

VIGIL HELD TO HONOR CHAPEL HILL VICTIMS

Event commemorates students' lives, considers societal issues behind killings

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University students held a vigil Sunday night to honor the lives of three North Carolina students shot last week in an apartment near the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill campus. The victims have been identified as 23-year-old Deah Shaddy Barakat, his 21-year-old wife, Yusor Mohammad, and her sister, 19-year-old Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha.

Barakat was a second-year student at UNC's dentistry school and Mohammad was to start there in August. Abu-Salha was a student at North Carolina State University.

The vigil was held at the Amphitheater and featured six speakers — first-year College student Attiya Latif, second-year College student Lital Firestone, second-year College student VJ Jenkins, third-year College student Yahiya Saad, Engineering graduate student Ahmed Alshareef and UNC graduate Anem W.

Anem, a friend of Barakat, said the three victims were leaders in their community and will be leaders in their deaths, adding that the families of each of the students would not allow their memories to go in vain. As an example of the the students' leadership and good will, Anem said Barakat had helped raise money for Syrian refugees.

"Deah sought to assist the homeless in Chapel Hill, and he also initiated a fund to help Syrian refugees with a goal of \$20,000," she said. "Now that fund has reached \$400,000."

The six speakers said it was important that an incident like this never occurs again and discussed how unfortunate it was the students had to lose their lives in such a vicious and cruel way. Saad spoke last and shared passages from the Quran.

Latif and first-year College student Evelyn Wang planned the vigil, saying they wanted to highlight the lives of the victims and bring greater awareness to some of the societal issues related to the killings. Wang said it was key to demonstrate support for the victims and for Muslims in the University community.

"It was just so important to show UNC

that U.Va. and these places all over the country are rallying together, all in support," Wang said. "To show people in our own community that this is a community where we will not allow those kinds of things to happen, and to tell Muslim community members that they are safe with us."

Latif agreed, saying it is important to protect the legacy of the three students and ensure that more than just their names live on.

"We just really wanted to come together as a community and show that we were supporting, that we cared about what had happened," Latif said. "And we were really disturbed initially by the blatant lack of media coverage, and so we just wanted to show that even though their names may die in the media, their lives would live on and that we would remember them. These were just beautiful people, they were amazing individuals and their legacy is something we can learn from."

Latif also said she hoped the vigil might serve to reassure members of the commu-

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nity.

"People are scared, people are genuinely terrified, because if this can happen at one university in the South it could happen at any university in the South, and it could happen to any minority," Latif said. "If there's anyone whose heart is lightened by this [vigil], whose heart is at ease or anyone who comes out feeling safer because of this, we feel like we've done our job."

Latif said she was amazed by the amount of support the event received

and was glad so many people came together to get behind the issue.

"We didn't expect anything, honestly, and then there was just this amazing outpouring of support," she said. "Societies and organizations were coming together to rally behind two first years who were unassuming and had no leadership positions."

University students who attended the vigil said they were horrified by the events at UNC last week and participated in the event to show their support and commemorate the victims' lives.

First-year College student Ali Hall said she felt it was important to hold

the vigil and was moved by the number of students who attended.

"It's terrible the fact that something like this happened to three people who shouldn't have been killed just for their religious beliefs," Hall said. "The amount of people who showed up to show solidarity is amazing and shows that our school will not tolerate this."

Second-year Engineering student Keaton Wadzinski — who helped set up the vigil — agreed, saying the event was a rare opportunity for people to constructively consider societal issues.

"I personally have been very interested in engaging people in dialogue for interface relations," Wadzinski said. "I think a lot of people are interested in having that dialogue but rarely get the opportunity due to the stigmatization around spirituality, faith and religion. I was incredibly impressed at the turnout — for people to come together and appreciate the value of a human life and in particular these three incredibly service-oriented, passionate human beings."

University President Teresa Sullivan, who attended the vigil, sent an email to the University community on Saturday describing similar feelings of horror at the killings and condemning any religious intolerance which may have played a role in the students' deaths.

Sullivan said religious intolerance leads to a proliferation of violence in the world and that University community must commit itself to promote religious freedom.

"The motive for these murders is not yet clear," Sullivan said in the email. "If these students were slain because of bias regarding their religious beliefs, then the crime was also

a betrayal of American values that are grounded in our nation's founding."

Sullivan praised the vigil, saying it would foster a spirit of unity and work to create a caring, tolerant community within Charlottesville and beyond. Among those who attended were Dean of Students Allen Groves, and the Z Society sent its support.

Chapel Hill police have arrested and charged the suspect of the shooting, Craig Stephen Hicks. Chris Blue, chief of the Chapel Hill Police Department, said a team is currently investigating the motive of the crime.

"We understand the concerns about the possibility that this was hate-motivated, and we will exhaust every lead to determine if that is the case," Blue said in a press release.

Hall said she strongly felt the killing was a hate crime and thought it was unbelievable that it is being viewed as potentially having roots in a parking dispute.

"It's ridiculous that they are investigating whether they were killed over a parking dispute when it's quite obvious they were killed over hate," she said.

Information provided by the women's father would suggest there may have been an underlying factor of hatred — he said his daughters had told him numerous times that they had a neighbor who was hateful and concealed a gun in his waistband. The murders have sparked a nationwide reaction, including the repetition of the phrase "Muslim Lives Matter" on American social media, along with other denunciations of Islamophobia and bias against those who practice Islam.

Hicks is being held without bail until his probable cause hearing, currently scheduled for March 4.



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Students lit candles in remembrance of the three victims slain in Chapel Hill last week.

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Students sing the Good Ol' Song on the steps of New Cabell Hall as part of the annual "Love is Love" campaign.

'Love is Love' campaign continues

University LGBTQ Center raises awareness, promotes welcoming environment with campaign

Katie Grimesey
Associate Editor

The University LGBTQ Center held its second singing of the "Good Ol' Song" as a part of the "Love is Love" campaign — an effort aimed at raising awareness and creating a more welcoming community environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students.

Kate Travis, a fourth-year College student and programs intern at the LGBTQ Center, said the campaign is not only meant to speak out against LGBTQ discrimination but also to celebrate the community as a whole.

"Love is Love is a really powerful message," Travis said. "I'm all about celebrating all love on Valentine's Day — it's one of the most easy to get along with ideas."

The campaign's singing of the "Good Ol' Song" comes as a response to some students derisively shouting "not gay!" at the end of the song's second verse, which includes the line "where all is bright and gay." Travis said she felt the University community overall does not seem to share the discriminatory attitudes of those

individuals.

"I think that something like the 'not gay' is not something that [the] average U.Va. students are super invested in," Travis said. "It's obviously a sign of exclusivity — it's a sign of 'you're not welcome here,' when people yell something like that. But I also think that's not something that's very popular, and it hasn't been popular for some time, but every once in a while there's a little group of people who bring it back."

Third-year College student Caroline Herre said support, encouragement and community involvement are essential to supporting the LGBTQ community.

"I think events like these can bring together a lot of people from different backgrounds," Herre said. "Like those who are involved in the LGBTQ resource center, those who are in QSU or any of the organizations and also just people who want to be there in support."

Herre said part of the reason she attended the event was that it is important to her to become closer with the LGBTQ community.

"I also want to learn more because this community is super

vibrant and super diverse," Herre said. "Seeing that here has been a good reminder about how many people care about this community and are involved in the community, and it's here for anyone."

While Travis said the "Love is Love" campaign evokes a very powerful message, she also felt there to be a number of other issues facing the LGBTQ community which need to be addressed.

"We need to talk about gender identity acceptance at U.Va., we need to talk about not just marriage equality, but...about gender issues and other forms of discrimination faced by LGBTQ identified individuals at U.Va.," Travis said. "And sometimes those other issues don't get talked about during events like this."

Travis said she hopes that the campaign will draw students to the center in order to seek more resources and information about the LGBTQ community.

"This is one of our most successful campaigns and I think that's wonderful, but I hope it inspires people to check out the LGBTQ Center's other events," Travis said. "I hope it inspires people to look deeper into issues that are faced by this community in particular."

Wintergreen resort sold to EPR Properties

Mountain will be leased and operated by Pacific Group Resorts

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EPR Properties purchased Wintergreen, a Virginia resort, on Thursday from James C. Justice II. The four season resort will be leased by and managed by Pacific Group Resorts, a company which currently owns and operates the New Hampshire Ragged Mountain Resort and the Maryland Wisp Resort.

Brian Chase, managing broker of the Wintergreen Real Estate Company — a real estate company closely involved with the resort and the surrounding area — said he was supportive of EPR and Pacific Group Resorts management.

"I think they are better than a good fit," Chase said. "They are quite possibly the best fit we could've imagined. These folks are already operating some East Coast resorts, and they have tons and tons of experience."

Chase said EPR Properties chose to work with Pacific Group Resorts due to an already

successful partnership at the Wisp Resort in Western Maryland. EPR Vice President Brian Moriarty said Wintergreen had many of the qualities his company looks for in a property and he was excited to be working in the area.

"Wintergreen Resort is an outstanding property with many of the attributes we look for as a long term property owner," he said in an e-mail. "We are also very pleased to be expanding our partnership with the highly experienced team at Pacific Group Resorts and are excited the future potential of Wintergreen."

Pacific Group Resorts spokesperson Mark Fisher said the company is also pleased to have the opportunity to lease and manage Wintergreen.

"The executive team at PGRI has a broad base of experience in mountain resort operations and in the master planning and development of ski resorts," Fisher said. "We hope to work with the management team at Wintergreen to maximize the customer experience through a combi-

nation of meticulous planning and operating enhancements and efficiencies. The people at Wintergreen are top notch, and we are delighted to be working with them on the possibilities for growth here."

Wintergreen General Manager Hank Theiss also said he was excited by the change in a press release.

"I've been in this industry for over 30 years and I've known the leadership of Pacific Group Resorts for over 20 years," Theiss said. "They have tons of experience in this industry at some of the most iconic resorts in the West. My management team and I are excited for the possibilities this partnership could bring to our members and guests."

Justice II purchased the 11,000 acre resort in the summer of 2012 but put it back on the market in Feb. 2014. Chase said the uncertainty caused by the sale may have negatively affected the resort, but hopes that it will be replaced by greater interest in the mountain.

"People really shy away from



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Wintergreen resort was recently purchased by EPR and will be managed by Pacific Group Resorts.

uncertainty," Chase said. "There was a lot of uncertainty in the last 12 months. Now that [it] has been taken out of the picture, I am certain there are a lot of people who are willing and able to pursue their interests in Wintergreen."

Chase said the purchase could actually boost the popularity and financial success of the resort and said those who

have spent years enjoying Wintergreen should be excited to learn of Pacific Group Resorts' emphasis on the best parts of the resort.

"Right out of the gate I... believe [Pacific Group Resorts has] a firm appreciation for everything Wintergreen has to offer, and that they will capitalize what is best and capitalize it moving forward," Chase said.

U.S. Congressmen seek Virginia Indian tribal recognition

Legislators propose new status for Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Upper Mattaponi, Rappahannock, Monacan, Nansemond

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Six Virginia Congressmen re-introduced a bill on Wednesday that would grant six Virginia Indian tribes federal recognition. The Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2015 was brought to the House by Representatives by Republican Rob Wittman and Democrats Gerry Connolly, Don Beyer, and Bobby Scott, and to the Senate by Virginia senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, both Democrats.

Though the six tribes — the Chickahominy, the Eastern Chickahominy, the Upper Mattaponi, the Rappahannock, the Monacan and the Nansemond — have received state recognition, the groups have failed to gain recognition from the federal government.

Kaine faulted the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, saying it uses a national standard which neglects to take into account the unique situations of these Virginia Indian tribes.

“The absence of federal recognition has not been for lack of trying,” Kaine said in an email. “In fact, many tribes have vigorously pursued paths to recognition through the administrative

process but have found it to be inefficient, expensive and confusing. The federal process, which is run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, uses a one-size-fits-all system that fails to account for extraordinary circumstances like the barriers Virginia tribes have often encountered.”

The source of the circumstances which have barred the six tribes from national recognition stems from Colonial times. Because the tribes formed treaties with the English government prior to the establishment of our country, the tribes have never entered into formal treaties with the American government.

However, if the bill is passed, the federal government will establish national relationships with the tribes and allow the tribes to maintain a permanent diplomacy with the U.S. national government. The groups could then pursue the repatriation of historical and cultural artifacts, receive access to healthcare and emergency assistance and send their children to federal Native American schools and universities, among other benefits.

Kaine, who has advocated for the tribes since serving as Virginia’s governor, said he is disgruntled with colleagues who believe that the Bureau of Indian Affairs should be the only organization



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Six Indian tribes are seeking federal recognition through the Thomasina E. Jordan Recognition Act of 2015.

able to authorize such recognition.

“As governor of Virginia, I testified before Congress in support of the tribes and was deeply disappointed when they were not granted federal recognition before my term ended,” he said. “Unfortunately, we did not see a vote on the Senate floor in the 113th Congress because some members of Congress outside Virginia have objected to moving

the legislation forward.”

Kaine said he believes tribal recognition would lead to a more prosperous relationship between the tribes and the Commonwealth, and feels it is owed to them. He said he will fight for new status even if the newest motion fails.

“I will continue to push for recognition no matter how long it takes,” Kaine said.

Congressman Rob Wittman

agreed, saying the Virginia Indian tribes have waited for federal recognition longer than deserved.

“The history of these tribes is intertwined with the birth of our nation, and their federal recognition status is long overdue,” Wittman said in a press release. “I’m proud to work with the Virginia tribes to ensure that they are granted the recognition that they have been denied for far too long.”

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Junior guard Malcolm Brogdon stayed in front of shifty Wake Forest junior guard Codi Miller-McIntyre on the game's make-or-break possession, forcing a turnover with two seconds left.

Virginia turns back Wake

No. 2 men's hoops overcomes seven-point halftime deficit, stops Demon Deacons late

Matthew Morris
Sports Editor

The Virginia men's basketball team matched its best-ever start to a season Saturday afternoon with a 61-60 win against ACC up-and-comer Wake Forest, at John Paul Jones Arena.

The No. 2 Cavaliers (23-1, 11-1 ACC) rallied from seven points down with a 16-4 surge to begin the second half and eked out the victory when Demon Deacons junior guard Codi Miller-McIntyre turned the ball over on the game's final possession.

Wake Forest coach Danny Manning called timeout with 12 seconds to play and his team down by a point after Miller-McIntyre — the Demon Deacons' leading scorer — grabbed an offensive rebound off his own missed free throw. Back on court, Wake Forest (12-14, 4-9 ACC) isolated Miller-McIntyre at the top of the key.

The slashing guard drove at his defender — Virginia junior guard Malcolm Brogdon — but Brogdon stood strong, and Miller-McIntyre lost the ball. Brogdon scooped it up with two sec-

ond left, and Virginia walked off the court with its second narrow win since losing junior guard Justin Anderson to a fractured finger.

"[Miller-McIntyre] is really hard to keep out of the lane," Virginia coach Tony Bennett said. "We did a decent job on the first initial action and figured, alright, spread the floor—he's going to attack. And we were just fortunate to make one stop at the end to come away with a tough win against a team that's really improving."

Miller-McIntyre tallied 13 points, eight rebounds and four assists in 32 minutes on the court. But the player Virginia truly struggled to contain was freshman forward Dinos Mitoglou, who burned the Cavalier defense on multiple pick-and-pops and finished with 18 points. The 6-foot-10 Greece native launched 12 3-pointers and made six to improve to 43-107 from distance this season.

Mitoglou's partner-in-crime for the afternoon, freshman forward Cornelius Hudson, finished 3-5 from long range, while freshman guard Mitchell Wilbekin — former star Florida

guard Scottie Wilbekin's younger brother — added a 3-pointer of his own.

Virginia did manage to frustrate junior forward Devin Thomas, who came in averaging nearly a double-double. Post-trapped almost every time he touched the ball, the bruising left-hander registered three points, five rebounds, four turnovers and four personal fouls in 16 minutes of play.

"You see the pressure they put on you — they did that without Devin Thomas," Bennett said. "[Mitoglou] poses some problems. You know, he's the stretch-four, a European four...If you're not there on the catch and he gets his rhythm going, you're in trouble."

Virginia — the nation's top-ranked scoring defense — struggled at both ends of the floor in the first half, shooting 36.4 percent from the field and ceding 31 points. Brogdon provided the highlight play when he stripped Hudson near the 3-point line, put the ball behind his back

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An empty feeling

It is bad form to think about what is missing on Valentine's Day — that special someone who is no longer there. But on Saturday, despite sharing a special moment with the basketball team I have spent four happy years with, I could not help but feel just a little bit empty inside.

Justin Anderson — the freaky athletic, pinpoint shooting, endlessly energetic wunderkind — was out of the lineup, relegated to spectator status by a finger injury that will sideline him for several more weeks.

Virginia's victory against Wake Forest — its 23rd in 24 games this season — should have made me appreciate all that the Cavaliers have meant to me during my time in Charlottesville. It was the kind of grinding, scrappy, bend-but-don't-break, classic Cavalier performance that I have grown to love and expect at John Paul Jones Arena.

I should have walked out of the building smiling and glowing with pride because my Cavaliers had matched their best start in program history and improved to 11-1 in ACC play. They had widened their

margin atop the ACC standings by overcoming their largest halftime deficit of the season. They had gotten a stop when it mattered most and come through in the clutch once again.

But perfection has made me jaded — Virginia's 19 consecutive wins to start the season came in such incredible fashion that simply coming out on top no longer satisfies me. I have come to expect dominance, mixed with genuine humility and a small dose of

flair. I expect a 20-point win, a few SportsCenter Top 10 plays contenders and a postgame press conference where the team finds fault with its performance nonetheless.

Perhaps most importantly, I have come to expect the 6-foot-6 swingman nicknamed "Simba" to throw down at least one reverse slam, knock down a couple of 3-pointers and make the crowd holler with his infectious energy and passion. That is why Saturday's victory felt like reason to fret rather than to celebrate — it ratcheted up fears that Anderson's extended absence until March will prevent Virginia from reaching the level of play fans have grown used to.



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The Cavaliers, so accustomed to rising above the modest expectations foisted upon them by outsiders, now appear to be something far less than what their No. 2 ranking indicates. Without Anderson against NC State and Wake Forest, Virginia notched two of its three most narrow wins of the season, despite facing teams ranked in the bottom half of the ACC.

Several times Saturday Virginia ran plays against the Demon Deacons that would have been effective had Anderson been on the floor. They kicked the ball out to open 3-point shooters repeatedly, but instead of the ACC's best long-range marksman on the other end, it was guards London Perrantes and Malcolm Brogdon firing away from deep. Together, they missed all eight of their shots from beyond the arc.

While Evan Nolte filled in admirably, even recovering from a finger injury of his own to make a pair of 3-pointers after the break, he is — by his own admission — not the same player as Anderson. He cannot sky to the rim for alley-oops or putback slams. He is not a dynamic playmaker or ball handler. He cannot single-handedly ignite the crowd with a highlight-reel block or thunderous dunk in transition.

Nolte is a player that can hold his own defensively, knock down open

shots when they come to him and facilitate the offense. The problem is that the Cavaliers have come to depend on deploying a superstar at the position, one they can pair with Brogdon to make plays down the stretch.

In the postgame press conferences Saturday after the team's one-point win, I began interviews with players by asking a few obligatory softballs: How were you able to close out the victory? What was the key to getting that last stop? Where do you guys need to improve?

But I lacked vigor and interest until I shifted topics to what was really on my mind after two straight surprisingly narrow victories.

Who are the Virginia Cavaliers without Justin Anderson?

We are starting to get an answer to that question, and the early returns suggest something that may be unsettling to Virginia fans. Without their emotional leader and one of the most talented wing players in the ACC, the Cavaliers are a very good team — but are also very far from being a great team.

They are talented enough defensively to remain competitive with almost every team in the ACC but not explosive enough offensively to make many foes feel uncomfortable. They are capable of making a deep postseason run but by no means

should they be expected to do so. In other words, they resemble the Virginia teams from 2011-12 and 2012-13, squads that masked offensive deficiencies with heady play and textbook defense to become tournament-worthy groups.

This is not a knock on Virginia. There is likely not a single team in the country that could lose arguably its best player on Saturday and wake up on Sunday as championship contenders.

Over the next 21-35 days, the timeline for Anderson's return from injury (but who's counting?), Virginia must figure it out who it is, if not the team that has beaten six opponents ranked in the AP Top 25 and reached numerous milestones that have not been seen in Charlottesville since the 1980s. And they must figure it out quickly, with the prospect of postseason play looming and the status of their linchpin unclear for the start of the ACC Tournament in three weeks.

Perhaps after yet another thrilling win, I should just appreciate the team I have and not lament that a piece is missing. But part of the Valentine's Day tradition is not only to appreciate what we have, but also to expect a pleasant surprise from those that have consistently impressed us the most.

Men's lacrosse weathers snow, Drexel

Van Arsdale nets hat trick, Pannell, Tucker, Lukacovic tally four points each as No. 9 Cavaliers improve to 2-0

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The scene Saturday night was not reminiscent of the usual lacrosse played at Klöckner Stadium. As the first half came to a close, the wind began to blow and snow began to fall.

But as the field became a winter wonderland, Virginia turned into a well-oiled machine. Despite the added complexities of using yellow balls to contrast with the newly white ground, having to clean the snow out of the spikes of their cleats and worrying about the length of their strides so they did not slip, the Virginia players embraced the added challenges.

"The snow was pretty fun," freshman defenseman Logan Greco said.

And thanks to its adaptability, No. 9 Virginia (2-0) used sound, fundamental defense and an attack-oriented offense to build its 8-6 halftime lead into a 14-10 victory against No. 18 Drexel (0-1).

"When conditions deteriorate like this, it becomes more of a game of effort and desire," coach Dom Starsia said. "I thought the play in the second half was pretty clean anyway, but I thought we came out with some good energy in the second half and carried the play to them."

The first six minutes of the game, however, certainly were not what the Cavaliers had hoped for. After winning the opening faceoff, Drexel got on the board first when junior midfielder Jules Raucci beat Virginia sophomore defender Carlson Mi-

likin and fired in a shot.

The Dragons would add two more quick goals to take a 3-0 lead with 5:26 remaining in the first quarter. But after that run, the young Cavalier defense was able to shore up its communication and slowly begin to shut down the Drexel offense.

"Talk is very key for us defensively," Greco said. "Throughout the game we just started talking more."

With 3:47 to play in the first, Virginia started a run of its own when sophomore attackman Ryan Lukacovic fed senior midfielder Tyler German on the crease and German faked out Drexel junior goalie Will Gabrielsen to net his first goal of the season. Junior midfielder Greg Cocholan followed suit 53 seconds later with a rip of his own.

Drexel responded with another goal to take a 4-2 lead, but the Cavaliers again answered when senior attackman Owen Van Arsdale scored with 1:35 to play, cutting the deficit to one at the end of the first quarter.

Just 15 seconds into the second quarter, German evened the game at four on a fast-break goal. And 24 seconds after that, senior midfielder Ryan Tucker gave Virginia its first lead of the game.

Both teams then weathered a scoring drought that lasted nearly 10 minutes before Tucker used a swim move to blow past his defender and crank a shot past Gabrielsen with 5:50 to play, spotting Virginia a 6-4 lead after its 4-0 run.

The teams traded scores to close out the first half. Following a Drexel extra-man goal with 5:19 to play,

sophomore midfielder Zed Williams answered with his only goal of the night with 3:45 remaining, giving Virginia a 7-5 lead.

After a Raucci goal for Drexel with 2:05 to play, junior attackman James Pannell netted his first score of the season with 26 seconds remaining to give Virginia an 8-6 halftime lead.

But then the snow started to fall, delaying the start of the second half for 15 minutes as the grounds crew blew the snow off the boundary lines. Still, Starsia and his players did not mind the conditions.

"It felt very old-school," Starsia said.

Drexel took the second half's opening faceoff and held possession for nearly five minutes, taking nine shots in the process. But after slipping on a now-blanketed field, the Cavaliers scooped up the ground ball, sparking a 3-0 run that took just 62 seconds. Pannell, Van Arsdale and sophomore midfielder Jeff Kratky each scored to gain an 11-6 lead less than seven minutes into the second half.

"We probably won the game in the first 10 minutes of the third quarter," Starsia said.

Drexel finally found the scoreboard with 3:52 remaining in the third, but Williams fed Lukacovic on the crease less than two minutes later to maintain a five-goal advantage.

Drexel tallied a goal to come within four at the end of the third quarter, but Virginia responded strongly again to start the fourth. Lukacovic scored just 37 seconds in, and with 12:33 to play, during a man



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Sophomore attackman Ryan Lukacovic notched two goals and two assists for the Cavaliers. His second score came 37 seconds into the fourth quarter.

advantage, Van Arsdale netted a hat trick with a low-to-high rip from 10 yards out.

The Dragons scored two more goals before all was said and done, but it was nowhere near enough to overcome the ever-consistent Cavaliers.

Despite struggling again at the faceoff X, winning just 11 of 28 attempts, Virginia controlled possession. In addition to Van Arsdale's three scores, Pannell, Tucker and Lukacovic tallied two goals and two

assists each as Virginia's retooled offense continues to move in the right direction after a season-opening win against No. 7 Loyola.

"I think everybody has accepted their role and we've been practicing so much that it doesn't really seem like new faces," Lukacovic said. "The guys seem like they've been doing it for a while."

The Cavaliers will next face Rutgers Saturday in Piscataway, New Jersey. Faceoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Women's lacrosse falls to Northwestern in season opener



John Pappas | The Cavalier Daily

Sophomore attacker Kelly Reese scored three goals in a seven-minute span in the second half, but the No. 7 Cavaliers lost to the Wildcats once again.

In a low-scoring affair Saturday afternoon, the No. 7 Virginia women's lacrosse team began its 2015 season with a 6-5 loss to No. 5 Northwestern in Kennesaw, Georgia. The Cavaliers (0-1) have now lost eight games to the Wildcats (2-0).

With three minutes left in the game and the score tied at five, Northwestern sophomore midfielder Sheila Nesselbush scored the go-ahead goal on a man-up free position shot. Nesselbush was one of three Northwestern players to score two goals.

Virginia got on the scoreboard first, winning the opening draw and scoring nine seconds later. After another Virginia goal two minutes later, Northwestern came back with three goals in a span of five minutes to take a 3-2 lead. Neither team would score for the remaining 19:17 of the half.

Northwestern ended the scor-

ing drought with two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half. But the Cavaliers, led by sophomore attacker Kelly Reese, scored three goals in the next seven minutes to tie the game with 15:16 remaining. Reese had two of those goals to lead the Cavaliers in scoring for the day.

Before Nesselbush's game-winner, Virginia had three chances to retake the lead, but Northwestern senior goalkeeper Bridget Bianco stood strong, saving five of Virginia's second-half shots.

Virginia won the draw control battle 9-4 and finished the game 2-6 on free position shots. The Cavaliers only picked up two ground balls in comparison to the Wildcats' 12.

The Cavaliers return to action Wednesday when they face Richmond on the road. The game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

—compiled by Chanhong Luu

No. 2 Baseball sweeps East Carolina to kick off 2015 season

Second-ranked Virginia baseball began its road to Omaha with a three-game road sweep of East Carolina. The Cavaliers (3-0) continued their winning ways as always, with dominant pitching and timely hitting.

Junior Nathan Kirby (1-0) pitched Virginia to a 3-1 victory in Friday's opening game. The southpaw pitched seven shutout innings, allowed three hits and two walks and struck out five. He finished the game by retiring 12 of his final 14 batters.

The offense capitalized on two errors to push across one run in both the fourth and fifth innings. Senior third baseman Kenny Towns stole home while junior catcher Robbie Coman was caught in a rundown to score the first run of the season for the Cavaliers.

The sole earned run against the Pirates (0-3) came in the eighth inning. Sophomore shortstop Daniel Pinero hit a two-out home run, the first of his career.

East Carolina forced junior Josh Sborz to labor for his first save of the year. They rightly entered the game with the bases loaded and one out in

the bottom of the eighth. Sborz escaped the jam and surrendered only one run, which was not charged to him. Sborz pitched a perfect ninth to complete the save opportunity.

Virginia cruised to a 9-2 victory in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Sophomore righty Connor Jones shined in his first weekend start, and the Pirates gifted the Cavaliers six unearned runs.

Jones (1-0) pitched a career-high six innings, surrendered a lone unearned run on three hits and fanned eight.

East Carolina's defensive woes continued and the Virginia batters took advantage. The Pirates committed a total of five errors in the game, while the Cavaliers plated five runs on only one hit in the second inning.

The bottom third of the order propelled Virginia's offense. Sophomore designated hitter Matt Thaiss and freshmen left fielder Charlie Cody and second baseman Justin Novak went a combined five for 10 with five runs batted in.

East Carolina recovered from the drubbing earlier in the day to push

the Cavaliers in the series finale.

Junior lefty Brandon Waddell took to the mound for Virginia, but he struggled with command and only lasted four-plus innings. In that time, the Pirates tagged him for two runs on seven hits, although Waddell did strike out six.

The Cavaliers scored two quick runs to take an early lead. Freshman center fielder Ernie Clement scored in the first inning on a Towns groundout, and Thaiss belted a lead-off homer in the second inning.

Sophomore righty Jack Roberts (1-0) relieved Waddell in the fifth inning and pitched four innings of one-hit ball.

Virginia scored twice in the eighth inning to take a 4-2 lead, and Sborz pitched a perfect ninth to collect his second save of the season.

After the Cavaliers' home opener this Tuesday against Virginia Commonwealth, the next 14 games will be at Davenport Field. First pitch against the Rams is scheduled for 3 p.m.

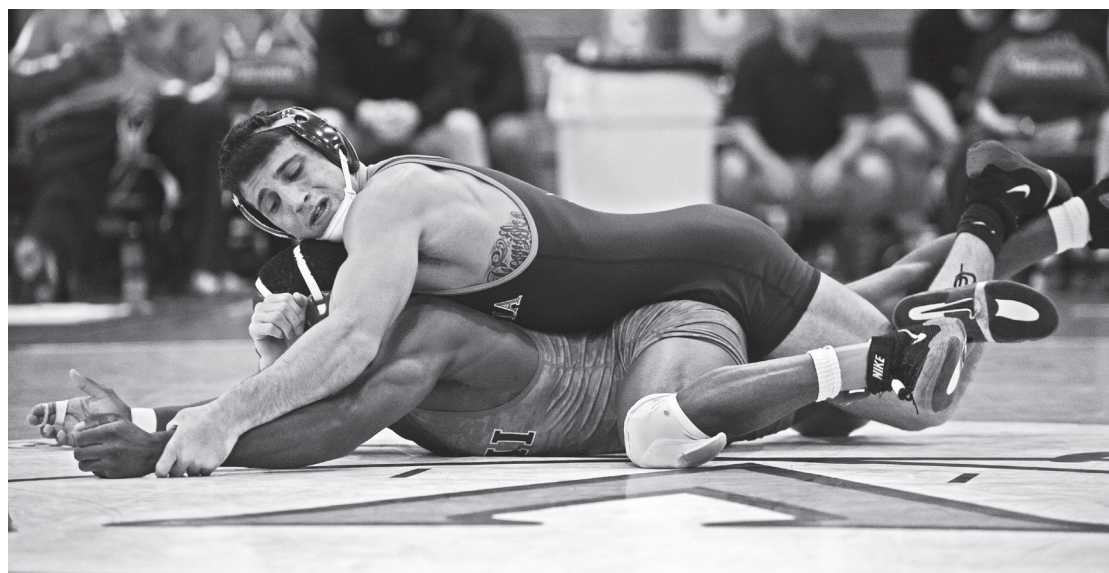
—compiled by Matthew Wurzbarger



Ryan O'Connor | The Cavalier Daily

Junior righty Josh Sborz saved Friday's 3-1 season-opening win. The McLean, Virginia native escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning before shutting down the Pirates in the ninth.

Spisak, Saco return for Virginia in lopsided loss at No. 1 Iowa



Marshall Bronfin | The Cavalier Daily

No. 13 senior Joe Spisak is back in action, but Cavaliers won just two of 10 matches against the Hawkeyes in the 30-6 loss at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

top-ranked Thirteenth-ranked Virginia wrestling fell to No. 1 Iowa, 30-6, Sunday afternoon at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa. The match was a qualifier in the NWCA National Duals.

The Cavaliers (10-6, 2-2 ACC) won only two of 10 contests. Junior Nick Herrmann gave Virginia an early lead with a 12-6 decision victory against sophomore Phillip Laux.

However, the lead did not last long as the Hawkeyes (15-0, 9-0 Big Ten) recorded three straight bonus-point victories to pull ahead 17-3.

Fourth-ranked senior Nick Sulzer won the only other match for Virginia when he defeated No. 7 senior Nick Moore, 8-7.

Ranked sixth nationally, junior Blaise Butler found himself on the wrong side of an upset. Sophomore Alex Meyer tied the match in the

third period with a reversal and built up enough riding time to earn the match-winning point.

Iowa dispatched the final three Cavalier wrestlers to advance to the finals of the NWCA National Duals, to be held in Iowa City next weekend.

The return of No. 13 senior Joe Spisak and senior Gus Saco provided a silver lining to an otherwise disappointing result. Both wrestlers showed rust — Spisak lost by major decision and Saco was pinned — but their presence bolsters Virginia's postseason chances.

The Cavaliers conclude the regular season Thursday night against NC State at Memorial Gymnasium. The match is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and the program's seniors will be recognized before the action begins.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzbarger

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Women's basketball comes up short against No. 7 Florida State

Cavaliers hang tough without leading scorer Randolph, Huland El scores career-high 14 points



Sarah MacAdam | The Cavalier Daily

Freshman guard Aliyah Huland El tallied 12 points after halftime, when the Seminoles locked up freshman guard Mikayla Venson, but coach Joanne Boyle's group dropped its third in a row.

Chanhong Luu
Associate Editor

Unable to overcome a one-point deficit with 7:23 remaining, the Virginia women's basketball team failed to upset No. 7 Florida State and lost its third straight game Sunday afternoon at John Paul Jones Arena, 65-56. The game was the Cavaliers' third straight against a ranked opponent.

"I think it's really important to start in practice," freshman forward Aliyah Huland El said of playing three straight top-25 teams. "We hustled, we worked hard and we competed a lot more in practice the last two days and that really made the difference today. We didn't get the win, but it was a much more hard-fought game for us."

The Cavaliers started off strong as sophomore guard Breyana Mason opened the scoring with a 3-pointer after Virginia's opening tipoff, but Florida State came right back with three of its own. A jumper by senior center Sarah Imovbioh gave Virginia the lead again, but Florida State pulled away yet again with another bucket from beyond the arc and three layups to lead 13-5.

Despite missing their next eight shots, the Seminoles still held a 13-9 advantage before junior center Adut Bulgak hit a layup to restart the Florida State engine, which wouldn't stop until halftime.

The Seminoles extended their lead to 12 with 6:02 remaining for their largest of the game, but the Cavaliers made six of their last eight shots of the half, including four straight 3-pointers

from freshman guard Mikayla Venson, to cut the lead down to five, 36-31, going into halftime.

Both teams ended the half shooting more than 40 percent despite going stretches of five minutes without a bucket.

Mason, who finished with six points, also began the second-half scoring with a three-point play — this one on an and-one — after turning the ball over on the Cavaliers' first possession of the half.

Turnovers would be a problem for both teams as Virginia gave the ball away on five of eight possessions following Mason's free throw. Florida State also had four turnovers in that span, and a 3-pointer by Huland El with 11:29 to go reignited the Virginia offense and cut the Florida State lead to three at 42-39.

With Imovbioh and freshman forward Lauren Moses on the bench due to foul trouble, Venson unable to get off a shot in the second half and leading scorer junior guard Faith Randolph out with a heel injury, Huland El stepped up, scoring 12 second-half points to help bring her team within one with 7:23 to go.

"I think with Faith being out, I think not only me but everyone has to step up for [the] team — the guards especially," Venson said. "Faith is a huge part of our team, but I think everyone who stepped in today did a great job — we knocked down some shots, we stayed in and we hustled. We just got to get the next one."

After Virginia missed a 3-pointer, the Seminoles called a timeout to talk things over, and their revised strategy seemed to

work — Florida State scored five straight points out of the timeout. The two teams traded turnovers before the Seminoles hit another three to bring their lead back up to nine with 3:47 to go.

Huland El followed with a jumper as the shot clock expired, and Imovbioh made a layup on the Cavaliers' next possession, but Virginia ended the game missing four of five shots.

"We talked about it in the locker room," coach Joanne Boyle said. "When you're in a tight game like that, you have to be able to control the things you can control. Part of that is running end-of-game situations correctly. I think that really hurt us. Not that we would have made the basket, but it would have given us the best shot."

The Cavaliers attempted nine threes in the second half but only made two of them. Venson scored only three points after halftime to pace her team with 15, while Huland El finished with a career-high 14.

The Cavaliers were out-rebounded 33-21 for the game but didn't give up any second-chance points in the second half.

Florida State's leading rebounder, Bulgak, only secured one rebound after halftime and finished the game one board shy of her usual double-double. She and sophomore forward Ivey Slaughter scored 14 points to lead their team, while sophomore guard Leticia Romero added nine assists.

The Cavaliers return to action Thursday against Pittsburgh. Tip-off at Petersen Events Center is scheduled for 7 p.m.

M BASKETBALL | Gill scores 19 points, grabs six rebounds to lead Cavs

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and dribbled hard to the opposite rim, where he elevated for a tough left-handed layup.

Hudson fouled Brogdon in the air, and Virginia's leading scorer nailed the free throw for a three-point play. At that point, Virginia trailed 10-9 with 12:03 to go in the first half.

Despite Brogdon's impressive play, the Cavaliers never gained much traction in the opening period. And their fortunes seemed to go decidedly south when junior forward Evan Nolte — Anderson's replacement in the starting lineup — crumpled

to the court about two minutes before halftime.

In a cruel twist, Nolte walked off the court clutching the middle finger on his left hand. But he came out for the second half with the finger taped and proceeded to knock down Virginia's only two 3-pointers. The Cavaliers are now 4-23 from deep without Anderson — the ACC's most accurate 3-point shooter — in the lineup.

"I think we took a lot of good shots and took them with confidence and shot them with rhythm, but, you know, those two happened to go in and we just got to keep shooting them and not think about it so much," Nolte said.

Virginia came out of halftime playing much better basketball. The Cavaliers trapped Thomas in the post on the first possession of the half, inducing an errant kick-out from the big man. At the other end of the floor, Nolte came around a screen and drained a 3-pointer from the top of the key, rousing the home crowd.

Brogdon put Virginia out in front with a left-handed layup just more than three minutes later, before Nolte, positioned on the left wing, pulled in a low pass from sophomore point guard London Perrantes and banged home his second long-range jump shot for a 38-34 lead.

The Demon Deacons refused

to go away even after Virginia extended its lead to 13 points with 10:42 to play. Thomas brought Wake Forest within five with two free throws at the 5:34 mark, and Hudson cut the Virginia lead to three with a 3-pointer with 3:09 remaining.

Junior forward Anthony Gill — who led Virginia with 19 points — secured an offensive rebound after Brogdon misfired with just more than a minute left, but instead of letting the shot clock run down into the 30s, Nolte took a wide-open corner 3, drawing iron. Thomas pulled down the rebound with 49 seconds left, and moments later, Mitoglou made his sixth and final 3-pointer.

Down two, Wake Forest fouled Gill with 28 seconds to play. He split a pair of free throws, opening the door for a Demon Deacon game-tying basket. But Miller-McIntyre missed the second of two free throws after driving baseline, and Brogdon stopped him on the game's final possession.

"It's nothing new with Malcolm," Perrantes said. "He does that in practice. He's so big and so strong, and it's really hard to get by him. When he wants to, he can play defense on the best of them."

Virginia will play Pittsburgh (17-9, 6-6 ACC) at home on Monday night. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.



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Gastric bypass surgery shows promise

U.Va. researchers discover the procedure may have substantial long-term patient benefits

“The gastric bypass operation makes your stomach a lot smaller,” Hollowell said. “We staple off the most proximal part of the stomach and make it into a pouch. We hook the upper part of the small intestine back into the lower part, and disconnect the small stomach pouch and connect it to the lower part of the intestine.”

Hollowell explained that this surgery reduces the amount of food a patient can consume by reducing the size of their stomach and bypassing much of the intestine. According to the NIH Medline Plus Encyclopedia, a patient who undergoes gastric bypass will feel full after eating less food, and the calories from the food consumed will not be fully absorbed.

Recent research also indicates that gastric bypass surgery can initiate hormonal changes beneficial in helping people lose weight and keep it off, Hollowell said. A study by Dr. Blandine Laferrere, of St. Luke’s Hospital of New York, found that hormonal changes in patients who underwent gastric bypass improved insulin secretion and glucose tolerance. Gastric bypass may benefit patients with obesity related medical problems.

“Patients who have gastric bypass die less frequently from diseases like heart disease, diabetes and cancer,” Hollowell said. “There may be some in effect in helping prevent diabetes, but the link is not yet proven.”

Patient outcome data was plentiful for one to two years af-

ter surgery but not for 10 years or more. The gold standard for any such study is to use randomized clinical trials, Hollowell said. However, randomization is impossible because surgery is the patient’s choice. The next best approach, propensity matching — which finds patients from 10 years ago who are as similar as possible except for the fact that half chose gastric bypass and half did not — was used.

“I think that it helps us fill in the gaps,” Hollowell said. “That gives more evidence that this procedure should be offered to more people who are morbidly obese. It’s not treated as any other medical disease, and there are significant limitations for people morbidly obese to get this kind of therapy.”



Courtesy University of Virginia

Dr. Peter Hollowell, director of bariatric surgery at the University Health System, is the lead author of a study which recently concluded that long term outcomes for obese patients who undergo gastric bypass are better than outcomes for similar patients who do not.

Candidates for gastric bypass either weigh 100 pounds more than their ideal body weight, have a body mass index over 40 or have a BMI over 35 in addition to medical problems like diabetes and heart disease, according to Hollowell.

Challenging psychology’s norms

Premier cognitive psychology professor visits U.Va., shares research, suggests infants have developed sense of morality

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Health and Science Editor

Professor Renee Baillargeon of the University of Illinois spoke at the University last week about her research into morality in infants — work that challenges the model set forth in just about every introductory or child psychology class.

Starting off her presentation with a quote from famous cognitive psychologist Marilyn Brewer, Baillargeon spoke about her current research, which looks at whether and how infants and toddlers understand social interactions.

“Baillargeon is an extremely

influential developmental psychologist, who studies infants in order to investigate questions related to the origins of knowledge,” said Assoc. Psychology Prof. Vikram Jaswal, who attended the presentation and also works with young children.

Baillargeon’s work exposed infants to scenes in which individuals interact with others from their “ingroup” versus with those from their “outgroup.” In some cases, people were shown to be part of the same ingroup via behaviors that showed that they knew and wanted to help each other. Outgroup members were those with whom an individual had no previous interaction. In other cases,

members of the same ingroup looked alike, while outgroup members looked different, as in an experiment that used monkey puppets and giraffe puppets.

In the experiment in which humans interacted with each other, babies appeared to show more surprise when someone stole cookies from a person who had shared with them than from a person they’d never met or from a person who’d stolen cookies from them.

“By 15 months, babies understand that you should not bite the hand that fed you,” Baillargeon said.

In the puppet experiment, a monkey was given cookies that it

could distribute to another monkey and a giraffe. When there were not enough cookies for everyone, the infants were just as surprised by the monkey sharing with giraffe and other monkeys as they were when the monkey gave both cookies to the giraffe.

When there were enough cookies, the infants only reacted with surprise to the monkey giving more cookies to the giraffe, showing equal looking times both when the monkey shared equally and when it kept the cookies for the monkeys.

The takeaway, Baillargeon explained, is that when resources are scarce, even young infants expect people to take care of

their own, but that when there is enough to go around, fairness and favoritism are seen as equally acceptable.

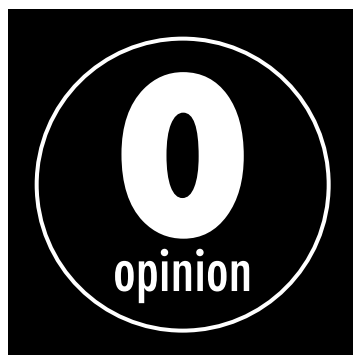
“We think it is culture that will tell them which way to go,” Baillargeon said.

Baillargeon stressed that these findings didn’t prove that infants had anything against those who were different, only that they favored those with whom they strongly identified. The infants only expressed surprise at seeing someone helping an outsider if that outsider had acted against a member of the ingroup.

“We never see hatred for the outgroup, only preference for the ingroup,” Baillargeon said.

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Jackie, FERPA and your right to privacy

What the discovery of Jackie's information says about the federal law

On Dec. 7, 2014, journalist Charles C. Johnson of Got News released the full name of Jackie, the University student at the center of the Rolling Stone article “A Rape on Campus.” Following this, Jackie started receiving threats at her home address.

Jackie's name was found via the website of the company University Directories, an arm of The Around-Campus Group that has since gone bankrupt. The University has a standing contract with University Directories to make its student directory, which, for the first time, it arranged to put online this year.

Public access to student directory information is allowed under and regulated by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Elements of FERPA allow students to request information that was otherwise not disclosed by universities. But, according to the U.S. Department of Education, under FERPA schools may disclose directory information without student or parental consent, so long as individuals are given enough time to request information not be disclosed — effectively an opt-out system. This request must come in a written document.

According to Carol Stanley, the

University's registrar, “[FERPA] was passed to allow students to have some authority over their academic information.” When the law was passed in 1974, universities were already providing information about students to the public. But the importance of FERPA is, as Stanley said, that it “gives the student ownership and authority over . . . information — there is a huge piece that's the student's responsibility.”

But the major downside of this opt-out system of releasing student directory information is that students may not know their information is out there. There is an explanation of students' rights under FERPA on the Registrar's site, and at the start of a student's first year, the Registrar sends out an email detailing students' rights under FERPA and the topic is discussed at orientation. But FERPA has so many layers to it — including academic information, not only directory information — that details can slip through the cracks. Moreover, should students find later in their University careers they wish to remove their information, at that point it may be too late.

This is primarily due to the switch the University is attempting

to make from print directories to online-only ones. According to Susie McCormick, the assistant vice president for Information Technology Budget and Administration, the school is “in a process of trying to eliminate the printed phonebook.” This process took a dark turn following the Rolling Stone article, but reveals the problems with privacy flagging directories in general: should a student wish to make her information private years into her University career — which she is able to do — the information that was previously made available will still be available. With online directories, the chance of such information remaining public is obviously heightened.

Interestingly, while FERPA allows the release of directory information, it by no means requires it. According to Laurie Casteen, associate dean of students, “FERPA allows [the University] to give out information — it doesn't require that you do.” The University doesn't, for example, tend to release date of birth information, though it does release a number of other identifiers, such as name, home and school address, home and school phone number, email address, country of

citizenship and photographic images — to name just a few.

It is easy to question the University's decision to do this, if administrators do indeed have the ability to decide both what constitutes directory information and what they wish to divulge. But questioning University policy does not do justice to the obvious issues with FERPA as it exists now. The fact of having an opt-out system — as opposed to an opt-in one — makes it more likely students' information will be released without their ability to restrict such releases. If the release of such information does indeed start with the student's consent, students should be given the option to allow the release of their information, not the option to prevent its release.

The downside to restricting the release of directory information is that relevant information may not be accessible. For example, the University email addresses of students who request privacy flags become unsearchable. Other consequences can be worse. According to Casteen, “If a student has financial aid or requires other release of their information. . . they would need to fill out additional documentation.” This challenge is certainly surmountable,

but still an inconvenience to students receiving financial aid.

Perhaps the answer to these issues lies in creating more nuance in FERPA: for starters, preventing the public from accessing directory information should not necessarily prevent the distribution of directory information within an institution of higher learning. While financial aid information may be more difficult to address, the possibility of allowing students to specify what information they would like private may enable schools to release financial aid information and not information like students' photographs or other questionable materials.

In the meantime, the school has taken down the directory once on University Directories' site, and, according to McCormick, does not intend to restore it in the near future — instead taking this next year to organize a better way to make an online directory available. But we should not leave this conversation at the University level: FERPA itself is a flawed law. Between 1974 and 2015, with the rise of the Internet, the accessibility of information has changed. With it, so should students' ability to curb the release of their information.

Obama is right on religion

The president's comments at the National Prayer Breakfast are worthy of our consideration

President Obama's unorthodox remarks about Christianity's history at last week's National Prayer Breakfast set off a firestorm of criticism. Reflecting on the recent rise of the Islamic State and its subsequent negative effects on Islam's image in America, the president reminded his audience that Christianity too had previously been used as a justification for a number of cruelties throughout history, remarking, “Lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ. In our home country, slavery and Jim Crow all too often was justified in the name of Christ.”

The message the president was trying to convey — one of humility, of remembering to examine the log in our own eye before examining the speck in a brother's — left many Republicans foaming at the mouth.

Former Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore called the statements “the most offensive [statements] I've ever heard

a president make in my lifetime,” with others denouncing the president for using “wrongheaded moral comparisons.” Even the president's usual supporters criticized his statements: The Washington Post's Eugene Robinson, known for defending President Obama's policies, noted his statements were “glib, facile, and patronizing.”

Sure, the president's remarks could have been worded more tactfully and with more appreciation for his immediate audience. Maybe he should have counter-balanced his remarks of Jim Crow laws by mentioning the Abolitionist movement, which also has roots in the Church. Regardless, Obama's starkly realistic and anti-exceptionalist statements are true no matter how slanted one's views of history may be. His statements aren't trying to justify ISIS or extremism in the slightest, or

holding Islam up to a medieval moral standard. As Mr. Robinson points out, all peoples should be expected to know the inherent evil in burning alive and executing unarmed citizens and journalists, as ISIS has been doing for the past few months. No amount of ancient Crusade comparisons or Jim Crow references will ever justify the atrocities committed by ISIS. Obviously Obama knows this — his own foreign policy actions, saturated

National Prayer Breakfast aren't trying to justify the crimes committed by others — rather, they are a bold reminder that inhumane actions committed in the name of ideologies often are contradictory to the very ideologies they are being committed for.

Obama is boldly trying to undermine the sentiment that Islam's inherent teachings are to blame for the violence caused by ISIS and other extremist groups.

People interested in gaining power will always attempt to sanctify the methods in which they attain control, especially when there is a struggle for power. In the Middle East, such a struggle for power has never been greater. From the disintegration of the centuries-old Ottoman Empire to the colonization and subsequent withdrawal of the European powers in the Arab world, dangerous power vacuums have sprung up in large parts of the Middle East over the

past century. In the absence of the old ways of governance, a fungus of what I would call anti-Islamic extremism and despotism have taken root in the region, contradictory to the values of peace and tolerance that Islam holds as ideal. Religion, like politics or economics, is a peculiarly human institution — it can be the cause for great good or the source of atrocious evil.

The National Prayer breakfast is an international event that brings together 3,000 people of different faiths, cultures and races. While the event is certainly centered around the “spirit of Jesus,” it should also be an event that is inclusive and accepting of all the people who attend. The president's remarks, though somewhat clumsily delivered, ultimately aim to remind Americans that this country is built upon the foundations of religious tolerance. To practice anything less would be violating our ideals.

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with overseas drone strike campaigns and top secret kill lists, reveal a leader bent on eliminating threats to American soil. The statements made at the

Aim for full disclosure

The Cavalier Daily must address pressing issues before it can achieve true balance in its political coverage

Pressing issues before it can achieve true balance in its political coverage. One of the more important things a newspaper does is cover news stories about politics and politicians. In order for people to be able to engage with the political process and know what is at stake in various debates as well as who is debating we need information and perspective. I feel like The Cavalier Daily does a good job overall when it comes to covering politics. It has a lot to cover too, from student elections and government to local, state and occasionally national politics. In addition to news stories, Opinion pieces and endorsements are also an important part of political coverage in The Cavalier Daily.

Maintaining balance in news coverage is critical for making sure those Opinion pieces and endorsements carry weight. Allegations of bias are raised in virtually every article with political content, it seems. Most of those allegations are entirely off base. At times, though, the

appearance of possible bias is a problem and most of the time it's a lack of careful, balanced coverage that leads to that appearance. For example, as I read the paper, I noted an article last week about a local attorney declaring his candidacy for

Charlottesville City Council. To be honest, it read a bit like a press release from his campaign but the reality is there likely wasn't much else to include in such an article. It wasn't an analysis of his platform; it was brief coverage of his announcement of candidacy. In that it was simply coverage of an announcement and certainly newsworthy there was no inherent bias in the article. However, at least two other people have declared their candidacy for City Council and I don't recall seeing a similar piece about their announcements or the fact of their candidacies at all. That's a lack of balance that could lead some readers to conclude The Cavalier Daily is biased toward this particular candidate. And those readers are then likely to dismiss anything in the Opinion pages having to do with that election.

Now, the reality about the lack of balance could be due to something as simple as the other candidates announcing their candidacy before classes were in session when the paper wasn't publishing. Or it could be that I simply can't find the articles on the website. There remain significant problems with many pages on the site and the search feature is still essentially useless. This is going to become a problem as we

nor the Local news page nor the Student Council news page. I have noted the tech issues in the past as more of an annoyance than anything else but in trying to find information about City Council I realized that those issues affect the whole of the work The Cavalier Daily staff is doing. Even if there is good balance in covering the various candidates for City Council, it is virtually impossible to find it in any way

that makes sense. Fixing these issues needs to be a top priority. Part of what the new Managing Board wants to do is galvanize students to action and those students will need to be able to access this information if that is going to happen.

Another way The Cavalier Daily can help readers is by carefully identifying people who write Opinion pieces about candidates or elections. Some disclosures are obvious: campaign managers or volunteers for a candidate or the head of the University Demo-

crats writing a piece endorsing a Democrat for City Council. Other kinds of disclosure should be considered. Formal political relationships aren't the only thing that would affect how a reader might think about an op-ed piece. Whether the writer is a fraternity brother or sorority sister of the candidate or a co-chair of a CIO might be relevant in a particular race.

Political coverage is a critical element in The Cavalier Daily's work. In order to make it as useful and robust as it can be the staff needs to take care to be balanced. Doing so will ensure that the news coverage is informative and that the Opinion side of the paper has a platform to present arguments effectively. Beyond that, the balanced coverage must be discoverable and that means technical issues have to get fixed.

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move into both student and local government elections, especially City Council. As The Cavalier Daily recently reported, there is a new Student Council — City Council liaison position. That article, though, shows up on neither the Grounds news page,

Why Modi should scare you

India's new Prime Minister holds dangerously right-wing views with disturbing implications

Narendra Modi became Prime Minister of India in May of 2014 in what was the biggest democratic election ever. He ran as part of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which won a dominant 282 out of the 534-seat lower house of the Indian Parliament. To add perspective to that number, the party that won the next largest number of seats was the Indian Congress Party with 44 seats. Modi and the BJP have a massive electoral mandate and a strong position to enact real change in India. This should scare all of us.

Perhaps the most frightening fact about Modi is that he is a Hindu nationalist leading a government made of Hindu nationalists. Hindu nationalism has been on the rise in the last few decades in response to political mobilizations by the lower classes in India. Note that this is not Indian nationalism but Hindu nationalism. India is an amazingly diverse country with Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and almost every other religious sect. Yet Hindu nationalists like

Modi clearly value Hindu interests over those of any minority as is apparent by a proposed anti-conversion law aimed at preventing people from leaving Hinduism. This mindset, which values one group of citizens over all others for an arbitrary reason, is eerily reminiscent of fascist principles. The clearest example of fascist practice and ideology in India is the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a right-wing organization of which Modi is a member. The RSS boasts being the world's largest charity with over six million members. However, charitable aid is not the main goal of the RSS — just looking at the RSS website gives quotes like "the ideal of the [RSS] is to carry the nation to the pinnacle of glory, through organizing the entire society and ensuring protection of Hindu Dharma." There is no reference to charity on the website, but instead a great deal of Hindu nationalistic rhetoric. In addition, the RSS has an army. The RSS recruits and trains people to fight with traditional Hindu weapons while indoctrinat-

ing them with right-wing Hindu ideology. While Modi might not completely embrace the fascist ideology of the RSS his membership in and support of it reflects a scary right-wing attitude shaping governmental policy. Perhaps I should be skeptical of Modi, as prime minister, doing anything to blatantly encourage or aid an extremist group such as the RSS, but given his history I am not. Before becoming the prime minister, Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat, a state

on fire, allegedly by Muslims, which sparked what many have argued were Muslim pogroms. More than a thousand people were killed in the riots, most of them Muslims, while many others were raped or had their property damaged or destroyed. Tellingly, the state government did very little to stop the killings, and a later report even revealed that many police and politicians were at least complicity involved. Later, in an interview, Modi was asked what he would

have done differently during the riots. He replied that his only regret was that he did not handle the media better. The man who is now the leader of the country views a riot that occurred under his leadership as only a public relations problem. While Modi may not try

to incite more riots, there is still a poisonous, anti-Muslim, pro-Hindu mindset that shapes how Modi handles the govern-

ment.

Modi wouldn't be nearly so scary if he weren't also amazingly charismatic and likeable. He has gotten the approval of people like Arnold Schwarzenegger and is on friendly terms with President Obama. Playing up his celebrity, Modi wore a jacket with his name written on it when Obama recently visited, which the Indian people loved. His charisma makes it very hard to focus on the dubious aspects of Modi's character and history. We all need to look past the charm and understand the scary fact that India is headed by a popular nationalist leader who is backed by millions of trained patriot-soldiers.

India has a strong multi-party system centered on coalition governments that make it very hard for Hindu nationalism to run rampant. Yet in India there is a strong thread of nationalist exclusionist thought that has the potential to become dangerous. Modi's powers might not be so unlimited, but a nationalistic, possibly violent man leading the Indian state should be very scary to us all.

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in western India with a population of over sixty million. Under his leadership, the 2002 Gujarat riots occurred. A train was set

Hispanic is not a race

The classification of “Hispanic” as a race incorrectly suggests all Hispanics face the same level of discrimination

After disclosing my ethnic identity, the reaction I typically receive is one of awe and bewilderment. Occasionally, some individuals retort that I cannot be black because I am Hispanic or vice-versa. They argue Hispanics should be considered a separate group and our own race, but this is a misconception — “Hispanic” is not and should never be considered a race.

The term “Hispanic” simply refers to someone whose ancestry is rooted in Spain. This is due to the fact that “Hispanic” nations were once colonized by Spain. Some Spaniards returned to their motherland, but a lot of them found a new home in Latin America. As a result, most Hispanics (not every “Latino,” which is someone who has roots in Latin America, including the non-Spanish-speaking countries) in Latin America are descendants of these Spanish settlers.

As time progressed, white Spanish settlers began to intermarry (to put it lightly) with the Native Americans of Latin

America and the black slaves they abducted from Africa. Subsequently, generations of multi-racial children were born and Latin America was on its way to becoming the melting pot it is today. Because of this, Hispanics have a diverse set of physical characteristics. For example, there are white Hispanics (e.g., William Levy), black Hispanics (e.g., Junot Diaz), and mestizo Hispanics (e.g., Sandra Cisneros). This is proof Hispanics are not only white but also black and Amerindian. Accordingly, it is illogical to claim Hispanics are simply “Hispanic”; most of us are white or multiracial.

In “Mapping the Terrain,” sociologists Stephen Cornell and Douglas Hartmann conduct a study to examine society’s understanding of race and ethnicity. Both sociologists come to the conclusion that ethnic identity is typically based on “putative common descent, claims of shared history, and symbols of peoplehood,” whereas, racial identity is most commonly defined through “perceived physical differences.”

Now, if one were to search the names of the three Hispanics provided above, most would notice these “perceived physical differences” we use to categorize people on the basis of race. This observation demonstrates that a person can be ethnically Hispanic but of different races.

When an individual suggests that “Hispanic” should be considered a race, the person also implies Hispanics are a monolithic group, which is far from true. Hispanics are a modern day

of Spanish, African and Amerindian (and, in some parts, Asian) cultures and people.

Hispanics should repudiate being construed as a racial identity because this identification privileges the white identity and ignores other identities. For example, although they may share similar struggles on account of being Hispanic, many white (or white-passing) Hispanics will be immune to certain forms of discrimination based on race and complexion. Some may object to this by claiming white Hispanics are not any more privileged than black or mestizo Hispanics. However, though they may deny it, white Hispanics do exhibit a definite measure of privilege in a society that prefers whiteness. White Hispanics are able to elude some of the same obstacles faced by non-white-passing Hispanics, which is why they are unaware of their own advantages and may dismiss notions of privilege as purely sophism.

Whether it be implicit or explicit, racism and colorism are certainly alive and well. White Hispanics will be able to pass as white and, therefore, possess many of the privileges other whites also hold. The most notable example is that of the actors selected for novelas, which are Spanish-language soap operas. There is a clear and obvious preference for white and white-passing Hispanic actors. The fact that many of us are not white-passing yet the representation we see within our own novelas reinforces notions of white supremacy is deeply problematic.

Thus, when filling out forms that ask for racial and ethnic identities, “Hispanic” should be filed under the category of “ethnicity” and not “race.” Hispanic, white, black and Amerindian are not mutually exclusive identities. While we may share similar experiences, some of us may carry more privilege than others, and to suggest all Hispanics face that exact same form of discrimination ignores the experiences of darker-skinned, black and mestizo Hispanics.



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culmination of racial diversity. The cultures and races present in contemporary Latin America are a product of the amalgamation

Popular science for dummies

Pop science has its pitfalls, but it also has significant cultural worth

As an astrophysicist, Neil deGrasse Tyson has it all: an acclaimed scientific podcast, a late night talk show, and a leading spot on the widely successful “Cosmos” reboot. He’s rocketed to the top, reaching star status through his infectious love of science. Though uncommon, his story isn’t new. For example, Stephen Hawking and Bill Nye the Science Guy also achieved celebrity status, each by making science accessible to the masses. This accessibility is the essence of popular science — which is essentially science rendered for a more general audience.

It’s important to note that popular science is, in broad strokes, entertainment. Much like the film industry’s focus on big action and special effects, pop science uses flashy, radical ideas to attract an audience. Boasting supermassive black holes and whirling neutron stars, shows like “How the Universe Works” draw viewers simply because they present the impossible — or, rather, the unconsidered. In the end, the average person is busy in the hub-

bub of life, so far removed from astronomical events that they seem like a mere fantasy.

It’s an unfortunate fact that most humans simply aren’t equipped to distinguish between “Star Wars” and “real science.” For most, there’s little more foreign than string theory or the Higgs boson. Why, then, might the average viewer trust a book or television show to convey such alien abstractions? It’s not the fact that they’re outlandish (or otherwise too difficult for most of the audience to decipher). Rather, it’s the scientific figureheads endorsing them.

Take, for instance, Stephen Hawking’s unique, robotic drone or Neil deGrasse Tyson’s charismatic personality. Each is compelling, even persuasive in his own right. These popular scientific authorities point toward hard science without a moment’s hesitation. After all, why shouldn’t they? However, unfounded trust in celebrity scientists creates an artificial belief in science. Of course, there are both positive and negative repercussions to this synthetic understanding.

From a scientist’s perspective, fostering a community of scientific trust lessens the progress-hindering weight of skepticism. After all, even a partial understanding of scientific happenings is better than blissful, or even spiteful, ignorance. Additionally, interest in pop science often leads to interest in theoretical or experimental science.

It’s unsettling to think, though, that the public perception of science is so easily swayed. Take, for example, the-

speculation. However, the line between popular science and scientific speculation is often blurred. This distortion is magnified as pop science consumers take information at face value.

Lying deep beneath the broad overviews offered by popular science is an extensive, elegant mathematical and experimental framework. Pop science brings its audience closer to a complete understanding but does not breach the barrier between general understanding and scientific literacy: mathematical proficiency. To most, the equations of Albert Einstein’s theory of general relativity are far less beautiful than its more accessible, geometric description. It would not be fair, though, to penalize pop science for skirting mathematical descriptions. After

all, it’s merely accommodating the disturbing trend of mathematical inefficiency among the American public.

All things considered, pop science hides the nitty-gritty of

scientific work. It shields the public eye from scientists’ calculations and experimentation simply because they are inaccessible. Instead, it favors presenting radical theories, oftentimes venturing into the realm of speculation. Such inconsistency is indicative of pop science’s limited value.

However, countless young scientists find inspiration in popular science. In this case, it isn’t a shield; rather, it is a segue into the world of science. To some degree, the barrier between pop science and hard science is intrinsic to the individual. Some are satisfied with a general understanding, and some have an insatiable thirst for more knowledge.

It’s clear popular science creates an artificial understanding of science, one that is often-times muddled with speculation. Such an understanding, though, ensures a continued interest in science. In many cases, it inspires new and larger interest. Though some in the scientific community resent its sway on the public perception of science, it’s clear that the pop science and hard science are, indeed, working in tandem.



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oretical physicist Michio Kaku’s “Physics of the Future.” In it, Kaku describes scientific trends and how they might affect the world as we know it. Such topics, while interesting, are mere

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LOVE CONNECTION:

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CARLOS

Year: Fourth
Major: Political Philosophy, Policy and Law and Foreign Affairs
U.Va. Involvement: Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development
Hometown: Brasília, Brazil
Ideal Date: Generally flexible; there's no single category in which you'll find all attractive people.
Ideal Date Personality: Someone with a sense of humor who's willing to laugh at herself as much as she's willing to laugh at others, someone who pushes back for what she believes in and is not afraid to call people out, curious, smart, cares about figuring stuff out and is not happy being average.
Deal breakers? Excessive shyness or pessimism.
Hobbies: Riding horses and rock climbing.
What makes you a good catch? I've lived in a few different places and spent some time as a professional athlete, so I have a lot to talk about. I tell a lot of jokes and tend to keep a light mood. I'm also super curious, so it's easy for someone to pull me into conversation.
What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I often forget birthdays, I'm not one for grandiose love statements and I'd rather not spend 24 hours per day with someone, even if I really like them.
What's your favorite pick-up line? I'm not really one for pickup lines... I can make a decent origami tulip out of cheap napkins though, which makes a good surprise when you're grabbing a drink.
Describe yourself in one sentence: I'm a curious overachiever who tries to joke around as much as possible while not losing sight of the things I want.

No Valentine's kiss, but paper roses do the trick

Alex Stock
 Love Guru

Carlos and Alexys met at 7 p.m. at Old Cabell Hall and went to Michael's Bistro.

Carlos: I read that Tom Brady met his wife through a blind date, so I thought I'd try my luck. I'd been curious about it for a long time — it just happened that I actually did it this time.

Alexys: I was kind of surprised because I heard stories of people sending in the survey and getting a response months later, but I only had to wait two weeks or so.

Carlos: I don't think I've ever been on anything close to a blind date before. I expected it to be a little bit awkward.

Alexys: I honestly expected to make a fool out of myself. Not to sound pathetic or anything, but it had been kind of a long time since I'd been on a date.

Carlos: When I first got to Old Cabell, it was a little early and I asked her what the odds were that she was there for Love Connection and she said 100 percent.

Alexys: The wind was whipping the snow around like crazy, but luckily Old Cabell has a bunch of scaffolding, so it sheltered me pretty well. This guy came up and asked what the odds were that I was [there] for Love Connection, and I said 100 percent, which I thought sounded cool at the time but was probably kind of lame.

Carlos: She seemed enthusiastic when I asked if she was there for Love Connection. Pretty early on, she said she'd been in a rugby tournament, and it was clear she was up to some cool stuff.

Alexys: I thought he was really, really attractive. He had that scruffy thing going on, which I liked, and he has a great smile. He also had an accent I couldn't quite place. I almost forgot his name because I was trying to place his accent when he was telling me his name. He seemed like a nice guy.

Carlos: It was a very chill conversation. We talked about sports, parties, wildest going out stories — stuff like that. It was very casual.

Alexys: I'd never been [to Michael's Bistro] so I was excited to try it. He'd actually been there

Year: Second
Major: Biology

U.Va. Involvement: Nicaraguan Orphan Fund, Aletheia Christian Fellowship, Women's Club Rugby

Hometown: New Kent, VA

Ideal Date: Tall, athletic, brown hair, light eyes. To be honest, it's the personality that actually matters.

Ideal Date Personality: Funny! Someone who loves to tell jokes, but loves to listen to them too. Someone loud and boisterous who isn't afraid to put himself out there, but knows to reign it in and focus on others when necessary. Someone who is caring, loyal and kind. They don't have to know exactly where they're going in life, but it's great if they're hard working and dedicated.

Ideal Date Activity: We'd go to some dive bar that might be kind of sketchy, but has super delicious food. Then we'd wander around and just pop in where ever looks interesting. Ideally we'd stop for coffee because life just isn't complete without coffee.

Deal breakers? He can't be self-centered.

Hobbies: Watching movies, finding new music to listen to, reading anything and everything and crafting. I love sports of all kinds, but my favorite to watch is baseball.

What makes you a good catch? I'm versatile — I can sit down with you and have a super meaningful, heartfelt conversation or we can party and be stupid and carefree together. I really care about other people. I like to find out what makes them tick rather than always focusing all the attention on me. I feel like I've got some cool interests and experiences to contribute, as well.

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I'm not going to lie, I can get riled up pretty easy, but I always cool down in like 0.2 seconds so it all works out in the end. I also curse a lot. Some people don't like that.

Describe yourself in one sentence: My camp nickname is Bam Bam, meaning I am super nice and sweet, but I can pack a punch.

quite a few times with his friends, so he was pretty familiar with the place. It was a good selection. The food was great and I had a killer apple pie for dessert, so that's always a plus.

Carlos: There were natural moments [when] we weren't saying much, but the waiter [also] had to come by a few different times to see if we'd looked at the menu because we were talking.

Alexys: I'm definitely the more awkward one, so I sometimes got quiet, but he'd easily pick the conversation right back up. He laughed a lot and I laughed a lot, so it seemed like we were both having a good time.

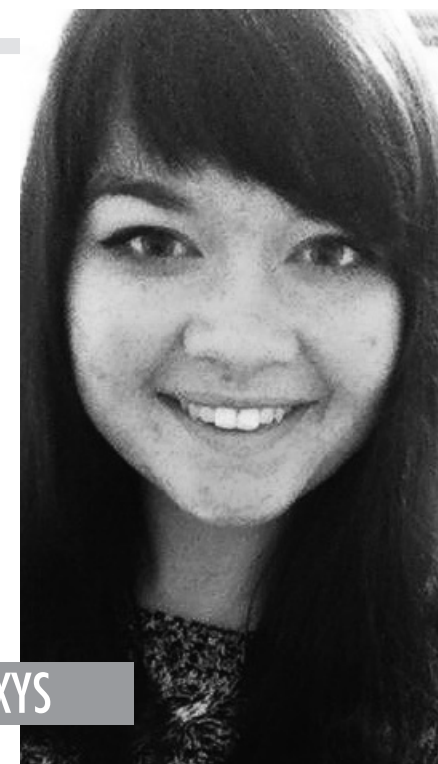
Carlos: I think we were both happy to talk and were having fun, but I didn't get a flirty vibe.

Alexys: We actually didn't have much in com-

mon — different majors, different years, different hobbies. But that didn't matter at all. I honestly think [it] made for better conversation. I think we had mostly a friend vibe, [but] we really hit it off.

Carlos: We both have an affinity for sports. I ride horses and do rock climbing and she plays rugby. She's fairly competitive. I'm competitive as well. We both swear like sailors.

Alexys: He had been futzing around with something under the table and I figured he was just ripping up a napkin. Then he takes his hands from under the table and places this tiny paper napkin rose on the table in front of me. It turns out he had been making it under the table for me. He said it was Valentine's Day, so I should get a flower.



Courtesy Alexys

ALEXYS

Carlos: She had plans [to go out] with a friend and I also had a friend who was coming into town, so after a long time talking, we split ways. We shook hands, I thanked her for the company and [I] said goodbye.

Alexys: I would [rate the date] an 8. There were no awkward moments, he was really attractive and he was a genuine person. A good night kiss would have warranted a higher score.

**Editor's note: Alexys says she's joking, but we're not so sure!*

Carlos: I would rate the date an 8. She seems like the kind of girl who would be fun to grab a couple of diet cokes with.

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Volunteering in lieu of employment

Recent College graduate Emma DiNapoli on volunteering with the Peace Corps in Jordan

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Feature Writer

Emma DiNapoli, a 2014 College graduate, did not foresee joining the Peace Corps after graduation. Now, she is approximately four months into a 27-month stint as a Peace Corps volunteer in Jordan.

DiNapoli admits that her application to the Peace Corps — an organization that sends volunteers to underprivileged areas — was partially born out of the anxiety surrounding fourth years as they approach graduation.

“I actually clearly remember that I was walking across the Lawn in early September and was struck by the realization that I wasn’t ready to join the [corporate] world right after graduation,” DiNapoli said. “I wouldn’t say that I applied on a total whim, but I hadn’t thought the

DiNapoli is familiar with the criticism surrounding the benefit of a humanities degree in a competitive job market. However, she values the lessons imparted from her humanities studies.

“[The best] kind of college education [should] train us in not just technical subjects but prepare us to harness the kinds of qualities — critical thinking, empathy, creativity, inquisitiveness, reflection or self-awareness — that make

“real world” that exists after college graduation, she acknowledges that the Peace Corps provides a different taste of this world than many of her fellow 2014 graduates are experiencing.

“[Our] group in Jordan regularly jokes about how life in the Peace Corps is both as real as it gets and totally not the ‘real world’ at all,” DiNapoli said.

DiNapoli’s great leap into her world in Jordan did not come without thought or doubt.

“There’s definitely a little bit of pressure to immediately leave U.Va. and begin making it big in Washington or New York,” DiNapoli said. “After all, the idea of living in D.C. or NYC surrounded by U.Va. alumni was, and remains, an appeal-

most important, [in] which we decide whether we’re going to try and act out some of the principles we’ve studied and believe or take the path of least resistance,” DiNapoli said.

Her time as a volunteer has already imparted skills that are rarely found in a classroom or a cubicle.

“Peace Corps service is beginning to teach me how to be really present, physically and mentally, in every interaction I have with people,” DiNapoli said.

Despite this personal growth, DiNapoli does not glamorize her efforts nor her successes.

She admits that she does not have a firm plan for her studies or career at the end of her stint in the Peace Corps. However, she was able to defer a job with Deloitte Consulting until a brief time after her return from Jordan.

No matter where she finds herself in 10 years, DiNapoli will not regret eschewing the traditional post-grad path for her time with the Peace Corps. “Fresh out of col-

lege, there’s no better time, no time when you’ll be more unattached to possessions or people or places, to leap out into the actual unknown, to find out how independent and strong-willed you can actually be,” DiNapoli said.

idea fully through, definitely.”

As an English and Religious Studies major, DiNapoli found connections between her education and her current work in Jordan.

“I do think there’s something to be said for spending four years thinking about the social values that are expressed through literature,” DiNapoli said. “It seems to me that a desire to really examine and experience ‘othered’ lives... is a natural byproduct of the study of humanities.”

for success in any field in the ‘real world,’” DiNapoli said.

In regard to the much-touted

ing one, even from way over here in Jordan.”

She highlights two reasons in her decision to join the Peace Corps.

“[One], because I didn’t want to look back at my life in 20 years and wonder what it would have been like to be a Peace Corps volunteer and two, because [the] years just after graduation are some of the

A changing life course

When your passions lead to unexpected places

My fourth-year apartment housed four girls. Two were Commerce students whose summer internships had landed them jobs for the upcoming year. The third, on the pre-med track, was studying for the MCAT while submitting applications to medical schools. Then there was me — no job secured, no grad school in sight. After years of psychology classes, I had decided — finally and without abandon — that I wanted to be an interior designer.

Until my last year at the University, I was on the fast track to becoming a sports psychologist. My distinguished major research project was in the works, and I had started to explore the graduate school process. However, amidst the excitement of findings in my

research and making a difference in athletes’ mindsets, I began to question this path. I brushed these thoughts off, though, thinking I could always come back to design. Changing careers later in life is common, and psychology seemed the more stable option.

Then, I studied abroad in France and something clicked. The architecture of centuries-old buildings fascinated me far more than any class in my major ever had. I met others whose passion led the way for their work, and I made my decision, chasing it with happy, sweet, reckless abandon.

Upon my return, I continued with my distinguished major project, but my spare time was filled with architecture classes and design books. I had made a plunge

into the depths of a world made for me. I had finally found myself, and the hours and work I put into my new classes — in my final year of college when most of my classmates were cruising — were worth the thrill of chasing something I loved.

The next step, of course, was finding a job. Submitting a resume to potential employers with only a few design classes was intimidating. To boost my credibility, I wrote an information-filled cover letter outlining my design background — starting with my grandfather, who attended Pratt Institute, and ending with my classes — and explaining my shift in life paths. I sent these resumes off in masses — 297 in total. Yes, I contacted just short of 300 potential employers with not a lot more than a hope and a prayer.

I should add, too, how I mentioned to potential employers that I’d love to talk to them for informational interviews, even if they weren’t hiring. This opened the door in so many ways, as many offered to meet with me and provide insight into their fields. From them, I was able to narrow down what I was looking for and I got an overview of what to expect. This information was absolutely invaluable, especially since I had no formal training in interior design.

Fast forward nine months, and I’m now living and working in New York City. I work for an interior designer — one of the 297 whom I contacted — as her one and only assistant. As such, I do anything and everything she needs, from picking fabric samples, to meeting contractors, to giving my two cents on a room layout. She has also en-

couraged me to take classes at the New York School of Interior Design, which I’ve started this semester.

I despise the triteness of a cliché, but that is what I have to say: following my passion has made me rich. Not monetarily — NYC rent really is as crazy as they say — but rich in how I have found myself. There is plenty of time in life to be safe, but now, when I’m young and reckless, is the time to follow this passion of mine. It has led me into a world of promise and excitement that I can never imagine being tired of. And this, I believe, is all that really matters.

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The stigma surrounding liberal arts

Applying liberal arts degrees in the working world

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University Career Services traditionally focuses on career fairs and resume workshops to prepare students for

post-graduate life. However, Everette Fortner, Associate Vice President of Career and Professional Development, has a new goal — instill confidence in students pursuing liberal arts degrees.

This year, Fortner led a seminar for the first time for first and second years on the value of a liberal arts education and how this learning translates to the workforce.

“What we are trying to convince liberal arts students is that only a good liberal arts education can give you this broad set of skills

where you can look at a lot of data, look at differing points of views, look at global points of view [and] bring it all together,” Fortner said. “It lines up very well with what employers are asking for.”

Potential governmental allocation of funds to higher yielding science fields, pressure to obtain a job right after graduation, parental pressure and a changing employment landscape have created a stigma surrounding liberal arts degrees and a push toward science and technology careers, Fortner said.

“A liberal arts education does prepare you for the new emerging world of work as well as vocational education,” Fortner said. “Employers are demanding that students have critical analysis, communications and presentation skills [as well as] research skills... and these are the skills you get from a liberal arts education.”

UCS aims to further develop skills students learn in class and make them marketable to employers.

“What we are doing ... is helping students recognize these skills and competencies that are translatable to many different kinds of jobs,” Fortner said. “We are trying to help students go to the career fair and talk to employers and understand what it is that employers need and how they can take the next two years of their career and develop those skills.”

Last year, College alumna Caroline Odom graduated from the University with a liberal arts degree in English and Art History. While aware of the stigma associated with her de-

gree, she was passionate about what she was studying.

“People love to talk about which majors guarantee a job right after graduation, but the truth is nothing does,” Odom said. “I based my decision on how I wanted to spend my time at U.Va., and that turned out to be reading, writing and talking about art.”

During her fourth year, Odom interned with the Education Department at the Fralin Art Museum.

“What I love is that the liberal arts are malleable,” Odom said. “Studying subjects like history, English [and] even arts administration can all feed into a better understanding of reaching people through content.”

Closer to graduation, Odom started interning with a creative writing non-profit, 826DC. Close to the end of her internship, Odom was offered the position of Store and Events Coordinator, which involves managing the organization’s fundraising events and revenue.

“Do I apply my knowledge of Gothic cathedral construction in this job? Nope,” Odom said. “But I do read critically, distill written content and make aesthetic judgments almost every

day.”

Similar to Odom, alumna Caroline Caldwell graduated from the University last year with a religious studies major and a bioethics minor.

“I’ve always been interested in the healthcare industry, so I felt a tremendous pressure to take the pre-

med [or] science route,” Caldwell said. “Choosing a major associated with such an unclear career path caused me a huge amount of stress throughout my four years at U.Va.”

While thoughts of applying her major to a career initially worried Caldwell, she now works in healthcare consulting and values the foundation provided by her liberal arts degree.

“In earning a liberal arts degree, you are trained to be able to digest huge amounts of information and think critically about it in order to develop your opinion before creating a strategy for synthesizing that information and communicating it effectively and eloquently,” Caldwell said. “It’s a process you don’t even notice while it is happening, but one that it is so valuable as you move into the real world.”

Fourth-year College student Kiana Williams is currently studying anthropology and women, gender and sexuality at the University. While she initially found the science and technology fields appealing, she grew to enjoy the interactivity of the anthropology major and hopes to pursue a PhD in sociocultural anthropology.

“I do like the sciences [and] there is a lot of research that goes into anthropology,” Williams said. “But there is something about being able to do things very creatively and do the research however I want to do it and being able to interact with other people.”

While students earning liberal arts degrees value the creative aspects of their careers, they do not see liberal arts and science and technology as mutually exclusive.

“[In college I] learned that an interdisciplinary approach is often a really effective way to solve a problem,” Odom said. “I think it’s counterproductive to see the arts and sciences in some kind of antagonistic relationship, rather than what they are, which is intertwined.”

Notes from a recent College grad

Realizations made after graduating from the University

Without a doubt, the thing I miss the least about college is that horrible, gut-wrenching feeling I would have every finals season as I sat in Clemons circa 3 a.m. At my most distressed moments, I’d find myself imagining how I was going to explain to my parents why I failed a class or why I didn’t graduate. The image of me in a black cap and gown, doe-eyed and slowly unwrapping a blank diploma in front of disappointed family members would haunt me.

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Despite my late-night emotional turmoil, none of these things actually happened to me. Less than a year after graduating, the switch has finally flipped. Now I realize how the minutiae of college — the papers, deadlines, finals — seemed so much more important than they have proven to be today.

College is nothing more than a stepping stone from adolescence into the real world, during which your only job is to make friends and memories and figure out what you

really like. This realization, among others, has been monumental for me and is one I wish I could have taken solace in during those rough late nights of studying. But in the short time I’ve been away from the University, I’ve arrived at a number of conclusions I don’t think I could have drawn as a stressed, over-worked college student. A few of my newfound wisdoms are outlined here.

On U.Va.

I preface this entire column, but mostly this section, by saying my beliefs and opinions are based sole-

ly on my experiences, which could very well be quite unlike yours. Our school is a big, diverse one.

The University is a wonderful school if the ideas you want to study were available in a textbook 20 years ago. It is a school of tradition, repute, security and continued excellence.

It is not a school of movers and shakers, disruptors, boundary-crossers or of wandering-but-not-lost souls. If you choose to stray off the beaten path and do things your own way, you have to be inventive and you would have to work mostly with self-motivated in-

itiative. Paving your own individual path at the University is tough — I find I especially admire those who did.

On decisions

Your experience in college is a combination of hundreds of decisions you make. Coming into first year, your future is a blank canvas you spend four years painting with the choices you make, with the most monumental being — in your mind — what you will do after graduation.

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In retrospect, the only important takeaways are to figure out what you love and to develop a lasting work ethic. In the end, nobody really cares where you went to college or what sorority you were in, but they do care who you are, how you work and what you do. Stay true to yourself, and study or do whatever makes you feel passionate. Hang out with your friends a lot, and party as hard as you want, because that's how you make friends and memories.

On employment

I never found the University — particularly the College — very helpful throughout my job search, but that's not a complaint. The smaller the school or major you are in, the more specialization and job guidance you will receive. I chose to remain a little fish in a big pond, because I didn't know what I wanted to do, and after all, none of us came to college to have our hands held.

I realized what industry I wanted to work in during my third year, and I knew virtually no University graduates or professors who worked

in it, so I was on my own. Be proactive, get your name out there, talk to random people and be shameless. Don't let fear of the unknown or fear of discomfort dissuade you from studying what you want. If you are smart enough to get into U.Va., you are smart enough to get any job you want.

On the end

University students are often criticized for their sense of 'entitlement,' but the more I think about that word, I think only of the opportunities 'entitlement' can bring you. Believe any job can be yours, any

city can be your stomping ground and any passion can translate into an income — this knowledge is power, and it is the reason why U.Va. graduates are so successful.

If you are lucky enough to get a college education, then you are a person entitled to elect the best choices for yourself. Allow the powerful influence of your intelligent, driven and passionate peers to fuel your own success. Never in your life will you be surrounded by such an amazing group of like-minded and forward-thinking individuals.

Your exam on Monday or your

lab Wednesday or your paper due Friday is *not* as important as it seems. In ten years, college will be nothing but a distant memory, so make it count now. Take off your shoes and stay awhile, and don't look forward to the end — it's really not that great out here.

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