

Head football coach Mike London resigns

Virginia director of athletics Craig Littlepage announced Sunday the resignation of coach Mike London, effective immediately

Head football coach Mike London will resign effective immediately. The announcement comes on the heels of Virginia's 23-20 loss to Virginia Tech. In that game, the Cavaliers lost to their in-state rival for the 12th consecutive occasion despite out-gaining the Hokies 433-304.

Littlepage and London met Sunday morning and came to a mutual agreement that a coaching change was best for a program with a 15-33 record over the past four seasons.

"Mike London has been an outstanding representative of the University of Virginia," Littlepage said. "During his tenure, Mike created a positive culture for our student-athletes to develop as young men, who improved each year in the classroom and represented us very well in the community. Mike was a tremendous mentor for his players and many of our coaches."

London became the 39th

coach — and first African American — to lead the Cavaliers on Dec. 7, 2009 following a two-year stint at Richmond, his alma mater. In those two seasons he coached the Spiders to a 24-5 record and a FCS championship in 2008.

After a rocky first season with Virginia, London coached the Cavaliers to the Chick-fil-A Bowl in 2011. That year, Virginia tallied an 8-5 record with a 5-3 conference mark — the only winning season during his tenure. That year, London was named the ACC's coach of the year.

In his press release, Littlepage did discuss the search for London's replacement, but he did not delve into details.

"In our search, we will look for a coach who's demonstrated the ability to implement his system and achieved a consistent level of success," Littlepage said. "The coach will have experience recruiting and develop-

ing student-athletes who fit his profile for success on the field and in the classroom."

Littlepage also stated high expectations for Cavaliers football.

"We expect our football program to compete for the Coastal Division title on an annual basis, which puts us in a position to win the ACC championship and be competitive nationally," Littlepage said.



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Bus leaving Richmond overturns on highway with students on board

33 passengers reported injured, driver charged with reckless driving, state police investigation ongoing

**Chloe Heskett and
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Staff Writers

A Home Ride bus with students from U.Va., Radford, and Virginia Tech overturned around 7:15 this evening outside of Rich-

mond.

The Abbott Bus Lines bus had 50 passengers at the time of the crash. 33 are reported injured and one seriously injured according to Virginia State Police. One car collided with the overturned bus, causing another minor injury.

The incident is being called a

mass casualty incident due to the high level of emergency services required. Injured passengers are being taken to six Metro-Richmond hospitals for treatment.

The bus overturned after the driver lost control on a highway ramp curve. Virginia State Police has charged the driver, Thomas

Chidester, with reckless driving.

Nash is investigating the crash, and the Virginia State Police Motor Carrier Safety Team is on scene to conduct safety checks on the bus.

Home Ride is a service based in Blacksburg, Virginia that provides weekend and holiday bus service

from the University, Radford University, Virginia Tech and James Madison University to northern Virginia, Richmond, Hampton, Harrisonburg and Charlottesville.

There was a bus scheduled to leave Richmond at 6 p.m. on Sunday and arrive at the University at 7:30 p.m.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzburger



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Students start petition to 'Save Clem 2'

Online Change.org petition aims to gather 1,500 signatures

transition of Clemons' second floor, Samantha Pitcher said.

"It was basically a negative reaction overall," she said. "We never heard anybody asking questions or trying to do anything."

The opposition to the advising center is centered around the belief that Clemons' second floor provides a unique study space for students, the Pitchers said. While only half of the floor will be used for the center, this could leave inadequate space for the amount of the library's users, they said.

"We need another space for large groups to work late at night," Katherine Pitcher said. "Clem 2 is just hard to replace, I guess."

The space currently allows a large amount of students to work together on assignments ranging from group projects to lab reports. Clemons is also the only library on Grounds open 24 hours a day.

Maurie McInnis, University vice provost for academic affairs, has said Clemons was chosen because students wanted an advising center in a place they would

already go.

The center will include services such as one-on-one career counseling, internship search assistance, assistance with financial services, and consultation about

study-abroad experiences or undergraduate research.

The new space will include offices, study rooms, conference rooms, tutoring spaces, general study spaces and a café.

The goal of the petition is to raise awareness at the University, the Pitchers said. They said they hope that support will increase as students return to Grounds from Thanksgiving break.



The advising center in Clemons library is scheduled to open in 2017. The petition to "Save Clem 2" has already gathered more than 1,000 signatures. Anna Hoover | The Cavalier Daily

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Fashion for a Cause raises money for Toys for Tots

University organization combines artistic expression, community service

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Fashion for a Cause held its annual fashion show Saturday to raise money for Charlottesville's Marine Toys for Tots charity.

Titled "Once Upon a Time," the show had a fairytale and storybook theme. Roughly 300 people attended.

The goal of the annual show is to combine artistic expression and community service in the University and Charlottesville communities, co-executive director Khaosara Akapolawal, a fourth-year College student, said in an email statement.

"There's a lot of planning that occurs the summer before the show, and a lot of ideas that are thrown around between the executive board as well," Akapolawal said. "The event itself — as well as

the organization — comes from a larger genealogy and a love for community service."

Fashion for a Cause originally stemmed from the organization "Pride" — a seasonal publication which promotes black cultural expression and style — and as result works heavily to support diversity and minority student involvement in its production.

The push to establish the organization as a separate entity came from a desire to create a more permanent, service-oriented organization while maintaining the original value of diverse expression, Akapolawal said.

The "Once Upon a Time" show was produced with the help of not only an executive board, crew members and models, but also designers and local stores like Banana Republic, which donate clothes.

Showcased designers includ-

ed members of the University's Fashion Design Club, Fashion for a Cause executive board members and independent designers like Scheron Harley.

All proceeds from Saturday's show will go to the Toys for Tots charity. In past years, FFC has raised money for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville, the University Children's Hospital, and for college scholarships for local high school students.

Akapolawal said the group was thrilled with the results of this year's show and hopes to see the tradition and success extended into next year's show in Fall 2016.

Previous themes in recent years have included "The Global Excursion" and "This is How We Do It," which focused on modern fashion differences across cultures and fashion trends in the media during the 1990s to early 2000s.



Courtesy Fashion for a Cause

Fashion for a Cause works to support diversity and minority involvement in its production, originally stemming from the publication "Pride," which promotes black cultural expression and style.

University moves 'Giving TueHoosDay' to April

Donation drive scaled back last year following release of Rolling Stone article

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The University will not be participating in a Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign this year, but will push the fundraiser to April 12, 2016 instead.

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving following Black Friday and Cyber Monday and encourages people to support the causes and communities they care about through donations, volunteer work and education. It was started in 2012 and targets a social media audience.

Over the last two years, the University has used Giving Tuesday as a platform for its own annual day of giving, calling it "Giving ToHoosDay," or #GivingToHoosDay on social media. This year, the fundraising push will take place in the spring, just before Founders Day at the University, instead of the upcoming Giving Tuesday date.

In 2013, Giving ToHoosDay started as a giving initiative targeted specifically at young alumni, and in 2014, the day became a University-wide initia-

tive to reach a larger number of potential donors, Ann Lawrence Grasty, director for University annual giving said.

Last year, Giving ToHoosDay efforts were significantly scaled back following the release of the now-retracted Rolling Stone article detailing an alleged gang rape on Grounds.

"It would [have been] tone-deaf to move forward with Giving Tuesday in that environment considering that the giving day was primarily a digital effort," Grasty said. "In the meantime, we continued to pay attention to what our colleagues in higher education were doing with their giving days," Grasty said.

The University found that other schools with successful giving days held them on days of special significance to the specific school or independent of Giving Tuesday. Grasty cited Columbia University and Purdue University as successful examples of independent giving days.

Both Columbia and Purdue each raised nearly \$13 million on their giving days.

In contrast, the University of

Michigan organized their #GivingBlueDay in 2014 on Giving Tuesday and raised just over \$3 million.

"[Michigan's total was] not shabby at all, but when you look at what some of the people are doing on days outside of Giving Tuesday, it just makes more sense to [hold a giving day] around a day that's more significant to the University," Grasty said.

The #GivingTuesday website says the movement has over 30,000 partners in 68 countries and over 32 million Twitter impressions.

"Giving Tuesday is a wonderful idea, but everybody is doing it, and so you run the risk of... having our U.Va. alumni, parents and friends being deluged by not just opportunities to give to the University of Virginia, but also to every other charity that's participating in Giving Tuesday," Grasty said.

The University chose Apr. 12, 2016 as its next Giving ToHoosDay because it is the day before Founder's Day — Thomas Jefferson's birth date — and it will fit in with philanthropy appre-

ciation efforts that week, Grasty said.

"Come [April 13] we can announce what the overall dollars raised and give that as a birthday gift to the University on Mr. Jefferson's birthday," Grasty said.

The University has not set any fundraising goals yet, but "we want everybody to feel like they can participate," Grasty said.

Beverly Greenfield, director of public and media relations for 92nd Street Y, the organization that created GivingTuesday in 2012, said she understands the University's decision to hold their giving day in April instead of December.

"I think there is something about it being a national conversation on... Giving Tuesday, about giving, that has a tremendous impact," Greenfield said. "That said, there are a number of different organizations that have taken the ideas around #GivingTuesday and moved them to another day, which is why we call it a movement and not a giving day."

Greenfield said an "integral part of the movement" is a se-

ries of education programs leading up to Giving Tuesday which helps nonprofits with fundraising strategies both for specific Giving Tuesday efforts and year-round initiatives.

Giving Tuesday has grown into a movement that is more than just a system of online giving, but is also about volunteer drives and "getting people to talk about giving," Greenfield said. There is also a lot of offline giving, which Giving Tuesday organizers are unable to track, she said.

Organizers envision Giving Tuesday as a "kick-off to the giving season, so not every Giving Tuesday initiative happens exclusively on #GivingTuesday," Greenfield said.

Many nonprofits can use #GivingTuesday to encourage the end-of-year contributions they often rely on, Greenfield said.

"If we wind up with more days where people are focused on giving throughout the course of the year because of Giving Tuesday, that seems like a huge success to me," Greenfield said.

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Junior running back Taquan Mizzell hauled in seven receptions for 50 yards to lead the Cavalier receivers. The Bayside High alum had a harder time on the ground, where he totalled just 26 yards on 11 carries.

Virginia falls to archrival Virginia Tech, 23-20

Last-minute interception by Johns seals Cavaliers' fate in regular-season finale at Scott Stadium

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Virginia Tech rode a 17-7 fourth quarter surge to claim the 12th consecutive win in the state of Virginia's marquee football rivalry. With the win, the Hokies (6-6, 4-4 ACC) send head coach Frank Beamer to one final bowl game. The Cavaliers (4-8, 3-5 ACC) end their fourth consecutive season with nothing to show.

"That's a tough way to lose a football game," London said. "I thought we gave it an unbelievable effort."

The game's first half set a lethargic pace and finished with six punts and six points apiece. Virginia outgained the Hokies 165 to 69 in the first 30 minutes of game time, including a 102 to 14 edge on the ground, but the Cavaliers hindered their own efforts with seven penalties for 55 yards.

Junior quarterback Matt Johns was in firm control of the offense in the first half. The Chalfont, Pennsylvania native went 10-for-17 with 63 yards, but his legs were the real difference-makers. Johns scrambled away from pressure and racked up 59 rushing yards at the half.

John's counterpart, senior Michael Brewer, had a much more difficult time negotiating around Virginia's front line. The Cavaliers sacked Brewer three times and were in the face of Virginia Tech's signal caller throughout.

"We tried to mix it up with different line stunts and twists," London said. "We were effective early on getting to him."

But after feasting on Brewer in the first half, Virginia's defense would go without a sack on the other side of halftime — a key adjustment that contributed to an improved Hokies offense in the fourth quarter.

"The first thing we did was to challenge our offensive line," Beamer said. "We just needed some time to get the ball downfield. I thought our offensive line did a much better job battling towards the end of the game."

Virginia climbed out to a seven-point lead with under a minute remaining in the third quarter. The Cavaliers took over on their own 16 after a Virginia Tech punt and went to the ground twice, both for gains of seven yards. After an incompleteness, Johns handed off to junior Albert Reid, who went untouched for a 57-yard touchdown run.

Reid and his fellow running

backs ran at will against the Hokies. The Maryland transfer rushed for 103 yards on only nine attempts. In total, the Cavaliers rushed 40 times for 276 yards — a whopping 6.6 yards per carry. In 2014, Virginia Tech limited Virginia to 38 rushing yards on 35 touches.

As would be the case for the remainder of the contest, the Cavaliers' defense could not get stops following scores by their teammates. On the first play from scrimmage following the Reid touchdown, Brewer uncorked a 71-yard pass to senior tight end Ryan Malleck. Two plays later, Brewer found junior fullback Sam Rogers in the end zone. In all, the scoring drive took three plays and 1:04 of game time.

"I think we just had some mental mishaps," senior defensive tackle David Dean said. "We didn't play our responsibilities and when you do that in games like these you pay for it, and we ended up paying for it."

On the ensuing drive, the Cavaliers marched 90 yards to find pay dirt. Virginia showed a good mix of runs and passes before Johns connected with senior wide receiver Canaan Severin. The play was originally ruled an incompleteness, but instant replay

showed Severin getting one foot down. The call was reversed, and the Cavaliers were looking at another seven-point advantage.

But the Hokies struck quickly yet again — going 75 yards in only 1:24. Sophomore Isaiah Ford, who leads all Virginia Tech receivers in yards, catches and touchdowns, got behind Virginia's defense twice on the drive for gains of 38 and 32 yards, the latter being a touchdown.

In total, Ford had six catches for 121 yards.

The Cavaliers were out of answers on offense and punted after four plays, setting up the Hokie's go-ahead drive.

Starting on their own 20, Virginia Tech moved the ball all the way to Virginia's 24. Ford made another big catch, this one for 21 yards, and Virginia Tech leaned heavily on redshirt freshman running back Travon McMillian, who carried the ball six times for 28 yards on the drive.

Sophomore kicker Joey Slye made his third field goal — all coming from over 40-plus yards.

With no timeouts and 1:38 left on the clock, Virginia started their final drive on their own 20. Three plays into the series that would define the Cavaliers' season Johns threw down the mid-

dle of the field to redshirt freshman tight end Evan Butts. Butts was well-covered and junior cornerback Chuck Clark intercepted the pass, thus ending Virginia's drive and their season.

Johns could not carry his first-half success into the end of the game. Virginia's quarterback finished 18-of-38 with 171 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Following the game, attention quickly shifted to the head coaching situation for both teams. During the game multiple sources broke the news that current Memphis coach Justin Fuente will be named the Hokies new head coach with defensive coordinator Bud Foster remaining with the program. However, Virginia Tech athletics director refused to comment in a statement given after the game.

"I'm aware of the rumors that broke," Babcock said. "They are not official at this time. Even on principal, I wouldn't do that. I wouldn't do that before coach Beamer's last game."

Virginia wasted little time in parting ways with its head coach. Sunday morning, Littlepage announced the resignation of London after six seasons with the team.

Littlepage and Oliver have their priorities straight

It was a somber scene Sunday morning when Mike London addressed the Cavalier football team for the final time as head coach. Both he and his players reportedly were brought to tears.

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That's not typically how football firings go. But then again, London wasn't the typical football coach. Even after a 2-10 season in 2013, his involvement in the Charlottesville community and support from his players bought him another two years at Virginia.

But after six seasons and a 27-46 record, athletic director Craig Littlepage and Associate Athletic Director Jon Oliver finally realized London was not cut out for the job. Virginia announced his resignation Sunday morning.

And as Littlepage and Oliver embark on the new coaching search, this time around, it appears they have their priorities straight.

"In our search, we will look for a coach who's demonstrated the ability to implement his system and achieved a consistent level of success," Littlepage said. "The coach will have experience

recruiting and developing student-athletes who fit his profile for success on the field and in the classroom."

This is the Tony Bennett effect. When Littlepage and Oliver hired him in 2009, Bennett had already effectively orchestrated his packline defense, won a national coach of the year award and shown a commitment to his players on and off the court at Washington State. As Cavalier fans will attest, he was a home-run hire.

Virginia took a similar approach when hiring baseball coach Brian O'Connor in 2003. O'Connor brought the same pedigree as Bennett, as he had served for multiple years as the associate head coach at Notre Dame, earning the National Assistant Coach of the Year award in 2001.

Both men took a team in shambles and built it to national relevance, with O'Connor winning a national championship in 2015. And despite its close losses and talented roster, Virginia football is a long way from becoming a consistent winner.

Unable to even eke out a .500 record in the Coastal — arguably

the worst division in any power-five conference — Virginia needs an overhaul. It's time to scrap the cheesy-looking uniform combinations and the adventures of Cavman. If the Cavaliers want to be taken seriously, they need to take themselves seriously.

The first step is hiring the right coach — an experienced leader who knows how to win at the D-IA level.

No more coaches like Al Groh, who despite being an excellent X's and O's tactician, burned just about every recruiting bridge in Virginia. His NFL background didn't prepare him for the recruiting trail and dealing with student-athletes.

And no more coaches like Mike London, who despite possessing all of the intangibles, had no experience leading a program. Virginia was his first D-IA head-coaching gig, and he was simply way in over his head.

And for that matter, no more defensive-minded coaches. Both Groh and London had coordinator experience on the defensive side of the ball, and neither fielded a consistent offense, which is a necessity in this day and age.

It seems other schools are of the same mindset given the most recent hirings. Virginia Tech has locked up former Memphis coach Justin Fuente. Meanwhile, Iowa State snagged Toledo coach Matt Campbell and Central Florida will ink Bowling Green's Dino Babers. All three were D-IA head coaches, and all three had offensive backgrounds.

So where does that leave Virginia now that Fuente, Campbell and Babers are off the table?

The obvious choice would be Mark Richt, who was fired after a 9-3 season at Georgia Sunday. Richt brings the experienced pedigree, and the fact that he interviewed for the Virginia job in 2000 doesn't hurt either. But Richt was rumored to be considering retirement anyway. Who knows if he even wants to coach this season?

Houston's Tom Herman would be a popular hire, but after withdrawing his name from the South Carolina search, he seems content to stay put. Temple's Matt Rhule has been a name thrown around at Missouri and Maryland, although Temple is willing to up his salary to keep him around.

Some options can be eliminated entirely. After a failed stint at Coastal-rival Miami, Al Golden shouldn't be considered at Virginia. Neither should Navy's Ken Niumatalolo or Air Force's Troy Calhoun due to their triple option background. And if Littlepage stays true to his statement, young coordinators such as Notre Dame's Mike Sanford are out of the question as well.

So maybe Utah State's Matt Wells is the guy. Or Western Kentucky's Jeff Brohm. Don't sleep on Greg Schiano either.

Despite vacancies all across the land, Virginia has options. It's by no means the best job available — it won't compete for guys with Georgia and South Carolina — but given that London was due to make \$3.2 million in 2016, it's certainly not the worst one either.

Littlepage and Oliver know what they are looking for in their next football coach — an offensive tactician who is an experienced leader both on and off the field. Virginia football is ready for change, and after the failed tenures of Groh and London, the program finally appears to be on the right track.

Women's basketball drops two out of three at Paradise Jam

The Cavaliers faced three 2015 NCAA Tournament teams in three days at the Paradise Jam in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

On Thanksgiving afternoon, while many Americans feasted or napped, Virginia took the court against Green Bay (3-2). The Phoenix jumped out to a 12-4 lead behind junior center Lexi Weitzer's six points and extended the gap to double digits by the second quarter.

The Cavaliers trailed by as many as 14 points in the game, but sophomore point guard McKayla Venson's three and junior guard Breyana Mason's jumper cut the Virginia deficit to eight points.

The Cavaliers snatched a one-point lead with 2:46 remaining in the third period, as Mason drained both free throws. She and Venson continued to attack the rim, draw contact and convert at the charity stripe.

Virginia went on a 21-9 run that spanned the end of the third quarter to the end of the fourth. Venson scored 11 points during that stretch and finished with a game-high 25 points on 7-13 shooting. Mason and senior guard Faith Randolph contributed 16 and 15, respectively. Junior

guard Tesha Buck led Green Bay with 24 points.

The Cavalier defense made consecutive stops on several occasions to preserve a two or three-possession lead. Virginia beat a solid Phoenix team 68-59 to advance to 5-0 and immediately switched gears to prepare for a game the following day against Rutgers (5-2).

The Scarlet Knights, an 8 seed in the 2015 NCAA Tournament, handed the Cavaliers their first loss of the young season 60-48. Coach Joanne Boyle cannot expect her Virginia team to win if the team shoots as poorly as it did Friday night.

The Cavaliers shot 28.8 percent from the floor, including a 21.1 percent mark from behind the three-point line. Venson followed up her efficient 25-point performance with 10 points on four of 18 shooting, while Randolph scored only five points.

Sophomore forward Lauren Moses was perhaps the only bright spot for Virginia on the offensive end. Moses hit several big shots to keep the Cavaliers in the game.

After senior forward Kahleah Copper knocked down a three to extend Rutgers' lead to seven,

Moses answered back with 1:13 remaining the third quarter. Her jumper made it a two-possession game. Virginia eventually narrowed the deficit to two but saw it slip back above six until the horn sounded.

In their final matchup of the Paradise Jam, the Cavaliers fell 67-62 to Tulane (4-3). Virginia's shooting woes continued, as the team shot 34.9 percent from the floor compared to the Green Wave's mark of 44.2. Randolph led the Cavaliers with 19 points on 6-20 shooting.

The Cavaliers never led the contest, but twice erased nine-point gaps to level the score at 20 in the second quarter and at 40 in the third. Led by sophomore guard Kolby Morgan, who finished with 19 points, and senior forward Tierra Jones, who added 14, Tulane responded with runs of its own.

Virginia trailed by ten with 1:28 left. Time ran out for the Cavaliers to mount another comeback.

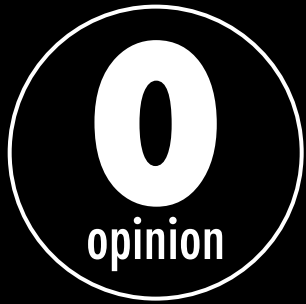
Virginia will return to the hardwood Wednesday night at home against Iowa (6-1). The Hawkeyes were a 3-seed in the 2015 NCAA Tournament.

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Sophomore forward Lauren Moses posted 18 points and seven rebounds against Rutgers on Thanksgiving Day, but coach Joanne Boyle's team fell 60-48.



Comment of the day

“In my view, the re-naming for historical ‘correctness’ movement is entirely bogus but if it isn’t, this article suggest the obvious: such motivated UVa students need to focus on removing the honorific legacy of the contentedly slave owning and trading master, Mister Jefferson.”

“Bruno Hob” in response to the Managing Board’s Nov. 24 lead editorial, “Woodrow Wilson’s name should stay.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

Keep Charlottesville’s rescue squad charge-free

The current policy keeps students and community members safe

In the more than 50 years that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, or CARS, has provided emergency medical transport and rescue services to local residents, the agency has not billed passengers for ambulance rides. This characteristic has distinguished our area’s rescue squad — which is among the busiest in the nation with almost 8,000 yearly responses — from other agencies around the nation, including Albemarle County Fire and Rescue, which bills patients outside of the city.

Last year, Charlottesville’s City Council unanimously voted to allow CARS to bill passengers for ambulance rides to keep the option open in case funds run low. Emergency services rendered by CARS continue to be provided without charge, as donations and around 200 active volunteers have sustained the agency, but the option to bill passengers for cost recovery remains under consideration by the agency.

An emergency medical services agency that does not charge passengers is important to the city of

Charlottesville. Under our current system, individuals in Charlottesville requiring emergency medical care do not need to worry about costs associated with transport to the emergency room. Within the University, where administrators have become chiefly invested in student safety, an emergency medical services agency that does not charge for transport is a critical safety resource. The Gordie Center for Substance Abuse Prevention stresses on its website that there is no charge for services provided by CARS. Prior to Halloween this year, Dean of Students Allen Groves sent an email to all students instructing them to call 911 if presented with signs of alcohol overdose, reminding them that the rescue squad does not charge. The decision to call 911 for a friend who is unresponsive and needs immediate medical care should not be complicated by the cost of emergency medical services, which may total hundreds of dollars.

There is no formal relationship between CARS and the University, but much of the volunteer

staffing comes from the student population. Haugh teaches an EMT course through the Nursing School that University students can take at CARS. Additionally, CARS volunteers staff events such as the Foxfield Races and this year’s Fourth-Year 5K.

Other agencies have opted to waive the fee for those who cannot afford to pay for transportation. Per Albemarle County Fire and Rescue Chief Dan Eggleston, county ambulances charge \$450 to \$750 for emergency treatment with an added fee of \$13 per mile of transport. The county has operated with a “compassionate billing” policy whereby the agency seeks payment only from those with insurance coverage. CARS Chief Dayton Haugh has affirmed his agency’s commitment to a compassionate billing policy if it were to decide to bill passengers. Even under such a policy, the concern that those who can afford to pay will hesitate to seek care because of the large costs still remains. A situation in which an individual is unresponsive and his friend hesitates to call 911 because of uncertainty

about the individual’s ability to pay is one we should avoid.

Increasing taxpayer support to the agency would help maintain a rescue squad that does not bill passengers. Albemarle County has made a general donation to all volunteer agencies, agreeing to send \$116,300 to the squad in the current fiscal year, which began July 1. According to city spokeswoman Miriam Dickler, the agency has received no funding from the city of Charlottesville since at least 2008. Last year, Haugh told City Council that the agency never asked Charlottesville for funding. Establishing a revenue stream funded by city taxpayers may aid in keeping CARS charge-free to patients.

Providing professional emergency medical services through an agency that staffs itself almost entirely with volunteers while not billing patients is a point of pride for our city. It is a long-standing tradition that has helped to keep our community safe. In return, our community must do all it can to ensure the continuation of high-quality emergency medical services at no cost to patients.

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Illiberal hypocrisy

Our reaction to recent student protests misses the forces that drive ordinarily liberal students towards favoring restrictive policies

Opinion columnist Matt Wine-
sett recently penned a column
titled “Thought Police at the Gates”
which decried the grow-
ing propensity among
college students and lib-
erals to desire the restric-
tion of First Amendment
free speech rights, especially on
college campuses. Student activists
have expressed the desire to remove
professors for holding opinions
contrary to the prevailing beliefs of
students, to pressure administrators
to condemn the acts of reactionary
groups, to discipline “thought crim-
inals” and reeducate them. While
these are all dangerous ideas, Wine-
sett misses the underlying frustra-
tion with working within the system
that drives usually liberal student
activists to these strikingly near-fas-
cist ideas. Free speech rights are al-
ready restricted in narrow cases and
it is hypocritical to condone this in
some instances while condemning it
in others.

To begin with, First Amendment
rights are already somewhat cur-
tailed in the United States, as they
are restricted in situations of danger,
in public schools and at airports.
The U.S. government does in fact
infringe on freedom of speech rights
in certain circumstances because
the clear and present danger posed

by individuals exercising their free
speech rights in such instances out-
weighs the right to free speech.

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Opinion Columnist

With this precedent
in mind, it is important
to look at the situation
through the viewpoint
of these students. We can
assume the reason many of these
student groups are fighting for these
changes is because they feel margin-
alized by the broader student body
and administration. In the eyes of
many of these students, the basic law
of the country allows other students
to create an unsafe learning envi-
ronment for them and their peers
through hate speech. It can seem as
if the administration and those in
power are complicit in the hate and
lack of response after every demand
for action is met by a defense of free
speech.

The fact that the nation has been
growing more conservative and
more likely to deny the prevalence
of racism only hurts students who
are witnessing colleges go from be-
ing bastions of liberal thought to
more reactionary institutions with
students increasingly shifting away
from the liberal arts toward pre-pro-
fessional majors. To many liberal
students, it is as if the ground is
shifting beneath their feet and rac-
ism and reactionaries are all around.

The marginalization of these
groups seems to frustrate and radi-
calize them to the point where they
feel as if the only way to fix the sit-
uation is through the restriction of
free speech rights. The same people
who criticize students for these flaws
are the ones who drove them to this
predicament in the first place. While
these students’ solution is obviously
flawed, it is important to look at the
path that brought us to this point. If
college administrators across the na-
tion and those in power had realized
the critical nature of these problems

conservatives who decry these ten-
dencies toward the restriction of
rights themselves advocate for the
restrictions of other rights, reveal-
ing the hypocrisy inherent in their
criticism for similar restrictions on
rights. Political scientist Brendan
Nyhan has documented the 20-plus
times major Republican figures at-
tacked dissent — the same as voicing
an unpopular opinion — following
9/11 regarding the War on Terror.
Similar hypocrisy can be seen in Re-
publican support for the Patriot Act,
which contained a provision making

it illegal for citizens to
provide any materi-
al support or advice
for any group uni-
laterally designated
a terrorist group by
the Secretary of State,
even if the actions
themselves are lawful.
In essence, the act re-
stricted the freedom
to peacefully assem-
ble, guaranteed in the
Bill of Rights.

As a result, certain activities by
groups such as the nonprofit Hu-
manitarian Law Project are con-
sidered illegal under U.S. law for
working with groups such as the
Kurdistani Workers Party. Even if
those actions are peaceful and legal,

those found to have assisted such
groups can be prosecuted for doing
so. This is a drastic curtailment of
freedom of speech and association
supported by conservative lawmak-
ers who are now criticizing similar
illiberal tendencies of college stu-
dents for forcing out professors and
attempting to curb the racist tenden-
cies of fellow students.

While the goals of these student
activist groups are admirable, their
illiberal tendencies are restrictive
and untenable. However, blanket
criticism of these groups for restrict-
ing freedom of speech is unfair in a
society where it is already restricted
in cases of necessity. To say the strug-
gles of minority and poor students
are not great enough to be consid-
ered on par with other instances of
the restriction of speech is wrong
without a thorough evaluation and
a relativistic approach. Any criti-
cal analysis must take into account
these relevant sociopolitical trends
in order to understand these groups.
Even if the methodology of these
groups is objectively condemnable,
outright criticism is nothing short of
hypocrisy.

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**Winesett misses the underlying frustration with
working within the system that drives usually
liberal student activists to these strikingly near-
fascist ideas.”**

earlier and worked to resolve them
in a much more pragmatic manner,
they would have generated a more
inclusive environment where free
speech could be respected. Instead,
the issues came to a boiling point.

Furthermore, many of the same

Decommodifying diversity

A “What’s the Word” column

Wonderful in theory, at-
tempts at increasing di-
versity have not maintained the
moral high ground
with which they began.
Diversity promises a
world in which we ex-
change ideas, value
each other and live together re-
spectfully. It promises harmony
and for a very long time stood as
a beacon of hope. But the way in
which we currently discuss diver-
sity is misguided, and due to that
misdirection it will not have, and
has not had, the desired effect.
I think to really highlight this
point, though, we have to discuss
what exactly we want from diver-
sity.

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2000,” which outlined the ways
in which diversity would become
linked to productivity, the tone of
diversity efforts shift-
ed from one of moral
uprightness to sterile
business efficiency. As
immigration increased
from Africa, Asia and Latin
America, so would the share of
the workforce and consumer mar-
kets these people influenced, thus
making it imperative to maintain-
ing and growing profit to cater to,
educate and hire more diverse de-
mographics. Just like that, diver-
sity was commodified.

We need to stop talking about
diversity as a tool. We need to
stop talking about the ways diver-
sity improves rankings, increases
bottom lines and makes “us” bet-
ter. “Us” has always implied the
existence of a “them,” and in the
context of higher education and
business, that “us” is the white
majority that existed within those
spaces prior to integration —
but minorities should not be the
means by which white people’s
profits and educations are im-
proved. Instead we should get at
the heart of why diversity, after

centuries of this country rejecting
the embracement of difference,
finally became a buzzword. We
thought, after all, there actually
was something to invoking the
golden rule, and figured it was
about time we lived up to the as-
pirational ideals on which this
country was founded: liberty and
equality and truly equal opportu-
nity.

What we need to start ques-
tioning, then, is why those egal-
itarian ideals for which we fight



**We need to stop talking about diversity as a
tool.”**

and that we tout worldwide wern’t
enough to keep us engaged
right here at home. Why have we
had to shift the rhetoric of conver-
sations from trying to make right
what is now an objectively and
admittedly wrong past, to conver-
sations focused on explaining to

the skeptics why they will actually
be the ones to benefit from diver-
sity? Why are we so much more
inclined to hail something that in-
creases a business’ or a university’s
bottom line than we are to exalt
an increase in basic human dig-
nity? Why did we turn our backs
on sticking to our moral guns and
opt instead to commoditize basic
decency? And if we could do so,
do we have any moral guns at all?

Diversity was the way in which
we were supposed to rectify that
basic human in-
stinct only to do
and care about what
benefits “us” either
personally or as an
in-group. Diversity
was the means by
which our progress
was to take a giant
leap forward. So

now that it, too, has
taken to answering the question,
“What do I get out of this?” — yes,
we should be worried. We should
be worried that we can’t see past
ourselves. We should be worried
that people would rather some
be held back and relegated to the
sidelines, than have to compete

with the millions of people who,
not long ago, could not even enter
the game. We should be worried
that to get the leaders — in busi-
ness, in education, in government
and of the future — to care about
others, we have to speak about
other people like they are varia-
bles to be weighed in a strategic
pro-con list. We should be wor-
ried that we can’t be bothered to
care about that which we don’t
think concerns us.

Diversity needs to return to its
initial conception. It needs to be
about what is right, as opposed to
what is profitable. People are not
meant to be tools; they are meant
to be seen, heard and inherently
and automatically valued. If we
can get to that place, I don’t really
know what it will do for budgets,
sales projections or rankings, but
humanity as an ideal might see a
greater return on investment than
most have ever thought to be pos-
sible.

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Student protesters are fighting the wrong battles

By protesting alleged symbols of institutional racism, students at Missouri and Yale are missing an opportunity to address tangible issues

A few weeks ago, the University of Missouri and Yale University each reached the tipping point of racial tensions on their respective campuses, resulting in the ousting of a university president and a widespread movement toward the creation of “safe spaces” for minorities at colleges across the country. This initiative has raised awareness of numerous issues of racial injustice that certainly need to be addressed by the administrators of our nation’s schools — some that I find especially pressing are the disparities in grants and scholarships received by minority students, as well as the general lack of socioeconomic diversity at highly selective schools. However, while this movement has been largely successful in engaging administrators in conversations about the civil liberties that all students deserve, it seems to have diverged into an all-encompassing “war” on political correctness, which may detract from the very purpose of the movement itself.

Recently, protests have shifted from addressing more tangible instances of racial injustice toward a more abstract and distant illustration of racism: names. Princeton University students, for example, recently occupied the office building of their

president, demanding two notable changes from their institution: the removal of the title “master” from the heads of residential colleges, and the removal of any instance of former President Woodrow Wilson’s name from university buildings and structures.

The case against using the term “master,” according to Princeton students, is based on the word’s ugly connotations associated with slavery in the past. Evidently, these student protesters regard the term “master” as some form of perpetuation of racial bigotry, even though the term in this context deals with the status of a person whose superiority derives from the task of their profession, not their race — namely to ensure the safety, happiness and success of every student in the residential college.

Furthermore, the same logic used to remove the title of “master” from Princeton faculty can just as easily be applied to any other strain of the word’s wide variety of uses. In fact, it may be more appropriate to protest the use of the term “master” in reference to a graduate degree than a job title; after all, according to the U.S. Department of Education, 72.8 percent of students who earned a master’s degree in 2010 were Caucasian — only 12.5 percent were black.

Students should certainly lash out against symbols that link directly to the injustices of the past (e.g., the Confederate Flag), but the word “master” seems to be a stretch in this context, especially considering the fact that true disparities in the education of minority students (such as the disproportional conferral of graduate degrees) remain largely unaddressed by student protests.

Yet, while the word “master” can be removed from certain titles without causing too much of an uproar, the removal of Wilson’s name from university buildings strikes at a far deeper issue in this nation’s history. Should institutions commemorate the lives of this nation’s inherently flawed heroes? And, perhaps more importantly, does the criticism of a historical figure’s character flaws fix any institutional problems in the present?

The arguments against Woodrow Wilson’s symbolism at Princeton are expressed most vehemently in an opinion piece written by Wilglory Tanjong for the Daily Princetonian. In the article, Tanjong points out examples of Wilson’s racial bigotry that “prove” the former president should no longer be associated with the university, including a quote from Wilson stating, “The whole temper and tradition of the place [Princeton] are

such that no Negro has ever applied for admission, and it seems unlikely that the question will ever assume practical form.”

Without a doubt, Wilson was a racist. His values on race relations were despicable and ignorant, and Princeton students — especially racial and ethnic minorities — have every right to feel hurt by the opinions of one of the most integral figures in Princeton’s history. But, there is a stark difference between recognizing a character flaw and completely devaluing a human being’s contribution to society solely based on that flaw.

Wilson is commemorated at Princeton for his successes, not his failures. His enterprising spirit brought forth innovations in academics and architecture that have largely contributed to the school’s prestige to this day, a quality Princeton should certainly feel compelled to celebrate. Our University’s students could just as easily argue to remove any recognition of Thomas Jefferson — a prominent and unapologetic slave-owner — from our buildings and monuments, though I would be surprised if that argument ever came to light. Jefferson, like Wilson, is a hero in the eyes of many Americans for his successes as a politician and a human being. I can hardly speak

on behalf of a black student, though when I look at the Lawn or the Rotunda or any monument of Jefferson himself, the first thought that comes to my mind is not the contemptible evil of slavery; rather, I am reminded of a man who revolutionized higher education in this nation and coined the idea of American liberty, which is exactly why the University holds him in such high esteem.

In a sense, the efforts to eliminate the word “master” and to remove Wilson’s name embody the same fundamental motivation: racial tensions will be ameliorated in this country if all symbols of racism and bigotry are eliminated. Yet, presently, neither of these symbols have any direct relation to the ongoing injustices experienced by minority students. Yes, both symbols can be tied to the notion of institutional racism, but attacking them takes away focus from the real, concrete issues that need to be fixed. If we are to tear down the repressive forms of racism that pervade our nation’s universities, we need to protest tangibles, not symbols.

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Reign in noise complaints at U.Va.

The Charlottesville community shouldn’t abuse noise complaints

at U.Va. It’s late at night. After a relentlessly long day, the last thing you want is for the house down the street to be blasting music at 3 a.m. Everyone has experienced a similar situation. Too often, however, these situations end with someone calling the police to file a noise complaint. At the University, involving the police in situations in which people or music is too loud can not only frequently lead to unnecessary escalations, but also creates an inefficient outcome for everyone.

Of course, University students have an unwavering obligation to the surrounding community to be respectful and promote an overarching environment of amiability, calm and order. This condition includes keeping noise at reasonable levels, especially at nighttime when the surrounding community definitely goes to bed earlier than the average University student. According to the Charlottesville municipal code, sounds between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. must be below 55 decibels, roughly the same sound level as a restaurant conversation, within the premise of the owner’s property. Between

2010 and 2014, the Charlottesville Emergency Communication Center received an average of 1,525 noise complaints per year. University students should to the best of their abilities follow the laws of the city and respect the noise ordinance. However, in nighttime situations when neighbors are playing music too loudly, we can potentially have a kneejerk reaction to involve the police in a circumstance in which they really shouldn’t play a major part.

When music or party-related noise happens, it’s often interpreted as a personal slight against the affected person. “Of course they’re playing music on tonight, of all nights.” For students with big tests in the morning or residents with early morning jobs, I can sympathize with the urge to lodge a noise complaint with the police to easily remedy the problem. All I’m asking is that we remember that our neighbors are not distant but rather are members of the Charlottesville community. Admittedly, they have failed to follow the accepted noise standards laid out in the city code, and citizens have every right to notify the police. Yet

while calling the police may remedy one’s own plight, it creates a host of potential problems for the person against whom the call is made. From misdemeanor charges for noise violations to potential citations of disorderly conduct, underage drinking or possession of alcohol, there are literally hundreds of outcomes that invariably make the recipient of a noise complaint worse off. It seems like every arrest or citation is preceded by an officer responding

videos of officers slamming students on the ground and arresting many more. All in response to a noise complaint? Is the payoff of having a neighbor’s music turned off quickly worth the potential life-damaging effects a charge on a neighbor’s record can have?

For both residents and students near the University, I suggest a simple conversation between neighbors as a solution to the problem. Explaining how much the noise

level has affected a neighbor’s life can go miles toward creating an empathetic understanding between neighbors and hopefully lead to a solution which forgoes the unnecessary involvement of police. If we strive to think less as individuals and more as members of a larger, shared community, we can create a

much more accepting environment for all. For those who invariably think, “Well, if I ever tried to talk to my neighbor about turning the music down, she wouldn’t listen,”



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to a noise complaint and then one thing leading to another. Just last week, police officers responded to a noise complaint at the University of Alabama, leading to shocking

just try. If peaceful discussion fails to yield satisfactory results, then by all means one can exercise her authority to inform the police. Maybe even try leaving a note. A conversation or compromise with a neighbor about music levels gives the same outcome of lower volumes for the noise-affected person without the potential negative consequences that can result from involving the police.

As University students, we must do everything we can to respect the community. Sometimes students or residents do indeed violate the Charlottesville noise ordinance. For those who are negatively affected by overly loud music or noises, I hope you will consider remembering your neighbor’s humanity and confront them about their noise habits. Honest conversation between neighbors mitigates the easy lure of involving police in subsequently inefficient outcomes. Noise complaints are far too often just cop-outs.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

By Sam Ezersky

The Cavalier Daily Crossword Puzzle by Sam Ezersky, Class of 2017

ACROSS

- 1. 2012 Flo Rida hit with the lyric "Champagne buckets still got two tears in it": 2 wds.
- 5. Female pronoun
- 8. "THATS RLY CRAZY THO"
- 12. ___ butter (ingredient in some lotions)
- 13. Super Smash Bros. Brawl console
- 14. Chewy caramel candy
- 15. With 19-Across, annual UVA ceremony that kicks off the 40-Across of 30-Across
- 17. From the start
- 18. ___ Pen (severe allergy combatant)
- 19. See 15-Across: 3 wds.
- 21. Email notification word
- 23. Key for indenting
- 24. The A of CLAS
- 26. Not solid or liquid
- 27. ___ Tech (much advertised college program)
- 30. It ends on the 18th of 48-Across: 2 wds.
- 34. Playfully shy
- 35. Resistance unit represented by the letter omega in physics
- 36. "What more can ___?": 2 wds.
- 37. Feathery scarf
- 38. Solo ___ (beer pong needs)
- 40. Exam season, say
- 44. Not even
- 47. "___ bro?" (troll's gibe): 2 wds.
- 48. It begins tomorrow
- 50. Window spot for a box fan
- 51. One may begin with "www": Abbr.
- 52. Translucent mineral that forms in sheets
- 53. "Don't go anywhere!"
- 54. Edgar Allan ___

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55. Eagerly excited

DOWN

- 1. Land that a castaway may be stranded on
- 2. Potato snack
- 3. Employee facing ___ content (nonsense words on the SIS website)
- 4. "Boo-___!" (derisive cheer)
- 5. "Bad Blood" singer
- 6. Aid to the stumped
- 7. Terribly early class time: 2 wds.
- 8. Big name in dental care: Hyph.
- 9. Da Vinci's ___ Lisa
- 10. Took a plane
- 11. Graduation attire
- 16. 2000 pounds
- 20. Relaxation
- 22. Letter before tee
- 24. Alternative to Slaughter or Mem Gym, briefly
- 25. ___ de Janeiro, Brazil
- 26. Emerald or ruby
- 27. "How massive!": 3 wds.
- 28. Leaves in water?
- 29. Make an attempt
- 31. Wannabe cool guy, in slang
- 32. "Wouldja be quiet?!"
- 33. Sample, as a drink
- 37. In the worst way
- 38. Recurring sequence
- 39. "It's no ___! We're doomed!"
- 40. Complain
- 41. Exclamation from one who's just been tagged: 2 wds.
- 42. Simba's pal/lover in "The Lion King"
- 43. Uncommon engineering major, informally
- 45. Art ___ (1920s art movement)
- 46. Party pooper
- 49. Ronda Rousey's sport: Abbr.

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1. Pumpkin Pie

You're stuck in the past, wishing for better days when finals weren't kicking us in the...class and "Hello" hadn't been grossly overplayed. Pumpkins are made for fall and Halloween — it's December, and Starbucks has moved on to all things gingerbread and foamy. Speaking of Starbucks, you were definitely one of the people who got upset about the lack of design on this year's winter cups. Pour one out for your favorite gourd — it's time to break up.

2. Gingerbread

While we're on the topic of gingerbread: one who prefers this dessert definitely has a thing for Santa Claus. He's easy to pick out — who else do you know, besides your grandmother, who actually owns a gingerbread-man-shaped cookie cutter? Though the reindeer nose and antlers that are undoubtedly on his car may tempt you to pretend you don't know him in public, don't. He'll make an excellent Secret Santa.

3. Pecan Pie

You're nuts! Get it? But actually, all kidding aside, I baked, served and Instagram'd two pecan pies this Thanksgiving — to much success. Therefore, if you're a pecan pie enthusiast, I'm a) into it and b) going to get extremely competitive and tell you that mine was probably better. Smile and agree with me — for your own sake — but revel in the glory that is an entire bottle of corn syrup and enough pecans to be considered a "healthy source of protein." Tell chestnuts to go roast on an open fire somewhere else; there's a better nut in town.

4. Hot Chocolate

You're probably of the contingency that believes smoothies are a substantial breakfast. How people qualify liquids as actual meals is beyond me, but to each their own. That being said, the small marshmallows in their chocolate-powdered-Swiss-Miss-packet-blankets do recall a certain sense of nostalgia. It takes a particular skill to perfect your desired level of marshmallow-cookedness and that kind of dedication deserves recognition.

5. Milkshakes

The cold never bothered you anyway, clearly. Call yourself Justin Timberlake, 'cause you prefer it frosty. A personal bucket list item of mine is to take an Uber through Cook-out for a milkshake, and I don't see why outside weather should bar me from this goal. I believe that if you want to do something others might find misguided, i.e. drinking a milkshake in the winter, that you should do it — you're just not allowed to complain about it. Be strong, be independent and maybe wear some long underwear.

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6. Eggnog

After an unfortunately brief poll of my roommates (only two of 10 were actually home when I was really trying to do science), the consensus was "Ew." Seriously, that was the only word either would offer. For honesty and science's sake: I've never had eggnog. But I can imagine it being pretty gross, and a Google search quickly led me to "Eggnog really makes you wonder: How did humans first think chugging a spiced and spiked egg-yolk-and-milk mixture was a good idea?" My response to this is: I have no idea. I'm not Rocky Balboa and I would like my eggs scrambled, thank you. Of all things to spike, eggs and milk are not at the top of my list. Put some Peppermint Schnapps in your hot chocolate and thank me later.

7. Brownies

Seasons mean nothing to you. Brownies are appropriate whatever the weather, and you'd probably make a perfectly agreeable date to bring home to parents. You're versatile, well-rounded, have a job, have clean sheets, haven't stopped smiling in three days, have never driven above the speed limit, haven't accidentally cursed in front of a little cousin, haven't purposely cursed in front of a father chastising you for cursing in front of a little cousin, smell like roses, don't bruise and have never been more than "pleasantly tipsy." You use the word "perhaps" without irony and may be part of Betty Crocker's bloodline.

8. Candy Canes

Has anyone ever finished a candy cane without biting it first? And, if not, has anyone ever bitten a candy cane and not been fishing it out of their molars for about three weeks after the initial bite? Like Peeps and candy corn, candy canes are the winter version of the seasonal candy that everyone loves to hate. None of the three are actually that bad, but they're so easy to dismiss. And, a final tip: the red and green candy canes are always watermelon, never mint.

9. Fruitcake

Honestly, fruitcake is arguably worse than eggnog. First of all, don't go mixing up healthy and cake and think you're fooling anyone. A typical fruitcake is made of candied or gummy fruit and subsequently soaked in alcohol. To the creators of the fruitcake: why soak it in alcohol? Why? Were you also the ones behind the decision to put alcohol in milk with egg yolk and call that reasonable? Forget raisins masquerading as chocolate chips as the reason for your trust issues; try rum masquerading as glistening, glazed frosting. The fruitcake-lover is conniving and not to be messed with.

10. Bread pudding

Consistency is not a deterrent for you. As someone who loves her french fries soggy, explaining this consistency preference without having to use the phrase "long and hard" is the real battle. Leading such a difficult life means the bread pudding lover is adaptable and easy-going as well as a seasoned veteran to adversity. To the haters: have your fruitcake and eat it, too. We'll keep our bread pudding.

Three festive holiday events

Celebrate the holidays with President Sullivan, gingerbread houses and fellow Hoos

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With Thanksgiving officially past, it is safe to say the holiday season is in full swing. The University and local Charlottesville establishments are hosting several events to put us in the holiday spirit. Highlighted below are three must-attends during the next few weeks on Grounds.

1. President Sullivan's Holiday Open House

Get in the holiday mood with University President Teresa Sullivan. Put on by the U.Va. Office of Major Events, all students, faculty and staff are welcome to President Sullivan's annual Holiday Open House Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. The open house will be held at Carr's Hill, and offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holidays over music, food and gingerbread man decorating. Joining in a holiday sing-a-long around the piano and warming up by the fireplace are highly encouraged.

"Seeing a diverse group of individuals — faculty members, staff, students and even President Sullivan (she has a beautiful voice!) — standing around the piano singing holiday tunes together is, without a doubt, my most favorite moment of this event," Stacy Smith of the Office of the President said.

2. University Program Council's Happy HOolidays

What could be better than a free showing of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to kick off your holiday movie-watching binge? On Friday, Dec. 4 at 11 p.m., a screening of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will take place in Newcomb Theatre. At 10 p.m., University Program Council will provide hot chocolate, Starbucks coffee and and Grinch cupcakes from Pearl's Bake Shoppe to put your taste buds in the holiday spirit too.

"This year I can't wait to see what Pearl's final cupcake design looks like!" UPC Cinematheque director Bree Dodd, a fourth-year College student said.

Since the event is co-sponsored

by Third Year Council, there will be additional holiday treats for third-years: popcorn, free Mason jars and giveaways including gift cards and TYC merchandise.

3. Holiday on the Hill

For those who enjoy drinking warm alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages with a beautiful backdrop, Holiday on the Hill is a great event to ring in the holidays. The second annual Holiday on the Hill will be hosted by Carter Mountain Orchard Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12th and 13th. The main activity includes gingerbread house making and decorating for \$25 per person, and on each day there will be four time slots to do so at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"I did one last year and it was a blast," Cynthia Chiles, Carter Mountain Orchard owner, said. Chiles recommends registering in advance to ensure that participants have a spot at the gingerbread making table, but they do take walk-ins if there is any space available.

This event provides a more re-



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laxed alternative to get into the holiday spirit.

"We love to see people come in and realize that it's not as hectic

here like it is at the mall or the big box stores, it's a nice atmosphere here, with music playing, and we have hot cider," Chiles said.

University graduates start education nonprofit

Brighter Children sponsors over 60 children in India, Columbia, Kenya

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After graduating from the University, Commerce School alumnus Kunal Doshi dreamed of working to end poverty by improving education. In 2012, he had the idea for Brighter Children — a non-profit organization which sponsors the education of students in developing countries.

Now, the volunteer-based organization is managed by a team

of five Commerce graduates, including Becca Wolin, Suzy Peng, William Reynolds and Ben Travis, along with Taylor March, a graduate from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"Kunal had the original idea and created Brighter Children with Becca and Suzy in 2013," said Reynolds, the group's head of technology. "We believe that education is the best way to eliminate poverty and we wanted to start an organization that would make it easy to sponsor a child's education."

The organization aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to become independent.

"Education provides individuals the opportunity to exit the cycle of poverty," Doshi said. "60 million children today do not attend primary school globally. Our goal is to provide these children an opportunity to go to primary school."

In 2014, Brighter Children supported the education of over 60 students in India, Colombia and Kenya.

"By partnering with schools, we hope to alleviate their focus on fundraising so they can focus on improving the quality of education," said Wolin, head of donor relations for the organization.

The schools supported by Brighter Children have reported that students attend school with a 97 percent frequency, demonstrating a strong interest to learn, and students are two times more likely to progress to secondary education, according to the organization's website. In addition, 95 percent of teachers have reported an increase in student confidence levels, which indicates a greater probability of becoming self-dependent.

Brighter Children recently vis-

ited the students they sponsor in Santa Marta, Colombia and saw the impact of their work first-hand.

"We were amazed at the poverty in that area and also how happy the children are in the schools," Reynolds said. "The school is giving these children an opportunity to get out of poverty."

Brighter Children not only works directly with local partners on the ground, but also operates with 100 percent transparency.

"Every dollar invested is used to sponsor the education of a child," Doshi said. "We believe in complete transparency. We want our donors to know the difference they are making. Depending on the school, the costs vary, but as a donor, you can know the dollar amount that is used to fund a child's school uniform, text books and school supplies, fees, transportation, daily hot meal and basic healthcare."

The University provided initial support for Brighter Children through several outlets. Commerce Prof. Amanda Cowen serves on the Advisory Board, and many of the investors who helped kickstart the organization are University graduates.

"We started by asking our coworkers, friends and family to sup-

port Brighter Children — many of them are U.Va. alumni," Reynolds said.

However, Brighter Children is witnessing a change in investment through millennials and online giving.

"For the past two years, 90 percent of our donors have been individuals below the age of 30," Doshi said. "In the past year, we've received corporate support from the organizations some of the team members work at. As we evolve, we'd like to continue to engage millennials and individuals below the age of 30."

Brighter Children's current goal is to increase its impact by sponsoring more children. On November 19th, the organization held its first Annual Benefit and raised \$15,000, which can provide education for 40 students. By 2016, the team hopes to sponsor 150 students. As a result of the benefit's success, the group is well on its way to meeting this goal.

"Mr. Jefferson believed that learning is a lifelong journey," Doshi said. "If you want to create the best company, you need to invest in its people. Similarly, if you want to change the world for the better, you need to invest in the people — the children today who will be our future tomorrow."



Courtesy William Reynolds

Brighter Children, a nonprofit organization started by Commerce School graduates, sponsors education for children in developing countries and monitors the impact of increased funding.

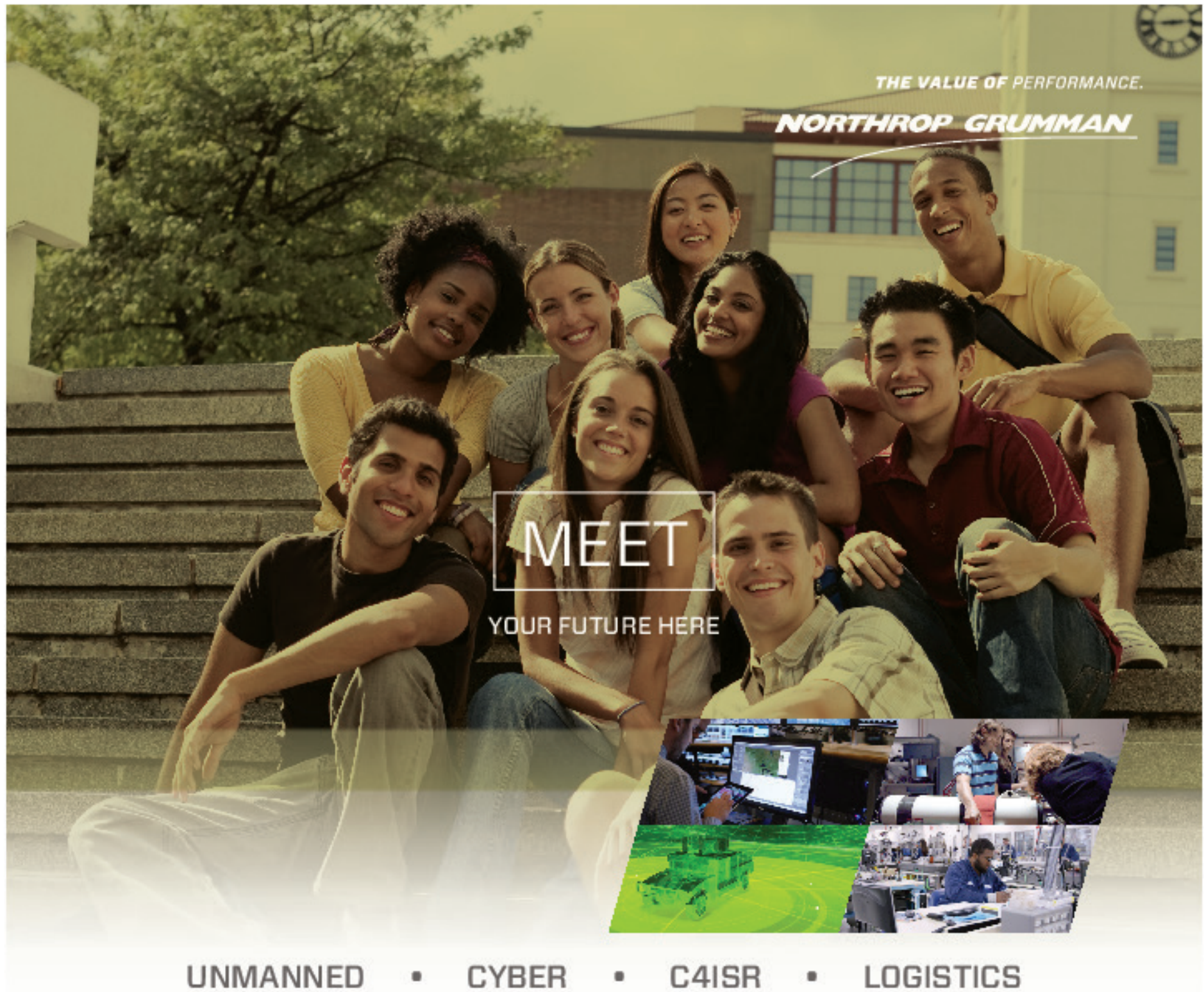
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