

## Accrediting agency demands more data

University's accreditation status remains uncertain; association reviews June ouster, questions Board's transparency, integrity

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The University still faces a formal review by its accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, for the firing and subsequent rehiring of University President Teresa Sullivan this past summer. The association will make a decision in December about whether the University will face penalties, according to a letter recently released under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

The association first notified the University it would face a review June 25, and the University responded with a detailed narrative of the ouster in a letter dated Sept. 20. Then, in a letter

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## Boss rallies downtown

Springsteen holds acoustic set to enthuse Obama supporters before election

Bruce Springsteen, a longtime supporter of the Democratic Party, played a free concert at the nTelos Wireless Pavilion Tuesday.



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**By Abby Meredith**  
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Bruce Springsteen held a free concert at a rally in support of President Barack Obama's reelection Tuesday. With the debates over and the election two weeks away, both campaigns are calling in any last-minute measures they can to try to sway the close polls in their favor.

Springsteen entered nTelos Wireless Pavilion downtown to tumultuous applause and chants of "Bruce," and he used the opportunity to remind voters of the importance of

voting on Election Day, Nov. 6. Echoing his message from his recent appearance in Iowa in which he described a gap between the American Dream and Reality, The Boss said, "I'm here because our vote is one of the principle ways we get to determine that equation, we get to close that distance."

Former Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine introduced Springsteen, saying he wanted to make sure Obama was reelected "because of Virginia" rather than in spite of it. Recent polls have Obama in a virtual dead heat in the state against Republican challenger Mitt Romney with

a 4 percent margin of error.

Virginia, and Charlottesville in particular, has been a frequent target of both campaigns, with Obama visiting last month and Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan scheduled to host a rally in Crutchfield Thursday.

The rally was aimed at enthusing the Democratic base, Center for Politics spokesperson Geoff Skelley said.

"What's more important with something like this is enthusiasm," Skelley said. "The Obama campaign is using

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## Studco denies paper CIO status

Council thwarts publication's on-Grounds distribution attempts, cites national company's for-profit nature

**By Emily Hutt**  
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Student Council voted at its representative body meeting Tuesday evening to decline the The Black Sheep publication's request for CIO status, which would have permitted it to receive funding from student activities fees.

Copies of The Black Sheep, a student-run satirical publication, started appearing around

Grounds this semester. The group promotes humorous content covering college-related topics directed at students on college campuses across the nation, with different student writing staffs at each school. The newspaper has its corporate headquarters in Chicago and also started producing an online edition in early 2009.

The paper had previously been

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Student Council voted Tuesday to decline to grant The Black Sheep publication CIO status because it belongs to a larger for-profit company.

## SPORTS



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Senior linebacker Steve Greer, center, and sophomore defensive tackle Chris Brathwaite, right, combined for 23 tackles in the 16-10 loss to Wake Forest.

## Cavs welcome bye week

Despite desire to correct mistakes, players, coaches value two-week break

**By Fritz Metzinger**  
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The bane of diehard fans and fantasy football owners everywhere, bye weeks actually serve an important purpose for football teams needing a respite from the rigors of the monthslong football season.

To Coach Mike London and the Virginia offense, however, the bye week represents both a blessing and annoyance. Eager as the coaches and players are for a week to heal injuries and correct many of the maladies that have plagued the Cavaliers (2-6, 0-4 ACC) during their cur-

rent six-game losing streak, their longest under London, many of them crave an opportunity to launch right back into game action and erase the sting of a difficult string of performances.

"That losing taste lingers in your mouth for a while and the only way you can get rid of it is to play another game," London said. "Obviously we won't play for a while, but you can go back and do things while you wait."

Last Saturday's 16-10 defeat to Wake Forest marked the third loss in four where the Cavaliers have fallen by less than seven points and the fourth straight in which they have outgained

their opponents, indicating that victory has barely eluded them. To players such as sophomore defensive tackle Chris Brathwaite, the frustration of knowing how close the team has approached winning only compounds the pain of a 2012 season that has skidded off the rails for Virginia. It also makes the extra-long wait to resume game action all the more agonizing.

"I want to play again right now," Brathwaite said after the loss Saturday.

From a coaching perspective, Virginia must address a litany of

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ZACK BARTEEL

### Left in the cold

Unless you're a Canadian or a diehard hockey fan, you probably haven't noticed that the NHL still hasn't resolved the whole lockout issue.

Unless the NHL and the NHLPA reach an agreement by Thursday, the NHL will most likely play a shortened season similar to that of last year's 66-game NBA season. But it is also still possible that there will be no season at all like during the 2004-2005 season.

The core issue behind the labor

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## SPORTS

## Tennis teams thrive at ITAs

IN BRIEF

During this week's men's and women's ITA Atlantic Regional tennis tournaments — held in Charlottesville and Blacksburg, respectively — freshman Harrison Richmond defeated teammate senior captain Jarmere Jenkins in men's singles. Junior Li Xi finished runner-up in the women's singles competition. In doubles play, the men's duo of junior Justin Shane and senior Julien Uriguen and the women's tandem of senior Erin Vierra and freshman Maci Epstein both finished as runners-up.

Entering the tournament as the No. 7 seed, Richmond claimed his first tournament championship as a Cavalier with a 6-4, 7-5 victory in Tuesday's final against top seed Jenkins. Before

Tuesday's match, Jenkins and Richmond had each dropped just one set in the entire tournament. With the win, the fifth by a Cavalier at the tournament in the last six years, Richmond earned an automatic qualifying spot in November's ITA National Intercollegiate Indoors singles field along with teammates junior Alex Domijan and freshman Mac Styslinger.

Shane and Uriguen, the second-seeded squad in the doubles draw, fell to Andreas Bjerrehus and Amerigo Contini of Virginia Tech 6-1, 6-7, 6-2 in the final. Bjerrehus and Contini also vanquished Virginia's top doubles squad and the No. 1 seed, Domijan and Richmond, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to advance from the semi-final.

Facing off against Penn State No. 1 seed Petra Januskova in Tuesday's final, No. 2 Xi faltered 6-2, 6-2 to cap an impressive tournament. Meanwhile, Vierra and Epstein were hoping for a victory of their own in doubles after upsetting Januskova and Chelsea Uttin 8-6 in the semifinals. But William & Mary's Maria Belaya and Jeltje Loomans outlasted the Cavalier duo 8-2 to prevent the Virginia women from claiming a victory at the tournament. Xi and freshman Stephanie Nauta lost to Belaya and Loomans in the semifinal.

Both squads return to action Nov. 8 for ITA National Indoors in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

—compiled by Fritz Metzinger



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For five of the last six years, a Cavalier men's tennis player has won the ITA Atlantic Regional tournament.

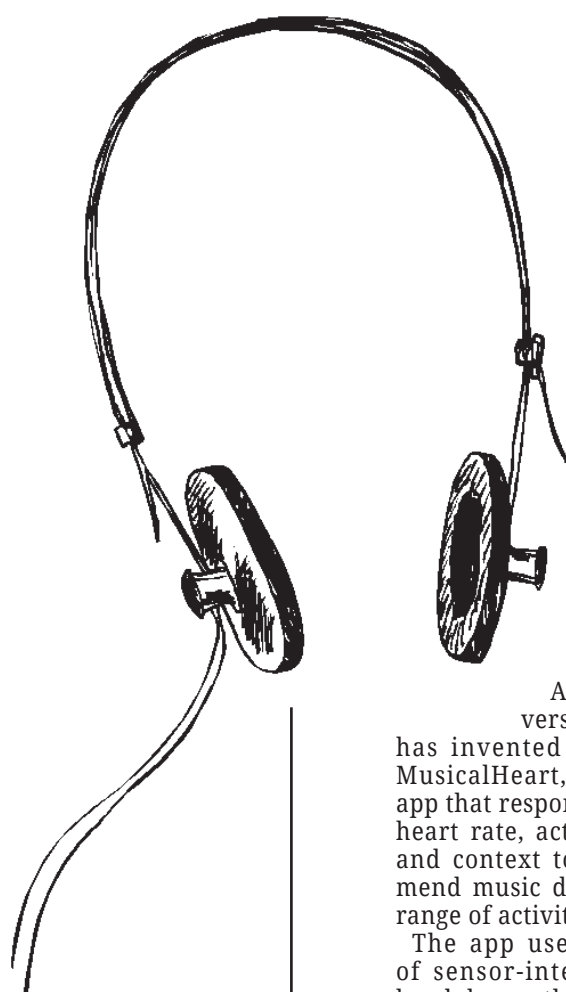


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## University researchers run to the beat

By **MONIKA FALLON** | CAVALIER DAILY HEALTH AND SCIENCE EDITOR

A group of University researchers has invented and produced MusicalHeart, a smartphone app that responds to the user's heart rate, activity level and context to recommend music during a range of activities.

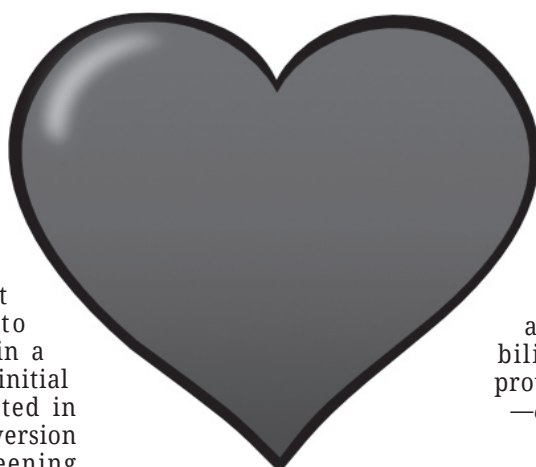
The app uses a set of sensor-integrated headphones that measure acceleration and heart rate to gauge the listener's activity level and then report to a remote server that recommends music to the listener to maintain a target heart rate. The initial prototype was completed in April, and the second version containing better screening technology was finished this month.

Shahriar Nirjon, a graduate student in the department of computer science, said he had always wanted a device he could use to generate a soundtrack for his day-to-day activities. "Whether I am driving, jogging, traveling, or relaxing, I never find the appropriate music to listen to," Nirjon said in an email. "The problem is the heart wants to hear something but our music player does not understand the need. My joy was in connecting them together in a non-invasive and cost-effective way."

MusicalHeart aims to fill that need. It reads the heart rate, activity level and geographical context detected by the sensors in the headphones, combines the three and inputs the information into the online database, which then recommends

music relevant to that specific activity.

To collect data for the project researchers tested 37 participants taking part in low,



medium- and high-energy activities so they could observe the correlation between music and heart rate. The researchers then came up with three separate algorithms: one for detecting the signals from the ear to translate to heart rate, one for detecting activity levels and one for the music recommendation system via biofeedback.

Gathering this data was not easy, Nirjon said.

"There were not many participants who were willing to run for an hour wearing all sorts of physiological sensors attached to their body," he said.

The study, "MusicalHeart: A Hearty Way of Listening to Music," said the accuracy of the per-

son-specific activity level detector is close to 100 percent, on average.

Though the app has yet to be released in any app store, the project study was published in the 10th ACM Conference on Embedded Networked Sensing Systems. "We will also be doing a public demonstration of an improved version of our hardware at the demo session of the conference," Nirjon said. "Currently, we are improving our system and exploring new possibilities with our hardware prototype."

—compiled by Monika Fallon



## Amoebae: Bacteria's best friends?

University study finds soil encourages anthrax spores' growth, multiplication

By **MONIKA FALLON** | CAVALIER DAILY HEALTH AND SCIENCE EDITOR

A recent University study shows that anthrax, when aided by a specific type of amoeba, can thrive and multiply in soil — a trick that could prove deadly for livestock and other mammals.

Bacillus anthracis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, produces spores — small, dormant cells — that reactivate when exposed to optimal temperatures and environments, reproduce and form the disease Anthrax. Although there are three different ways of contracting the disease — cutaneous, inhalation and gastrointestinal — most humans acquire the disease from handling infected livestock or ingesting infected meat.

The bacteria was previously thought to lie dormant in soil, even in optimal conditions, until the soil was ingested by a mammal, triggering germination and contamination in

the animal.

University researchers, however, found the bacteria are able to use the amoeba Acanthamoeba castellanii to germinate and reproduce in the soil itself. Paul S. Hoffman, a professor of infectious diseases, said in a University news release that it is not uncommon for bacteria to use amoebae at some point in their life cycle. "There's a rich history of amoeba being associated with diseases," Hoffman said. "We tried to make that connection with the anthrax by asking, 'Could the amoeba have a role in the environment?'"

The researchers confirmed the amoebae were part of the process by first leaving the anthrax spores in warm, sterile water to identify whether or not the bacteria could thrive in water alone. The spores did not germinate. Next, the Acanthamoeba castellanii were

added to the water/spore mixture and were allowed to sit for 72 hours. During this time, the spores increased fifty-fold in normal temperatures and a hundredfold in optimal conditions (37 degrees Celsius).

Other types of amoebae would normally consume all of the nutrients the bacteria needs for reproduction, but the Acanthamoeba castellanii seems to have something the bacteria can use instead. "We may find other species of amoeba that are even better at this than what we were using in the lab," Hoffman said. "We may be at the tip of the iceberg."

The danger of any spore-producing bacteria like anthrax lies in the spores' ability to lie dormant for an extended period of time in a variety of different environments. The large population of the B. anthracis spores after interaction with the amoeba presents

a very real danger to both livestock and humans.






According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the B. anthracis causes a fluid build-up in the victim's cells and flips a molecular "switch" that regulates key cellular function, a lethal effect.

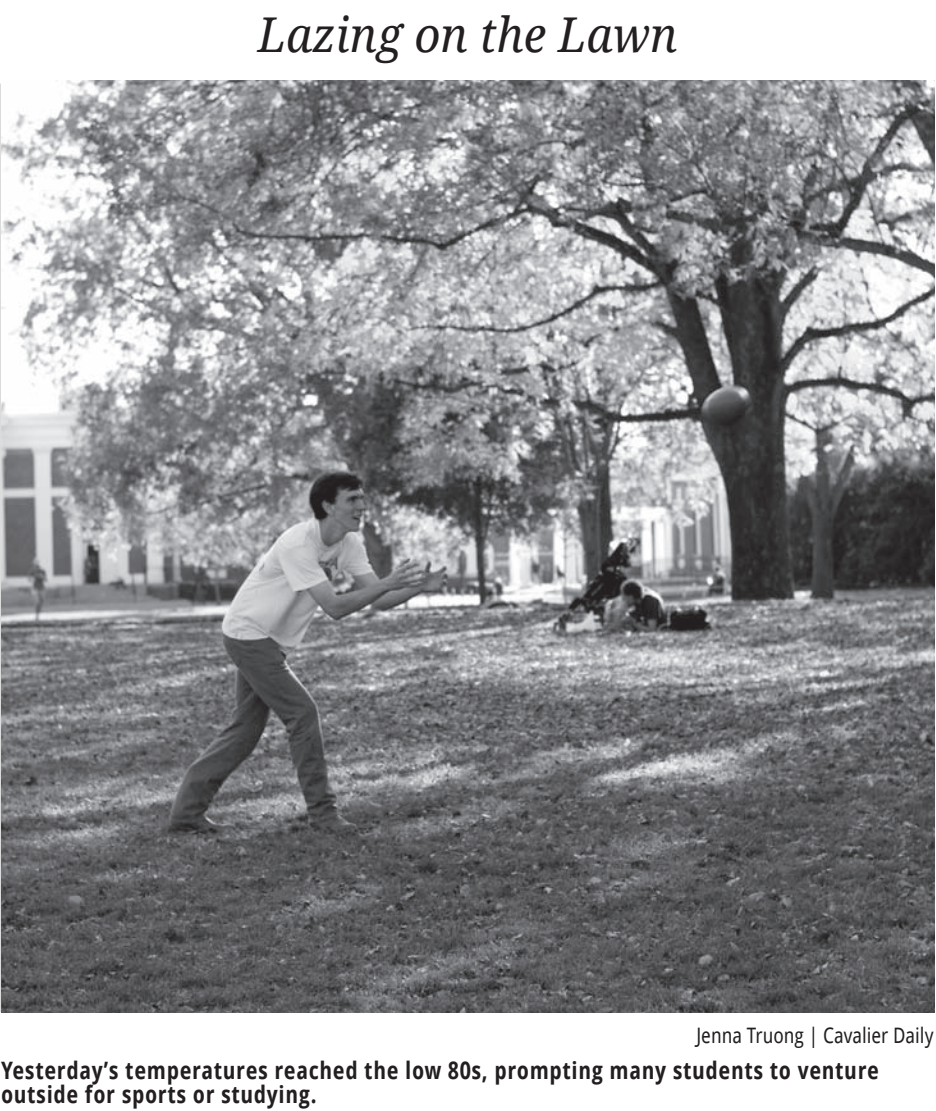
The combination of the spores and the toxins they release make this disease a deadly one, but University researchers think this newfound cooperation between B. anthracis and Acanthamoeba castellanii may help create a more effective antibiotic for the disease. "If we can figure out any way to disrupt the cycle, that would effectively eliminate the problem," assistant professor of microbiology Ian Glomski said in the release. "If we really understand those interactions, we'll have more and more points of intervention to think about."



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Yesterday's temperatures reached the low 80s, prompting many students to venture outside for sports or studying.

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

Dukes wins award

Architecture Prof. Frank Dukes, the director of the University's Institute for Environmental Negotiation, has been awarded the 2012 Sharon M. Pickett Award from the Association for Conflict Resolution to acknowledge his work in promoting environmental protection through conflict resolution.

The association is a professional organization that promotes the practice and understanding of conflict resolution, according to its website, and has presented the Pickett award annually since 2008.

Through his work with the Institute for Environmental Negotiation Dukes aims to train others to nurture Virginia's sustainable future.

Dukes has also worked on local, state and federal projects dealing with the environment and land use, community development, health and education. Most recently, he has been involved in working with communities to help determine the productive re-use of contaminated sites in various states.

In addition to his University position, Dukes is also the author of "Reaching for Higher Ground and Resolving Public Conflict: Transforming Community and Governance" and has led consensus-building efforts mediating disputes between the tobacco industry and public health organizations, according to a University press release published Monday.

"This is the only award of its kind," Dukes said. "It reflects well on the [Institute for Environmental Negotiation], on the work we've been doing for a couple decades now and it also reflects well on the University."

Dukes hopes the award and recognition will spark interest in conflict resolution at the University, as he said many people are not aware of the developing field of study. "Our field isn't very big — there are only about four thousand members and of those only a small proportion actually work within the field," he said.

The award was presented by Lou Gieszl, the immediate past president of the association.

"[Dukes is] at the realm of spiritual and personal transformation," Gieszl said in the University press release. "He's done extraordinary work in the area of reconciliation and righting unrightable wrongs."

—compiled by Lizzy Turner

SACS | Investigation ‘only hurts prestige,’ Sasso says

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released earlier this month, the association again questioned the University's compliance with its first two accreditation principles — integrity and the role of its governing board. The association did, however, accept the Board's response to one of its qualms — the faculty's role in the summer's events and future standing in important University administrative matters.

These questions place the University's status as an accredited institution at risk. The association has the power to strip it of its accreditation.

"Given that there is a lack of an identified procedure related to the removal of the institution's President, the possibility of integrity issues with governing board authority and actions continues to exist," the association's Vice President Mark V. Smith wrote in the letter. The University must supply any additional information in defense of its compliance by Nov. 12.

Only very rarely do these reviews result in a loss of accreditation, but they do leave that possibility open for the future, said Mike Johnson, senior vice president of the association's Commission on Colleges. The biggest problems the University would encounter as a result of its accreditation loss would be an inability to give out federal aid and a hit to its students' post-University graduate admissions, Johnson said.

"What happens sometimes is students have a hard time getting into graduate schools because graduate schools expect students to be from an accredited university," Johnson said. "There's no rule that says that is the case, but for schools that are not as well known as U.Va. it has been known to happen."

If the association were to sanction the University or put it on probation, the association would announce it immediately at its December meeting. But if the association accepts the Board's explanation of events this summer, it would announce it via another letter.

The investigation will likely affect University public relations and image, but not necessarily the student body or faculty, said Pietro Sasso, an assistant professor of student affairs at Monmouth University. But Board members must first comply with the association and send it information about their actions this summer.

"This only hurts prestige," Sasso said. "This usually never happens at an established university like U.Va."

The investigation was much-needed, according to members of the University Alumni for Responsible Corporate Governance, a group of University graduates who support the removal of Rector Helen Dragas.

"To universities around the world and to faculty members that U.Va. is trying to recruit across the U.S., the single biggest indicator that U.Va. continues to be mismanaged at the top level of corporate governance is Mrs. Dragas' continued presence on the Board," said 1966 College graduate Richard Marks, a member of the alumni group. He said he found the Board's original response to the association's investigation unsatisfactory and unclear.

The administration does not harbor these same concerns. "The Board believes the University has fully complied with the Principles of Accreditation, state law and its own policies, and hopes that SACS's concerns will be satisfactorily addressed," University spokesperson McGregor McCance said.

Provost John Simon did not respond to requests for comment for this article.

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Springsteen to enthuse people who are going to vote for Obama anyway."

Charlottesville's student population makes it a key location to spread the "get out the vote" message because Obama has "done so much for students" said Lauren Schauer, a second-year College student who volunteers for Obama's grassroots campaign.

Romney came out of the first debate with momentum on his side, but the Democrats have gained ground in Virginia recently, Skelley said.

"The president has staunchly the bleeding over the last two debates," he said. "Democratic enthusiasm suffered and Republican enthusiasm is up."

Spokespersons for the Romney campaign declined to be interviewed for this article but have previously expressed confidence their candidate will win Virginia.

Springsteen, who has often campaigned for Democratic candidates in the past, is appealing to voters of different generations, Skelley said.

But his afternoon performance could not be mistaken for the show he gave later Tuesday evening at the John Paul Jones Arena, as the matinee consisted of an acoustic set including the classic "Thunder Road" and the campaign's theme "We Take Care of Our Own."

Council | News magazine to continue off-Grounds circulation

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distributing on-Grounds for several weeks before being notified by one of the assistant deans in the office of the Dean of Students it would need to obtain contracted independent organization (CIO) status to continue distribution, or it would be viewed as soliciting.

The University's policy does not allow for-profit publications to distribute on Grounds. Other publications, such as The Cavalier Daily, are allowed to distribute because they are non-profit and are overseen at all levels by University students. Staff members for The Cavalier Daily also do not receive payment, though the advertising staff receives commission.

James Scheibt, a second-year College student and the campus manager of The Black Sheep, said he sees the publication as an alternative path for students who are unable to take part in other media groups on campus. "I think it's an outlet for aspiring writers who, for whatever reason, can't get involved with the more established organizations at the University," he said. "We have our own style."

Scheibt said an on-Grounds distribution would allow the publication to increase the chances for students to participate. He said the appeal to Council for CIO status was not a request for funding, but instead an attempt to obtain permission to distribute on Grounds.

Council members expressed concerns about supporting a for-profit group distributing at the University.

Peter Finnochio, a third-year College student who also works for the Black Sheep, said although the for-profit corporate headquarters leads the group, the University branch functions differently. "Our writers aren't paid," he said. "It's true that myself as a distribution manager and the manager are paid, but the purpose of that pay is to offset the cost of distributing as well as hiring a team of people to help with that side of things."

Klaus Dollhopf, co-chair of Council's Academic Affairs committee, argued the institution was being inaccurately defined as for-profit because moving on Grounds does not impact its profit.

Six members voted to decline the request for CIO status, five supported it, and eight abstained from voting.

John Woolard, a third-year College student who voted against approval of CIO status, said the group lacked a sufficient reason for CIO status. "They just didn't provide a satisfactory explanation about what they provided to the University community," he said. "Council had a lot of questions about the nature of how they make money and who they're paying money out to and they just didn't make the case."

Finnochio said The Black Sheep would seek other ways to be able to distribute on Grounds.

Scheibt said the publication had previously been distributed free of charge to apartments and Greek housing off Grounds and would continue to do so regardless of the outcome. "If [for] some reason we weren't allowed to distribute on Grounds we would continue as we are, but hopefully we will be able to come to some agreement with the University," he said.


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# Taking the credit

*The revocation of the University's accreditation would not be a well-tailored response to the events of the summer*

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has begun something of a correspondence with the University. On June 25 — just one day before University President Teresa Sullivan was reinstated — the association wrote her an inquiry disputing whether the University had remained in accordance with the body's accreditation principles. In September, the association got a reply — a nine-page letter carrying typos and evasions overseen by John Simon, the University provost, on behalf of the Board of Visitors. There were concerns that the letter would not be enough; turns out, it was not, as the association wrote again in October announcing that it would continue its review of the University's accreditation. Yet the association should base its decision on the relevant context of who was at fault and when. By doing so, the association will recognize that discrediting the University would largely damage only those groups uninvolved in Sullivan's ouster.

The June letter from the association outlined the triad of guidelines it alleged the University broke. The University rebutted each grievance in turn in its September response. Yet, in the latest dispatch from the association — penned Oct. 5 and recently retrieved by The Daily Progress through the Freedom of Information Act — the agency said only one of its three concerns had been allayed, the one about the involvement of faculty. It still questioned whether the University had adhered to integrity and the possibility that the Board's decision to oust Sullivan was made by just a minority. The University had done nothing to alleviate such qualms in its letter, with an explanation blaming the Board manual for its lack of procedural specifications for resignations of the University president.

But the Board has since taken the steps to correct this. In our editorial yesterday, we highlighted reforms the Board's committees suggested that would clarify

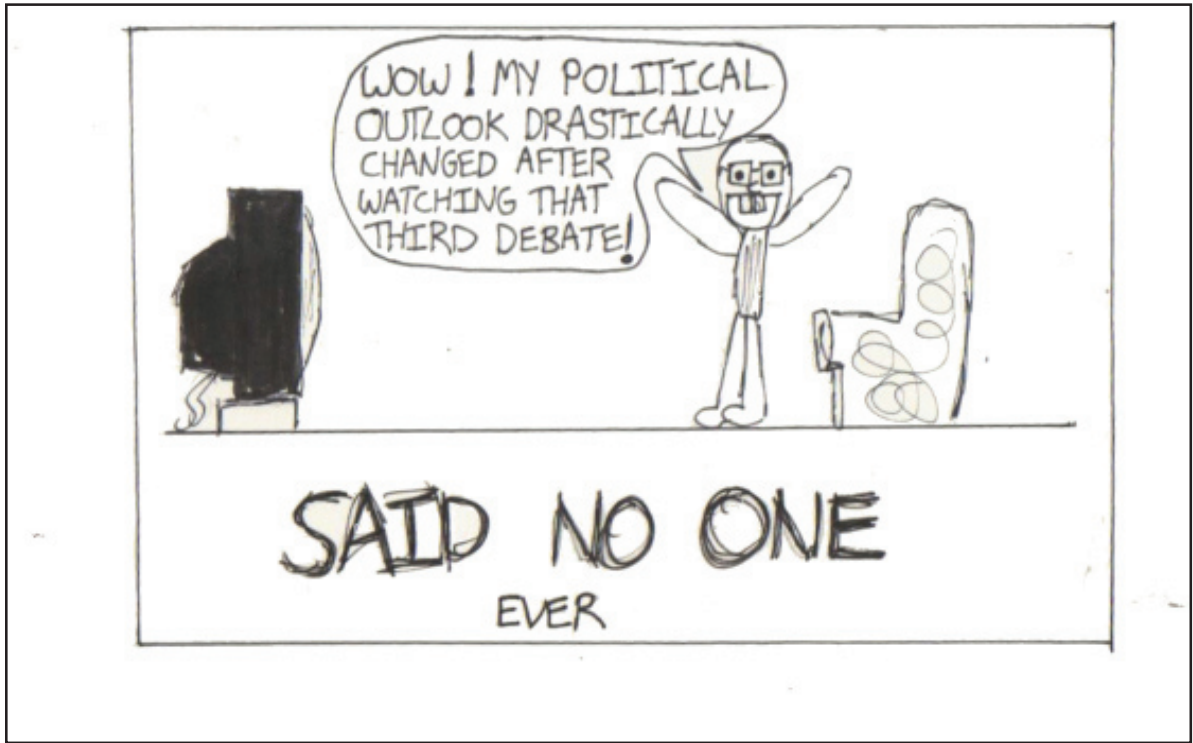
its Manual policies. Considering that this procedural hole was the association's chief complaint, it would appear that the Board has responded not by letter but in action.

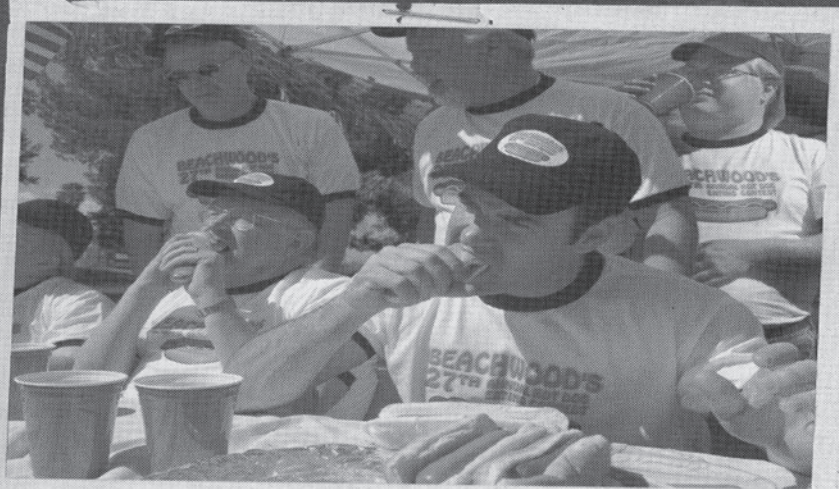
Indeed, the chief dilemma that the association must address is establishing a time period by which to judge the University's negligence. Its letter makes mention of the University's "ongoing compliance" with certain requirements, then redirects attention to the events in June. The association — and its Committees on Compliance and Reports that will review the University's credentialized status this December — will have to better articulate the sequence of events it is judging. If the association is merely examining the crisis in June, the Board's failure to abide by its rules is unchangeable. But if the timeline is expanded to the events thereafter, it must be acknowledged that the Board is improving.

The association should also consider its decision in the context of actors, and ask what sort of sanction would be tailored for the parties at fault. The accreditation stamp affects the whole University — especially students, whose financial aid opportunities and degree reputation will wane should the University be stripped of its status.

The association should recognize the range of its available options. Removing our accreditation has a blast radius that would damage the whole community. Instead, the association could issue some recommendations for either the Board to improve or the General Assembly to deny the reappointment of University Rector Helen Dragas in January. If anything, the Board's procedural changes suggest more of the agency's power rather than the Board's self-initiated commitment to better its practice. By keeping us an accredited school, the association retains the possibility of helping University governance without dropping us altogether.

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# A race toward better education

*There is nothing discriminatory about Florida's new educational reform program*

A RECENT FLORIDA Board of Education change has incited heated debate about race and education. According to a newly passed education reform program, the benchmarks for adequate school performance will differ across ethnicities, with the standards for achievement by Asian and white students being higher than those for black and Hispanic students. Overall, the new program seeks to have all students achieving at the same level by 2023.

The program has received much criticism by those who say that expecting different levels of performance from students of different races is sending a poor message. Yet the negative responses and press that the program has received has slightly detracted from its long term goals. Granted, at a superficial first glance the program may seem condescending toward some minorities. Looking at its ultimate plans, though, one can see that the program does not necessarily deserve such disapproving reactions.

People who do not fully understand the program may be upset by it. And such people would

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have valid points if only the program's short term goals are considered. According to the program, 90 percent of Asian students will hopefully be reading at grade level by 2018. On the other hand, only 81 percent of Hispanics and 74 percent of black students are expected to be reading at grade level by then. If those statistics were the extent of the program, critics would be much more vindicated. Their current assertion that all students should be held to the same standards is completely appropriate. Expecting less from blacks or Hispanics than from Asians would indeed be demeaning to those races, as it implies that they have a lower capacity for intellectual success. But paying attention to solely the 2018 goals would be realizing only half of the state's agenda.

If this new educational reform is successful, all students will have grade-level reading and math skills by 2023. That is, every student, regardless of race, will be found at or above a stricter academic threshold. Thus, it is only in the process of getting to that threshold that disparities in racial expectations

play a part. In reality, expecting students of every race to reach grade-level proficiency at an equal rate would be to ignore the current statistics regarding academic achievement by race. Florida presently has 76 percent of Asian students and 69 percent of white students reading at grade level. In contrast, black and Hispanic students are only at 38 percent and 53 percent, respectively. Because there is such a disparity between reading levels by each ethnicity, it would be unrealistic to expect each demographic to achieve reading proficiency at the same time. Getting 24 percent of Asians up to reading proficiency, for example, will obviously be quicker than raising 62 percent of black students to the same level.

The reform program does not comment negatively on individual students of any race, and only temporarily expects different performances from different ethnicities. Opponents of the program are taking the projected numbers to mean that different

racess are clearly being labeled as having different abilities. That is not entirely true. Individual students of different races may very well have the same abilities. What cannot be disputed, though, is that different ethnic groups are not performing at the same levels. Abilities aside, black and Hispanic student populations need to improve their reading and math skills. Only by clearly pointing out the differences across races can a concrete plan be formulated. What some people view as singling out and insulting races is in fact a necessary step towards improving the academic performance of all students.

Whether or not the Florida education program actually will work is yet to be determined. But there is nothing inherently wrong with the way in which the state is approaching its educational problems. Florida expects to cut the differences in performance by ethnic groups in half by 2018. It would be nice to see

the performances of every demographic raised to the 90 percent expected of Asians at that time, but practically it does not seem feasible. What really matters is that by the time the program is finished, all students will hopefully be performing equally in school. True, it was perhaps not necessary to place students into groups by race. Florida could have instead grouped students together by levels of reading, math or test performances and focused on clusters that showed similarly low proficiency levels. The fact that they chose to group by race, though, does not mean that people should now look at particular races as being more inept at school. Using ethnicities to plan academic improvements is simply a way to group students while formulating a plan. Different approaches will not be taken for different races, and all students will receive the help that they individually need. The media needs to recognize that fact, and should stop concerning itself so much with the numbers at any one point in the program.

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# Predatory learning

*For-profit colleges should be more focused on educating students than on making money*

FOR-PROFIT colleges, as their name implies, are private ventures that provide an alternative to the standard postsecondary options of community colleges and universities. They cater to non-traditional students — working adults who are seeking an education to further their career opportunities. For-profit colleges have experienced massive growth in the last decade, tripling their enrollment from 1998 to 2008 to about 2.4 million students. Certainly they are no longer the niche vocational schools of the 1990s, as they have expanded their offerings to include courses in general fields such as criminal justice and business management.

In theory, for-profit colleges are a great idea. They serve students who might never have the chance to acquire an education beyond high school because they are working. Because of features such as online classes and flexible course registration, non-traditional students can fit education in their busy schedules. In practice, however, for-profit colleges are doing more harm to their students than improving

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their stations in life. Remember that these institutions are for profit: Besides their goal of providing a quality education and job training for their students, they are also beholden to return the investment of their shareholders. The actions of these institutions show which goal is primary.

Surprisingly, these institutions are more expensive than community colleges and universities, a fact incongruous with their stated mission of providing education for non-traditional students. A study conducted by Sen. Tom Harkin found that on average bachelor degrees conferred at for-profits cost 20 percent more than those conferred at state universities. For-profit associates degrees cost four times more than those conferred at community colleges; compare spending an average of \$35,000 for an associates at a for-profit with spending an average of \$8,300 for an associates at a community college. University of Phoenix, a for-profit college, responds to this by pointing out that “for-profit institutions... cost taxpayers substantially less than public and non-profit institu-

tions.” While it is true that for-profits do not directly receive money from the government, this argument is misleading. Students at for-profit colleges may not be able to afford tuition — partly because they are usually working adults and do not have parents to pay for tuition like traditional students, and partly because of the exorbitant tuition prices — and instead they may take out student loans and receive federal grants. Thus, much of the revenue of for-profit colleges comes from the government. For example, University of Phoenix, contrary to its statement above, receives 86 percent of its revenue from student loans.

The business model of for-profit colleges is simple: the more students enroll, the more money the colleges make. Notice the distinction between enrolling and graduating: these institutions don't particularly care whether their students even graduate. Once they receive the student loans, there really is no financial incentive for the institution to help

students stay the course. The Harkin report found that over half of enrolled students drop out before earning a degree, with the typical student dropping out within four months. Of course, after they drop out, the students are still responsible for paying their loans. So not only are the majority of the students lacking in the proper training and credentials they sought in the first place, they also incur a massive burden of debt for what amounts to a useless endeavor.

It is indeed amazing to see how brazen the for-profit colleges are in their focus on acquiring money, not on educating their students properly. The Harkin report found that they have in total 32,496 recruiters on staff in 2012, ten times the amount of their career services staff members. Thus, it is apparent that for-profit colleges are aggressively funneling students into their systems and leaving those same students in the dust after all of the loan money has been

sucked dry from them. Naturally, the people at the helm of these institutions are the beneficiaries of this preoccupation with profit. Education Management Corporation (EDMC), the company that runs the Art Institutes, paid its CEO over \$13.1 million in 2011; meanwhile, the University of California, with more than twice the number of students as EDMC, paid its president a little more than \$500,000 in the same year.

What then should be done about a system that is almost universally broken? Save from shutting down these predatory for-profit colleges altogether — which will hurt non-traditional students, as they are then deprived access to an education — the only sensible path is stricter government regulations, as these institutions will certainly not change out of their own will. Force for-profit colleges to change their business model instead of relying on enrollment en masse to generate revenue. Make them accountable for graduation rates and employment rates after graduation; withhold loans and grants from them if they fail to achieve standards.

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# Unfortunate reality

*Frequent reality TV watchers should reflect upon their viewing decisions*

ONCE AN AVID viewer of television, I have not had much time or the opportunity for TV after coming to college. As a result, I am often out of touch with a lot of current shows. Recently, I watched an episode of “Keeping Up with the Kardashians” with a friend of mine. I knew about the show more or less when it began to air, but had never actually watched any episodes until recently. U.S. reality TV never has never managed to grab my attention. Yet I can see the allure of shows like “Keeping Up with the Kardashians” and “Jersey Shore.” Despite many people's complaints of Kim Kardashian or the show, the fact that it still garners the ratings it does indicates a significant part of the population is still fascinated by it.

In fact, some of the highest rated programs for the young adult demographic for the summer of 2010 were reality TV shows. Some such as Jersey

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Shore attracted 4.4 million viewers (18-49 age range) for an episode. Other popular shows included “the Bachelorette” and “America's Got Talent.” So why are we so captivated by and addicted to these shows? Perhaps the answer lies in their atmospheres of heightened drama and behavior. Despite being labeled as reality TV, many of these shows are hardly adequate depictions of “real” life. Rather, they are inflated versions of life, and that makes it more entertaining. If these shows were too much like real life, then they probably would be rather mundane. Instead, reality television can be a form of escapism into the lives of people who seem to lead a dramatized, tumultuous life. Even if some of the antics of individuals like Snooki are quite embarrassing, we still remain intrigued. Granted, these individuals willingly put themselves in those kinds of positions. Regardless, our captivation

encourages the notion that it is acceptable to obtain fame by behaving in manners similar to the Kardashians or characters on “Jersey Shore.” It sends the wrong message. Desiring fame is not a bad thing, but obtaining it by putting ourselves in often humiliating situations is hardly the ideal message to send to the youth.

Furthermore, the Parents Television Council did an analysis on the content of four MTV shows: “Jersey Shore,” “Real World,” “Teen Mom 2” and “16 and Pregnant.” Their results generally indicated that the female characters in these shows were more likely to be critical about themselves or other women in comparison to male characters. In fact, only 24 percent of the women made positive remarks about themselves.. This kind of content can send the wrong message about women and the perception of women among

young girls watching the show. In addition, reality television can have an impact on our decisions. According to a study titled, “The Influence of Plastic Surgery ‘Reality TV’ on Cosmetic Surgery Patient Expectations and Decision Making,” watching reality television about plastic surgery can impact a person's decision to go through with the surgery. The study indicated that four out of five patients were to varying degrees influenced by reality TV in their decision to undertake plastic surgery. Furthermore, individuals who were described as “high-intensity” viewers — individuals who consistently watched reality TV shows about plastic surgery — also considered themselves to possess a lot of knowledge on the subject. Reality TV does not necessarily shape a person's thinking, but it does have the potential in vary-

ing degrees to influence a person's decision making process. Of course, to claim that all reality television is the same or has the same effects would be too much of a generalization. TV shows like “American Idol” are not the same type of reality TV as “Keeping Up with the Kardashians.” “American Idol” can serve as a platform for individuals to have a chance at pursuing their dreams. It can inspire individuals to pursue their singing aspirations and thus can have a positive impact.

I neither dislike nor oppose all forms of reality TV. But reality shows like “Jersey Shore” and “Keeping Up with the Kardashians” have more negative aspects than positive, though they are quite entertaining. It is nevertheless important to recognize and re-evaluate our own obsession and addiction to these shows.

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Monumental History

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Statues are built to commemorate historical figures, but they often take on histories of their own.

Charlottesville's monuments of Lewis, Clark and Sacagawea; Robert E. Lee; "Stonewall" Jackson; and George Rogers Clark were all funded in the early 1900s by Paul Goodloe McIntire, the same man who donated the McIntire School of Commerce, the School of Fine Arts, the Amphitheater and the Orthopedic wing of the University Hospital. A Charlottesville native, McIntire used the wealth he acquired in the Chicago Stock Exchange to contribute to the "City Beautiful Movement." This movement was not particular to Charlottesville at the time, but was also popular in the early 1900s with other industrial tycoons such as John Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie.

Built in 1919, the well-known statue of explorers Merriwether Lewis and William Clark, along with their Native American guide, Sacagawea, was the first statue commemorating the two men on the East Coast. Currently located at the intersection of West Main Street and Ridge Street, it was once the centerpiece for a now paved over Midway Park. Their legendary journey holds particular significance to the Charlottesville community as Lewis was born in Charlottesville and our own Thomas Jefferson commissioned the expedition to find "the most direct & practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce," he said to Lewis.

Although the statue was praised

at the time of its construction, in the past few decades community members have been critical of how Sacagawea is portrayed in the figure — seemingly crouching submissively behind the two men. Protests beginning in 2001 eventually led to the inclusion of a plaque in 2009 on the statue's base, commemorating her significance to the voyage.

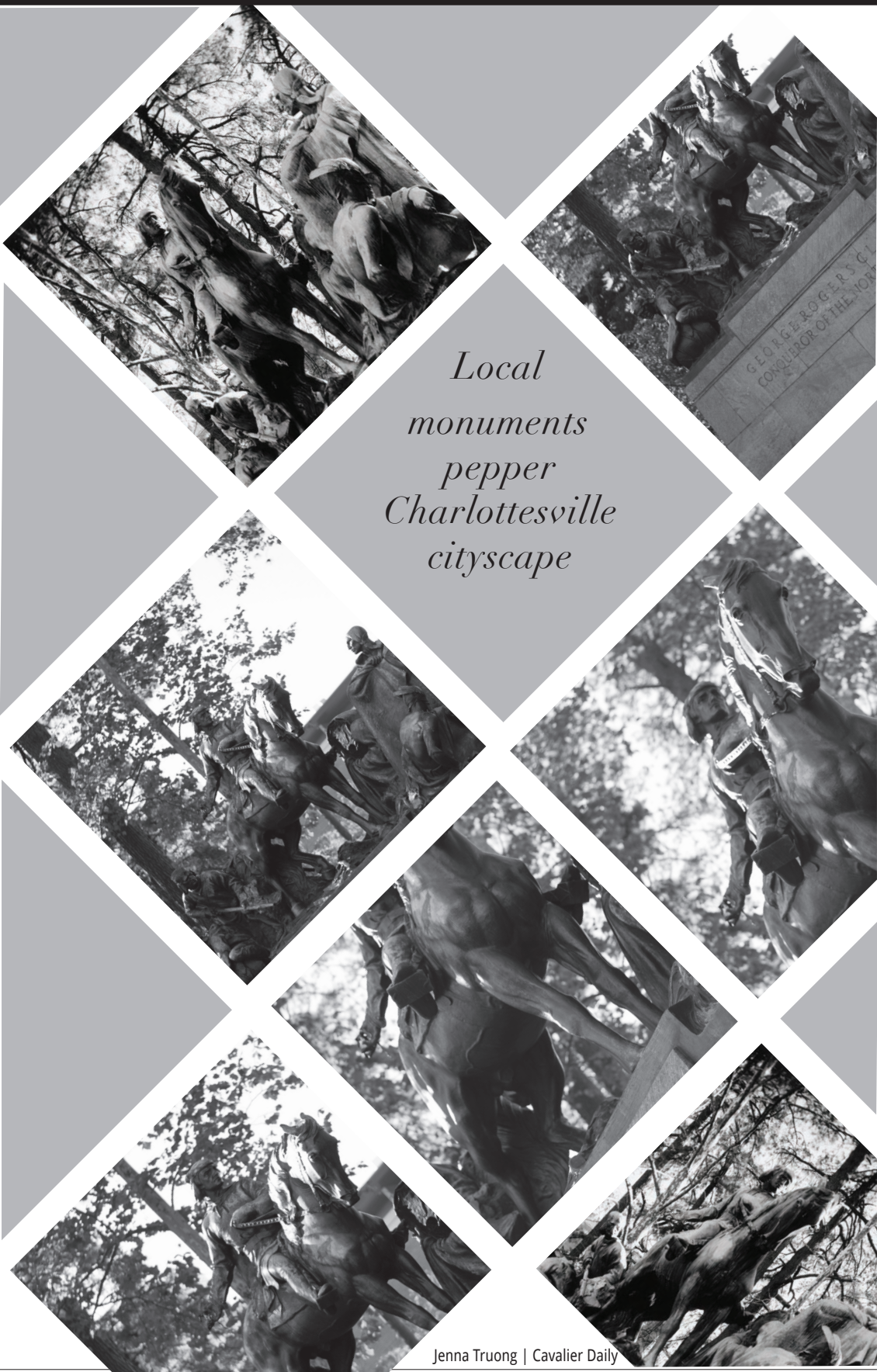
First-year Engineering student Bethany Gordon, who is partially of Native American ancestry, said she does not, however, see the monument as entirely negative.

"Though it might not be approached in the right way, there would be other things I would protest before I would protest that," she said. "I wouldn't support that view of history, but the fact that the statues are there helps us remember how people once thought. It's better not to forget."

The statue of George Rogers Clark is the only one of the four located on Grounds, found at the intersection of Jefferson Park Avenue and Main Street. Brother of William Clark, George was born in Charlottesville before his family moved to the then-frontier, Caroline County, where William was born. He is considered the "Conqueror of the Old Northwest" because of his successful territorial acquisitions during the Revolutionary War.

The University Dispensary, where medical students gained clinical experience before the University Hospital was constructed, was torn down to make room for George Clark's statue in 1919. The steps to the dispensary

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Local monuments pepper Charlottesville cityscape

Jenna Truong | Cavalier Daily

Reality Check



EMILY CHURCHILL

Whoever came up with the idea of the "Things to Do Before We Graduate" list needs to be given a hug.

Really, the idea is complete genius. I didn't really ever look over the list until recently, but now I am totally sure.

My boyfriend is graduating this year, so he got his list a few months ago, crossed off a few things, then threw it in a corner where it remained unnoticed for a few weeks. One day, he pulled it back out and said something along the lines of, "Well, maybe it would be fun if I actually did all these."

What I originally thought would be a day or two of walking dutifully around Grounds to complete a variety of banal activities has actually evolved into an epic quest against time, to complete everything before the inevitable happens.

Though some of the activities really are very simple, many are actually time- and energy-intensive, involving driving to some obscure part of town or setting aside entire days for an activity. This point may be obvious to many, but by going through and checking things off of the list, we are really getting to experience all Charlottesville — and the University — has to offer.

There are tons of things on the list that I would have never thought to do or had never heard of, but am suddenly dying to see people complete. I can thank the list for introducing me to Spudnuts and their exquisite blueberry doughnuts, which make my stomach growl just thinking about them. Perhaps in a few months I can blame the list for weight gain,

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The way in which

obvious follow-up question: "So, what happened to Backyard?"

"Well," I would answer, sighing and shaking my head as we stood on Elliewood Avenue, watching hammers pound nails into a building that was slowly disappearing before my eyes, "it's not going to be the same anymore."

I worked at The Backyard for a year as a subpar waitress who could never remember which sandwiches were on challah and which were on pretzel rolls. I was dutiful, though, and I always showed up to work, ready to put up the wretched umbrellas and ready to write down — and sample

— whichever new beers were on tap.

I hung out for a while with my former manager, "Fuzz," this Saturday; I watched him play cornhole at the Biltmore while I sipped a PBR and waited for my sister, a Biltmore waitress, to get off work. Fuzz and I looked across the fence over to The Backyard — the name I will forever call that building, no matter who owns it or what food it sells — and the two of us lamented the building's changing facade. "I wonder if there's anything left in there," I whispered, partly to Fuzz

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Trial and Error



MARY SCOTT HARDAWAY



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model students  
sarah morgan

- What are you wearing in this picture?**  
The shirt and tights are hand-me-downs from my oldest sister. I got the skirt at a thrift store. The necklace is from Target and the shoes are from ModCloth.
- Who are your style icons?**  
I love Old Hollywood glamour, so Audrey Hepburn, YSL and Coco Chanel.
- What's your favorite brand or store?**  
I don't necessarily have a favorite brand. I really like shopping at thrift stores because you can find good quality stuff that will actually last, and not fall apart like clothes from Forever 21 and H&M.
- What's your go-to item?**  
Shoes, they are a great way to add a little something extra to your outfit. Right now I'm really loving silver shoes. I like pieces that have a little something extra and make your outfit pop.
- If you could only wear one type of clothing for the rest of your life?**  
I would wear one of those taffeta party dresses from the 50s like in Mad Men because you would feel super confident while everyone else around you was wearing jeans.
- Favorite Style Quote:**  
"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society." — Mark Twain

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# History | City’s statues spark political controversy

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still remain along the sidewalk. But two of the most controversial figures in the City are those of Confederate heroes, Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson. The statue of Confederate commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee, found in Lee Park off of the Downtown Mall, was presented in 1924 at the same time as a Confederate reunion. Lee’s three-year-old great-granddaughter revealed the statue by removing a Confederate flag enshrouding it, and the first University president, Edwin Alderman, gave a speech of accep-

tance. Sculptor Henry Shrady worked on the design for 19 years but died while still making the model; Italian immigrant Leo Lentelli completed the statue. Confederate general Stonewall Jackson is found in Jackson Park close to Lee Park. The statue was presented in 1924 during a celebration that McIntire explicitly wanted the Confederate Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy to plan. During the presentation, school children sang and formed a living image of the Confederate flag, and Jackson’s great great-granddaughter unveiled the statue. As suggested by celebrations

held at the time, memorializing these two generals was welcomed in the 1920s by a number of Confederate sympathizers. Whether these figures should remain as prominent images in the Charlottesville community, however, has been the subject of more vocal controversy nearly a century later. Earlier this year, at the Virginia Festival of the Book, City Councilor Kristin Szakos and historian Edward Ayers, a former dean of the University of Virginia and current president of the University of Richmond, discussed the possibility of tearing down the statues. Others suggested erecting monuments of civil rights heroes to balance the

Confederate presence. “The statues were built by people involved in Confederate societies to commemorate heroes of Civil War and white supremacy,” American History Prof. Grace Hale said. “In the imagination of the builders, [Lee and Jackson] were heroes, but certainly not by others, even at this time, even by some whites,” she commented. But rather than remove the controversial statues entirely, the community should present them as an opportunity to understand local historical identity, Hale said. “It’s not the kind of public art we would put in the City today,

but as a historian I would say there is something worth keeping there,” she said. “Creating interpretive materials around the statues that explain their history would be helpful, whether that be with a plaque or moving the statues to a different area.” Despite the monuments’ surrounding controversies, for now, all four statues stand as reminders of the state and the City’s role in U.S. history.

*This is the second feature in a series of four articles about Charlottesville history, commemorating its 250th anniversary this year.*

# Churchill | List offers fun times, Charlottesville experiences

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as I have come to waddling back and forth to the store way too often. Especially in the fall, though, the list has truly made us experience and appreciate the beauty of the area. Perhaps some of these things I would have done anyway, but maybe not. And so, again, I have the list to thank. A few days ago, we drove Skyline Drive at the list’s behest.

I probably had been there before, with my parents trying to see Virginia as I sat in the back, watching Shrek on the pop-down player. This time, though, it was a truly remarkable experience. The first vista made my boyfriend and I gasp with astonishment, but at each successive view, we just looked on in silence. It was really, truly gorgeous, all the patchwork trees wrinkled up endlessly in front of us. Now it seems like

a no-brainer to drive it, but before, I couldn’t have said that. We also spent a day at Monticello, a place, again, that I have visited, but only because I felt a dutiful obligation as a Virginia resident. This time, the weather was perfect, the leaves were all various shades of red, and it was a perfectly lovely day poking around good ol’ TJ’s house, admiring and wondering over his obvious genius. We

had fun imagining Jefferson as a nerdy grandfather, inventing strategies based on the planet’s movements to beat his grandchildren in marbles, before calling for wine to be sent up on the fantastic dumbwaiter hidden in his fireplace. The beauty of the list is only growing more and more apparent with each activity checked off. We are exploring the greater Charlottesville area, soaking in as much of the gorgeous fall

as we can, and learning things about the school that we never knew. I can’t wait to keep helping him check more things off the list — next up, Open Observatory Night, on what I’m sure will be a fabulously crisp and clear fall night.

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# Hardaway | ‘Curse’ of The Backyard prevails, memories remain

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and partly to myself. “No,” he responded with certainty, “no, it’s all cleared out.” I sighed, “Yeah, that’s probably right,” but a part of me couldn’t help but long to run through the front door, past the construction workers and ripped up wood, past the torn-up dining room and bar, into the kitchen, where I was certain there was something still waiting for me. “What would you want from there anyway?” Fuzz asked. “My artwork!” I laughed and he laughed, and I realized the absurdity of my wish. All I wanted was to recover a few pieces of computer paper I had hung up on the wall in the tiny kitchen. They weren’t just pieces of paper, though; they were portraits. In late May, in

the awkward two-week period after school ended and before I went abroad for a month, I drew “portraits” of myself and two of my friends who worked in the kitchen. “Here are all of our faces,” I told them, as they looked at me like they always looked at me — like I’m a crazy loon. “So it will be just like I’m here when I’m gone for a month!” Then I would be back, and we could take down the pictures — my smiling face ringed by brunette locks, and the faces of the blonde boy and the brunette boy with a bandana wrapped around his head. After that month, then they could continue to berate me for my endless mistakes, and I could continue to convince them to let me listen to my Pandora stations for “just a couple of songs.”

But I never got the chance to take down my pictures, and now I’m not sure where they are. I’m not sure where my friends are either, and it saddens me deeply that I cannot place their faces somewhere, in some context. I miss The Backyard maybe more than I should, maybe more than any waitress should ever miss her old job. Now I’m a waitress somewhere else, and almost every day, as I portion out ranch and wipe down tables, I start to tell my new coworkers an anecdote from my old job. “And this one time!” it always begins, but my coworkers don’t really care, and I usually don’t do the story justice, leaving me sad that what used to be my every day is now just a story. “Wow,” they mutter, sweeping up stray fries, “wish we did that here.”

I’m not sure what the new restaurant at the end of Elliewood will look like; I’m not sure how long it will last. The place is cursed, I’m convinced; the building changes hands nearly every few years. But some things haven’t changed, and some stories keep on being retold. “Well, what happened to the foosball table?” I asked Fuzz, remembering the endless games customers would play, and the dramatic challenges that bartenders and bouncers and managers would partake in, cheering or cursing whenever someone scored. It was an old table, sitting on a lop-sided floor. Whenever anyone got “skunked,” the rule was that you had to streak in and around the restaurant after closing. I was a victim of this

rule the summer I started working there, and I always made sure to remind the players that there was no backing out of the consequences of a loss. “Oh don’t worry, it’s upstairs,” Fuzz said, pointing to the second floor of Biltmore, “and in five years, you’ll be up there telling kids that no matter what, the rules are the same.” There is a way in which we choose to deal with memories. Sometimes we cherish them, sometimes we compartmentalize them, and sometimes, when the memories are especially fragile, we put them somewhere safe, so they may continue to live on.

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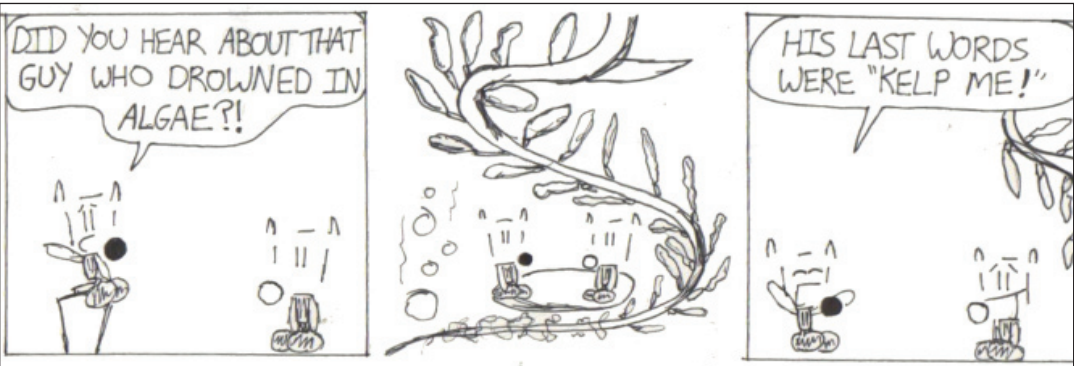
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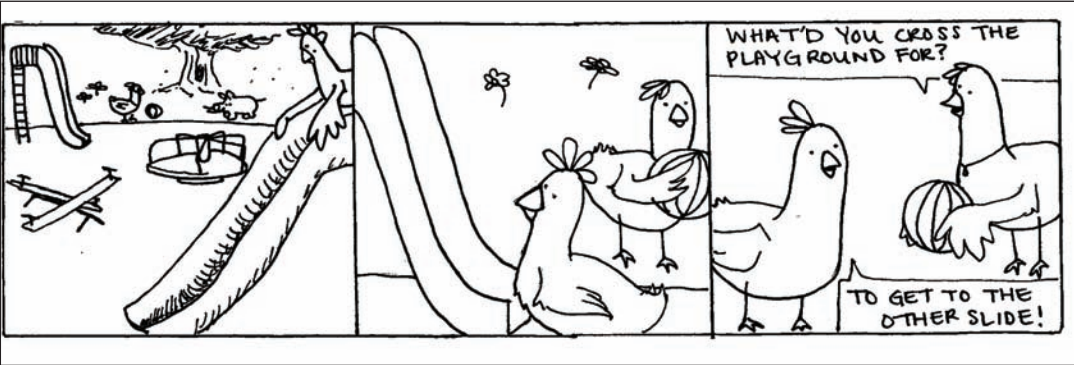
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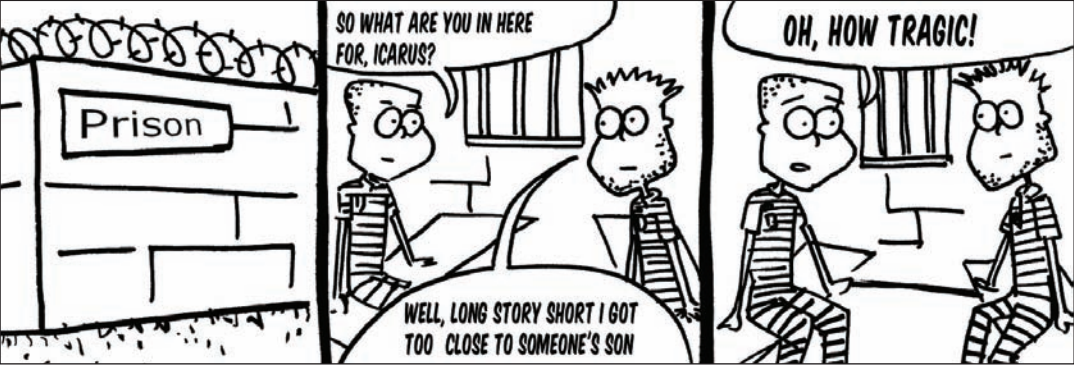
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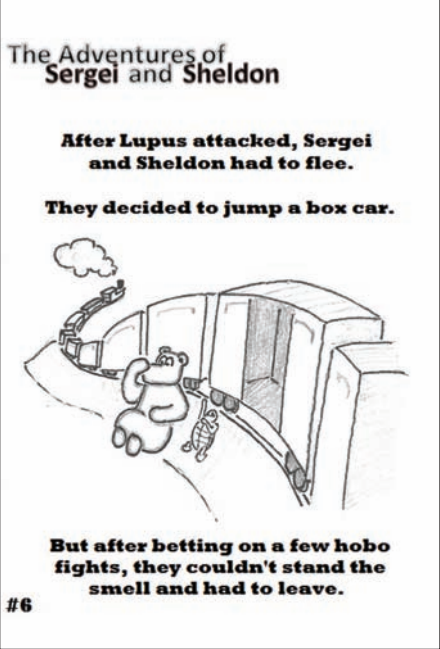
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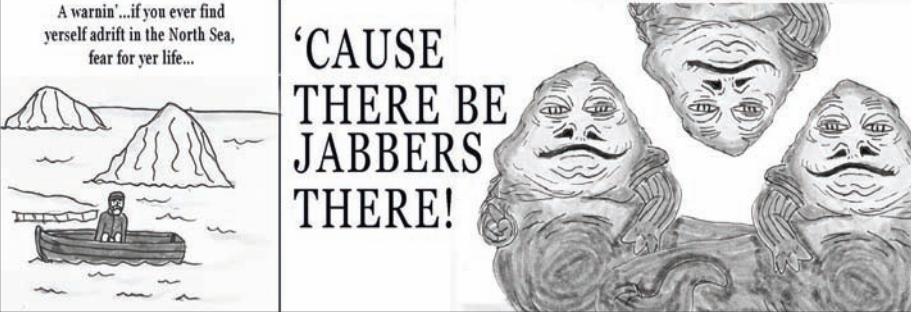
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**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's as though you are slogging uphill and the summit is nowhere in sight. But as long as you're headed up, you can't miss. You know you're going in the correct direction because it feels like work.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). This is no time to be picky. Your effort goes to the one who can pay for it. You wisely let go of some of your rules and preferences in the name of getting down to business. Whatever changes come up, you'll handle them.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Technically it's not your responsibility, yet you're the one who has to implement improvements. Dr. Seuss said it best: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your standards are so high for how you should behave in public that sometimes this causes you to feel shy. It's just easier to stay in. Allow yourself a wider margin of error and you'll feel like interacting again.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sacrifice your own comfort to make someone else feel good. And then you find that you're in a lurch.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Unconsidered words seem to fly out of your mouth, affording you no chance for diplomatic restraint. Though it's not what you planned to say, all will be healed because you spoke your feelings.

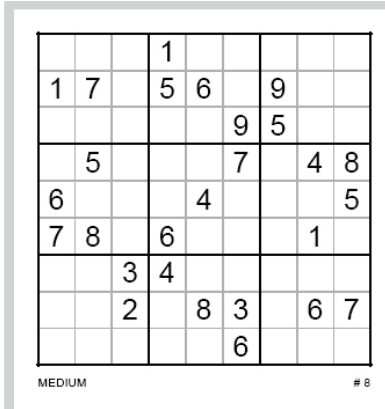
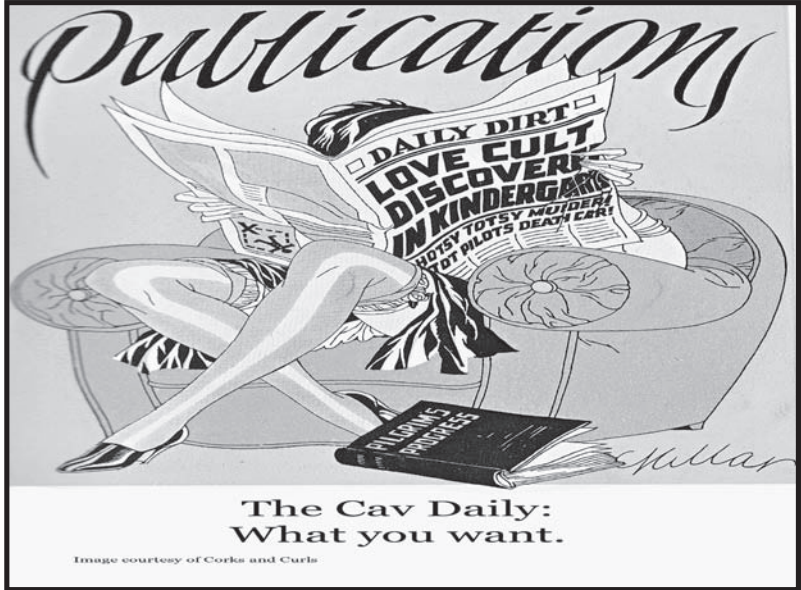
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The noise around you is louder than usual, and that's how you like it -- a little turned up. Life is not a trip to the library; it's a concert of howling activity, motion and emotion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're clever and can change any social dynamic that isn't going the way you had planned. You figure out the magic words that those in charge need to hear and you impart them with aplomb.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You care deeply about giving a good performance at work, but your role at home is even more important to you. Put time and thought into how you're going to deliver your love to the ones who need it most.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sure, you're made of the same stardust as everything else, yet nothing has ever come together quite as you have, and that's something to celebrate. Tonight, someone fall in love with you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 24)**. You'll be a constant source of inspiration to your friends this year. What's your secret? You make sure to get the inspiration you need to stay creative. May you have the happiest of birthdays. You don't need lucky numbers, it's your birthday, silly goose. A new friendship that develops through the fall infuses your world with fun. August sees you making a big purchase. Aquarius and Pisces adore you.



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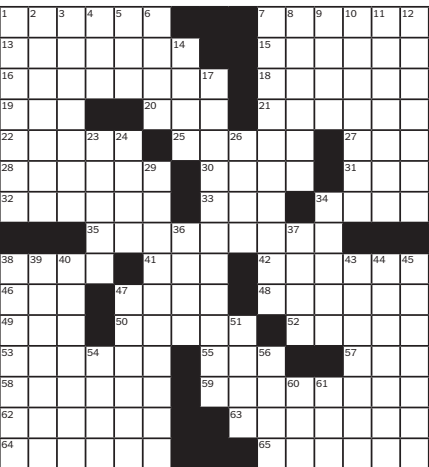
## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0919

- Across**
- 1 \_\_\_\_-on-Don, Russian port of 1+ million
  - 7 Tycoon, informally
  - 13 Theoretically
  - 15 Maryland state symbol
  - 16 Wassily \_\_\_\_
  - 18 Like the Kremlin
  - 19 Comics outburst
  - 20 Conservative leader?
  - 21 Divulges
  - 22 Nouri al-Maliki, for one
  - 25 Pro \_\_\_\_
  - 27 Highest-rated
  - 28 They may be sold by the dozen
  - 30 Desirous look
  - 31 "Third Uncle" singer
  - 32 When repeated, cry after an award is bestowed
  - 33 Alphabet run
  - 34 Clay pigeon launcher
  - 35 End of the saying
  - 38 Persevering, say
  - 41 Dictionary entry
  - 42 Shade of red
  - 46 Single dose?
  - 47 "Got milk?" cry, perhaps
  - 48 Cerumen
  - 49 "For hire" org. of the 1930s
  - 50 Picker-upper
  - 52 Watts in a film projector?
  - 53 Drill instructors?
  - 55 What may be caught with bare hands?
  - 57 Treadmill setting
  - 58 Half
  - 59 It's not required
  - 62 Info on a personal check: Abbr.
  - 63 Mandela
  - 64 Long Island county
  - 65 Certain race entry
- Down**
- 1 Product whose commercials ran for a spell on TV?
  - 2 Undiversified, as a farm
  - 3 Expo '74 locale
  - 4 Go for the bronze?
  - 5 Go (for)
  - 6 Red Cross hot line?
  - 7 Start of a four-part saying
  - 8 Unpaid debt
  - 9 Window treatment
  - 10 Ride up and down?
  - 11 City in the Alleghenies
  - 12 Justin Bieber's genre
  - 14 Ship hazard
  - 17 Part 3 of the saying
  - 23 Search
  - 24 Intense desire
  - 26 Silver State city

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**Puzzle by Michael Shitkyman**

29 Part 2 of the saying

34 Latin land

36 Create an open-ended view?

37 Stand for

38 Lady pitcher

39 Pudding thickener

40 It leans to the right

43 Setting for Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Fathers"

44 Russian urn

45 Urgent

47 Italian tourist attraction, in brief

51 Leg part

54 Team that got a new ballpark in 2009

56 Ship hazard

60 Corp. head

61 Sleuth, informally

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## MALNOURISHMENT REPLACES HUNGER

Urmila Devi serves roti, rice and lentils with unripe mango at home in Auar village in Uttar Pradesh, India. Less than 2 percent of Indians now go without two square meals a day, and far fewer still die of starvation. Yet in places like Auar, an insidious malnourishment has taken the place of empty stomachs.

Sanjit Das  
Bloomberg News

# Tensions split Iranian elites

President Ahmadinejad's rejected visitation request highlights country's political fractures

By Ladane Nasser  
Bloomberg News

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iranian state television called this week for an end to the public dispute between President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his political rivals after his application to visit a jailed aide was rejected by judicial authorities.

The broadcaster, whose head is appointed by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said top officials need to address pressing economic woes and set aside their differences.

“People expect you to work together to solve problems such as inflation, and under no pretext to allow minor matters that create rifts to become a tool for the satisfaction of the enemy,” the announcer said in segment Monday that was illustrated with images of brothers Ali and Sadegh Larijani, who respectively head the Iranian parliament and the judiciary, and the president.

Ahmadinejad's bid to visit an aide in prison exposed ten-

sions in the ruling elite. His critics have multiplied attacks, emboldened by his inability to counter the effects of international sanctions over Iran's nuclear program that have led to a drop in the currency's value and to soaring inflation.

The clash over the prison visit emerged last week. In an open letter to the judiciary, Ahmadinejad requested approval “at the earliest time possible” to enter the Evin prison. His press adviser, Ali Akbar Javanfekr, has been detained since Sept. 26 on charges of publishing material considered insulting to Khamenei.

The demand was turned down, saying it wasn't “appropriate” at a time when all “concerns and efforts” need to be turned to economic issues, Gholamhossein Mohseni-Ejei, a judiciary spokesman, said Oct. 21.

Ahmadinejad fired back in an open letter Monday to Larijani, the head of the judiciary, saying he doesn't need “permission or approval” to make the visit.

# Sequester nears, progress unclear

Mandated federal budget cuts seem likely as Congress, White House remain far apart on deficit

By James Rowley  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Obama's statement that \$109 billion in automatic spending cuts “will not happen” in 2013 isn't matched by progress with lawmakers in Congress toward a deficit-cutting agreement to avert the reductions.

Obama made the prediction during last night's presidential debate after Republican nominee Mitt Romney accused him of endangering the national defense by proposing “a combination” of budget cuts and “sequestration cuts” that would curb U.S. military spending by \$1 trillion.

The automatic cuts in defense and non-defense spending are set to start in January if Congress doesn't agree on a budget-cutting plan during a lame-duck session after the Nov. 6 election. Currently there are no formal talks between congressional leaders and the president, though groups of lawmakers have discussed ideas for averting the automatic cuts.

In the debate, Obama replied to Romney that the automatic “sequester” of \$109 billion in spending next year “is not something that I've proposed. It is something that Congress has pro-

posed. It will not happen.”

The automatic spending cuts stem from legislation enacted in 2011 that appointed a bipartisan committee to find \$1.5 trillion in deficit savings over 10 years. The law mandated \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts over a decade if the panel failed — as it did — to agree on a deficit-reduction plan.

The law requires the spending cuts to address House Republicans' demand for reductions to match an increase in the government's borrowing authority.

Kevin Smith, a spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, questioned Obama's assertion.

“If the sequester isn't going to happen, as he says, will the president finally offer a plan to solve the problem?” Smith said in an e-mail Tuesday. “For the past year, the president has refused to show any leadership in resolving the sequester.”

Presidential spokesman Jay Carney told reporters in Washington Tuesday that “what the president said last night was a reiteration of what his position has long been.”

“The president remains confident that we will be able to move forward, there will be a balanced deficit-reduction package,” Carney said.

# Hungary preps 2014 ballot

Bajnai invites opposition groups to collective ‘centrist’ political movement

By Zoltan Simon and Edith Balazs  
Bloomberg News

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungary's divided opposition groups sought to close ranks Tuesday while pro-government forces rallied in an early prelude to 2014 elections that are shaping up to be a referendum on Premier Viktor Orban's polarizing tenure.

Gordon Bajnai, who led a technocratic Cabinet for a year before the previous vote in 2010, told a crowd in Budapest that he is uniting with two civic groups

to stake out a “centrist” political movement to unseat Orban and is inviting “democratic” parliamentary opposition parties to join.

Orban's overhaul of Hungary since winning a two-thirds majority in parliament has tested the democratic boundaries of the European Union, divided Hungarians and helped plunge the economy into recession. Orban has said reducing the eastern EU's highest debt level required “unorthodox” policies and rejected EU attempts to intervene, pointing to an ability to finance the economy without

aid as proof of his success.

“We accept the rules that apply to everyone” in the EU, Orban told a crowd in front of Parliament, which the government estimated at several hundred-thousand strong on the anniversary of the 1956 anti-Soviet uprising. “But we won't accept others telling us what we can and can't do in our own country.”

The forint has risen 12 percent against the euro this year, the most in the world, as investors speculate Hungary will obtain an International Monetary Fund-led loan.

# NY same-sex unions stand

Group appeals gay marriage law's technicalities; state's highest court refuses suit

By Chris Dolmetsch  
Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — New York's highest court refused to hear a challenge to the state's same-sex marriage law after an appeals court ruled earlier this year that legislators didn't violate open-meeting laws in passing the measure.

The state Court of Appeals in Albany Tuesday denied a motion by New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms for leave to appeal a July decision by an appellate panel in Rochester overturning a lower court's decision allowing the claim to

proceed.

“New York State has served as a beacon for progressive ideals, and this statute is a clear reminder of what this state stands for: equality and justice for all,” Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a statement. “With the court's decision, same-sex couples no longer have to worry that their right to marry could be legally challenged in this state.”

The group, which according to its website was founded in 1982 to promote religious liberties and moral values, sued the state Senate a month after the same-sex marriage bill was signed into law. It said that the legisla-

tive body improperly suspended its normal voting procedures and failed to provide a three-day review period before passing the bill.

Acting State Supreme Court Justice Robert Wiggins in Geneseo, N.Y., dismissed those arguments in November, while letting the group pursue a claim that the state Senate violated the requirement for public access when a quorum of public officials gathers to discuss state issues.

The state appealed, saying the open-meetings law didn't apply to a gathering of senators before the marriage act was passed.



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