrestling

The Virginia matmen could very well be the most unheralded squad at the University. They've finished in the top-three in the conference every year since 2007, though they haven't won the crown since 2010. Well, that was until this year, where they held off No. 25 Pitt and No. 10 Virginia Tech to capture the team ACC title. The Cavaliers went into the meet just 2-3 in ACC dual meets, and the win was hardly expected.

If you don't know the name Nick Sulzer, you should learn it. The Virginia senior won his second straight ACC title in the 165-pound weight class, and finished fourth in the event at NCAAs. After top-10 finishes in the NCAA Championship meet in 2013 and 2014, Sulzer becomes just the second Virginia wrestler ever to earn All-American honors

three times and will go down as one of the best in Virginia history.

Also of note is senior Joe Spisak, who finished third in the 141 pound weight class at ACCs. Along with Sulzer, Spisak is one of just eight wrestlers in Virginia history to qualify for the NCAA meet in all four years of their careers. In total, six wrestlers made it to the finals in their respective weight classes at ACCs — including sophomore George DiCamillo — who won at 133.

3. Men's Basketball

Yes, this team had disappointing early exits from both the ACC and NCAA tournaments, but no one can deny the stellar season the Cavaliers put together. The team captured the ACC regular season title — which in my opinion is far more impressive than winning just three consecutive games in mid-March — and started the season with an astounding 19-0. Virginia became the first team ever to compile back-to-back seasons with 16 wins in the ACC — arguably the best conference in the land.

And then, of course, were the

individual honors. Leading the pack was coach Tony Bennett, who was named head coach of the year nationally by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, as well as ACC coach of the year by the conference's coaches and media. Junior guard Malcolm Brogdon earned first team All-ACC honors, as well as All-Defensive team honors, and juniors Justin Anderson and Anthony Gill made second and third team All-ACC, respectively. Additionally, senior forward Darion Atkins was named ACC defensive player of the year.

Of course we'd rather have seen this team take away some end-of-season hardware, but let's not lose sight of how special and historically great the 2014-15 men's basketball team truly was.

So don't forget where Virginia athletics stands just because of one frustrating loss in the NCAA Tournament. Between women's swimming and diving, wrestling, men's basketball and all the other teams that competed on behalf of the University of Virginia this winter, it was still one of the most successful times in Cavalier history. Go 'Hoos.

Sophomore swimmer Leah Smith, senior wrestler Nick Sulzer and Virginia men's basketball coach Tony Bennett all gave Virginia fans reason to smile this winter.



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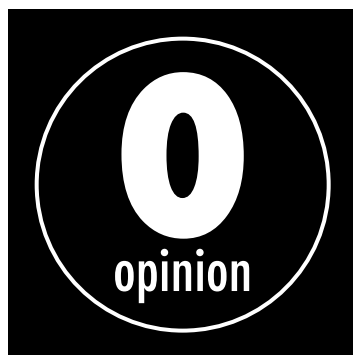


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TREAT YOURSELF.
Take a walk. Eat a cookie. Watch that show.



Comment of the day

"I can honestly say I don't personally know anyone who believes that black lives — or ANY lives — are disposable."

"MGB" responding to Nazar Aljassar's March 24 article, "Stop saying 'All Lives Matter'"

LEAD EDITORIAL

Diversity and Equity Committee doesn't deliver

Committee does not discuss the very concerns it exists to investigate

With the end of the Board of Visitors' meetings this week, the Board will meet only once more before the next academic year — though this will be June 11 and 12, after the semester has ended. Given this timeline, we were disappointed by the minimal discussion not only of Martese Johnson's arrest but also of students' general concerns at Tuesday's 30-minute Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting. While it shouldn't take as serious an incident as Martese's arrest to prompt real discussion of diversity and inclusion by the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, even in light of that serious incident the Committee failed to give proper weight to preexisting concerns.

While Board member Frank M. "Rusty" Conner III opened the committee meeting by acknowledging Martese's arrest, his was essentially the last word on the matter save for a passing mention from Kerry Abrams, vice provost for faculty affairs. Conner stated, "Our agenda for today was set several weeks ago. . . well before the incident last week," though he went on to say the incident "raises a whole host of issues" and that the committee did not plan to move forward with its normal agenda without ac-

knowledging that.

The lack of substantive attention given to such an important matter is troubling given the purpose of that committee. However, the Board did meet with Black Student Alliance President Joy Omenyi at the end of the day Tuesday to hear her perspective and BSA's four-part plan — demonstrating they are, to some degree, willing to listen.

The most troubling element of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting, then, was what constituted the normal agenda. The meeting began with an update on faculty salaries from Dr. Marcus Martin, vice president and chief officer for diversity and equity. However, the update — which was centered around whether minority faculty members are salaried at different rates than white faculty members — was rather pointless. According to Abrams, "The number of . . . minorities was small enough that we could not find a statistical difference" between minority faculty members' salaries and those of white faculty members.

The second part of the meeting involved updates on the community celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January and also included discussion of the President's

Commission on Slavery and the University. These are very worthwhile and important initiatives — but in apparently what constitutes the only 30-minutes the Board had to discuss diversity and inclusion at U.Va., this was by no means the most effective use of time.

As far as faculty salaries go, if the number of minority faculty members is so negligible as not to provide enough data to compare salaries in the first place, perhaps the Board should have heard about and discussed why minorities constitute such a small population of the faculty, and how to recruit and retain more minority faculty members instead.

The second half of the meeting, which consisted largely of positive reports about improvements in community gatherings, could be effectively captured in a memo to the Board. With so many existing concerns among various minority communities on Grounds — including the concerns within the black community that have been highlighted this week — it is a shame the Board did not discuss feelings of exclusion and marginalization among students. Though Omenyi discussed much of this in her meeting with the Board, such

concerns should be on the Board's existing docket regardless of last week's events if the Board truly aims to improve diversity and inclusion at U.Va.

We have previously written about concerns repeatedly brought up by some black students, including the need for the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African and African-American Studies to become a department instead of a program. The concerns we mentioned — among many others — are not new. Why is it that such concerns are not being addressed by the very committee that exists to address them?

If the Board truly only has 30 minutes to spare for the topic of diversity and inclusion, those 30 minutes should be much more substantive than they were Tuesday. But the Board should not only give as important a topic as diversity — which affects students, University workers, faculty members and administrators — such a short amount of time to begin with. Meeting with Omenyi was certainly a start — but this demonstrates a reactive, and not proactive, approach. They already have the time allotted to discuss diversity and inclusion; it's time they make use of it.

The link between communication and accountability

Dialogue goes a long way in creating meaningful change

On Friday afternoon, students gathered in Newcomb Theater to address representatives of various law enforcement branches. The panel members represented various aspects of law enforcement with power in Charlottesville, a visibly unified force. However, their responses were disjointed. Throughout the event, several representatives claimed, "this wasn't us" in reference to the violent arrest of third year student Martese Johnson, the implication being that they have a minor role in the conversation about the arrest and its aftermath. Issues of racial profiling and police brutality must be systematically eliminated. In order to do so, communication between branches of law enforcement is essential.

Last week, Viewpoint writer Ben Rudgley published a column in which he asserted: "Policy is more powerful

than dialogue." I think that many of the points made by Rudgley were well-put, but his main point was in response to four specific policy proposals. Facing the daunting issue of police brutality in the United States, the steps to take are not initially obvious.

Several times throughout the dialogue, various representatives emphasized their openness to hear feedback about training and enforcement. A constructive change that law enforcement in Charlottesville can make to end discriminatory policing of any kind is to create formal systems of communication and information-sharing between branches, which will in turn increase accountability.

To absolve the Charlottesville Police Department, or the University Police for that matter, of any responsibility in the arrest of Martese Johnson is to treat this

event as a singular happening. As was expressed by representatives of the Black Student Alliance at the panel, black residents of Charlottesville have experienced racial profiling continuously. The disappearance of Sage Smith received adequate resources only when prompted. It is clear that this issue involves law enforcement as a whole, so why isn't it being treated as such?

In order to move forward, those responsible (first off, the ABC officers in question) should acknowledge their inadequacies. Next, each branch of law enforcement should reevaluate training and protocol. At one point during the panel discussion, the ABC policy advisor appointed by the governor claimed that, "many of our officers go through the same academies as local law enforcement." If the officers that arrested Martese were trained the same way that Charlottesville police officers are trained, then every branch of law enforcement is equally implicated.

This idea is not novel, but rather was brought up by students at the event. Virginia Secretary

of Public Safety's response to this suggestion was, "The concept of ABC communicating with Charlottesville and University Police is a great idea, and it is my understanding that we do that." Perhaps some communication does occur. Even so, it is clearly not happening enough, as evidenced by the disjointed and confused responses of the officials to the questions raised at the panel. In reference to the legality of ABC officers detaining an individual, Police Chief Longo said, "I don't know what the policy of the Virginia State Police or the ABC are on this matter," essentially absolving himself of all accountability on an issue that is wide reaching, and about which he should be informed.

Consolidation of information, of training and of protocol will heighten accountability. I hope strongly that what happened to Martese will never happen again in Charlottesville, or anywhere else for that matter, but the unfortunate truth is that police brutality is a reality in the United States. When something horrific happens, it is disappointing to hear law enforcement officials not

only failing to fully acknowledge responsibility, but also generally being uninformed about what the law enforcement mechanisms in their own communities are.

It is tempting to let the harrowing events of the past seven months fade into memories. As an advocate for dialogue, I am inclined to see it as a potential solution to the cracks dividing our community that have come to light. While dialogue is often criticized for being ineffective, any attempt to address an issue such as racial profiling and police brutality without giving all involved parties a seat at the table will only lead to disconnected initiatives. Establishing official communication mechanisms between law enforcement groups is not an adequate solution to these very real concerns. However, dialogue provides a stable foundation upon which we can begin to dismantle complex systems of oppression and inequality.

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Individuals perpetuate racism, not institutions

We need to be careful in applying the label of institutional racism

The student body at the University was rocked last week by the brutal arrest of Martese Johnson, an African-American student and a prominent leader in the University community. His arrest was the most recent occurrence in a series of instances of police brutality, all of which have contributed in placing the idea of institutional racism at the forefront of the American conversation. However, a question needs to be asked about this concept: is racial discrimination truly reinforced by our nation's legal institutions, or is it caused by the biases of these organizations' individual enforcers?

In order to understand where we are, it is important to understand from where we have come. I recently contacted John Bolich, an alumnus of Ole Miss who was a junior during the famous 1962 riot concerning James Meredith, the first African American student to enroll at the university. Bolich recounted his story to me in a lengthy email, which illuminated the harrowing foundation that racism had in southern state politics at the time. He described the social milieu during his time in Mississippi as a period in which "not only did the local laws actively support such

discrimination, but even if there were people in the community who did not support such discrimination... their willingness to be reasonable and unbiased was completely overwhelmed by the force of the laws and the state authorities."

It is safe to say that the scope of institutional racism in today's society — if it even exists — is relatively limited compared to the blatant racial prejudice that existed in southern institutions only half a century ago. Thankfully, an African American student no longer must fear for his or her life when enrolling in a university, and no state or national official will ever be able to take radically inhumane stances on social issues without being impeached from his or her post. That being said, we have certainly not "cured" racism in this country. It does not take a genius to realize that incarceration disparities between African Americans and Whites are not the results of coincidence; in fact, a strong case can be made that racial prejudice is rampant in court sentencing and various other legal settings across the nation.

A distinction must be made, however, between instances

of subjectivity and consistent, established precedents. Just as correlation does not imply causation, discriminatory actions taken by individuals — however horrifying or overt they may be — are not necessarily indicative of the virtues of the institutions they represent. The Alcoholic Beverage Control may indeed be an inherently flawed police force, though it does not appear to consistently show a racial bias in its arrests of underage perpetrators. In fact, an argument can be made that the most horrific abuse of ABC power

Furthermore, from a macro perspective, the United States pushes for the equality of individuals under the law, even if the ideological backwardness of certain entities persists in slowing this push down. Unlike the legal construct in this nation half a century ago, in which — as Bolich described — "the attitudes and hurdles faced by (racial minorities) were widespread, institutional and 'legal,'" the perpetuation of racism is no longer a tenet of any local, state or federal institution, though that is not the

true issue in the case of Martese Johnson. The underlying cause of Johnson's arrest was not due to the ABC police force being a racist organization; rather, it was caused by a fundamental flaw in the scope of ABC police power and by the individual racial biases of the officers involved.

The behavior of the officer who arrested Johnson was an utterly clear indication that a portion of this nation's legal enforcers act in fundamentally inhumane fashions, and for an officer to believe that

acting in such a way is acceptable, the institution he represents must indeed be partially to blame. Even if the ABC is not an organization that directly perpetuates racial discrimination, it is clear that the organization provides its individual officers with the ability to do so on an arbitrary case-by-case basis. The fundamental flaw, then, with the ABC — and with all police forces in general — is that the power of its individual enforcers extend far beyond the scope of the power of the institution as a whole.

Martese Johnson is indeed a symbol for a heated issue in today's society, but he is also a human being who fell victim to the regrettable behavior of other human beings, not to the ABC as an institution. His arrest represents a flaw in human nature, but to a greater extent, it proves that the true intentions of legal institutions have been lost among the tyranny of their own enforcers. Johnson is without a doubt a vehicle for social evolution in this nation; his case proves that our nation's leaders must peer inward at themselves and see who is truly holding the power.

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was used on a student of a racial majority, when two out-of-uniform officers wielded their weapons on a white female purchasing a case of sparkling water.

Say no to drugs — and cartels

Drug users share moral responsibility for the actions of drug cartels

All college students ought to be familiar with the arguments against illicit drug use. They are numerous: the wasted hours, the decline of physical health, the spiral into addiction and the possibility of overdose and death. The effects of illicit drug use are, of course, not limited to the individual user; drug use tears apart families, breaks down friendships and destroys the fabric of communities through the crime and social waste that it inspires.

I would venture to guess that most American college students acknowledge and accept these arguments against drug use, even the estimated 39 percent of college students who have used illicit drugs themselves. After all, these arguments about "wasted hours," "addiction spirals" and "broken communities" apply only to the heroin-plagued neighborhoods of America's inner cities or the rotting Appalachia towns devastated by methamphetamine, right? There

cannot be any harm in casually smoking marijuana with some friends, correct? Or so the prevailing narrative goes.

But these assumptions are as naïve as they are incorrect. Every time that someone uses an illegal substance, he or she assumes a moral culpability for the effects of this use. This includes moral culpability for enabling and supporting the organizations that deal drugs. And while casual college users obviously understand that their purchase and use of illicit drugs supports the local dealer in the apartment down the street or the room across the hall, their money ultimately supports something far more sinister than the flameout college drug dealers of popular imagination. I am talking, of course, about Mexican drug cartels.

Mexican drug cartels are entrenched in the marijuana business; estimates from 2008 suggest that 15 to 26 percent of cartel revenues stem from marijuana sales,

with the rest coming from cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. Moreover, a huge percentage of American marijuana is originally from Mexico, and is transported across the border by drug cartels — as much as 67 percent of all American marijuana, according to one 2008 study. It is worth noting that the drive towards American decriminalization and legalization has somewhat loosened cartel grip on the American drug market, as seizures of cannabis along the US-Mexico border are down 37 percent since 2011, but presumably this drop in the consumption of Mexico-imported weed is largely concentrated in states such as Colorado, where domestic production is rampant. In states such as Virginia, where marijuana production and consumption remain very much illegal, I would imagine chances are high that illegal marijuana is tied to drug cartels. The statistics are even worse for other drugs; if you choose to use cocaine, for instance, chances are upwards of 90 percent that it has traveled through Mexico.

Americans support and enable the existence of drug cartels by

constituting the largest consumption market for illegal drugs on the planet. The consequences of such American demand are clear and stark. Since 2006, over 100,000 have been killed in drug-related violence in Mexico, including over 1,000 children. The statistics alone fail to reflect the grisly horror of individual killings, such as 193 men and women who were senselessly raped and tortured before being murdered in cold blood in a single 2011 incident. The cruelty and inhumanity of these deeds rivals any of ISIS's work.

Over spring break, I traveled to the US-Mexico border (staying on the Texas side) to volunteer in a refugee clinic for those seeking protection in the United States. I spoke with women who had seen their husbands murdered and who implied that they or their friends were forced to help the cartels even as they sought refuge in the United States. One of the men helping to run the clinic said to me, "The dirty little secret of this whole thing is that the lives of our neighbors to the south would be so much better if Americans could just stop doing drugs." He is right, and we should

to listen. Globalization's most notable consequence may be that individual actions have concrete impact on lives across the world. We have the ability to speak with our pocketbooks — every time that one of us buys illegal drugs, we are potentially enabling some of the planet's most sadistic organizations, whether we care to admit it or not.

As a final note, there are some who will surely argue that further legalization of marijuana will eliminate Mexican drug cartels from the American marketplace, and will allow Americans to use without having to worry about implicitly supporting truly evil institutions. This may be true, but it scarcely takes the moral burden off of those who use drugs illegally in our present moment. For now, we can quietly take action against cartels by spurning illicit drug use. Hundreds of thousands of lives may depend on it.

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Tackling brain injury in the NFL

Chris Borland's decision to retire early highlights the perils of football

Last week, in a well-publicized event, star NFL 49ers rookie Chris Borland announced his retirement from the NFL. After only one year of play at a job that is the ultimate dream to many, Borland gave it all up, citing concern about “neurological diseases down the road” due to repeated head trauma from the game. He’s even giving back three quarters of his signing bonus.



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This development seems like the inevitable next step in the commotion surrounding the NFL’s treatment of concussions. As the before unknown dangers of repeated head trauma come into public knowledge, pressure on the NFL to ensure player safety has never been higher. Thousands of former NFL players suffering from brain debilitating have been suing the NFL in a class-action lawsuit. Even the NCAA, The Cavalier Daily has previously reported, is rushing to reel in the concussion crisis. The important thing, however, is that we don’t understate this problem. These debilitating head traumas aren’t injuries. They aren’t broken bones and sprained ankles. They are afflictions.

John Urschel, a Ravens line-

backer with a bachelors and masters in mathematics, recently wrote an article expressing solidarity with Borland. “I envy Chris Borland,” he says. His point is that he, being a published mathematician who enjoys chess and spectral graph theory, has a lot to lose by playing football, perhaps more than Borland. But he loves the game too much. He loves the feeling when you “lay everything on the line and physically

dominate the player across from you.” Just as a thoroughbred must run, or a bird fly, a man as massive as Urschel just needs to hit people. But the insidious myth that Urschel is perpetrating is the idea that you just lose a few IQ points from suffering brain trauma. He implies throughout his article that there is indeed a possibility that one day he’ll wake up and not be able to advance the field of mathematics as he once was able to. What he’s not recognizing is the possibility that one day he’ll wake up severely depressed and suicidal, unable to remember very much of his childhood. He’s not recognizing that Borland isn’t afraid of not being able to do complex math.

The idea that large salaries

compensate players for brain trauma is ubiquitous. We can look at the ex-NFL player that walks stiff-kneed and arthritically and say, “that guy knew what he was getting into.” My fellow columnist Nate Menninger made this point back in January. Players are “willingly putting their health at risk when they sign contracts granting them millions of dollars,” he says. They “should not beg for pity when injuries occur.” And the NFL certainly does compensate players for injuries. Such a ruthless game, with its high-impact hits, is ob-

be as flexible as it once was, but the brain simply doesn’t work in the same way.

The nation’s largest brain bank released the results of a study last year indicating that “just under 80 percent” of players who played football in high school, college or professionally had brains with chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Caused by repeated head trauma, CTE restricts blood flow in the brain, causing patients with less severe forms of the disease to “suffer from mood disorders, such as depression and bouts of rage, while

those with more severe cases can experience confusion, memory loss and advanced dementia.” Although the study recognized some issues, namely that those who donated their brains may have already suspected disease, the results are alarming.

We can see effects of CTE in the NFL and NCAA. Many players have committed suicide in connection with the depressive effects of CTE. Jovan Belcher, the Chiefs linebacker who murdered his girlfriend and then killed himself, had CTE. Ronney Jenkins, a former NFL player, has undergone two suicide attempts and battled

“serious cognitive issues: a memory that is feeble at best, crushing depression and rage he can neither understand nor predict” in connection with head trauma. These stories are everywhere.

The fact is, Borland isn’t retiring so he can save a bit of intelligence, he’s retiring so he doesn’t end up depressed and suicidal, forgetting the names of his children and the details of his childhood. You can’t compensate somebody for that burden. Nor can you call it an injury. Injuries you can live with; CTE is a curse. The game of football is an inherently gladiatorial and violent sport, but hopefully in the coming years we will make strides towards player safety, but in the mean time, let’s not say these players are reimbursed for their head trauma. Compensating somebody for an injured body is one thing, but a diseased mind is impossible to compensate for. These players who suffer from severe CTE live their lives in agony. They effectively aren’t the same people. You can’t communicate that risk to somebody at a contract signing.

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viously going to leave its players somewhat damaged, but you can’t possibly compensate somebody for the effects of repeated, severe concussions. You don’t bounce back from brain injury. It’s never as good as new, or just a bit less functional. Tear your rotator cuff and sure, your shoulder will never

Stop saying ‘All Lives Matter’

The slogan misappropriates a phrase necessary to combat racism

When I march in protest with my peers and say “black lives matter,” I do so because there is no shortage of Americans who believe that black lives are disposable. The wanton use of excessive force by police officers against young black males is well-documented: despite comprising 13 percent of the national population, black Americans are victims of roughly one in four police shootings. In our own community, we have seen one of our black students, Martese Johnson, bloodied by Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control agents whose racial biases, implicit or explicit, likely affected their ill disposition towards him — and even if they didn’t in this instance, the possibility of prejudice alone illustrates just how heavily race hangs over the heads of those who regularly run into racism. I say “black



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lives matter” because America has declared open season against young black males, and I am embittered by disrespectful University students who insist on replacing “black lives matter” with “all lives matter.”

“All lives matter” masquerades as a good-natured mantra that unites different communities against injustice and all of its manifestations; beneath a superficial level, it is an insensitive appropriation of a phrase created by black Americans in search of solidarity following the tragedies that have befallen young black males. A friend explained it to me as analogous to an individual approaching a charity bake sale for cancer and imploring the organizers to consider the struggles that other patients face. Those who say “all lives matter” hijack an expression that affirms black lives in a world

where cultural and institutional practices disadvantage them. These individuals subsume struggles specific to black Americans under a broader, whitewashed vision for equality and racial colorblindness that is more palatable to non-black Americans.

I don’t mean to accuse all who have said “all lives matter” of co-opting a phrase that does not belong to them. Those who say “all lives matter” may not be aware of the implications of those words and may have just picked up the phrase from social media, unlike those who pretend racism in law enforcement does not exist. The latter are the kind of people who say that they “don’t see race,” the kind of people who rear their ugly heads each time a black body bears the brunt of violence. These are the people who drown out black voices through whitewashing; by saying “all lives matter,” they create a more sanitized view of social inequalities.

Expressing the slogan that emerged from the shooting of

Michael Brown in Ferguson as “all lives matter” places non-black Americans at the center of a tragedy that does not bear any consequences for them. “All lives matter” diminishes the racial element of the issues that permeate the American criminal justice system. The application of justice in our nation is unequal, so it only makes sense that we direct our concern towards affirming the value of black lives. “Since this country’s founding the law has been used to protect the life, liberty, and property of white men, yet that same law has been warped and manipulated to disenfranchise black people from those basic rights,” University NAACP Chapter President Vj Jenkins said. “While [some white men and women] see the police and see safety, a person to call to for aid, so many of my people see the lessons history has taught them. They see *Brown v. Mississippi* where police officers hung a man by a tree and beat him until he confessed to a crime he did not commit.”

Injustices associated with law enforcement affect all, but black Americans are by far the greatest victims. It would be dishonest to neglect differences in the way black and non-black bodies are treated by American institutions. The very fact that certain people are able to ignore racial disparities and declare that all lives matter demonstrates that not all lives matter the same. According to Jenkins, “[Black Americans] have been brutalized in a manner not befitting of wild animals. History has told us that our lives mean nothing.”

I would love to live in a racially colorblind world where all lives matter. But this world does not exist. Race matters, and so for as long as injustice threatens justice, I will choose the side of the oppressed. For as long as strange fruit continues to hang from America’s poplar trees, I will assert that black lives matter.

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A modest proposal

There is but one self-evident course of action for the U.Va. community in the wake of the arrest of Martese Johnson. I know I will have the support of my fellow students when I hereby request the withdrawal of every minority student from the University of Virginia.

DREW KISER
Humor Writer

I mean this in the most literal sense possible. It appears that, in order to avoid bodily harm, we should all pack up and get the heck out of dodge.

The administration and sections of the student body have proven they cannot or will not provide safety for minority students. Now, this is a sticky claim, since the experienced discrimination of LGBTQ students, students of color and female students varies in type and intensity (to say nothing of when these categories intersect). I use the term "minority" without intending to equate any individual's experience with anyone else's. I use the term as a shorthand to represent each category of student that faces

present bodily harm.

For LGBTQ students, we may remember the 2012 hate crime perpetrated against a gay student on the Corner. And we are aware that women face higher rates of sexual violence in college, especially at a school with inadequate systems of support. And the incident of brutality Wednesday morning proves students of color are still othered by those in power, and are not safe from bodily harm on these Grounds.

Although these problems are not U.Va.-specific, if there is any doubt that this is a uniquely racist, misogynistic or homophobic school, we should examine the facts. We are in a milieu of systematic discrimination. The fraternity system, which controls the social scene for many younger students, is a white and moneyed institution, and it controls social events based off standards of race and sexual orientation. Our school refuses to provide workers with a living wage,

and minority studies remain programs and not departments.

And these are just the contemporary examples. If you want to know more, ask a professor about how the first classes of U.Va. would avail themselves to the sexual services of lower-class women from the community, or how the construction of Old Cabell Hall happened to coincide with a public outcry over the eyesore black neighborhood beyond the

in addition to providing safety, my proposal has the power to change the very structure of U.Va.

We have seen time and time again that the administration will not change unless forced to. Without a clear and present danger to the University's economic or academic standing, the powers that be resist doing anything that might upset alumni or disrespect the vision of Thomas Jefferson.

We may use this to our advantage, though. A school as evidently reputation-obsessed as ours makes for an easy target. Imagine if every queer student, every female student, every student on financial aid and every student of color were to pack

up and leave Charlottesville tomorrow. At the risk of international humiliation (not to mention state divestment),

President Sullivan and the like would have no choice but to overhaul the policies that perpetuate the privilege of the select few. And while policy changes do not necessarily lead to culture changes, new rules will create a culture toxic to discrimination and help drive prejudiced students away. Our departure would force the hand that has been so slow to react on these issues, and provide actual and robust change to an institution two centuries behind the times.

So that's why I think the withdrawal of every minority student from U.Va. is the best, if not the only, strategy to combat discrimination. Once we all have set up camp at different universities, I'd wager U.Va. will try to court us back. But until the administration can prove it can ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all students, we will delay our return. So for the time being, I hope other minority students will join me when I say, "Later, jerks."

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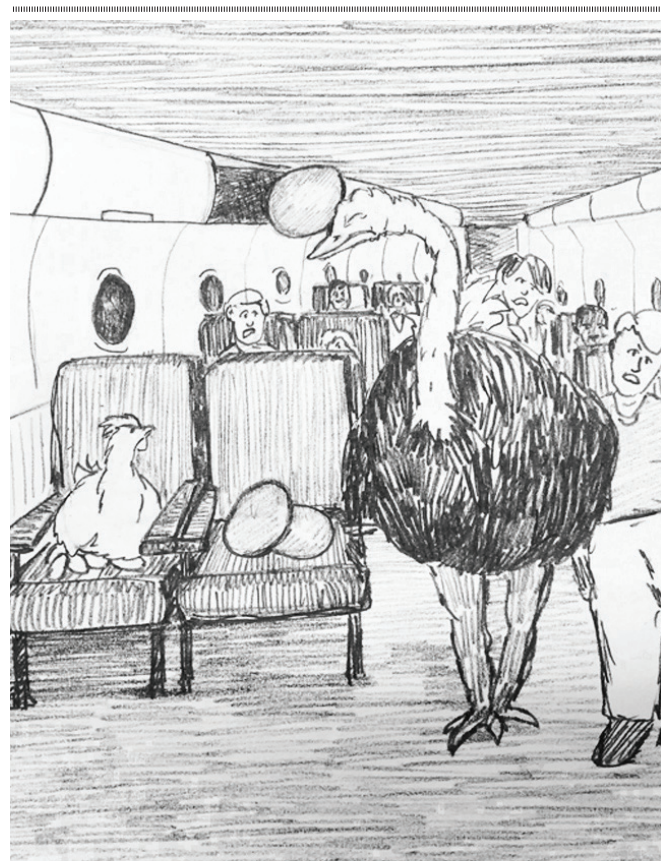


I hereby request the withdrawal of every minority student from the University of Virginia."

Lawn.

It is obvious that a mass exodus from U.Va. is an issue of safety for minority groups. But

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Implicit biases and dehumanization play a causal role in forming biases, including racial and gender prejudices.

Implicit biases are attitudes people hold but are either unwilling or unable to report. By contrast, explicit biases are those which people consciously think about and report. Implicit biases have been connected to problems of racial discrimination.

The Implicit Association Test uses a reaction time measure to gauge the strength of participants' immediate association of ideas. By measuring people's automatic associations, the test is able to pick up on unconscious associations. These may include racial and gender biases.

"Research suggests that more explicit forms of prejudice have shifted to more implicit forms," postdoctoral psychology student Kelly Hoffman said in an email.

This shift to implicit biases results from the fact that many explicit bi-

ases, including racism and sexism, are socially unacceptable in modern culture. Although social norms no longer condone these expressions, prejudices continue to manifest.

A forum held March 20 in Newcomb Theater in response to the arrest of third-year College student Martese Johnson involved discussions of implicit bias by panelists, made up of representatives from the Department of Justice, the Charlottesville police, University police and Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control.

"Science proves that implicit bias is present, and it is a real issue, and it's not just with police

departments," DOJ representative Charles Phillips said.

Implicit biases may take the form of racism, sexism or discrimination against any group labeled as "other." Discrimination against these groups pervades social and legal forums. Current statistics, including those from the recent Ferguson investigation, reflect this.

"In the recent investigation into the Ferguson police department, the DOJ determined that,

between 2012 and 2014, Blacks comprised 90 percent of citations and 93 percent of arrests made by officers,

despite only making up 67 percent of Ferguson's population," Hoffman said.

Studies also suggest that racial biases may affect criminal sentencing statistics.

"Eberhardt and colleagues (2006, Psych. Science) have shown that black defendants who look more stereotypical (e.g. broader noses, darker skin) were more likely to receive the death penalty than those who looked less stereotypical, controlling for a variety of other factors," Hoffman said.

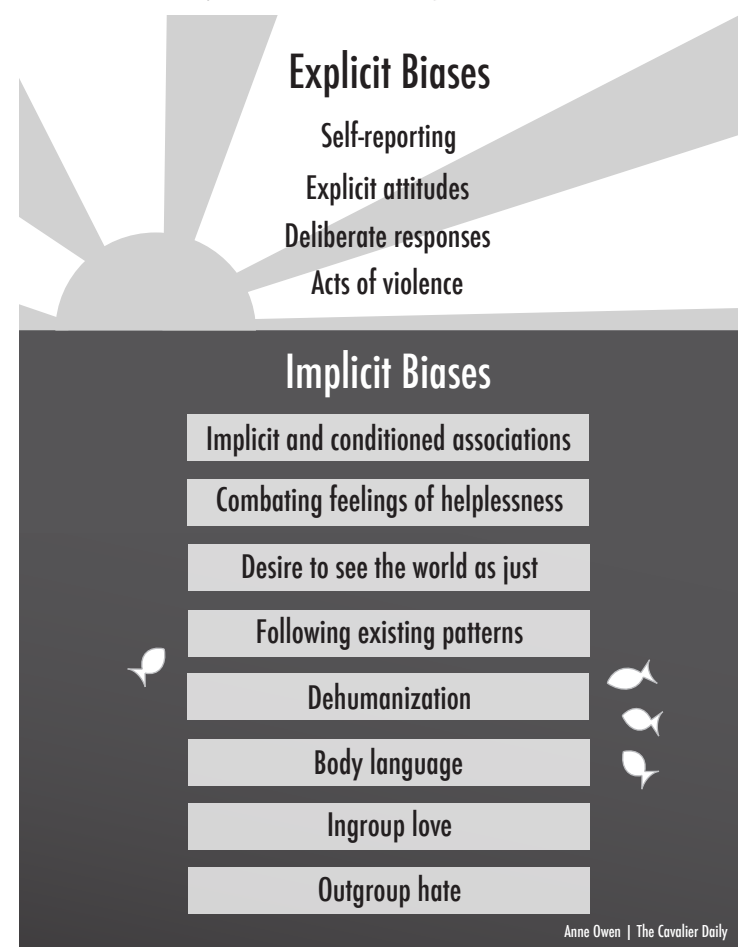
Some psychologists believe people with racial biases tend to dehumanize specific ethnic groups. Gordon Hodson and Kimberly Costello, professors of psychology at Brock University, linked interpersonal-disgust sensitivity to dehumanization. They found that dehumanization and feelings of disgust affected racial attitudes.

"Increased overall disgust sensitivity significantly predicted decreased liking of immigrants," Hodson and Costello wrote in "Psychological Science."

Dehumanization provides some of the strongest evidence for out-group violence, including police brutality.

Identifying implicit biases

When discrimination results not from bad intentions, but from unconscious processes



How group mentality affects perceptions of power

Psychology explains internal, external perceptions of power

Meg Thornberry
Health & Science Editor

Power is in a constant state of flux. A graduate student TA explaining concepts they consider simple and giving instructions or deadlines to undergraduate students may feel like the most powerful person around. However, when that same graduate student stands in front of a grant review board and attempts to defend their research and keep their funding, they may feel like the most powerless person in the world.

"Power is situationally defined and can be primed very quickly," Asst. Public Policy Prof. Eileen Chou said in an email. "It can be primed through the relative amount of resources they control, the roles they hold, and the titles that they have."

Group identity is one of the biggest deciding factors in how powerful a person feels. Both the groups with which they identify and how they identify within the groups come into play.

"Whereas power is a self-perception that is situationally based, status is other-conferred — therefore, it is

possible for someone to be in a high power position yet with unmatched status," Chou said in an email. "A mismatch can negatively affect interpersonal behavior."

According to a 2012 study published in the "Journal of Experimental Social Psychology," feelings of power that aren't accompanied by equivalent levels of status or control, can make people feel isolated, unappreciated and disrespected. This can lead to aggressive or demeaning behaviors, from telling another to say something demeaning about themselves to behavior as extreme as the prisoner abuse in Abu Ghraib, the paper says.

There is also a research to suggest that power can increase personal inclinations and self-serving behaviors. These types of behaviors don't necessarily harm others, they may in fact help them, but they hurt or help based solely on what will benefit the individual.

In 2010, "Psychological Science" published a paper on power and morality, which used a definition of power more akin to "control." It found that people tend to judge others more harshly based how powerful they feel, or how entitled they are

to judge, and judge themselves less harshly.

On the other hand, people with low levels of power tended to be more critical of themselves and more allowing of people in power.

"When it comes to social hierarchies, researchers at the Stanford University have demonstrated that people respond to another's power moves with complementary responses," Chou said in an email. "More specifically, people have a tendency to respond to dominant behaviors with submissive and vice versa."

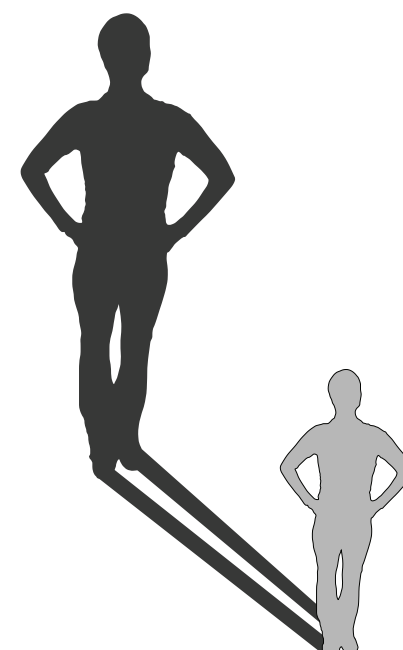
However, the 2010 study found one exception — when it was revealed that a position of power had been achieved by illegitimate means, people stopped making allowances and started openly criticizing.

Sometimes, group membership — the very thing that causes people to allow or justify mistakes — can also make them feel that it's okay for them to criticize another individual. When the powerful are knocked down a peg or two, people may suddenly find that certain individuals are now at the same social level as them, and therefore justified targets on which they can pass judgement.

However, this criticism can also mean that they are painting the offending individual as a complex person. People are more likely to see members of groups to which they belong as human beings with strengths and weakness, and see outsiders as one-dimensional.

"We struggle to recognize that we

may not give the same consideration or benefit of the doubt to members of other groups," graduate psychology student Jason Axt said in an email. "In addition, we often fall into the trap that while members of our in-group are unique and diverse, members of other groups are all the same."



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Indian Classical Night is a colorful showcase of the diverse cultural dances and musical talents present at the University as well as in the Charlottesville community. Hosted by the Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Among Youth and the Hindu Student Council, ICN 2015 anticipates a larger audience this year.

Arts & Entertainment sat down with SPICMACAY member and performer Seethal Jose and co-president of the Hindu Stu-

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Students bring Indian culture to Charlottesville

A preview of Indian Classical Night 2015

dents Council Sapna Rao to hear what they had to say about this year's ICN and what to expect.

Arts & Entertainment: What do SPICMACAY and HSC do, and what is ICN?

Sapna Rao: The Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth...is the university chapter of one of India's foremost music non-profit organizations. Its objective is to bring the rich and diverse cultural heritage of India to communities across the world...In Spring 2014, SPICMACAY collaborated with Hindu Students Council and presented Indian Classical Night that showcased a variety of Indian classical performances by UVA and Charlottesville community [members].

The HSC puts on numerous large events during the year, including a Fall and Spring Garba, a Diwali Mela, Gandhi Benefit Dinner and a Holi celebration.

A&E: What are your expectations for ICN 2015?

SR: We hope to bring the same level of intimacy with the performers which made last year's event such a success...While the structure of this year's event will be the same, we are excited to be equipped with better sound and lighting resources so as to make the event even more enjoyable for the audience and performers alike.

Seethal Jose: The highlight of this year's concert and the dance I am most looking forward

to watching is that of Madhavi Reddy, who is a professional Bharatanatyam dancer from the Charlottesville area.

A&E: How will this year be different from last year?

SR: This year we are partnering up with The Jefferson-Madison Regional Library as a supplementary component of their Big Read endeavor.

SJ: Last year's concert...lacked variety in terms of the performances...it mostly consisted of solo classical music. However, this year there is a wide range of programs, including two types of classical dances, Bharathanatyam and Kuchipudi, and more group musical performances, combining instrumental music with vocals.

A&E: Why should someone

come to this event?

SR: For the food!...It is an exceptional opportunity for the community to view both young people and professional artists perform Indian classical music and dance in such an exciting and intimate setting.

SJ: Indian classical art is one of the oldest arts in the world...if you cannot travel to India to witness these local arts, this is the closest experience you can get.

A&E: What's next for SPICMACAY? What is your next event?

SR: Keep an eye out for our fall semester event. That's all I'm going to say!

Indian Classical Night will take place in the Chemistry Auditorium March 28 at 6 p.m.

An evening of poetry with Charles Wright, Mary Szybist

Poet Laureate, National Book Award winner explore the role of silence

Kristen Clevenson
Senior Writer

Last Friday, the Culbreth Theater hosted Charles Wright, the 2014-15 U.S. Poet Laureate, and National Book Award winner Mary Szybist. The night featured his "Shrines to Longing," a poetry reading and Q&A. The event was held in conjunction with the Virginia Festival of the Book, a "celebration of books, reading, literacy, and literary culture" according to the website.

Wright and Szybist were introduced by Kevin McFadden — poet and chief operating officer of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities — as poets who emerged

from the "Silent Generation," or the period between the Great Depression and the start of the Baby Boomers. The two poets read some of their shorter works and spoke about their relationship with silence. In the poem "The Silent Generation," Wright asks, "What was it we never had to say?"

Wright spoke first, announcing, "I always like to start on the wrong foot," after he mispronounced a line. This set the tone for the rest of his reading, as he constantly interrupted poems with his own interjections of "whatever that means" or "actually I think that's true."

Second-year College student Hannah Beaman said, "His poetry really made me smile, as did his personality. I was surprised by how

candid and unaffected he was on stage. [He seemed] approachable... I would be his friend."

The audience of adults and students seemed to agree, as they constantly laughed at his side comments and applauded long after he left the stage. His poetry mirrored his personality — approachable and captivating. Beaman said, "The metaphors he used were really fresh and elegant and...evocative."

Szybist took a more serious approach. She introduced poems from her award-winning book, "Incarnadine," not just with anecdotes, but with an explanation of their themes. Many of her poems were inspired by her "mixed feelings" about the annunciation scene from the Bible. She asserted that

you have to "risk things to get anything that mattered" and proceeded to read sincerely. When reading a poem about a mother who threw two babies off a bridge in Oregon her voice began to quiver.

In the Q&A portion of the evening, McFadden started by asking about the poets' imagined audience, "Who are you talking to?" Both writers paused, and finally Wright said, "What kind of question is that?" The poets explained that they often write for themselves and then hope someone will want to read it.

The audience's questions were



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better received and the poets talked about inspiration, what they're reading now and the role of silence. They came to the conclusion that poetry is prayer and true prayer is silence. The night ended with a thundering of applause for Wright and Szybist.

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AVP performs Spring Concert 'Man Fest Destiny'

Notorious a cappella group celebrates latest CD release with usual goofy antics, wishes fourth-years farewell



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The greatest thing about University a cappella is that, other than terrific music, you really never know what to expect. The Academical Village People are no exception and, if anything, they always seem to exceed the limitations and expectations of most University a cappella shows.

The Academical Village People's 22nd Spring Concert "Man Fest Destiny" highlighted the drop of their new CD, "Another Round," and featured over-the-top comedy and incredible vocal variety to give the audience two engaging hours of nonstop entertainment.

Hitting the ground running, the group opened with "The Lion King's" iconic song "The Circle of Life" led by fourth-year College student Jacob Irby. Irby had strong vocals, a powerful background harmony and he threw in some playful stage acting to nicely round out the first number.

Ed Sheeran's "Kiss Me" immediately followed. It featured a captivating, slow, deep toned and masterful harmony mixed with a little sexual flavor which led well into King Harvest's "Dancing in the Moonlight," an old school 70s jam — no doubt a hometown favorite. AVP wouldn't be AVP, though, had they not added a twist by slowing down the beat and ending the song with a soulful vibe.

Singing is just one of the acts AVP performs to keep the audience engaged.

AVP President, Will Cochrane, a third-year College student, said he thinks the group's relaxed mentality enhances their stage presence.

"I think that our general motto is that we don't try to take ourselves too seriously — there's a lot of personality in the group and comedic camaraderie, and [performing] a cool way to show it," Cochrane said. "For us, it's a lot of fun and we laugh harder some-

times than even the audience does."

The brief comedic skit centered around an adventurer on his way to California to dig for gold — and men. The skit had an underlying, universal message of coming together as a community and respecting one another in addition to promoting a fix for cultural stereotypes.

Then, the music turned back up with "Love You Long Time" by Jazmine Sullivan, but popularized by Pentatonix, which highlighted lowest bass vocalists Kevin Zeithaml and Austin Chang in the songs intro, but moreover gave each vocalist a moment to shine. This interchanging method allowed each member to add his own harmony and voice to the song, in turn increasing AVP's personality and unity.

Changing direction from club and pop styles, AVP sang "It Goes Like This," from Thomas Rhett's single album released in October 2013. To wrap up Act 1, the set brought the crowd to their feet with "Love Runs Out" from their new album, performed by Tal Benatar. Benatar crushed the refrain, showing technique through strong support, precise runs, bold tone and a killer ending.

During the intermission, AVP showed their support for other performing arts groups by featuring a comedy improv group who facilitated games such as "Oscar Winning Moments," in which actors take suggestions from the audience and create their own movie with star quality.

Act 2 came in with much the same zing, starting with "Jealous" by Nick Jonas and "Irresistible" by Fall Out Boy. After these two songs, AVP gave the crowd a self-made and utterly hilarious commercial break, starring members in a man-hunt for the best man-party. AVP then nailed their best song of the night, "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" by the late and great Whitney Houston, which left the audience amazed and stunned by the arrangement, vocals and impressive key change mid-way through.

AVP wrapped the show up with their shirts off, strewn across the stage. Howls from the crowd called for an encore featuring "With or Without You" by U2, "Sex On Fire" by Kings of Leon, and finally, the Backstreet Brothers' "Everybody." AVP delivered an impressive, while diverse array of top songs.

AVP's new album, "Another Round" features many of the songs heard at the concert, along with new arrangements from top-40 tracks to old-time favorites.

"In many ways, this CD is our best one yet. All the solos and ensembles are very strong... and the CD fits very well together," said AVP music director Frank Song Jr., third-year College student. [While] sometimes there were imbalances with the genres of the songs, here [they] were very complimentary," Song said.

In addition to the soundtrack, AVP is kick-starting a campaign through the website to help raise money through donations to fund the CD and their projects.

Arts & Entertainment got a chance to sit down after the show to talk more with AVP President Will Cochrane and Music Director Frank Song.

Arts & Entertainment: Why do you think incorporating skits and "commercials" are so important to the shows that you put on? How important is keeping the audience engaged?

Will Cochrane: I think that our general motto is that we don't try to take ourselves too seriously and that there's a lot of personality in the group and comedic camaraderie and a cool way to show it. For us, it's a lot of fun and we laugh harder sometimes than the audience does.

Frank Song: You can only communicate so much about what our group is about through music, but through skits and videos, we can showcase our humor and mix in important messages and we can joke about certain things and also keep the seriousness. It lets us

show the audience we are about more than music.

A&E: What themes and overall message did you want the audience to take away from the concert, relating to "Man Fest Destiny?"

WC: We pick goofy concert themes and the whole thing to be funny, but there wasn't really a specific message we wanted to take away from it.

A&E: How is your new CD different than the other ones released in the past? What new techniques or arrangements did you add on?

WC: A cappella is evolving in the produced world and people are doing new things that have changed in the past year. The CD focuses much more on how the art form has changed. It's the best CD we have put out and we have objectively the best quality music whether you actively listen to a cappella music or not.

FS: All the solos are very strong and the ensembles are very strong. The CD fits very well together. Sometime there were imbalances with the genres of the song and here the songs were very complementary.

A&E: What are you the most proud of referring to the overall concert and the group's performance specifically?

WC: Everyone's attitude (it's a lot of work to put on this concert) and we are proud that we put on music that [is] of high caliber and that each member had a genuinely great time. Each member could escape their own problems and just separate themselves from that and be a part of the concert. It's a testament [to] hard work.

FS: AVP doesn't try to take a capella too seriously. There is a certain idea or hierarchy, and if you take it too seriously, you lose the art and the music. We are a kind, and more passionate group, and if the passion is there, the music is going to be an amazing quality. A part of the being in the group is the camaraderie of being a brotherhood and servicing the community without compromising what we're about.

Poetry, retrospection

Poets Stephen Cushman, Ron Smith read, discuss works

Dhwani Yagnaraman
Staff Writer

Last week, University professor and poet Stephen Cushman and Poet Laureate of Virginia Ron Smith read selections from their works in the Special Collections Library.

Cushman recently published an eighty-page poem entitled "The Red List," which he described as a "rigorous, athletic, demanding read." Drawing inspiration from the Japanese Haiku master Basho, Cushman punctuated "The Red List" with haikus. The lengthy poem is a meditation about forms of endangerment, beginning with the bald eagle and progressing to other types of social and environmental endangerment.

What is striking about Cushman's writing is how he appeals to a variety of ages. While read-

ing out a section about the dependence of youth on technology, he earned a few chuckles with the line, "I'm always connected." However, perhaps the most interesting part of "The Red List" was about finding joy in the form of what Cushman calls "auditory ecstasy." The hilarious line "Words. Organic. Low fat. Gluten free" recalls some of the unlikely places to find peace and satisfaction.

Ron Smith read a few poems from his collection "Its Ghostly Workshop." In the title poem, he read the line "Never fail to eavesdrop on the exotic or the eternal," which makes one think of how to classify what is exotic or eternal before realizing that everything could be. It's hard to pick one impression from Ron Smith's collection of poems as they so gracefully juggle a multitude of emotions. His poems deal with subjects such as

the confusion of being a jet-lagged American in Rome, his unwillingness to play sports in school and the heartbreaking devastation that accompanied the death of his best friend. However, what resonated the most was the title poem, which held advice for his grandson like, "Let others think outside the hammered boxes they have built. Build no boxes in the first place."

During the question and answer portion of the reading, Cushman expressed his wish to enter into a state of emergency with his poetry. His constant questioning of "How much can I leave out?" and realizing shamefully how much can actually be left out to create a more brisk poem was backed by Smith, who agreed that experimenting with speed and tumbling words was something he tried as well.

Putting these poets together



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Cushman, left, and Smith, right, read selections of their works.

was an excellent idea, evidenced by how they answered the questions the audience posed. While Cushman is a lively and at many times funny poet, he has the power to make one rethink things taken for granted and look at the world differently. Smith, on the other hand, made the audience feel things from his point of view in the subtlest

of manners and led them quietly to the realization that the experiences in our lives are the ones that shape us and that nothing is really permanent. Putting these ideas together left the audience light-hearted about how tangibly beautiful the world is — but also with the understanding that it can change drastically at any moment.

Claude Wampler on latest exhibition 'Trailing Spouse'

Distinguished Artist in Residence crafts eclectic, captivating, personal work

Kristen Clevenson
Staff Writer

Ruffin Distinguished Artist in Residence Claude Wampler's exhibition "Trailing Spouse" is on display through Mar. 27 in the University's Ruffin Gallery. Wampler's exhibition displays mixed media, sculpture, performance, sound, photography, set and costume design and choreography.

Arts & Entertainment was able to speak with Wampler about the residency program and her exhibit.

Wampler says her exhibition mixes "playfulness with visibility."

It's certainly visible — there is a large structure in Ruffin Gallery with small peepholes through which nine different videos play

simultaneously. She explains that the sound coordinates with different videos and people can either try and match the video to the sound to find a starting point and follow the entire sequence, or they can "accumulate the videos and accumulate the sound [through spending time in the space]... Then make [their] own edit."

Littered around the room are labeled wooden boxes and crates. The boxes are empty and, combined with view-limiting peepholes, raise questions about the "relationship between the highly visible and what is packed away... [Or in the video's case] just out of the frame."

Wampler asked, "What aren't we allowed to see? Is that better than what we are seeing?"

One of the videos features members of the University and Charlottesville's community. The song "Jolene" featured in the sounds of the exhibit is sung by the University a cappella group The Virginia Belles, and the video stars one of the Fralin Art Museum's Community Docents.

Everything was filmed inside the exhibition space. Wampler explains that her plan was for this project to be a "representation of me being at U.Va. and using what I had at hand, and also me being in Charlottesville... [I wanted to see] what I could trap inside the room."

Wampler's original plan was to include groups like the women's rugby team, the marching band and competitive cheerleading, but she says it was "very difficult to access these groups [and to] get them filmed in my space."

When asked about the role of technology in her work, Wampler said, "Technology is just a pain in the butt ... It's just a means by which to make something happen... It comes to my rescue often but I wouldn't say I'm inspired by it."

Wampler's past work often involved a human element. In past exhibits, when viewers would lean in to watch her videos, Wampler would sneak in behind them and pinch their backsides. "Trailing Spouse" is noticeably and deliber-

ately void of this interaction.

"[I've] been there, done that," she said. "I'm not sure how effective that is anymore."

The ghost of her past works follows viewers, though. Wampler says people "automatically assume [she's] up to something."

"Trailing Spouse" already makes people move to look through the peepholes at various levels.

"I already have this kind of activating the audience element in this work ... The piece is already physically activating," Wampler said.

As part of her residency,

Wampler has been working with Studio Art distinguished majors and fifth-year fellows. She has brought a new interdisciplinary sculpture class to the University, offering a mixture of video, performance and mixed media, rather than just sculpting. In the past, Wampler has taught M.F.A. programs.

"It's been really, really fun to teach undergraduates... [And to] be able to fill that space in the University's curriculum with a less traditional studio class," she said.



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Wampler's striking exhibit resides in the University's Ruffin Gallery.

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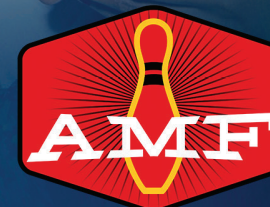
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