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The University Judiciary Committee released their trial statistics Monday, showing that a total of 85 cases were heard during the 2015-16 term.

The number of cases heard falls within the typical numeric range of what UJC normally hears during a semester, Brittany Hungate, former UJC sanctions chair and fourth-year Engineering student, said.

"We do see generally 80-100 cases a term so that number — 85 — is pretty normal. It's more than we heard the term before, but it's not an abnormal number," Hungate said.

Because the trial statistics are automatically generated from the online system, when they are released not all of the cases are finalized. It is important to realize the number of accused students can change, Hungate said.

There is not always one student per case, so the numbers do not always perfectly match up, Hungate said. However, she said this is not meant to be purposefully confusing to people in any way.

Current UJC Chair Mitch Wellman, a third-year College

student, said he estimates that many of the cases the committee sees involve first-year students.

"All first-years live on Grounds, so they're subject to extra scrutiny that other students are not," Wellman said.

Hungate said she has found from personal experience that standards six and 10 are normally the most violated because they cover the widest range of offenses.

Standard six is any violation of University policies or regulations in The Record, and standard 10 includes any violation of local, state or federal law.

Out of a total of 43 alleged standard six violations, 74 percent were found guilty. Similarly, 77 percent of the total of 43 alleged standard 10 violations were found guilty.

This past semester, 1004 community service hours were given out, with 280 community service hours in abeyance. Hungate said UJC has three community service work partners through the University that they use for sanctions — University landscaping, University recycling and University parking and transportation.

"The reason we work with University services is for confidentiality purposes," Hungate said. "It allows us to make sure the student is completing their

work without violating the confidentiality of the proceeding."

Wellman said while community service is the most common sanction, UJC has many other sanctions they could choose.

"We have the power to sanction anything, quite literally, we want between oral admonition and expulsion," Wellman said.

However, the sanction cannot reveal the identity of the student and cannot be unduly harsh, Wellman said.

"We can ask that they spend the night with a police officer and ride along with them so they can see what a UPD officer does," Wellman said.

Other sanctions include suspension, suspension in abeyance, expulsion and expulsion in abeyance. An abeyance serves as a recommendation to the next panel if a student is ever brought up on similar charges.

"Let's say you get a DUI and you get a suspension in abeyance — you come in front of UJC for another DUI, it's a recommendation to that trial panel that they suspend you," Wellman said.

Hungate said UJC considers its trials on a case by case basis.

"The beauty of UJC is that we have a trial for sanctions for students found guilty of a standard...[which] allows us to consider all mitigating and aggra-

Case Statistics

Case Item	2015-16 Term
Number of Cases	85
Total Number of Accused Students	90
Total Number of Hearing Panels Granted	17

Sanction Statistics

Case Item	2015-16 Term
Educational Classes	12
Community Service Hours	1004
Community Service Hours in Abeyance	280
Meetings with a Dean	6
Essays/Apology Letters	33
Suspensions in Abeyance	13
Admonitions	47
Expulsions in Abeyance	4

* No suspensions, fines, restitutions, probations, or expulsions conferred

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vating circumstances," Hungate said. "It allows us to consider character evidence [and] past

disciplinary records. We don't operate on precedence so it really depends."

Career Center releases events app

New program allows students to search for employers at career fairs, take notes on conversations

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University Career Services unveiled the University Events app, which will list major Career Center events and provide a new way for students to approach job and internship recruitment fairs.

Amy Jorgensen, Career Services associate director of marketing and communications, cited the importance of the app, as upwards of 80 percent of time spent on mobile devices is on apps.

"When we have an app, we can be sure that students are going to be using it," Jorgensen said. "We're still utilizing all of the online calendars, but [those have] a lot of information to sort through, so this was trying to make it [easier] and it's also much more features that you can't get with just a cal-

endar."

The app will allow students to navigate career fairs, including features like filtering based on year, position sought or desired field. App users can now tag potential employers they are interested in visiting and leave notes about their conversation with recruiters.

"A handout or the website isn't as intuitive. Now, everything's available in one spot. It's a lot more user friendly than just having maps. It will hopefully have sustainability benefits because it won't use a lot of paper," Jorgensen said. "It's a lot better for the student to use to find the opportunities they are interested in."

The app was designed by CrowdCompass, a management software company owned by Cvent, and is a "native app," meaning it can function on or



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off wifi, Leslie Alper, senior sales executive and 2010 Commerce School graduate, said.

"Students don't have to be on 'Cavalier' wireless network, they could just be in Newcomb and on

airplane mode and it would still work," Alpert said. "The app has everything. If you need to be able to find a map of Grounds it's in there, if you need to know how to get to Newcomb it's in there, if you want to bookmark the companies you want to see, it's in there."

Alpert said this app could have helped her when she was at the University.

"Having been a student and having gone through and doing all these career fairs, I couldn't remember who I spoke to, where I went [or] what their name was — but it was important, it could have potentially lead to a second interview or internship," Alpert said. "Our thought was why wouldn't we take something like a potent job opportunity and follow up with an app so we can follow along with that online?"

Batten hosts lecture on health disparities in Virginia

Panel discusses implication of race, class, location on access to healthcare

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The Batten School hosted an event Wednesday afternoon discussing health disparities and the implications of class, race and location, among additional social determinants, in regard to health issues and access to care in Virginia.

The event was cosponsored by The Miller Center of Public Affairs and the Department of Public Health Sciences and featured a panel of University and visiting professors, physicians and journalists.

Among the speakers was Michael Royster, vice president of the Institute for Public Health Innovation, who said Virginia experienced similar health disparities to the rest of the United States.

"There's significant disparities by race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status [and] geographic region," Royster said. "There's disparities as you look at individuals with disabili-

ties, and even as we begin to learn more about LGBT populations and sexual minorities, we realize that there are inequities in terms of health outcome."

Royster said it is important to talk about the difference in health issues among different populations because although America is often described as a country of opportunity and freedom, many people have found this isn't always the case.

"There are groups of people that are systematically disadvantaged in terms of achieving not only their health potential but their overall potential," Royster said. "In terms of our values as a country, it's important that we realize and address the inequities that exist."

Royster said he is especially interested in how policy can affect health disparities and the communities and populations that experience these disparities.

"When I got interested in the medical field, I gravitated towards more of this issue of health dispar-

ities, and how we can address those poor health outcomes that many people experience," Royster said. "A strong interest in policy ... led me to really wanting to incorporate an understanding of ... how ultimately the broader policies that our elected officials make, that our organizations and institutions function by, how they shape health outcome."

Other speakers included James Childress, a University professor of Religious Studies and director of the Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life; Tammie Smith, health-care journalist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch; and Gary Burtless, Whitehead chair in Economics for the Brookings Institute.

Batten graduate student Peter Hawes said he was interested in how this event focused on the issues of marginalized groups in Virginia. Because he is not studying healthcare policy, he attended this event to look at issues of class from a different perspective.

"[My interest is] poverty litigation," Hawes said. "It's about connecting my interests, looking at it in different contexts, and broadening my knowledge on the issues."



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Royster said it is important to talk about the difference in health issues among different populations because not everyone has the same access to healthcare.

Batten graduate student Kaitlyn Howard said she thought the event was being held at an interesting time in Virginia politics.

"I think it's really timely to have this talk today especially as we continue to debate things like Medicaid expansion ... especially in Virginia," Howard said. "I'm glad that the Batten School has focused on this issue and took the initiative to have this panel."

Environmental groups hold teach-in on coal ash pollution

CAS, Divest U.Va., VSEC present on issue's impacts, Virginia politics

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The University's Climate Action Society hosted the #CoalAsh17 Teach-In Tuesday night to teach students about the movement against coal ash pollution. The event was also hosted by Divest U.Va. and the Virginia Student Environmental Coalition.

CAS member Ian Ware, a first-year College student, said the groups thought the issue may be one the University community would be outraged about if informed.

"We wanted to give people a personal education of it from people who have experienced things to do with coal ash," Ware said.

In 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency ruled that coal ash — the remnants from burning coal — could no longer be stored in coal ash ponds, which are traditionally used by fossil fuel companies to store the byproduct from burning coal.

The material is put into a shallow pond and then filled with water. The EPA found that leakage from these ponds was contaminating groundwater in communities by getting into people's wells, water supplies and rivers.

Dominion Power, which is the largest power and energy company in Virginia, was one of the first com-

panies in the United States to apply for permits to shut down its coal ash ponds, Ware said. However, he said instead of pumping the water out, putting it through a cleaning process and taking the coal ash to a landfill, Dominion wanted to dump the water into the rivers.

Robert Anderson, head of Media Relations for Dominion, and Jason Williams, one of the managers in the Environmental part of the business, said they do not deny the plan to eventually discharge the water from the coal ash ponds at the Primo Plant in the James River but assure that the water will be treated and filtered.

"When [the DEQ] established the permits [in] Virginia, they based it off the Virginia Water Quality standards," Williams said. "Those standards exist to establish what concentration is protective of the water body and that ensures the James [River] can be used for everything that is it used for now during the project and after the project."

The safety of the fish, wildlife and human health will not be impacted through the discharge and closure of the coal ash ponds, Anderson said.

"If you like to fish, boat, swim, recreate on the river today, you will be able to do all of those things after the discharge of water," Anderson said.

However, Ware and other CAS members are still not convinced by the safety of the water.



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Cross said the discussion on coal ash is important not only due to its environmental impact but also because the conversation has been student led and driven.

"Coal ash contains chemicals that are super unsafe for humans, including arsenic, which is not a healthy thing to be putting into our water," Ware said. "You shouldn't be putting arsenic and drinking water together."

During the event, presentations were given recounting when 17 students — including University students — were arrested in the Virginia Water Protest March 7. Students drove up to Richmond and sat in the Department of Environmental Quality after learning it was passing permits that went against its set standards.

CAS member Laura Cross, a sec-

ond-year College student, said the group felt they had a real issue of environmental injustice on their hands.

DEQ, under the leadership of director David Paylor, gave the permits to Dominion to dump the contaminated water into rivers despite complaints from individuals and companies, Ware said.

"One of the reasons we're so outraged is because David Paylor ... was the one who ultimately told the Water Board that these permits were valid and that he recommended that they pass," Ware said. "It worries us that you have an important person in environmental regulation who is being

bought out by the very company that is supposed to be regulating."

CAS members, who are often also a part of Divest U.Va. and VSEC, felt this was worrisome in light of the sway Dominion had over legislation in the most recent Virginia House Assembly, Ware said.

"We want to do as much environmental action as possible in terms of trying to keep Dominion Power out of the government," Ware said.

During the event, CAS members called this a defining moment in making a decision about their group identity. This led to student protest on the day the permits were supposed to be authorized.

Dominion has agreed to do additional treatment processes and fish testing to confirm that the water meets levels required in permits and will not cause harm to the James river.

"I live right off the James river and I'll be out there all summer long doing what I always do in the river," Williams said.

Cross said she thinks what is important about the discussion around the issue of coal ash is how it has been student led and driven by student leadership.

"I think students have really powerful voices at the state level and a lot of times we don't know or remember that," Cross said. "This is an instance of how powerful students can be."



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Feature Writer

Four years ago, when Leah Smith participated in her first Olympic Trials, the thought of actually making it to London was not feasible in her mind.

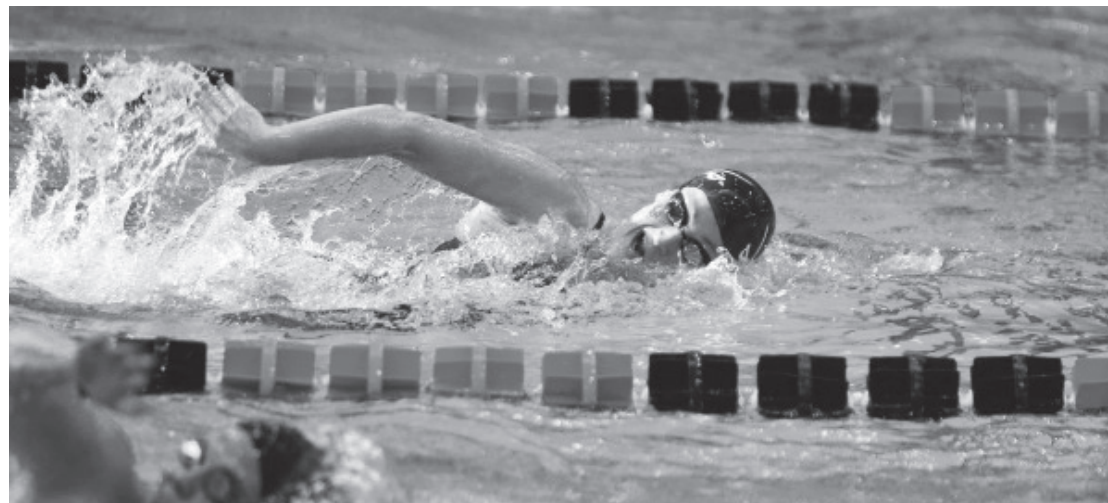
"The word 'Olympics' really scared me," Smith, now a junior, said.

Fifteen years ago, no one in her hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa. would even imagine that 5-year-old Smith would one day be a dominate force on the national and international swimming circuit — especially not Smith herself. A year after she started swim lessons, her mother signed her up for summer swim league.

"I wasn't really too excited about starting swimming," she admitted. "I was only really doing it because my siblings were doing it."

However, she stuck with it, and by age 10, her feelings about swimming had started to change.

"By the time I was 10, I had been like starting to set goals for myself," Smith said. "There were different things that I wanted to qualify for, like different meets that I wanted to win. ... I had started enjoying it and [was] also thinking



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Junior Leah Smith's four NCAA individual titles are the most for any Virginia athlete. Her sights are now set on the 2016 Olympics in Rio De Janeiro.

of how far it could take me."

This change in heart may have been sparked by two people who also hung around her pool — her older sister, Aileen, who swims for Columbia, and her childhood coach, Al Rose.

"My sister was kind of the first person to show me what it means to work hard," Smith said. "She kind of just showed me the ropes, and I will never be able to thank her for that."

Smith described Rose as "one of the wisest people that I know." He was the coach who helped her get

to the international stage.

"[He was the] first person to make me believe in myself, that I could do more than just things locally," Smith added.

After a wild high school career that included medaling multiple times at the 2012 Junior Pan Pacific Championships and twice at the 2011 Winter National Championships, Leah decided to continue swimming at the college level.

She took the allowed five official visits, with the other four schools ranked higher than Virginia at the time.

"I was taking a chance [on Virginia]," she said, "[but] comparing the [Virginia] team to all the other ones, it was just the one that I meshed with the most. I was really excited to be able to have the opportunity to spend four years here."

Smith has been an outstanding success at her father's alma mater — where he was on the track and field team from 1982-86 — winning the NCAA titles for the 500 and 1,650 frees in 2015 and 2016. Her four individual NCAA championships are the most held by a

single Virginia athlete ever.

Today, four years later, as she prepares for her second Trials, the word "Olympics" no longer scares her.

"When I hear it, and my coach talks about it, it's like kind of a more real thing and ... I've stopped being scared about it, and I've started getting excited," she said.

Swimming in the 200, 400 and 800 frees, Smith feels positive about her shot to make it to Rio.

"I am not sure which one I have the best chance in, but I am going to give it all I've got," she said with a pure confidence.

And what will happen with her career after this summer?

"I haven't really started thinking about the college season yet," Smith said. "But my coach and I always talk about how it is just a step-by-step process."

She mentioned the fact that Katie Ledecky will be making her debut on the college stage for Stanford next season, saying that it is "probably going to be pretty challenging to keep up with her."

She ended by saying that despite the arrival of some stiff competition, she is "not going to put it out of my mind that I cannot do well."

"I am excited for a challenge," Smith said.

Baseball comes up big against George Washington

The Virginia baseball team snapped a two-game losing streak Wednesday with a win over George Washington, 15-3. The Colonials (11-19, 2-1 A-10) were scoreless through seven innings before batting in two runs in the eighth and another in the ninth.

The Cavaliers (19-12, 6-6 ACC) started the game off hot with five runs in the first inning and proceeded to score in every inning until the seventh. The scoring effort was led by sophomore shortstop Justin Novak and senior left fielder Kevin Doherty, who had five and three

RBIs, respectively. Novak had two runs, one of which was a home run.

Virginia had 16 hits on the night while George Washington had nine. Each school had two errors. Senior left-handed pitcher David Rosenberger pitched three full innings for the Cavaliers allowing just two hits and recording one strikeout. Six pitchers played for the Cavaliers on the night with none allowing more than three hits.

The Colonials, on the other hand, had five pitchers in the game. Junior pitcher Cody Bryant was the only player on the

team to not allow a hit against Virginia.

The game started out well for the Cavaliers, as sophomore centerfielder Adam Haseley had a leadoff homer, the first of his career, on the first pitch of the night. The rest of the game followed suit for Virginia, with two home runs and 14 RBIs.

The Cavaliers play at Boston College Friday for a 2:30 p.m. start time.

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Sophomore Justin Novak notched his first career home run Wednesday.

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Virginia golfer prepares for the Masters

Bard fulfilling one of two childhood dreams by competing in 2016 Masters

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Derek Bard had two dreams as a young golfer: to play professionally on the PGA Tour, and to play in the Masters. One of those dreams will come true on Thursday when Bard graces the first tee box at Augusta National for the 80th Masters Tournament, the most prestigious golf event in the world.

"I always thought the PGA Tour would come before the Masters, but that's not how things worked out. To accomplish one of the dreams I had as such a young golfer is pretty special," Bard said.

The junior New Hartford, Conn. native qualified for the Masters after a surprising runner-up finish at last year's US Amateur Championships. Playing as an amateur, Bard, widely considered one of the top collegiate players in the nation, also qualified for this summer's US Open from his finish at the US Amateurs.

According to Virginia coach

Bowen Sargent, Bard will be the first Virginia golfer to participate in the Masters since James Driscoll participated as an amateur in the tournament in 2001. Bard will also be the first golfer Sargent has coached to play in the event.

Bard, whose strength lies with his short game, is approaching the Masters as if it were any other tournament.

"I'm gonna go there and try to play my best and to be in contention Sunday would be pretty cool, but I think just to bring it down to earth a little bit, making the cut would be the main goal," Bard said.

Despite realistic expectations, Bard wasn't confident in his ability to quell his emotions on the first tee.

"I'm sure I'll be shaking a little bit, but I feel like after I get through that first tee shot, I'll be okay and be able to focus on the golf part after that," Bard said.

Sargent complimented Bard on maintaining focus in the spring season leading up to the tournament, and said that his experience at the

US Amateur will help prepare him for the atmosphere and attention he will garner playing in such a tournament.

He also said that while he hasn't consulted much with Bard about the tournament, he hopes to be in some contact with him over the course of the week.

"He got a decent taste of [the atmosphere] at the US Amateurs," Sargent said. "I'll talk to him a little bit while he's out there. I just hope I can get in there and get in a position where I can see him."

According to both Sargent and Bard, the conditions at Augusta will play a major factor on Bard's performance. Each referenced the strength of his putting, particularly on firm greens, which agree well with his game.

"The green complexes are so severe. If you know the greens and you can putt the ball well, that's the type of player it favors," Bard said. "Putting is the strongsuit to my game... and there is also no grain either, I'm not a great grain putter. The fact that

they're going to be fast and no grain I think will set up well."

In preparation for the tournament, Bard has been working extensively with Dr. Bob Rotella, a sports psychologist and a volunteer assistant coach for the men's golf team. Dr. Rotella has worked with professional golfers such as Padraig Harrington and Darren Clarke, both of whom are major champions, as well as members of the Kentucky men's basketball team.

According to Bard, Rotella has instilled upon him a more simplistic approach to the game.

"He's all about oversimplifying everything, which I really like. I think that's a huge help," Bard said.

Bard will have his 18-year-old younger brother, Alec, as his caddy throughout the tournament. Alec was also on the bag for Bard's at last year's US Amateurs. Bard said the two had a solid rapport on the course during the Amateur, which is something he thinks will help calm his nerves throughout the tournament.

"He [Alec] knows my game better than anyone. That puts him ahead of any potential caddy I could have. He knows what kind of person I am," Bard said. "[We have a] process we go through before each shot helps more than anything, just to kind of just zero in on the shot in front of me. He probably helps me out more than he thinks he does."

Mostly, Bard hopes to be able to absorb the entire experience over the course of the week, and said there was no way the experience can be disappointing.

"One of the things my dad told me was to take a step back and just realize where you are and realize how cool the experience is, so I think the only disappointing thing would be if the week flies by and I don't fully appreciate everything," Bard said.

Bard is scheduled to tee off at 8:31 a.m. Thursday morning as part of the second grouping to play alongside South Africa's Trevor Immelman and fellow American Robert Streb.

Lacrosse gets set for big conference matchup

Virginia travels to North Carolina to take on Tar Heels

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The No. 20 Virginia lacrosse team has an opportunity to make an impression in their conference schedule Sunday afternoon as they travel to take on No. 11 North Carolina. The showdown between the nationally-ranked ACC rivals comes after the Cavaliers (6-5, 0-2 ACC) earned their first shutout win in over nine years, and the Tar Heels (6-4, 1-0 ACC) were victorious in an overtime contest against then-No. 9 Duke.

Both teams are coming into Sunday's contest with plenty of momentum. Virginia recorded a remarkable three-game winning streak in a span of seven days, and earned a shutout win over in-state foe Richmond to take back a spot in the national rankings this week. On the other hand, the Tar Heels won at Duke for the first time in six years.

North Carolina will be looking to defend their unbeaten ACC record, while the Cavaliers are hoping to break into the win column in ACC play. Like Virginia, North Carolina earned a win over No. 16 Johns Hopkins earlier in the season, as the Tar Heels recorded a 15-11 win over the Blue Jays.

North Carolina also took on Richmond, and posted a convincing win of 15-6.

The Tar Heels also boast the one of the ACC players of the week with senior attackman Steve Pontrello earning offensive player of the week honors. Pontrello scored a career-high number of six goals in North Carolina's win over the Blue Devils.

While two of four losses have come to top-five opponents, No. 4 Denver and No. 5 Maryland, the Tar Heels suffered a 10-5 loss to unranked Hofstra early in the season. Tough losses are something that Virginia can commiserate with, as the Cavaliers have worked hard to find their rhythm this season.

"They're in the same boat that we are now," coach Dom Starsia said. "They have kind of been finding their way over the course of the season."

However, Virginia has much to be proud of now, coming off a week that included an overtime win over Johns Hopkins, its highest score of the season against Virginia Military Institute, and a shutout against Richmond. Starsia attributes much of the team's success to their improved defensive performance.

"Defensively we've been better,



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Junior attacker Ryan Lukacovic has had goals in each of Virginia's last three games.

and I believe that tells the story of where we've been the past couple of weeks," Starsia said.

Defense surely has been the story for the Cavaliers, as junior goalie Matt Barrett earned ACC defensive player of the week honors after his performance against the Spiders. Barrett has now earned the accolade once in every year that he has played for Virginia after earning the award in both 2014 and 2015.

"[Barrett] seems to be a little more relaxed in the cage at the

moment," Starsia said. "He's a little more patient, and waiting for the ball. He's just been much better the last couple of weeks for us."

The offense has gotten the job done for the Cavaliers recently as well. In Virginia's matchup against the Keydets last Tuesday, the Cavaliers saw 16 different players score points to propel them to the 19-4 win. One of those key offensive players has been junior attackman Ryan Lukacovic, who has scored goals in each of Virginia's last three victories.

"Now that our defense is playing really well, our offense is starting to hit some shots," Lukacovic said. "Hopefully our confidence can carry us through to North Carolina this weekend, and then for the rest of the season."

Defeating the Tar Heels at Kenan Stadium Sunday will be no easy task, and the Cavaliers recognize that. Last season, when North Carolina visited Charlottesville, Virginia fell by a score of 10-6. North Carolina now holds the second place position in the ACC.

"I don't think that I have to spend a lot of time getting the players attention for [North Carolina]," Starsia said. "I think that everyone understands that it's an important game. It probably comes at the right time for us."

The Cavaliers are hoping that they have peaked at the right time going into Sunday's contest, as Virginia will be seeking its first ACC win since the 2013-14 season. For now, though, the Cavaliers are just taking it game by game.

"We're excited to get out there and compete against a really good team," Barrett said. "We'll get to really see how much we've improved."

Sunday's game will be televised nationally on ESPNU, and faceoff is set for 2 p.m.

Virginia track and field hosts first home meets

Inclement weather cancelled earlier Virginia home meet

Ben Tobin
Associate Editor

Heading into March 19, the Virginia outdoor track and field teams had a reason to be excited — they would be opening up their season performing in front of their home crowd in the Virginia Cup. Unfortunately, inclement weather forced the event to be cancelled. A few weeks later, the Cavaliers will get their chance to perform in Charlottesville in the U.Va. Quad Friday and the Lou Onesty/Milton G. Abramson Invitational Saturday.

“They look forward to being at home,” coach Bryan Fetzter said. “They are excited to compete in front of friends, family and fans.”

Last week, Virginia’s teams started off their seasons strong in the Florida Relays. For the No. 5 Virginia men, junior Henry Wynne won the 1,500 meters by breaking the Virginia record with a time of 3:38.35 — earning him the title of Co-ACC Men’s Track Performer of the Week with Florida State junior Zak Seddon.

For the Virginia women, sophomore Megan Rebholz and freshman Emily Mulhern fin-

ished third and fourth in the 5,000 meters with each runner setting personal records. Additionally, the best finish of the meet came from the distance medley relay team of freshman Alexia Roux, graduate student Aisha Naibe-Wey, sophomore Caroline Clark and graduate student Sarah Astin, which took second place with a time of 11:23.70.

Fetzter is happy of how his team performed against tough competition.

“When you step up the level of competition you’re competing against, one of two things happen — you either rise to that level, or you get intimidated by it,” he said. “The second one is not what happened.”

For the Virginia men, a star athlete — junior Filip Mihaljevic — will be making his outdoor season debut.

“I definitely want to open up well,” he said. “The discus competition will be really good.”

The Bosnia and Herzegovina native, who placed third at discus in the 2015 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, will be facing the University of Pennsylvania’s Sam Mattis, the champion of the event at last year’s nationals. In addition to Pennsylvania, Virginia will be



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Junior Filip Mihaljevic makes his outdoor season debut this weekend.

competing against Columbia and Maryland this weekend. Despite the competition, Mihaljevic is confident in his team.

“I think the energy of the team is really, really high,” he said. “I think we will be ready to compete with the best ACC and NCAA teams.”

In addition to the tough competition, both Virginia teams will also have to deal with potentially inclement weather.

With a high of 49 degrees Saturday and a low of 30, as well as a chance of some precipitation, Virginia may have an extra obstacle to get over.

“One of the things that we can never predict is the weather,” Fetzter said. “No matter what time of year or where we’re at, we have no control over it.”

For Mihaljevic, the weather is an opportunity to prepare for the NCAA Championships in

Eugene, Ore., where the weather can be random at any time during the year.

“We have to get used to get any kind of weather because [the NCAA Championships] will be in Oregon,” he said. “[We need] to warm up well and be ready mentally [for the weather].”

Mihaljevic said his goals this year are to become an NCAA champion as well as to help his team record a top-three finish at the ACC Championships. With only a few meets before these conference championships, Virginia needs to make the most of its opportunities to warm up its teams so that they can make a splash.

For Fetzter, who preaches the motto “Get better every day in every way” to his teams, learning from mistakes is crucial to growth.

“Every time you compete, you want to learn something from it,” he said. “If we make the same mistakes in back-to-back competitions, then we clearly haven’t learned.”

The U.Va. Quad will take place Friday at 6 p.m. and the Lou Onesty/Milton G. Abramson Invitational will be on the following day at 2 p.m. Both meets will be held at Lannigan Field.

Men’s tennis notches out of conference victory

The No. 3 Virginia men’s tennis team (18-3, 7-1 ACC) travelled to Gainesville, Fla. yesterday to take on No. 14 Florida (12-5, 7-1 SEC) at the Ring Tennis Complex. While not an ACC match, this was an opportunity for the Cavaliers to test themselves against some quality competition. The Cavaliers passed their test by notching a 5-2 victory.

The match started poorly for the Cavaliers, as they lost the doubles points due to a pair of 6-4 losses at No. 1 and No. 3.

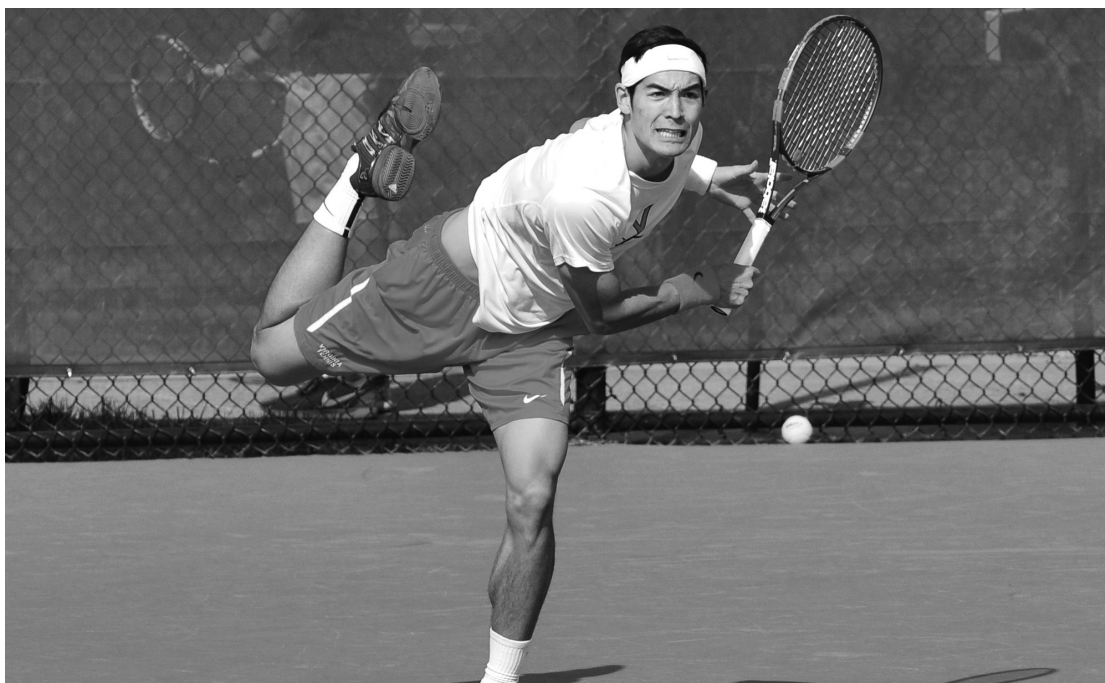
The Cavaliers responded during singles play by winning four straight matches to clinch the victory. The first victory was junior Thai-son Kwiatkowski and his 6-2, 6-4 win over Florida junior Elliott Orkin at the No. 2 spot, which Kwiatkowski returned to after sophomore Collin Altamirano has manned it for much of the season. Al-

tamirano also won his match at No. 3 against Florida freshman Alfredo Perez 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 in the final match of the day.

Senior captain Ryan Shane suffered a disappointing 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 defeat to Florida senior Diego Hidalgo in a hard fought match. This match did take place after the match had already been decided, however. It was sophomore Henrik Wiersholm’s tight 7-5, 7-5 victory over Florida senior Gordon Watson that clinched the match for the Cavaliers, marking their 18th win of the season.

The Cavaliers will be pleased with their performance on the week, but must remain prepared, as they are set to take on Georgia Tech Friday and Clemson Sunday, both games away from home.

—compiled by Hunter Ostad



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Led by junior Thai-Son Kwiatkowski, Virginia won four-straight singles matches to clinch the win over Florida.

Women’s lacrosse defeats Navy, earns first road victory

Eight Cavaliers score goals in win over Midshipmen

The No. 13 Virginia women’s lacrosse team (7-6, 1-4 ACC) defeated Navy (7-5, 2-2 AA), 13-9, to win their second-straight game. The victory is the Cavaliers’ first on the road this season.

Senior attacker Kelly Boyd and sophomore midfielder Kasey Behr led the Cavaliers with three goals apiece. Junior attacker Besser Dyson added two goals and three assists. Additionally, junior attackers Posey Valis and Kelly Reese, sophomore midfielders Lilly DiNardo and Daniela Kelly and freshman midfielder Maggie Jackson all scored one goal each.

Senior midfielder Mary Alati led Virginia in assists with four on the day. The Cavaliers out-shot Navy, 36-24, and held the edge in draw controls, 15-9.

Navy scored the first goal of the game at the 27:25 mark. Vir-

ginia quickly responded with a goal just 14 seconds later by Behr to tie the game, 1-1. After another goal by Navy, Virginia scored back-to-back goals by Jackson and then Boyd to take their first lead of the game at the 22:15 mark, 3-2.

A Navy goal to tie was followed by three more Cavalier goals by Boyd, Boyd again and then Behr to give Virginia a 6-3 lead with 14:43 in the first half. The Midshipmen narrowed the lead back to one with 8:02 left after scoring two consecutive goals, but the Cavaliers had two goals in less than one minute by DiNardo and Reese to put the team up three again with 7:09 remaining.

A Navy goal with 0:23 left made the score 8-6 at half in favor of Virginia.

The second half began with Virginia and Navy trading goals. Valis scored first for the

Cavaliers, which was then followed with a goal by the Mids to make the score 9-7 with 25:24 remaining. Dyson scored next, and Navy quickly responded again. However, Virginia scored the game’s next three goals to put the Cavaliers in a comfortable lead up 13-8 with 14:31 left. The Midshipmen were able to score one more with 3:34 remaining, but the Virginia defense closed the game strong to give the team a 13-9 victory.

Virginia is off this upcoming weekend and will not play again until April 16 when they travel to face No. 6 Louisville in an ACC matchup. The Cavaliers defeated Louisville in a meeting last season at Klöckner Stadium, 17-9.

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Senior attacker Kelly Boyd tied for a team-high three goals.

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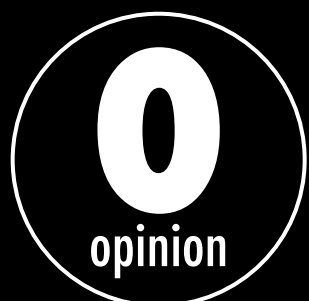
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Comment of the day

“The reason for the mockery, and the lack of ‘digging deeper,’ is because of the over-the-top reaction on the part of the students.”

by “nanbroga” in response to Matt Winesett’s April 4 article, “A vandalism at Emory.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

Given U.Va. study, improve medical school curricula

Racial biases among medical students suggest a need for more social science education

White healthcare professionals consistently under-prescribe pain medications for black patients, and a recent study conducted at the University by Ph.D. candidate Kelly Hoffman explains why. According to the study, the disparity is attributable to white medical students holding false beliefs about differences in black and white biologies. The research findings demonstrate a need for greater incorporation of the social sciences into medical curricula as a way to develop healthcare professionals who understand the social dimensions of a science that involves so much human interaction.

Given this bias, along with America’s history of mistreating minorities in medical care, it is no surprise that black Americans are less trustful of the healthcare system. An October study from Emory University revealed that, unlike

white patients, black patients are more likely to report believing that physicians don’t see them as equals or are less concerned for their wellbeing. An emphasis on a social science education in medical schools would allow for the development of more empathetic physicians, potentially reducing distrust of a healthcare system that is failing black Americans. Beginning a year ago, the Association of American Medical Colleges made changes to the Medical College Admissions Test, or MCAT, emphasizing the importance of concepts physicians should know to relate to diverse groups of patients. Some of the additions to the exam include the introduction of psychology and sociology questions as part of a new Behavioral Sciences section. Understanding the way humans behave as individuals or interact in groups is important

for creating effective physician-patient relationships. Social science education should not stop at the undergraduate level. It has a place in medical schools, too, especially just before or while medical students begin interacting with patients.

Promotion of the social sciences in medical schools would not only abstractly enhance the medical student experience by providing a broader educational base — it would have real-world benefits for black patients who are under-treated by physicians or who place less trust in healthcare. It would support a healthcare system where all medical students would graduate with a better understanding of the way individuals and societies function.

This is not the first offense against black Americans in the healthcare system. Pioneers in medical science such as J.

Marion Sims used enslaved black women as subjects for surgery experimentation without anesthesia. American hospitals once displayed “No Negroes” signs and performed sterilizations on black women without their consent. The infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment intentionally left hundreds of black men with untreated syphilis while deceiving them into believing they had access to free healthcare. While ethical offenses as egregious as these experiments are part of the past, racial disparities in attitudes toward black and white patients still exist, though more implicitly. If Hoffman repeats her study years from now, we should hope that there are no medical students who actually believe that blacks have less sensitive nerve endings than whites.

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"Publish or perish" should perish

Academic research is being harmed by several nefarious trends

In academia, "publish or perish" is a maxim to live by. As new PhD students spill into the workplace every year, the job hunt becomes a desperate rush for work where your name on a research paper is

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one of the best weapons you can have. Academic research has long been one of the primary goals of universities and has been the source of incredible scientific and social breakthroughs that have altered the course of the world and changed the lives of billions. However, not all academic research is created equal, and changes to the nature of research have had unintended consequences that can have dangerous side effects. The combined forces of the lure of distinction and pressure from administrators for a steady output has mutated research from a dive into the unknown to a game of strategy where data matter less than conclusions drawn or which journal publishes the work. In essence, publish or perish changes the goal of research to a numbers game where quantity trumps quality. Moreover, as the hallowed peer

reviewed system becomes overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of papers, which reached 1.3 million spread over almost 24,000 journals in 2006, the ability of the system to fact-check itself and correct its own errors is degraded.

This may seem to be a foolish but ultimately harmless trend if effects are contained to the world of academia. And while that may be true for some research, dangerous side effects arise when dubious findings are accepted and disseminated throughout the world. For example, the British Journal of General Practice in 2011 published a research paper about the benefits of acupuncture. More mainstream media organizations skimmed over the research itself, which displayed a negligible change to acupuncture patients and focused on the exaggerated conclusions drawn by the researchers.

This incentive for researchers to overstate the inferences from their findings has dangerous implications for the reliability of data. In theory, any mistake or overstated claim shouldn't be that se-

rious an issue, as labs around the world quickly attempt to replicate experiments for themselves. But replication, a key component of the scientific process, doesn't pay anymore and has experienced a steady decline. Without verification as to the accuracy of results, false or exaggerated claims can poison the well of science. False claims also pose a danger to people's lives; between 2000 and 2010, 80,000 patients were participants in clinical trials based around research that was later retracted due



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to "mistakes or improprieties." Perhaps the most well known instance of fraud came from Andrew Wakefield, the doctor who falsely linked autism with vaccines.

Publish or perish might also corrupt one of the core purposes of research — innovation. A study at the University of California-Los Angeles found that researchers who choose to work further on established questions have a greater chance of being published. Those who choose pursue unexplored avenues of research may make rare breakthroughs that garner attention and rewards, but as the likelihood of success is smaller, most choose the safer path. Another disturbing trend in research publishing has been the steady decline in negative results that are published. Finding what is not true or what does not work in research, while not as exciting as new discoveries, is just as important to scientific progress. As journals spend less space propagating new information on negative results, researchers waste time and money repeating experiments already proven incorrect. It's clear the way we look at research

needs to change. Improvements could include measuring professor productivity by a more comprehensive metric than just the number of published papers. Several grant institutes have also begun to fund individual scientists instead of specific research projects, giving them greater freedom in choosing what to explore. As a research institution, the University will be directly affected by these changes. The new Cornerstone Plan aims to improve our research by ensuring that it is focused on areas of study that will have the maximal impact. This is a good start, but more wide-ranging changes need to be implemented quickly. The respect science commands stems from its ability to discover the truth and to correct itself if wrong. If these research trends continue, the logical basis of the scientific process could degrade dangerously.

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Petition against the HB2 legislation

North Carolina's HB2 legislation is anti-gay and should be repealed

Last month, Governor Patrick McCrory (R-NC) signed the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, or HB2, which was enacted in response to a February nondiscrimination ordinance passed by the Charlotte City Council. Charlotte's ordinance originally enabled transgender individuals to use the bathrooms of the gender with which they identify. Since its passage, HB2 has ignited a nationwide debate concerning its ethicality and constitutionality. Given the law's provisions and the absurd logic used to justify its passage, it is not difficult to understand why HB2 has generated so much controversy. While supporters of this law will cite the need to protect public safety and privacy, this law represents a deliberate attempt to imperil those very notions.

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HB2's provisions reserve the right to pass nondiscrimination legislation to the state government, thereby preempting the Charlotte nondiscrimination ordinance. Furthermore, the law denies transgender individuals the option to use the public bathroom designated for the gender they identify with. McCrory has stood by his decision

to sign the bill into law, tweeting "I signed bipartisan legislation to stop the breach of basic privacy and etiquette, [and] ensure privacy in bathrooms and locker rooms." State House Speaker Tim Moore (R-NC) joined McCrory in voicing support for HB2, arguing the Charlotte ordinance "would have allowed a man to go into a bathroom, locker or any changing facility, where women are — even if he was a man."

Regarding McCrory, I find it surprising that an individual as outspoken in his criticism of governmental overreach would support legislation that deliberately undermines the will of a municipality. Furthermore, McCrory's stance appears unappealing to other social conservatives. Just last month, Gov. Dennis Daugaard (R-SD) vetoed a similar bill on the grounds that it didn't "address any pressing issue." In response to Moore's comments, his allegation that the Charlotte ordinance would result in a rise in sexual misconduct is completely unsubstantiated. According to the progressive research center Media Matters, officials from 12 states denied seeing a

rise in sexual assault or rape after granting transsexuals the right to choose which bathroom to use. If anything, Moore should prioritize protecting the safety of his transgender constituents. According to a study published by The Williams Institute, 70 percent of transgender respondents reported being "denied access, verbally harassed or physically assaulted in public restrooms." Unfortunately, HB2 supporters are not nearly as passionate about combating this phe-



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Nationally, HB2 has come under considerable criticism. The American Civil Liberties Union

accused the law of being "dangerous" and "unconstitutional" before announcing its decision to sue the North Carolina government. Prominent state officials have also criticized HB2. State Attorney General Roy Cooper (D-NC) dismissed the law as a "national embarrassment" before refusing to defend it against a federal lawsuit filed by LGBTQ activists. Elsewhere, various state governments and private businesses have called for the law's repeal, some deciding to boycott North Carolina until such an event occurs. Cooper acknowledged the implications of such an event in a letter to McCrory, stating HB2 may "diminish the state's draw as a destination for tourism, new businesses and economic activity." While I applaud these actions, I am disappointed that HB2 may ultimately be repealed to preserve the state's commercial interests. Clearly the law's revocation is preferable regardless of the motivating factors;

however, such an outcome does not protect transgender civil liberties over the long term.

While the Supreme Court's *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision is an encouraging sign of the progressive direction our country appears inclined to follow, we should expect additional challenges to LGBTQ rights at the state and local level. In the case of North Carolina, HB2's repeal would not reconcile the fact that the executive and legislative branches remain apathetic to the needs of the transgender community. Profound change requires a public committed to petitioning the government to expand civil rights protections to encompass the LGBTQ community. As a community, we must continue to petition to our public representatives — state and local — to institute these necessary reforms. As a nation priding itself on providing "liberty and justice for all," we must ensure these notions are applicable to all our fellow citizens.

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More upperclassmen housing is a good idea

The University should work to provide more cheap, affordable housing

A couple of months ago, Charlottesville Tomorrow reported that Brailsford & Dunlavey, a national real estate firm, advised the University to consider building a 300-bedroom apartment complex for upper-class students close to Central Grounds. No plans are currently set in stone, as a proposal will be made to the next full Board of Visitors meeting in June. Given the growing size of the University, affordability of on-Grounds housing in comparison to off-Grounds housing and proximity to Grounds of the proposed location, I hope the University follows this advice and builds the new residence hall.

The biggest reason the University should follow through with this plan is the growing need for upperclass housing in general. As a second year, my class became the largest class to join the University at the time I joined, with the class below me being roughly the same size. In response to this increase in class size, the University has already

begun making housing accommodations by opening a new dorm and beginning renovations on some first-year dorms in 2015. If the undergraduate population continues to grow in size and is prompting such plans for first-year housing, it only seems to follow that further housing accommodations for upperclass students be made as well.

More specifically, this plan for upperclass housing in particular would provide a more affordable and desirable housing option to upperclassmen. Excluding language houses and residential colleges, returning students' on-Grounds major choices for housing are Bice, Copeley, Faulkner, Lambeth and Johnson Malone Weedon. All of these locations are more removed from Central Grounds, whereas the proposed location for this dorm, Brandon Ave., would be much closer. This is directly at odds with the needs and desires of undergraduate students, who ranked convenient access to classes and the community as the number

one factor in deciding where to live in a survey. Meanwhile, according to Brad Noyes, senior vice president at Brailsford & Dunlavey, off-Grounds housing is about 33 percent more expensive than on-Grounds housing. Students shouldn't have to sacrifice academically convenient and culturally-centered housing due to financial burden, and building a dorm in this location would provide a solution to those facing this issue.

many people here or not knowing much about off-Grounds options are left to choose from those inconveniently located dorms listed above. Faced with the task of transitioning to a new school, transfer students should have a housing option that allows them to spend more time on and fully enjoy Central Grounds without going so far out of their way.

With a growing undergraduate student body and financially-constrained students forced to live in inconvenient locations the University should provide more centrally located on-Grounds housing to better meet the needs of current students and incoming transfer students.

Creating a more desirable upperclass housing option could also make the University more money than it does from those currently available. With varying prices of different upperclass dorms (also depend-

ing upon whether the room is a single or double), the University could charge a slight premium for a new, centrally located building with single bedrooms at a price competitive with that at which similar off-Grounds housing would likely be. This is especially the case considering that students able to afford off-Grounds housing who choose it due to issues such as proximity to Grounds may choose on-Grounds housing when presented with this option. The proposed dorm fits the bill for a housing option that would allow the University to better meet the needs of its students while also increasing the number of upperclass students choosing on-Grounds housing. Students, particularly transfers, should welcome the proposal.

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More convenient access to classes and the community would also better serve the needs of transfer students. Currently, transfer students looking to live on Grounds due to not knowing

SIS should allow 17 credits

Lifting the initial enrollment cap would welcome a reform to a bad system

As many University students registered for classes, the Student Information System (SIS) reminded them just how flawed the process is. Shocking to hear, isn't it? With more than half of the University's students capitalizing on more intelligible website Lou's List, it's clear that the status quo is unacceptable. Last semester, I wrote an Op-Ed on how a predictive analytics system would be able to alleviate many of the process's inefficiencies. Alas, while we patiently await the evolution of class registration, the University has the opportunity to implement a much needed change to help dismiss one its most vexing aspects. The enrollment restriction that initially limits the maximum number of credits leads to frustration on registration day and discriminates against all students who wish to take a four credit class.

According to the University Registrar, College students are limited to 15 credits until August 2nd later this year, at which point the maximum credit hours revert to the normal 17 credit restriction.

Yet, the question still remains: why 15? If it's because 15 credits over 8 semesters perfectly equals the 120 credits required to graduate, then that would certainly be a ridiculous justification. A closer

look at this rule illuminates a number of reasons why this policy negatively affects more students than it could possibly help. First, many students on class registration day want to enroll in as many classes as possible. However, the 15 credit restriction forces a student who wishes to enroll in a four-credit class to make unfair decisions during class registration. For these students who want to take the usual number of five classes (four three-credit classes and one four-credit class), they quickly realize that their enrollment is essentially stuck. Students are forced to choose the four classes that they want to be in the most and completely abandon their fifth class because of exceeding the 15 credit limit. Throw in the usual anxiety that accompanies class registration day and you have a perfect recipe for frustration. Depending on

whether they elected to include the four-credit class in the choice of their maximum-allowed four classes, students find themselves fixed at 12 or 13 credits as they helplessly watch their favorite classes slip out of reach.

Still more unfairly, the 15 credit limitation targets students taking courses in departments such as Mathematics, Statistics, languages and many others where four-credit classes are common. Those who only take three-credit courses stand to benefit at the ex-

are stuck because of the limit are prevented by SIS from even getting on the waitlist of a class that is still open. Only when the class becomes full does SIS allow them to add their name to the waitlist and, by that time, it might be too late to ever get into the class. Moreover, they still have to wait until August 2nd before the University even gives them permission to have the opportunity to move off the waitlist.

Most importantly however, arguments in support of 15 credit restriction just don't make sense. If the goal of the limit was to ensure that students only enroll in four classes so that first years or students who had later sign-up times would be ensured of a diverse array of available classes, then why is the limit not 12? A 15 credit limit allows and in

some cases forces students to enroll in five three-credit classes, so there isn't a significant number of classes kept open by this rule.

Furthermore, while this limit might hypothetically prevent a second year from enrolling in that fifth class, thereby opening up a spot for a first year, what's to stop another second year from including that four-credit class in the selection of her own initial four classes?

The University faces a fairly straightforward solution to these problems, namely making the enrollment credit limit permanently 17 credits. Students who wish or need to enroll in one or two four-credit classes would longer face unfair restrictions on their ability to get into classes that students who are taking three credit classes the following semester never face. Despite the other headaches that will still emanate from SIS, the University has the chance to free many students who wish to take a four-credit class from being denied that opportunity.

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pense of any student who wishes to or needs to take a four-credit class.

By the same token, students who

Things I have never apologized for but will do so now

First off, to the cleaners on Thousand Oaks Boulevard, I'm sorry I broke your clothes conveyor belt thing. I didn't know that I shouldn't be inside the sweater when I gave it to you guys, and although the ride around the building on the conveyor thing was fun, I shouldn't have freaked out during the steam cleaning and ruined all of those blouses on the way to the ground. My bad.

Next up, to my manager at the Dairy Queen: I'm sorry. I didn't know that the blizzards were the only ones you were supposed to turn upside down. You would think after the first cone I would've learned, but stuff happens, and I'm sorry I had to turn upside down and consequently spill every item on the menu just to make sure you were telling me the truth. I should've just taken your word for it.

Next, I want to apologize to

John F. Kennedy. I had left a pie cooling on a windowsill in the book depository, and when I went up to get it and saw that horde of mosquitoes closing in on you, I knew I should do something. Unfortunately, I was

too far away to shout, "Hey JFK, watch out for the mosquitoes," but I did have my trusty bolt action next to me, and I opted for the next best option. In the end, it was probably a mistake. Sorry.

Which leads me into my next apology. Lee Harvey, bud, I'm sorry I framed you. I had a lot on my plate at the time, and I couldn't really go down for what was essentially the biggest misunderstanding in history.

Following that up, I gotta apologize to my brother, Matthew. I took a stick of his once and that wasn't cool. Sorry, man.

Oh, "cool" reminds me: Sorry, the Titanic. I was just mind-ing my business, swimming in

the North Atlantic Ocean, and I should've been watching where I was swimming. On the plus side, you're welcome, James Cameron. Without me, you would not have the two highest grossing films of all time. So there's that. But also I'm sorry about the Titanic shipwreck, not the movie.

Which leads me into my next apology. To Koko the gorilla, I'm sorry that I learned sign

but in all fairness you have to respect the effort I put into learning a whole other language just so I could relay some quick, super sad information to you.

On a different note, I'm sorry to my friend Ron who fell into Bryce Canyon because I threw a Nerf ball slightly too far and you followed it off the side of a cliff and into the canyon. I guess I didn't really know my own strength. But now I do.

Also, to my friend Kevin Fernandez, who once accidentally kicked me in the leg when he was trying to put on his shoes: I'm sorry I filled your car with bees. It was the wrong reaction.

I guess that reminds me of something — I should apologize to Franz Ferdinand, and by extension all of

Europe and the United States. I started The Black Hand as an art collective, and it kind of just snowballed from there. I wasn't actually in charge of the group when they decided to kill the archduke, but I did introduce those guys, and I guess that means the blame falls somewhat on my shoulders.

I don't know if I'm too late with these apologies to make a difference, but I truly hope they can mend some of the damage I've caused. And again, Matthew, I'm really sorry I took your stick that one time. It was super uncalled for.

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language just so I could tell you that Robin Williams died. It was probably super cruel to do that,

Are you distantly related to Henry Ford?

Probably not. Sorry, but the chances that you are kin to America's favorite industrialist are slim.

Most people don't have rich, exciting, drop-dead gorgeous ancestors. Now you're

wondering if Henry Ford was good-looking. Trust me, he was. He looked like Tom Riddle in the second "Harry Potter" movie. You know, the one where they kill the big snake.

My point is that most people don't have legendary relatives; they descend from ordinary people. However, the fact that your ancestors led typical lives shouldn't stop you from doing genealogical research. Your family history will interest you because it belongs to you.

There are no celebrities, scandals or Tom Riddle look-alikes in my family history. All my family members before 1950 were Virginian farmers and laborers. They didn't have a lot of money, and many of them couldn't read. I always imagine them

wearing straw hats and overalls like Huckleberry Finn, but I'd appreciate it if you wouldn't.

I'm the only one who is allowed to stereotype my uneducated, hillbilly ancestors. Even though

they weren't titans of industry, their stories interest me. For example, I learned that one side of my family previously owned land in the Shenandoah National Park area. Then the FDR administration, eager to build the park, stole all of their land and kicked them out of their home. Cool, right? Isn't that a fun familial anecdote? I encourage you to go out there and discover why *your* great-grandparents hated Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Another seemingly boring part of my family history is the fact that everybody was from Virginia. We're all from Albemarle County or Southampton County. If you're not familiar with Virginian geography and you don't understand context clues, those are two counties

in this beautiful state. While it would be cool to have some family in different regions, it is also interesting to be surrounded by my ancestry. I just found out that my great-grandfather



So go forward and learn about your family history. If you find out you are not related to Walt Disney, Dwight D. Eisenhower or Ellen DeGeneres, that's fine!

died in the University hospital. Isn't that freaky? I live next to the University hospital! If my great-grandfather were a ghost, we'd be next-door neighbors. For the record, I don't believe in ghosts. I don't believe in magic either. I'm an old, jaded woman who does not believe in fantasy and enchantment. However, I do enjoy the little things, like the fact that I live 20 minutes away

from my grandma's first house.

Perhaps the most disappointing part of my ancestry is the staggering homogeneity. My ancestors are all white Christians with English- and Irish-sounding last names, such as "Bradshaw," "Crawford" and "Painter." Granted, I haven't been able to find any information from earlier than 1860, so I won't rule out the possibility that a bunch of confused Italians immigrated too early and changed their

last names. Stranger things have happened. Regardless, I've found interesting things to compensate for the homogeneity. For example, we may not have any last names like "Marino" or "Esposito," but we do have cool first names like "Liberty," "Oleta" and "Nimrod." What are some cool Italian first names? Silvia? Francesca? Matteo? All right, yes. Those names are pret-

ty cool. You win this round, Italy.

So go forward and learn about your family history. If you find out you are not related to Walt Disney, Dwight D. Eisenhower or Ellen DeGeneres, that's fine! Join the ranks of people who are satisfied with their ordinary genealogy. If you are related to one of those people, you will be so happy you did your research. Also, if you end up being related to Ellen, can you please tell her to respond to my fan letters?

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD SOLUTION

By Sam Ezersky

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Thursday 4/7

UPC Presents: Open Mic Night, 10pm,
Open Grounds
Career Center Presents: Just In Time Fair,
12-3pm, Newcomb Third Floor

Friday 4/8

C.R.A.V.E. Annual Fashion Show,
7:30pm, Main Street Arena
Sigma Kappa Presents: Spring Kickball
Tournament, 2-5pm, Mad Bowl
Student Council Presents: “SpeakUp
UVA”, 4-6pm, Garden IX
Sigma Delta Tau Presents:It’s GrΣΔT to
be a Kid Carnival, Mad Bowl
Alpha Phi Presents: Mac N’ This, 12-2am,
Alpha Phi
McIntire Department of Music Presents:
Percussion Ensemble, 8-10pm, Old
Cabell Hall
Career Center Presents: Data Summit,
8am-4:30pm, Bryant Hall Recruiting
Room
UPC Presents: Game of Thrones Game
Night, 10pm-2am, Newcomb Game
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Saturday 4/9

Alpha Delta Pi Presents: Ace It to Raise
It, 12pm, Snyder Tennis Courts

Camp Kesem Benefit Concert, 6pm,
Newcomb Theater
Sigma Alpha Mu Presents: Eat Roots to
End Alzheimer’s, 6-9pm, Roots Natural
Kitchen
Pancakes for Parkinson’s Presents: Bar
Night at Coupes, 7-11pm, Coupes
Cavalier Symphony Orchestra Presents:
Premiere Concert, 7pm, Newcomb
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McLeod Hall
The 53rd Annual Restoration Ball, 9pm-
12am, Amphitheater
Alpha Tau Omega Presents: Taus for Paws
Philanthropy Carnival, 12-2pm, Mad
Bowl
McIntire Department of Music Presents:
Bridge Quintet, 8-10pm, Old Cabell Hall
UPC Presents: The Second Annual Ping
Pong-a-Thon, 7-9pm, Slaughter Gym
Softball vs. Syracuse, 3pm, The Park
Softball vs. Syracuse, 5pm, The Park

Sunday 4/10

Kappa Alpha Theta Presents: Run for
Years 5K, 10am, Mad Bowl
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5:30pm, Old Cabell Hall
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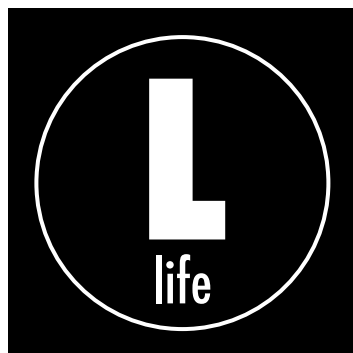
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While each year tens of thousands of refugees seek safety in the United States, coming to the states is often a difficult and continuous process. At the University, first-year College student Ahmad Frahmamand knows these legal, emotional and access challenges firsthand. In the face of his refugee status, Frahmamand has found success and community — a story many organizations in Charlottesville hope to make the norm.

Refugee and student

The challenges a refugee living in the United States faces are incomprehensible to most citizens born in the country. When combining these experiences with an academically rigorous university, the story turns into something much more complicated.

At five years old, Ahmad Frahmamand was displaced from his home in Afghanistan. After facing dangerous conditions in his home country, living in a two-bedroom townhouse with a family of nine and tackling language barriers, Frahmamand was prepared to face his newest challenge — going to college.

“It’s definitely difficult, but I can’t really blame my background,” Frahmamand said. “I was a few years behind everybody else, but I think I was able to overcome that through hard work and dedication.”

In the years leading up to Frahmamand’s departure from Afghanistan, European radio and journalism companies like that of Frahmamand’s father were under close watch by the Taliban. After receiving word that the Taliban might be after journalists, Frahmamand and his family obtained green cards and moved to the United States in 2001.

“The way my family was in the place that we lived, it was very dangerous,” Frahmamand said. “When we got our visa and were able to leave the country and come here on [a] green card, it was definitely amazing for my whole family. It meant we would no longer have to be in a war zone, and we would be able to live peacefully.”

Prior to his family’s departure, Afghanistan was a nation divided, as the Taliban claimed authority though the Islamic State of Afghanistan maintained official recognition. From 1996 to 2001, the Taliban held significant power in



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First-year College student Ahmad Frahmamand discusses how he has adjusted to University life.

the country, culminating in the intervention of the United States.

During this time in Afghanistan, conditions are marked by violence and instability. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the United States declared a War on Terror and invaded Afghanistan to depose the Taliban. In the face of war, Frahmamand and his family elected to leave the country and seek refuge in America.

First-year College student Joshua Justus — a friend of Frahmamand’s — said Frahmamand does not let his experiences as a refugee hold him back.

“I know very little of Ahmad’s refugee background. However, he is not ashamed of his past,” Justus said in an email statement. “He can openly talk about Afghanistan, taking into account ... its flaws, its shortcomings and its successes. I think that, although he has had a rough past, he is not playing the victim.”

Frahmamand said his family helped him through some of the early struggles in his life to where he is today.

“My family really supported me through all of it,” Frahmamand said. “They put me into Head Start and they put me into the summer school classes, so through that, they really helped me achieve a lot even though I was kind of disadvantaged at first because I came to the country a little late and learned things a little later than other people.”

In addition to support from his parents, Frahmamand’s six older

siblings paved a path for him he might not have otherwise seen after coming to the United States.

“I have six people that have gone through what I’ve gone through before me,” Frahmamand said. “So I know ... what they’ve done, and I’ve learned from that. It was way worse for them, because they came here barely knowing any English.”

Similarly to other students, Frahmamand has adjusted to the University’s challenging academic curriculum. Outside of class, he is involved with First Year Leadership Experience and Muslim Students Association.

“I feel like I really fit into the Muslim community here, which was a little shocking because I’ve lived in America for [more than] 10 years,” Frahmamand said. “I thought it would be hard for me, but it was [with a] really simple, fluid motion that I was able to integrate.”

Frahmamand’s past gives him a desire to challenge himself both socially and academically, Justus said.

“Ahmad participates in extracurricular activities and takes difficult classes,” Justus said. “If anything, his past situation has encouraged him to work harder.”

The legal process

Harriet Kuhr, director of the International Refugee Committee in Charlottesville, said the organization aims to provide for the success of refugees despite the challenges they face.

“It makes us so proud when we

see people come as young refugees, whether they’re really young or coming as high school students ... when they graduate and can succeed in their studies,” Kuhr said. “[Attending college is] the epitome of what we want to see.”

In 2013, the most recent year available for Homeland Security statistics, the United States admitted 69,909 total people as refugees. Gaining status as a refugee in the United States is a long process, often lasting one year or more.

The process refugees must go through, before applying for legal residence and receiving eligibility for American citizenship, is a meticulous and thorough process, Kuhr said.

“Refugees have to demonstrate a well-founded fear of persecution,” Kuhr said. “They must explain why they’re a refugee and not just an immigrant.”

Along with medical checks and background checks against multiple databases, Kuhr also said every single refugee has a face-to-face interview with the Department of Homeland Security, which can take several hours to go through every question in the application.

Frahmamand’s story is one of many. It is important to understand what a refugee is, and what the process of integration involves, Kuhr said.

“We are a nation of immigrants that has been open to working with the most vulnerable people in a way to help them rebuild their lives and contribute to America,” Kuhr said. “Immigrants have given a lot. There’s a lot we’ve gotten from immigrants who have come over. That’s part of our identity — it’s part of who we are. We don’t want to lose sight of that.”

Resources for refugees

At the University and in Charlottesville, refugees and immigrants like Frahmamand have access to special resources in unique healthcare and medicinal needs. The International Family Medicine Clinic provides “more comprehensive, timely, culturally sensitive and high-quality healthcare to the growing immigrant and refugee populations in Central Virginia,” according to its website. IFMC Director Fern Hauck said the clinic has served about 2,500 refugees in the Central Virginia area.

“We’ve grown quite a lot ... We now are seeing about 250 refugees who arrive in Charlottesville,” Hauck said. “They are settled by the [International Refugee Committee], and then we have an

agreement where I had offered and they happily accepted that we would provide the health care to refugees.”

Although each refugee who comes to the United States has an individual story and background, there are common medical setbacks many refugees must tackle when they enter the country. The IFMC provides care to refugees who might not have access to health insurance or other benefits given to natural-born citizens.

“Many communities don’t have [a] clear source of primary care for refugees and they may not have adequate services for them, so we created this service for them, which is fairly unique,” Hauck said. “They will have been in settings where they didn’t have access to full medical care, so many refugees arrive with malnutrition. We provide the treatment that’s needed and refer them to a specialist if needed. We do health maintenance for things they might not have had access to.”

Although the IFMC provides numerous health care options to refugees who have limited access to medical care, more long-term solutions are still needed to fill the deficit of access to health insurance and community engagement, Hauck said.

“There’s a lot going on in the community to try to help the refugees,” Hauck said. “I think they often need a lot of support but [need] even more community engagement, helping refugees and seeing this on a larger scale and for longer periods of time.”

Looking to the future, Frahmamand plans to bring what he has learned back to his home. After graduating from the University, Frahmamand hopes to practice medicine in the Middle East.

“If I ever get into medical school and I become a doctor, I’ve always wanted to go back to the Middle East and live there,” Frahmamand said. “I would really love to go back to my country and help be there for a lot of people who need medical attention.”

While Frahmamand recognizes the effect his status as a refugee plays in his young adult life, he is careful to note that this hasn’t inhibited his ability to achieve.

“We were in a Section 8 house for a while, and we were on food stamps,” Frahmamand said. “I’ve definitely overcome that. I don’t want to blame that. I’ve definitely come a long way — I did it by myself and with my family’s help. I don’t want to say that because of my background, it’s stopped me from achieving higher heights than I have achieved.”



The Lonely Biscuits steal Moon Taxi's stage

Little-known opener exceeds main stage performance

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Senior Writer



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Moon Taxi lead singer Trevor Terndrup boasts his vocals mid-song.

Moon Taxi, a burgeoning indie-rock band, played at The Jefferson Theater last weekend. For many concert-goers, however, the highlight of the night was the opening band, The Lonely Biscuits.

Moon Taxi plays great material, somewhere between bands like Phish and Walk the Moon, but their talent did not translate well on stage. It was like watching a different band. Their movements were largely constricted, and a lack of energy pervading the space made it difficult to fully enjoy the music.

They didn't sound bad necessarily, but their lack of effort verged on dispassionate, and at times it seemed as if they wanted the visual effects and wordless wall of sound to do all the work for them. The performance lacked. The lead singer, guitarist and bass player all

stood stiffly for much of the time and refused to give into the beats and rhythms clearly moving their audience. Moving with their own music would have created a more entertaining environment and engaged audience.

The best moments occurred during pianist Wes Bailey's solos, because throughout the band's time onstage he was consistently engrossed with his part. A tangible shift in energy and excitement filled the room whenever he took the spotlight. If the rest of the band had been as invested in their individual performances, their performance would have improved dramatically.

The band's overall performance seemed further below expectations largely due to the incredible opening performance by The Lonely Biscuits.

The Lonely Biscuits were invested in their performance in every way. Their songs were clear and energetic, and they appeared

to be having a good time. Their passion and simple love for music and performing made the audience want to listen and continue listening even after they'd left the stage.

Most concerts feature commentary between songs, and bands must find the right amount. Moon Taxi said basically nothing, contributing to their apathetic attitude, but The Lonely Biscuits were open, funny and honest. They spoke between each song, but their set still flowed well. They talked about visiting Charlottesville and asked for suggestions on where to visit, they gave concise, thoughtful blurbs about the songs they played and they continually expressed how grateful and happy they were to have the opportunity to play at such a large venue.

Overall, Moon Taxi's stage presence led to a lack of connection with the audience while their predecessors were engaging, active and genuinely passionate about their music and audience.

Upcoming drama dept. performance shows the brilliance of evolution

'Arctic Circle' director anticipates opening weekend

Kristen Clevenson
Staff Writer

The University drama department's production of "The Arctic Circle (and a recipe for Swedish pancakes)" opens this weekend at the Helms Theatre. Written by alumna Samantha Macher and directed by Assoc. Playwriting Prof. Doug Grissom, the play pushes students to work like professionals in what has become an evolving and rewarding experience.

In anticipation of the show, Grissom talked about how he came to be involved in the production. He described his move from playwriting to academia as one made "on a whim."

Grissom started writing letters to universities while working part-time in New York's theater industry and found himself in a position at West Virginia University. Upon taking the job, Grissom said he was nervous but pleasantly rewarded. He eventually ended up at the University because of it.

Grissom articulated how playwriting differs from directing, even though he maintained that they work together organically.

"It's interesting because they're so connected in a lot of ways in terms of what you're trying to do," Grissom said.

He also brought up the differences between the roles.

"Generating material is a solitary art," he said. "[And] directing is very collaborative."

Grissom said he is excited to be working with his former student, Macher. The two workshoped one of her past plays entitled "Arctic Circle," and broadened it into the full show. The play had already been produced and published, but their collaboration gave Macher the chance to "work on it and expand it."

"It starts with the script — I love the script itself," Grissom said.

Grissom's previous experience includes Off-Broadway and regional productions, but he explained he has actually done a lot more work with students.

"We try to give the students as much as of professional experience as we can," he said.

Both the director and actors have enjoyed the experience. Ali Cheraghpour, a second-year College student who plays John and Howard in the show, said being treated like a professional is one of the most rewarding parts of the process.

"When I'm given direction, I am responsible to get there, and that's been pushing me to do more, which I like," he said. "It's my first U.Va. drama show, and it's an all undergrad cast. ... That doesn't happen too often."

The process of improving Macher's work has been special to Grissom.

"I haven't grown tired of working with the play," he said. "I liked the play when I first read it ... [and the more I've worked with it] the more I've loved it, and that doesn't always happen."

With such fantastic talent, a dynamic stage and an all-new script, this show is sure to impress.



Courtesy Mike Bailey

The lead cast of "Arctic Circle" strikes a pose.



Spectrum show brings laughter and tears

Actors in 'Putnam County Spelling Bee' put positive spin on life's imperfections

Anna Morgan
Senior Writer

Spectrum Theater's opening night of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" had a near-full house, a well-deserved achievement since the show was so dynamic. Audience members laughed, cried and squirmed in their seats. Discomfort, shock and relief overtook them as tragedy morphed into empowerment.

On the surface, each character was different and commanded a distinct personality, especially when it came to their personal techniques for spelling words. They all had clear, individual backstories or internal struggles, which the audience gradually learned. The juxtapo-

sition of so many emotions and topics made "Spelling Bee" an incredible show.

Some problems the characters encountered were relatively trivial, such as Chip's (Ben Andre) erection, which caused him to misspell a word. Others, however, spoke to more serious themes.

"The show starts with what seems like a bunch of happy and energetic kids, but you find out their backstory and the tragedy that they've experience at a young age, whether it's the pressure from school, feeling dumb or parents who are unsupportive," Director Lucy Gordon Smith, a third-year College student, said. "I find that this is often what life is like. Something amazing will happen, but something terrible will happen

as well."

This tension of the positive versus negative was a common theme throughout the show.

Smith said the most difficult part of the process was having to narrow down her visions while still showcasing the diversely talented cast and crew, who took on their roles with unique and interesting perspectives.

"I would have one idea in my brain for how the scene should look, but then my actors personalized it and added their ideas to it, and the scenes looked better than I could ever imagine," Smith added.

A significant part of the show is audience member participation. Upon purchasing their ticket, viewers had a chance to enter a raffle to participate in the show. Three lucky winners

were able to sit on stage and attempt to spell words, including "mizzle," "Mexican" and "cow," throughout the first half of the performance. These simple words not only elicited laughs from the audience but fury and frustration from the real cast members, resulting in a musical number venting their pent-up sentiments.

"Spelling Bee" allows for references that are not explicitly scripted, only enhancing the show. Whenever guest spellers took the stage, for instance, the judges would spout comical, obviously untrue facts about the contestants. There were also references in the show to college life in general. One particular highlight was when Jesus Christ (Josh Gritz) entered a scene, referencing a past First Year Play-

ers' show, "Godspell."

Beyond the humor and innocence of the show, "Spelling Bee" provides a unique commentary on the pressures and imperfections of life — academic, social and personal. Through the different characters, audience members could perhaps find shadows of their own childhood, or even their present self, and take comfort in knowing everyone else has their own internal battles and worries. The show was more than just fun and games, though it certainly emphasized recognizing the positives. It was a very real portrayal of the ups and down everyone faces in life.

Courtesy Jacyln Lund

'Honest' band returns to Charlottesville

JOHNNYSWIM to play at Jefferson Theater

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Senior Writer

Husband and wife Abner Ramirez and Amanda Sudano of JOHNNYSWIM are bringing their hit songs "Home" and "Diamonds" to Jefferson Theater April 25.

The two met in Nashville initially at a coffee shop and then again at church.

"I remember showing up and seeing him across the room and thinking he was so cute," Sudano said. "There were always girls around him, dressed up. If I managed to remember mascara and deodorant I was good."

A sense of humor exudes from both Sudano and Ramirez.

Regarding the origin of the band's name, Ramirez told a story about a life-changing ultimate frisbee game. "We were playing ultimate Frisbee at this little property by a lake," he said. "A friend of ours who can't really swim that well, named Johnny, was there. ... He fell into the lake. Instead of helping him, Amanda yells, 'Swim, Johnny, Swim!'"

Sudano's plea, "Swim, Johnny, Swim," became the original name of the band, and the two later shortened the name to JOHNNYSWIM.

While Ramirez and Sudano

are bound by marriage, the two have completely different musical backgrounds. Sudano is the daughter of "Last Dance" disco singer, the late Donna Summer, and Ramirez was trained at the famed Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, a performing arts high school in Florida.

When asked if her mother's music influenced her, Sudano responded, "Never. She was never pushy about anything except following your passion. What I did inherit from my mother would be working hard — loving what you do and who you're with."

That seems to be the couple's motto, as evident in their con-

cert videos. The two have a son together named Joaquin, who was involved in one of the band's favorite on-stage moments at the New Orleans Jazz Fest.

"We just had so much fun," Sudano said. "There were thousands and thousands of people. We all seemed to be on the same page."

Their other favorite moment was here at the Jefferson when their son came out on stage, which Sudano called "his debut in Charlottesville."

The duo enthusiastically mentioned a forthcoming album they're currently working on. Ramirez and Sudano's previous songs have been called

"anthemic." Describing what word they would use to describe JOHNNYSWIM, Ramirez quickly offered, "Cuddly, definitely cuddly." In a moment of seriousness, he rephrased. "I would say honest," Ramirez said. "JOHNNYSWIM is honest."

In both their music and demeanor, Ramirez and Sudano are honest. Their songs have strong messages to touch the listener's soul. Folk, pop and blues undertones complement their raspy voices to the point of perfection. Their upcoming concert will be an experience like no other.

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