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The Alumni Association's Jefferson Trust allocated much-needed funds to the Thornton Stacks in the Engineering School to provide students with new study space and materials, along with carpeting and window treatments to improve the aesthetic appearance of the stacks.



Jenna Truong
Cavalier Daily

Jefferson Trust funds upgrade

Engineering Student Council receives \$50,000 grant to renovate Thornton Stacks study area

Zachary Peak
Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

Engineering Student Council received a \$50,000 grant from the University of Virginia Alumni Association's Jefferson Trust last week to help renovate the Thornton Stacks. The renovations, spearheaded by

Engineering Council President Victoria Guarino, a fourth-year Engineering student, will begin this summer. They are intended to make the Thornton Stacks a more comfortable place for students to study and collaborate.

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StudCo passes bill condemning hazing

Dean of Students Allen Groves defends initiation mandate; Council members say fraternity incidents represent systemic problem

By Sarah Pritchett
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Dean of Students Allen Groves spoke at a controversial Student Council meeting Tuesday, as Council passed the "Resolu-

tion to Condemn Recent Fraternity Hazing Incidents Bill" in light of the recent turmoil in the University's Greek system. Groves said he wanted to clarify that safety concerns motivated his decision to mandate

all fraternities end their pledging processes and initiate new members earlier this month. "We and the system cannot take that kind of hit," he said, in reference to fear of a hazing casualty.

Groves, a member of the Pi Kappa fraternity and a chairman to the North-American Interfraternity Conference, said he is not broadly opposed to fraternities. He said his concerns of hazing arose from

pledges, parents and faculty members contacting him about the incidents. Kappa Alpha was currently 11 pending further

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Earth Week continues

U.Va. Sustainability hosted a walk of the Rotunda Tuesday as part of a series of Earth Week activities focused on promoting sustainable environmental measures. The walk, which was intended to discourage participants from driving, complements a full schedule of Earth Week activities that were planned by the organization. The activities so far have

included a community garden workday, "Bike the Lawn" and the Charlottesville Ecofair. U.Va. Sustainability and the Office of Parking and Transportation will partner for several Earth Week events, Director Rebecca White said. The office will work with the Charlottesville Area Mountain Bike Club to clear out paths along the Rivanna Trail, and it will host a bike maintenance

clinic Thursday outside Observatory Hill. Other Earth Week activities will include a final work day at the University's community garden Saturday, followed by informational tours about the historical uses of plants given by interns in the Thomas Jefferson Demo Garden in Hereford College Sunday. — compiled by Andrew D'Amato



Jenna Truong | Cavalier Daily

U.Va. Sustainability's Rotunda Walk drew a crowd Tuesday as both students and community members engaged in an effort to promote sustainability.



Kelsey Grant | Cavalier Daily

Sophomore third baseman Nick Howard led the Cavalier bats against Richmond Tuesday night, going a perfect 5-for-5 and knocking in three runs.

No. 5 Cavaliers cruise, 6-2

Baseball defeats Spiders Tuesday at Davenport, hosts James Madison Wednesday

By Michael Eilbacher
Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

Tuesday night, sophomores provided offensive power early and a young bullpen shut down its opponents late — essentially, an ideal outing for the No. 5 Virginia baseball team. It was a welcome return to normalcy for the Cavaliers after a series of struggles in their last two midweek games against Radford and Old Dominion. The Spiders challenged in the third,

but Virginia proved to be too much, taking a 6-2 win at home. "We played very good baseball this weekend [against Florida State] and that obviously carried over to today," coach Brian O'Connor said. "I thought we played really good defense tonight, and [it was] a really crisp, well-played ballgame. It was good to see." Against both Radford and Old Dominion, the Cavaliers (36-6, 16-5 ACC) had fallen behind early, trailing 9-1 against the

Highlanders and 7-2 against the Monarchs. Tuesday, freshman Josh Sborz halted that trend, giving up just two runs in three innings in his third start of the year. Virginia got on the board early, as sophomores left fielder Derek Fisher and third baseman Nick Howard made Richmond (24-15, 7-5 Atlantic 10) redshirt sophomore starter Chris Bates pay for two walks with consecutive RBI singles in the first

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A box full of newspapers

NIT quarterfinal games rarely assume any enduring meaning, but Virginia's loss to Iowa left me with a pervasive sense of sadness. After the game, I heard underclassmen repeatedly reassure themselves to "just wait until next year." But for those of us who will be gone next year, that sentiment is somewhat bittersweet. My second and third year, I covered the basketball team for this paper and watched every game from the press area. I would never trade that experience, but after two seasons feigning objectivity, I overcompensated my senior year with borderline obnoxious fandom. The last 19 games, I gradually moved from the corners

of the student section to the center of the front row, sporting the same stupid orange hat and "Ice Cold AKIL-ler" poster each contest. I let myself feel intimately invested in the team's success, and the end of the Virginia basketball season became a sort of metaphor for the end of my college years. My final Cavalier Daily feature will run this Friday, and in it I talked to fellow fourth-year Jontel Evans — Virginia's senior point guard who was truly invested in the team —



ASHLEY ROBERTSON

about his own experience moving on from the program. "That is kind of bittersweet," he conceded. "They have a chance to go far, and I just wish I could be a part of that. But my time is done, I'm an alum now." I wish I shared his sense of finality and closure. Thursday is my 22nd birthday, and apologies to Taylor Swift, but I'm just not feeling 22. I don't want to grow up, to let go. The Cavalier Daily is my closest equivalent to a team, and

the nature of a newspaper is to publish a story and move on to the next one. As sports editor for two years, I rarely reflected on any one story, but now I can't help nostalgically revisiting certain memories. During my four-year tenure here, I watched my share of crushing losses, including a front row view of Virginia's last-minute meltdown in the 2010 ACC Tournament. But I also covered the only Virginia softball team to go to Regionals, the only football team to go to a bowl game, and the only basketball team to make the NCAA Tournament during those four years. I watched the Chick-fil-A Bowl

from the Georgia Dome's press box and watched last year's Duke-U.Va. game with the Cameron Crazies on press row. I covered Will Roberts' perfect game and Mike Scott's near-perfect season. Less frequently but more importantly, I watched stories transcend sports and put the games in perspective. I covered the George Huguely trial, which inevitably trivialized sports in comparison to a family's intense pain. I also saw the beautiful role sports can play in tragedies. I wrote about Jared King losing both his parents to cancer, and how the baseball

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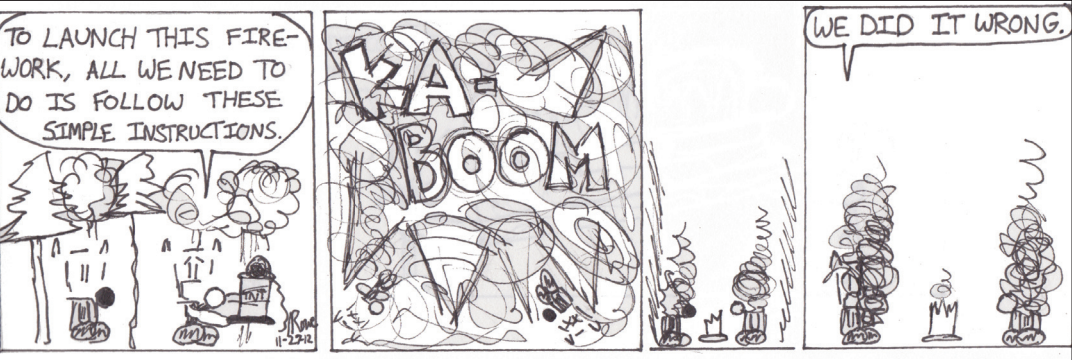
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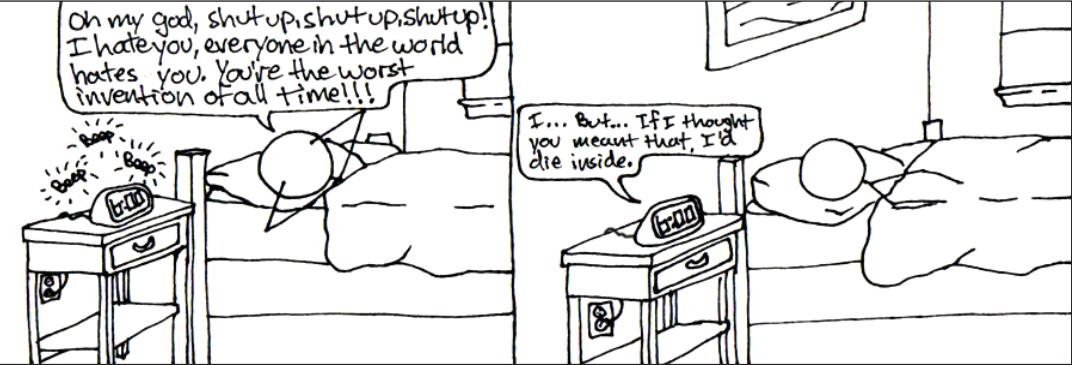
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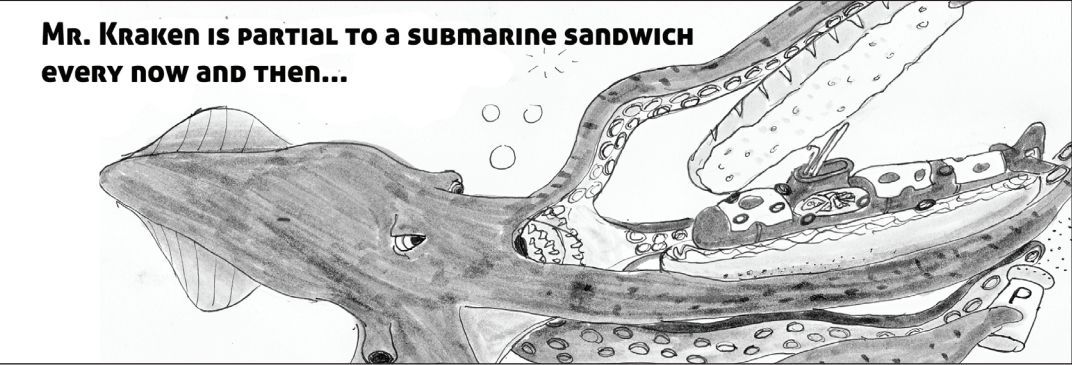
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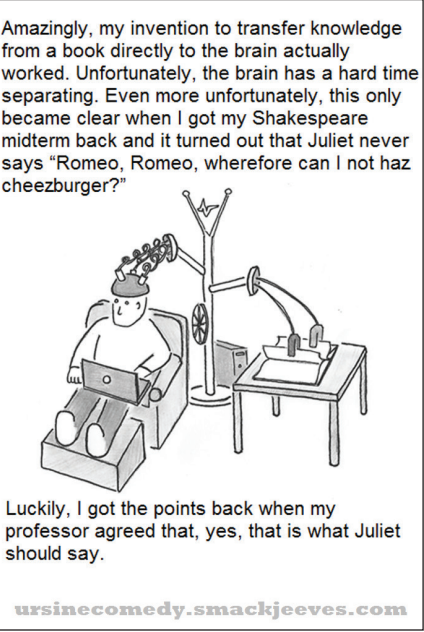
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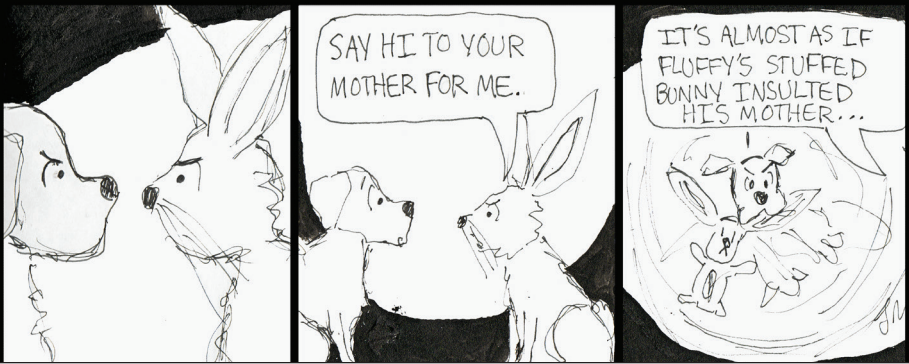
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Beware of dealing with people who are too restrained. Poke around and see if you can get a reaction and more information. You need a better sense of the character of those you are involved with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want important things, and a few frivolous things, too. The frivolous things take precedence — that's what makes you so fun. As you indulge in the lighter side of life, big issues are being resolved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may provide a safe place for someone to come for companionship, support and care. It's nice for the other person, but does it really feed your soul? You need passion now. Seek it and/or create it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order to do your work, you need peace and quiet. Protect yourself from intrusion. Unwanted pests, phone calls and other interruptions will not be a problem if you take measures to prevent them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have special insights into the human spirit. You also see what motivates people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There may be technological glitches or problems with electronics. The good news is, it's all easily solved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Face-to-face meetings are important to the success of a project, deal or relationship. There is much that can be accomplished remotely, but it's not the same. You won't regret making dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You crave the sweet life, which may manifest itself in your setting up dates, making appointments or literally savoring dessert. You deserve the rush of energy that comes from such activities, but do take it easy!

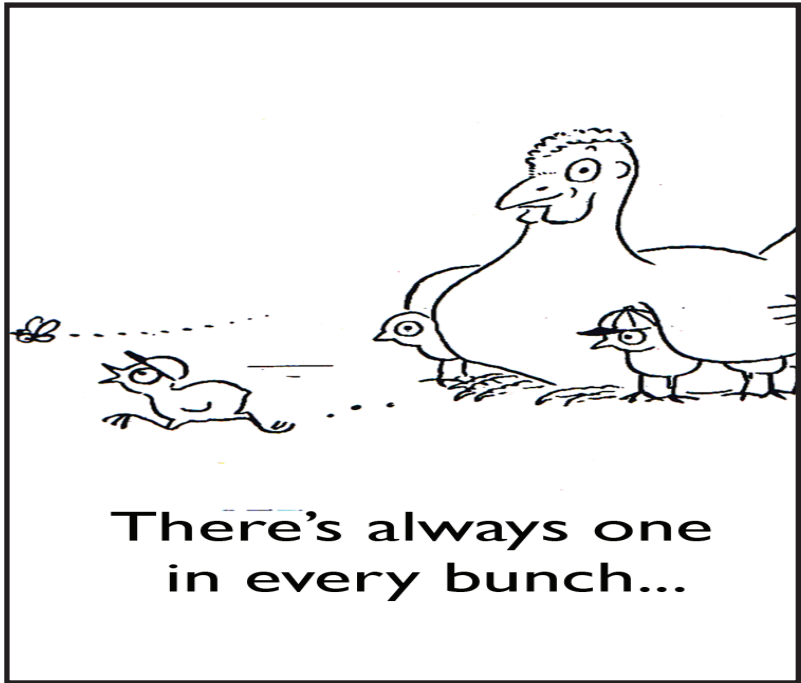
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People around you have money to spend and you're just the one to tell them where to spend it. You have ideas that will create a win-win situation for everyone. And your ability to sell those ideas is particularly strong now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Social events that include all ages will be lucky for you. You never know who knows whom. Strike up a conversation, even if you don't feel particularly inspired to do it. You'll make just the connection you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Theoretical information excites your intellect. But how can you actually apply this to your life? After all, you want change and improvement. Seek hands-on training. Find a teacher who has done this before.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be busy building the morale of your family. Though your group may not seem to need the boost, it's still crucial. It's the extra things you do — the effort you make that you don't have to make — that forges bonds.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 24). You go into this year with the feeling that destiny is on your side, and it is! Through May, you'll get one powerful sign after another that you are on the right career track. Your personal life is exciting in June just because.



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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0320

ACROSS

1 Leave at the altar

5 "Hain" (1970 hit)

10 "I" movies: Abbr.

14 "Whoops!"

15 Ganja smoker

16 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day org.

17 Canseco who wrote "Juiced"

18 Sweepstakes mail-in

19 Twix units

20 Paper view?

22 Step on, as a bug

24 Fun house cries

25 Minimum number of times each letter of the alphabet appears in this puzzle's solution

26 Tequila sources

29 Upside-down-sleeping mammal

32 Candlelight event, perhaps

33 Softens, as tone

34 Hard-to-comb hair

36 Dove soap shape

37 Bandleader Kay

38 Foreign Legion hat

39 Pince—

40 Harsh cries

41 Add to a film, as music

42 Women with espasos

44 Lee Ann who sang "I Hope You Dance"

45 Likely to break out into fighting

46 Half of dix

47 Rihanna's record label

50 Yellow blooms

54 Sch. that publishes the Daily Bruin

55 Draw ____ on (aim at)

57 Having a tiff

58 Looney Tunes animator ____ Freleng

59 Way to get from point A to point B

60 Tea brand owned by Starbucks

61 Mess around (with)

62 Super Bowl played in 2005

63 Picnic side dish

DOWN

1 Skater Starbuck

2 Breakfast restaurant chain

3 Mislaid

4 One to speak of?

5 Creates, as havoc

6 Pends

7 Bone: Prefix

8 Printer tray size: Abbr.

9 Stops for a while in the course of a journey

10 Many a commuter's home

11 Morales of "Jericho"

12 N.F.L. divs.

13 Gummerbund, e.g.

21 Banana waste

23 "Jeopardy!" response: Abbr.

25 Cloth and sisters

26 Lady (doorbell ringer)

27 "What ____?"

28 Goggle-eyed

29 Zodiac borders

30 Amorphous creature

31 Debate basis

33 Sinatra standard

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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35 Birth announcement color

37 He wrote "Capital is dead labor"

38 Orange fruits

40 Posture-improving exercises

41 Rum named for a Spanish literary hero

43 Genre pioneered by Miles Davis

44 Popular glass cleaner

46 Cousin of a raccoon

47 Keister

48 Pantyhose shade

49 Move like a hummingbird

50 ____ d'esprit (witticisms)

51 Slanty type: Abbr.

52 Co-star of Joel in "Cabaret"






53 Pack in the overhead bin, say

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Provided by the Cavalier Weather Service

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NEWS

IN BRIEF

Albemarle police investigate sexual assault

A resident of the University Place Apartments reported a rape Sunday afternoon on the 1600 block of 5th Street. The victim was able to escape and call police, and said she did not recognize the attacker.

Police arrested 32-year-old Louisa County native Henry Lee Jasper in connection with the incident and charged him with forcible rape and abduction. Jasper is registered as a sex offender connected to a 1999 case of aggravated sexual battery.

Albemarle County Police spokesperson Carter Johnson said she could not release much information on the case because it is “very much an ongoing investigation.”

“It is an unusual case, I can say that,” Johnson said. “It is not common for us to see a stranger case like this. I think that we do not have many crimes like this in our community.”

Johnson said she was not able to provide a statement to address residents' safety concerns, but she did refer to the many services offered to rape victims by the Charlottesville Police Department.

“From the time a crime like this occurs, it is a priority for us to make sure that we provide resources to the victims,” she said. “We are with that individual from the initial crime to their court cases and beyond, making sure that that person is safe wherever they are and knows what is going on as far as court proceedings and that sort of things.”

University Place Apartments declined to comment.

— compiled by Jordan Bower

Thornton | Additions include computers, televisions

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The study space on the second floor of Thornton Hall, known as the “Thornton Stacks” because it once housed the Engineering School library, currently has 120 workstations, printing and copying facilities, and desktop computers for student use.

Current workspaces will be replaced with areas more conducive to collaboration — including four group study station pods capable of seating six people with mounted LCD televisions and white boards.

Other areas are planned to be more open and informal with chairs and couches. The Thornton Stacks will also get new window treatments, carpeting, furnishings and light fixtures.

The total cost of the renovations is estimated to be around \$300,000 — of which \$50,000 will come from the Jefferson Trust grant and \$15,000 from the Engineering Student Council funds. The rest of the cost is expected to be covered by alumni donations.

Jefferson Trust grants are awarded based on a project's ability to create broad positive impact for University students, Jefferson Trust Executive Director Wayne Cozart said. He said this renovation project will offer Engineering students a unique space to interact with one another and collaborate on projects.

StudCo | Representatives approve 2013 summer budget

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investigations, and at least four other fraternities are either currently under investigation or will be soon. Groves called the hazing incidents a “systemic problem,” and while he acknowledged forcing initiation was perhaps over-inclusive of fraternities without hazing issues, he said student safety was his top priority.

To prevent further University intervention, Groves and other administrators plan to meet with fraternity leaders in the early fall.

With the signing of the bill, the Council “... encourages all stakeholders to develop solutions to prevent hazing at the University of Virginia that do not infringe on student self-governance or hinder the internal activities of the Greek organizations not under reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing.”

Before approving the bill, Council members argued about its merits, its tone — some calling it passive aggressive — and its specific focus on Greek life. College Representative Peter Finocchio, a third-year College student, proposed the bill for the main purpose of encouraging the Inter-Fraternity Council and the University to work together in a positive manner.

Council also voted to pass a bill renaming its sustainability committee and one to approve its 2013 Summer Budget.



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Health System goes green

Telemedicine, local food initiatives promote energy efficiency, save University money

By MEGHNA KHOSLA | CAVALIER DAILY SENIOR WRITER

.Va.Recent University initiatives to increase environmentally-friendly practices have led to changes in campus operations, construction and even the University Health System. The Health System has adopted a telemedicine program, which allows patients to virtually visit clinicians without adding to their commute. The program has saved 33,000 gallons of gas and 650,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from being emitted, Envi-

ronment of Care Director Reba Camp said. A Night Watchman program implemented in 2011, which shuts down non-patient care computers nightly, saves 925,839 KWh of energy annually — translating to \$56,569 in savings, Camp said. “This results in a carbon savings equivalent to taking 92 cars off the road or the CO2 absorption of 62,957 trees,” Camp said. The Health System has also

partnered with Local Food Hub to use food from farmer’s markets in hospital cafeterias. The use of local foods increases nutrient value while decreasing emissions from long-distance food transport, Camp said. The program earned the Health System a Leadership Award from Food Hub in 2011. Future sustainability programs will expand recycling efforts and reduce the consumption of office paper, ink and toner, Camp said.

Warm weather prompts allergies

By VICTORIA MEAKEM | CAVALIER DAILY SENIOR WRITER



Courtesy Wikipedia Commons

Seasonal allergies — also known as allergic rhinitis or hay fever — run rampant this time of year among students, as pollen levels in the air hit their peak. Sharon Krause, coordinator of the Student Health’s Allergy Shot Clinic, said the pollen that causes spring allergies comes primarily from oak, maple and pine trees. In Charlottesville, the sweet gum and birch trees in bloom may also cause some allergy symptoms, she said. Seasonal allergies occur when the immune system comes into contact with an allergen, such as pollen, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Allergens are typically harmless substances, but the immune system overreacts and begins to mount a defense. Antibodies bind to the allergen and transport it to white blood cells called mast cells, which destroy the allergen. But those mast cells also release histamine, a chemical that causes typical allergy symptoms such as a runny nose, sneezing and watery eyes. Because plants only produce pollen after a number of consecutive days of ideal temperatures, the colder than usual spring has delayed students’ allergies, Environmental Science Prof. Robert Davis said. Normally students begin coming to Student Health

with allergy complaints in February, but most of the complaints this year came in March, Krause said. But if carbon dioxide levels continue to increase and trap heat in the atmosphere, it could result in an earlier spring and earlier pollination — prompting allergy symptoms earlier in the season, Davis said. Carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere may not only affect the timing of pollination, but may also increase the amount of pollen a plant produces. A 2006 study published in "Environmental Health Perspectives" showed that increased carbon dioxide levels can cause an increase in the amount of pollen produced by ragweed, a common allergen-producing plant. An increase in pollen could intensify allergy symptoms or cause more people to develop allergies. Since March 1, Krause said 311 students have come to Student Health seeking seasonal allergy treatment — which typically involves an over-the-counter drugs to act as antihistamines. There is also an immunotherapy shot available for those who have consulted an allergist and have strong reactions to allergens that are difficult to avoid.

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Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Senior pitcher Melanie Mitchell made an immediate impact upon her arrival at Virginia, and her presence will still be felt long after she graduates in May.

By Peter Nance
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

With the 2013 season nearing its end, the Virginia softball team prepares to bid farewell to a legend. This player has led the team through highs and lows, setting an example for others to follow. She holds nearly every major Virginia career pitching record, leaving her mark in the books and in the hearts of her teammates and coaches. Senior pitcher Melanie Mitchell is the face of a program, and has made Virginia softball a nationally-recognized name.

“I like to lead by example,” Mitchell said. “I’m not a very loud person, I’m not a very rah-rah cheering type, but you just have to get people in line. When you’re the pitcher, the attention is on you and you need keep everyone calm around you. You start and end every play. It’s just the way the game is.”

The Star

Even before she arrived at Virginia, Mitchell had the potential to be a standout player. As a senior at McDonough High School, she led her team to a perfect 19-0 record and the 2009 Maryland 2A State Championship, and was named Maryland Gatorade Player of the Year in the process. Recruited by numerous top schools, she chose to take her talents to Charlottesville and play for a team that had never made the NCAA Tournament.

The often difficult transition from high school to college posed no problem for Mitchell. In her first season on the mound for the Cavaliers in 2010, she tied the school record for wins in a season with 27 and was named first team All-ACC. More important than any individual accomplishment, however, Mitchell helped guide Virginia to its first ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

“In high school there’s not

Mitchell concludes career

Virginia softball senior pitcher leaves mark on more than just record books

much competition, so you’re really excited and ready to go to college,” Mitchell said. “Our first year we played a very tough schedule and we were able to get some really good wins early in the season against top teams and that was really exciting. I knew we had girls on the team that were fourth-years and fifth-years and we just constantly played for them. We were a really good team unit.”

Mitchell battled through injury in her second season, though she still managed to lead the team to a 6-0 upset of top-seeded Georgia Tech in the ACC tournament and was named to the All-Tournament Team. She followed that up with a career-best 1.55 ERA in her junior year, ranking in the top three in the conference and garnering second-team All-ACC honors. Mitchell has continued her stellar production this year despite the team’s struggles, leading the team every day in practice and on the field.

“We’ve seen her grow up a lot, and she’s done a great job,” coach Eileen Schmidt said. “She’s a complete package of a person, academics and athletics — just branching out. It’s been a pleasure to watch her grow up.”

The Teacher

Beyond her normal pitching duties, Mitchell has been called upon to prepare the team for when she won’t be here any-

more. The other two pitchers on the Virginia roster, Aimee Chapdelaine and Emma Mitchell, are both freshmen and are still working to adjust to the greater rigor of collegiate softball.

“Mel’s really helped, and what I really admire about Mel is that she’s led by example,” Chapdelaine said. “If I have a question, she’s always there. And she’s been amazing over the course of her four years. Especially looking up to her and having someone that is almost like a friend, but someone that knows so much, it’s really nice to be able to speak to her.”

The Friend

No Cavalier understands Mitchell’s dedication to the game better than senior catcher Kristen Hawkins. Few relationships in sports are closer than that of a pitcher and her catcher, and the pair have been through all four years together — close teammates on the field and close friends off. When Kristen was cleared to play this weekend, only two weeks after suffering an injury most said would keep her out the rest of the season, Mitchell was one of the first people she called with the good news. They have worked together through highs and lows, and the program will sorely miss both players in the years to come.

“Me and Mel were roommates our first year,” Hawkins said.

“We have a really good chemistry for a pitcher and catcher. Mel’s work ethic is amazing. She wants to win just as badly as I do. It makes for a great bond because I hate losing. Being able to catch for someone like that is awesome.”

The Cavalier

Years from now, the name Melanie Mitchell and Virginia softball will still be synonymous. Simply looking through the record books, she tops the list for most career pitching stats — wins, strikeouts, innings pitched, complete games, pitching appearances and games started. This season she started her own club, becoming the only Virginia pitcher to eclipse 1,000 career strikeouts. But if you ask her, the records she’ll leave behind aren’t nearly as important as the work she’s done to improve Virginia softball as a whole.

“It’s exciting to leave your name behind,” Mitchell said. “I’m also excited to see the direction the program is going to go from here on out. I’ve just had a lot of opportunities to throw and I’ve just been trying to be as successful as I can be for the team.”

Mitchell has left a mark that will not soon leave the record books, and will be seen forever on the field and in her teammates. Long after this season’s end, she will be remembered as a star, a teacher, a friend and a Cavalier.

Chemical change

With the end of the semester just a few weeks away, spring athletic teams are wrapping up their respective seasons and wistfully eyeing the summer that is just around the corner. For track, the year-long training cycle is about to end.

For most of us, summer consists of a little break, followed by prepping and getting ready for the next season to come. For the seniors, however, their careers are over and they head off to

tackle the real world. In losing them, we also lose our team captains — and although team leadership remains consistent across years, the team dynamic is still affected by the loss of a captain.

The captains do a great job of transitioning the leadership role to third-year athletes — preparing them to take the reins when the time comes. When the end of the year rolls around, the new captains are set in their roles

and the rest of us have accepted the seniors’ departure. But just because we don’t see a net loss of leadership doesn’t mean this process doesn’t affect morale on the team.

The most difficult part of this process is not having a teammate there with you next year, after you’ve spent such a long time with them developing a strong relationship. For some of us, it could have been one of our closest training partners or even our best friend. On athletic teams, each

person plays a role of some sort, which helps all of us to combine and function as a team. Every team always has the jokester, the superstar and the teammate who keeps us all in line.

This past fall we went into the season without the 2011-12 team’s seniors, and it just didn’t feel right. We had melded into a family — with everyone playing their unique roles — and at the beginning of the year, a large piece of that family is missing.

Adapting to the loss, we quickly

turn to welcoming in the first-years who will soon fill the void. They always do — but there’s inevitably a down time at the beginning of the year when we know someone who contributed to the team isn’t there anymore.

Importantly though, team chemistry grows stronger quickly in the year, and the family connection we once felt soon returns. So cheers to this year’s graduating athletes — your spots on the roster may be filled come next fall, but you’ll never be replaced.

Baseball | Howard goes 5-for-5, knocks in three runs

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inning. “That’s not our typical approach, those past couple midweek games,” Howard said. “It was definitely nice to get ahead early in that game and finally settle in.”

Howard was the offensive star for the Cavaliers Tuesday night, batting a career-best 5-for-5 with 3 RBIs to lead the team. Howard even flashed his ability in the field, grabbing a foul fly ball up against the wall in the ninth inning. The performance came after a stellar afternoon on the mound from Howard Sunday, as he gave up just one run in 6.2 innings in the final game of Virginia’s sweep of No. 9 Florida State.

“I know that he said he’s seeing the ball well and that’s awe-

some,” sophomore shortstop Branden Cogswell said. “It’s nice to see someone on your team go 5-for-5, because you never really see it.”

After Richmond tied the game in the third, Virginia responded quickly, tacking on a run off another RBI single from Howard. The Cavaliers broke the game open an inning later, scoring three runs on two deep doubles from sophomore center fielder Brandon Downes and Howard. Virginia saw continued production from its crop of sophomores, as all six runs came off the bats of second-year players. Sophomore outfielder Mike Papi walked and scored three times, while Cogswell reached base four times and score twice.

Cogswell was recently named to the watch list for the Brooks

Wallace Shortstop of the Year award, and he has been a dynamic presence in the leadoff spot for the Cavaliers all year. Cogswell is currently sporting a .363 batting average and .487 on-base percentage, while his four triples are tied for the ACC lead.

“He’s been a good table-setter hitter for us, whether it’s to get hits, or draw a walk and somehow get on base and create innings for us,” O’Connor said. “The guy’s done a really nice job in that spot in the lineup, and he’s been really consistent for us.”

The four-run lead was enough for Virginia, as the Cavaliers used a combination of freshman David Rosenberger, sophomore Nathaniel Abel and redshirt junior Whit Mayberry to close out the final six innings of the

game. Though Rosenberger had only seen action in 11 games this season before Tuesday’s showing, he held the Spiders scoreless in three innings in his longest performance of the year.

“Knowing that we were back-to-back games, we needed somebody like him to go extended a little bit,” O’Connor said. “Our struggles in the middle of the week these last couple weeks have been the result of not getting off to good starts from a pitching standpoint, so certainly collectively [the pitchers] did the job on the mound tonight.”

Virginia’s bullpen has been strong all season, but O’Connor was glad to be able to get a couple new faces on the mound Tuesday, and he hopes it will signal success later in the season.

“It’s no secret that we’re going to need a couple more guys,” O’Connor said. “We’ve been mainly pitching eight guys all year. As it rolls into postseason time, you’ve got to have 10 ... and you’ve got to try to find another guy out of that group who hasn’t pitched much.”

Richmond threatened at times late in the game, but the visitors were not able to push a run across after the third inning. Mayberry struck out four batters in his two innings of relief, and ended the game with an emphatic strikeout. The win was the Cavaliers’ fifth straight, and after a monumental weekend against Florida State, the team is looking forward to the rest of its season.

“We’re red hot right now,” Howard said. “We’re going to try to keep it going.”

Robertson | Former editor’s farewell

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field became his escape. Later that spring, I read my editor’s touching column about losing his own dad to cancer and his father’s pride in raising two sons to love sports almost as much as he did.

There’s a corner in my closet with stacks of old print newspapers, each of them containing some article I wrote and wanted to memorialize. I don’t know if I’ll ever reread my pieces about Virginia softball’s midweek doubleheader against Radford, but I also can’t bring myself to discard them.

When I move to Palo Alto this August, I will probably leave hundreds of these newspapers behind, sitting in some cardboard box to gather dust. Maybe I’ll forget about them, until I open up a crumbling box one day and realize it contains much of my four-year college experience.

But when I actually analyze my experience at The Cavalier Daily — or this University — I never remember those articles. The pieces will quickly become outdated: players will graduate, coaches will change, conferences will realign, again. Even the physical newspapers themselves will

become obsolete. Next year, The Cavalier Daily will only publish in print twice a week. Eventually, it will stop printing altogether.

That cardboard box, however, will never fully reflect everyone who helped produce its content. So thank you to the people on the paper who made my experience there unforgettable. Thank you, Andrew Seidman, for not only pulling me into journalism, but teaching me to take it seriously. Thank you, Nick Eilerson, for teaching me to never take myself too seriously and giving me faith that good sports journalists are not a dying breed. Thank you, Ian Rappaport, for showing me the true meaning of perseverance. Thank you, Fritz Metzinger and Daniel Wertz, for doing a better job as sports editor than I ever did.

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And thank you, Matt Welsh, for being my greatest advocate both

on the paper and outside of it. You are unequivocally the best writer I know and my best friend.

Ultimately, I will have no trouble leaving behind my box of old newspapers. I won’t miss the long nights in Newcomb’s basement, tinkering with those godforsaken headlines — I hear law school will kill my lingering love of writing anyway.

Yet I struggle to leave behind all of these people. As Jontel said, I wish I had one more year with you, I wish I could spend just a little longer with you.

Last year, Matt Welsh and I wrote in our Letter from the Grid-iron Editors: “People have asked us, after the consecutive all-nighters, the demotivational Charlie Brown posters and the dinners of Gobstoppers and Captain Crunch, was it all worth it?”

Of course not.”

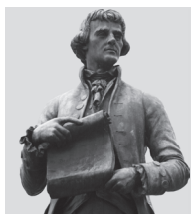
But I want to formally redact that statement. I never presumed many people actually read my work, but I was never really writing for them anyway. I was writing partly because I hoped to change the paper for better, but mostly because the paper changed me for the better. And it was worth it — not because of any cardboard box full of newspapers — but because of all of you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I have thoroughly enjoyed this team. No matter how this ends, we’re going to be talking about this team in the future as a group that worked in spite of the adversity that they ran into in the middle of the season.”

—Virginia men’s lacrosse coach Dom Starsia on the 2013 team and finally breaking its six-game skid with a 12-7 win against Bellarmine

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The endowment of a \$300 million scholarship program at a Beijing university points to higher education’s importance in international affairs

From the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, U.S. private-equity tycoon Stephen Schwarzman announced Sunday he was creating a \$300 million China-based graduate scholarship he hopes will rival the Rhodes.

Schwarzman is donating \$100 million out of pocket and has already raised another \$100 million from donors. He expects to secure the final portion of the endowment by the year’s end. Schwarzman, the chairman of the New York-based financial-services firm Blackstone Group, is worth \$6.5 billion, Forbes reported last month.

The Schwarzman Scholars program will pay for 200 students a year to complete a one-year master’s program at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Tsinghua, one of China’s top schools, has produced both famous technocrats and famous poets — though its most prominent alumnus, Chinese president Xi Jinping, is more the former than the latter. Schwarzman said 45 percent of the students would come from the U.S., 20 percent from China and the rest from other parts of the world. The program begins in 2016.

The scholarship’s creation shows the positive role higher education can play in easing tensions and forging connections on the international stage. Jinping and President Barack Obama sent congratulatory letters to be read aloud at Schwarzman’s announcement ceremony, and the program’s advisory board includes political luminaries such as Condoleezza Rice, Henry Kissinger, former French president Nicolas Sarkozy and former British prime minister Tony Blair. Fitting for a program that promises to bridge international differences, its very creation was the result of global collaboration.

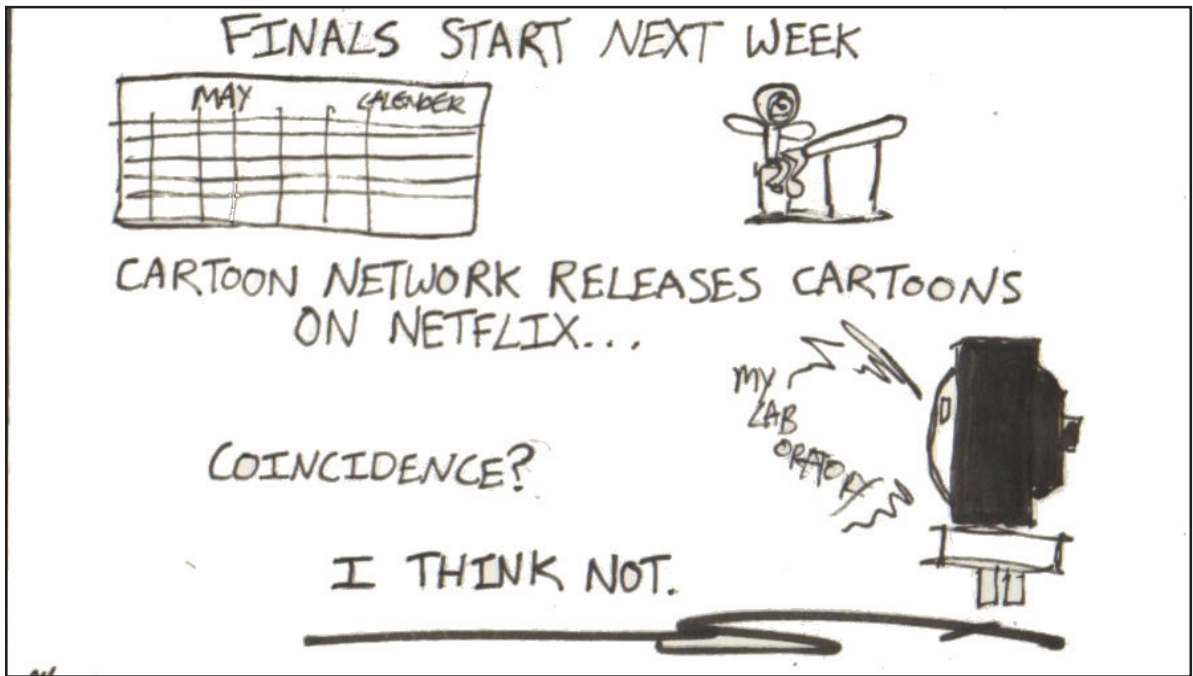
Schwarzman’s endowment is more than an enor-

mous philanthropic gift to China. The program is also poised to be of great practical use. Higher-education initiatives that bring together thinkers and leaders from different countries enact statesmanship through learning by giving top students the opportunity to forge an international network. The scholarship makes clear that residential higher education still has a significant part to play in how powerful countries express mutual support.

Schwarzman’s program seems bent on producing future world leaders in politics and commerce. Students will be able to choose from a limited range of master’s degrees, nearly all of which are oriented toward cultivating juggernauts — public policy, international relations, business, economics and engineering. Though Schwarzman says he was inspired by the Rhodes scholarship program at Oxford, the Schwarzman scholarship lacks the Rhodes’ intellectual flexibility: the program’s founders seem more interested in creating statesmen than scholars, which may limit the level of prestige the program attains and narrow its applicant pool. But students lucky enough to nab a scholarship will still enjoy a superior academic experience, including an immersion into Chinese culture and instruction in Mandarin.

The Schwarzman scholarship affirms the constructive role universities can play in diplomatic efforts. It also points to China’s status as a burgeoning academic center. Future students eager to win postgraduate fellowships might do well to look east. Though the Schwarzman may not gain the preeminence the Rhodes enjoys, Tsinghua’s imperial gardens present a compelling alternative to Oxford’s ancient corridors. The scholarship program marks an exciting addition to the world’s higher-education topography.

Editorial Cartoon by Stephen Rowe



Retaining knowledge

The U.S. should increase the number of available H1-B visas so that it may keep more highly skilled workers

foreignWhen one thinks of immigration reform, one often thinks of arguments about securing the United States’ borders or dealing with the millions of illegal immigrants living in the country. These debates about immigration reform dominate the news. There are recent developments, however, in another kind of immigration reform. These developments are arguably more important to our nation’s future than anything concerning undocumented aliens.

The Senate recently introduced a bill that seeks to reform immigration by increasing the number of available H1-B visas. H1-B visas, colloquially called “high tech” visas, enable skilled foreign workers to live in the U.S. for three years, with an option to extend their stays by another three years. The new bill would allow the number of available H1-B visas to potentially increase to around 180,000. It would also increase the number of visas reserved for foreigners with STEM degrees by about 5,000.

The number of H1-B visas granted annually is currently around 65,000. That number does not come close to matching

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the number of demanded visas. This year, the number of applications for an H1-B visa surpassed 120,000 in only two weeks. Out of the myriad of immigration reform debates, increasing the number of H1-Bs should be one of the least controversial. What does the U.S. stand to lose by allowing highly skilled foreigners, particularly those with STEM expertise, to remain in the country for longer periods of time? Increasing the number of H1-Bs allows the U.S. to stockpile technically experienced labor, thereby allowing for more innovation and advancement in science and technology — two industries that have perhaps the most capacity to spur future economic growth. Estimates are that STEM jobs will increase by 800,000 in the next five years, well beyond the number of STEM qualified workers that U.S. universities will produce in that period. Foreign workers will therefore be needed to continue growth in those fields.

The fact that the number of applications for an H1-B totaled more than double the number of possible spots in such a short timespan indicates that foreigners want to use their skills in the U.S. rather than abroad. Many

people are not simply using the U.S. education system as a stepping stone for career advancement in their home nations. We would be foolish to not capitalize on their wishes to remain here. The U.S. presents technically skilled foreigners with opportunities and resources that they may not have in their native countries. And allowing skilled foreigners to take advantage of those resources is a positive-sum game: workers are able to realize their full potentials, and U.S. industries benefit as a result.

Additionally, by keeping the same insufficient number of H1-Bs, the U.S. would be doing more than just passing up beneficial labor. A nontrivial percentage of graduate students in STEM fields are foreign. In fact, a majority of the engineering Ph.D. students attending U.S. schools is foreign-born. For STEM fields overall, around 40 percent of graduate students are foreigners. And those percentages are constantly on the rise. Yet with the current number of H1-Bs, many soon-to-graduate foreign students will not be able to remain in the U.S.,

even if they want to. The U.S. is therefore using much of its higher-education system to benefit other nations when it could be using much more of the intellectual capital American schools generate. We are squandering talent that we could easily retain. At public universities, the lack of H1-Bs should be especially frustrating. While it is commendable that those public schools can result in the embetterment of foreign nations, American tax dollars are going toward educating foreign students who may contribute only minimally to the U.S. before they take their skills abroad.

Critics say that if the bill is passed, businesses will pay skilled foreign workers less than their American counterparts, thus keeping domestic workers out of technical industries even though they may be equally qualified. That is a valid point. If the number of H1-Bs increases, then so should wages for for-

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eign workers. Foreign workers, if they are to remain in the U.S. and benefit American businesses, do not deserve to have their compensation undercut. Equal wages will allow for more even competition between domestic and foreign workers.

Allowing more technically skilled workers to remain here, however, does not mean that the U.S. should not continually seek to improve on the number of American highly skilled and STEM workers it is producing. If the percentage of foreign workers and graduate students allowed to remain in the U.S. increases, more industries will be hiring foreign labor to the exclusion of domestic workers. U.S. middle and high schools, then, would still be obligated to emphasize the importance of math and science in schools so that enough students would be likely to enter STEM fields to balance out the influx of skilled foreign workers. Though more technically skilled foreign workers deserve to stay in the U.S., American students should also seek to increase their numbers in STEM programs.

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Featured online reader comment

“So when they were offered a seat at the table and welcomed as part of the discussion, they simply kept shouting? They had an opportunity to speak directly to the decision makers in this regard and chose to behave in a way that precluded discussion? Is the priority for these people to be seen as protesters or is the priority to effectively advocate for those working for a wage at UVa? Because if I were one of the workers, and I found out that these protesters could have sat down and discussed this issue rationally but instead chose to keep shouting boilerplate slogans, I would be upset. These people should try thinking a couple of steps ahead. “What do we do if we’re invited into the meeting?” “I know, just act like we’re still being excluded from the discussion, even though we aren’t!!” The workers for UVa are poorly served by these “advocates” who obviously care more about their own expression of rage than the wages being earned by those that care for them on grounds..”

“lovinggunmaker,” responding to Annie Crabill’s April 18 article, “Living Wage rally confronts Board of Visitors.”

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Parental care

Parents, not the state, have ultimate ownership over their children

It does not take a village to raise a child. In a recent “Lean Forward” ad, MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry advocated for increased investment in public education. The premise of her idea is fine, and fairly mundane. I may disagree about how effective such funding and its allocation has been historically, but I do not see anything radical in a simple rallying call for education spending. Harris-Perry’s rationale for why investment in public education is not high enough, however, is where she deviates from the mainstream. Rather than outlining the benefits of public education, or the dangers to kids and communities a lack of educational opportunities imposes, she points to what she perceives as a problem in the way we as Americans view our children.

“We have never invested as much in public education as we should have because we’ve always had kind of a private notion of children,” says Harris-

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Perry. She goes on to say that “we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents, or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities.” The movement to push children, or at least the responsibility for rearing those children, from parents and families is one that echoes more radical regimes. The Communist Party Education Workers Congress outlined such a movement in 1918: “We must remove the children from the crude influence of their families. We must take them over and, to speak frankly, nationalize them.” And while this is certainly not the goal in the minds of Harris-Perry and her supporters, we can find the similarities all the same — namely, an attempt to marginalize the parent’s role in raising their children. This mindset is detrimental to the individualism that has so long characterized our nation, and it is a mindset

that progressives like Harris-Perry would do well to abandon. The conflicting ideas around parental responsibility for children are not new or untested waters. They have been taken all the way up to the Supreme Court multiple times, and the rulings can show us a lot about what the Constitution says about Harris-Perry’s “collective notion.” In 1925, the Supreme Court heard a case — *Pierce v. Society of Sisters* — in which it unanimously struck down a compulsory education act enacted in Oregon, stating, in part, that “The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right coupled with the high duty, to recognize, and prepare him for additional duties.” This judgment

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clearly demonstrates the precedence of parental rights above the interests of the state when it comes to children. A more modern example can be found in *Troxel v. Granville*, a 1999 case in which the Court defended the “right of parents, under the due process clause of the Constitution’s Fourteenth Amendment, to make decisions concerning the care, custody, and control of their children.” Justice Sandra Day O’Connor summed up the importance of this right by saying that this liberty interest “is perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this Court.” The issue of public education is an important and wholly valid one, especially while various long-term budget plans are

considered. We all contribute tax dollars to public schools, which are an option for every family. The argument for more spending in the realm of education is a valid one, but it is undermined by the more ambitiously progressive overtones of the “Lean Forward” ad. Harris-Perry took the issue several steps too far by advocating a shift away from the private, parental responsibility for children — historically protected by the Supreme Court — toward a more collective ownership of children. Contrary to Harris-Perry’s beliefs, kids do, in fact, belong to their families — this concept is rooted in our very history and culture. Public-education funding is up for debate, but progressive moves to marginalize parents and collectivize children should continue to be resisted wherever they arise.

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Abortive measures

New regulations on Virginia abortion clinics are arbitrary and do not actually make clinics safer

The Virginia Board of Health gave final approval last week to a new set of regulations on clinics that perform abortions. This issue has been live since 2011, when the General Assembly decided to tighten the standards abortion clinics are obliged to meet. The Board of Health had initially decided to exclude existing clinics from having to meet the regulations but changed its mind because all 19 clinics in Virginia renewed their licenses last year. Those clinics are now being treated as new clinics and must abide by the new regulations, which primarily mandate architectural changes such as wider hallways like those usually found in hospitals.

Generally, if I do not agree with a policy, I try to at least understand the rationale behind it. But I do not understand the reasoning behind this legislation targeted at abortion clinics. Petty politics appear to be at play despite the fact that supporters of the legislation, including Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, claim that the regulations will protect women.

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For example, as a part of the new regulations, clinics must expand parking lots and have wider hallways and doorways. The wider hallways are to ensure that equipment can be transferred throughout the clinic efficiently. I fail to understand the relationship between those physical transformations and abortion procedures. Exactly how will wider hallways make abortion safer? There is generally no need to transport large pieces of equipment for abortions. Clinics generally offer two options to conduct abortion: a pill or a 10-minute procedure. If a person is having an abortion via the pill, the size of hallways is irrelevant. Even for the clinical procedure, there is no surgery involved. The legislation seems to imply that abortion is a dangerous process, worthy of patient or equipment transport, but both dominant methods of abortion are fairly safe. Furthermore, I am sure that the size of hallways and entrances were built to accommodate for typical clinic procedures

when the clinics were built. My point is that the regulations appear arbitrary; instead of ensuring women’s safety, they appear to be a measure to complicate abortion processes by discouraging clinics from performing abortions. In addition to the arbitrariness of the laws, the measures must be implemented by next year, which is a relatively short amount of time. Granted, the General Assembly has been talking about the legislation since 2011, but because there has been a lot of discussion on the topic, many clinics may have been waiting for a final decision in hopes of avoiding costly rebuilding efforts. Opponents of the legislation — particularly abortion rights activists — have argued that these transformations will be overly expensive for the clinics. If these measures actually enhanced the safety of the

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patients, then clinics should definitely spend as much money as necessary to meet the standards. But, as I have stated earlier, I do not see the point of the tightened regulations. All the money that needs to be spent simply seems a waste. While I do not think that the clinics will close down because of the regulations, it is possible that because of the price of remodeling, the women’s health clinics will have to increase the costs of their procedures. Consequently, less people will be able to afford abortions, particularly if the person is from a lower socioeconomic class. Clinics that perform abortions are not usually limited to that one procedure, either. These clinics usually

offer other services such as gynecological exams that may also be affected because of the new changes. The price could go up for those other services as well, which would be problematic and would hurt women rather than help them. The regulations aim at abortion, but its backers do not seem to realize that its effect will not be limited to abortion alone. On a larger scale, there is hardly any need to impose regulations meant for hospitals onto clinics. In hospitals, where they conduct major surgeries, the regulations make sense. The procedures that clinics generally perform are smaller and less complicated. As a result, imposing hospital regulations on clinics has little to no basis. I find this legislation pointless and in conflict with abortion rights. The regulations have zero effect in protecting women. On the contrary, it is punishing clinics for performing abortions by forcing them to make arbitrary, expensive changes.

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An open letter to President Sullivan

A fourth year calls for increased University action against sexual assault

Dear President Sullivan, We met briefly the other day in the Amphitheater. I was inspired by your words about this wonderful university and the bright futures that lay ahead for all of us fourth years. Something kept nagging at me, though, as I listened to you speak. I couldn’t help but worry that the futures of many current students may not be so bright if we do not address a fundamental issue that is slowly eating away at our community of trust. Last year, a close friend of mine was raped by a fellow student. She bravely decided to take action through channels offered by the University, but the University process proved fruitless and, in fact, subjected her to the same kind of humiliation and indignity that she had suffered only a short time before at the hands of her rapist. Her case is only one example of the profound injustices that many rape and sexual assault victims face here at the University because their school has failed to protect and support them. For the past four years, I have been proud to call the University my home. Everyone seemed to abide by the cherished and revered honor code that has been a fundamental part of this institution for more than 170 years. As you are well aware, University students are expected not to lie, cheat or steal. The life of a Wahoo is one based on integrity. However, as I have discovered that more and more of my friends and peers have been sexually assaulted or raped during their time here,

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I find it difficult to continue believing in the strength of the system. My survivor friends have been cheated of their right to live productive lives and pursue their education without the fear that they will run into their attackers on Grounds. Their attackers have stolen their happiness, their dignity and their right to say “no.” Most importantly, my friends have been lied to about the true robustness of the honor system. What does it mean when numerous students have been expelled for plagiarism or cheating in the past 10 years, but not a single person has been expelled for raping or sexually assaulting a fellow student? If we believe that, as a Department of Justice study claimed, “Over the course of a college career...the percentage of completed or attempted rape victimization among women in higher educational institutions might climb to between one-fifth and one-quarter,” would this not mean that as many as several hundred University students may be affected each year? I find it extremely difficult to understand why plagiarism is considered an affront to our community of trust, but committing rape — which could affect any one of the more than 14,000 students here — is not seen as such a violation. The truth is, rape and sexual assault unequivocally represent a much greater threat to our school. To suggest otherwise is not only inconceivable, but also betrays an unconscionable insensitivity to all students at this institution. One of the University’s greatest

challenges has been overcoming the victim-blaming mindset. It’s an issue that affects our society as a whole, and a way of thinking that I know the University is capable of rising above. Too many survivors have feared speaking out and reporting their rapes and assaults for fear that they will ruin the lives of their attackers. Or, they don’t report simply because they already know the system here is broken — they will be asked what they were wearing, how much they had to drink, whether they said “no” forcefully enough, what medications they’re on or even if they have made sexual or romantic advances toward their attacker in the past. There’s no doubt that the University has some of the brightest minds around, but when it comes to rape, we still have a lot to learn. For one, rape is rape. Rape cannot be written off as mildly non-consensual or just “bad sex.” Rape is still rape even if the victim is drunk and cannot give consent. No one ever expects or asks to be raped. By definition, rape is any unwanted, forcible act of sexual intercourse on an individual when there is expressly no consent given. To the best of my knowledge, not a single definition includes anything about what kind of clothing the victim was wearing or what their blood alcohol con-

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tent was. Consent is pretty black and white. Either it’s given or it’s not. If survivors are coming forward with their stories, and are willing to undergo a rape kit, retell the intricate details of their attacks many times over, and even possibly confront their attackers in university proceedings, chances are they are not lying about it. Yet time and again, University officials have reinforced the victim-blaming culture by doubting victims who come forward and shifting the responsibility to the victims. Everyone has the right to an education, but attending the University of Virginia is a privilege. Perpetrators of sexual assault and rape should not be allowed to continue enjoying this privilege. I think it’s safe to assume that if our founder Thomas Jefferson were alive today, he would certainly be disappointed by the extent to which this issue has threatened to unravel the very fabric of this university. Countless victims have been blatantly betrayed by the place they call home. This is certainly not in line with Jefferson’s founding ideals for this great institution. As the survivors who recently spoke at Take Back the Night put it so well, rape is not just about the statistics or the figures. There are real human lives and

stories behind each incident. But these are not the lives of strangers. These are the lives of our classmates, our friends, our students — our brothers and sisters in this community of trust. As long as sexual assaults and rapes continue to occur at this university, our community of trust continues to be threatened. This is why I am urging you, President Sullivan, to take immediate and forceful action on this issue. Some small steps have been taken, but as the leader of this university, you are in a prime position to make drastic and desperately needed changes to the way the University deals with rape and sexual assault. Though I will be graduating in May, I want to know that future generations of Wahoos won’t have to go through the same kinds of things my friends have gone through. Last week you told a group of fourth years, including myself, that we will always be part of this university. Even though our last day is May 19, we will always be students of the University of Virginia and will always be welcomed back to this institution. When I come back in five, 10 or even 15 years, I want to be able to say that the University has become a trendsetter in this regard. I know the University can change and I want to be proud of my school once again. I want my school to do the right and only thing there is to do: take a stand against this injustice. I hope that with your help, we can make this happen. Sincerely, Melanie Snail

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U.Va. groups promote safe drinking at Foxfield

ADAPT joins Gordie Center for Substance Abuse to offer University students education, awareness activities ahead of racing event



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By In light of the upcoming Foxfield Races, the University's Gordie Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is holding a "teaser campaign" this week to raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse.

Two informational sessions will be held Wednesday evening to answer students' questions about Foxfield Races before they attend. The event, organized by Gordie Center partner the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team, will include representatives of the Albemarle County police department, members of the Foxfield Racing Association and Assistant Dean of Students Michael Citro.

The campaign will conclude with an informational booth at the ADAPT's Safe Foxfield tent Saturday at the races — notorious for heavy drinking among the collegiate crowds in attendance.

Students will be offered cups with information about substance abuse, along with snacks and water at the ADAPT tent Saturday. Sober students who sign a pledge will also be given a free T-Shirt and soda, according to the website.

ADAPT intern Kasey Sease, a third-year College student, serves as an intermediary with the Gordie

center and is primarily responsible for organizing the Safe Foxfield event. The outreach campaign centers on promoting education and increasing safe drinking practices for the day of the race, she said.

Established in 2004, the Gordie Foundation was created in memory of Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr. after he died from alcohol poisoning during a hazing event at the University of Colorado. The nonprofit came to Charlottesville in 2010 where it joined the University's existing Center for Alcohol and Substance Education.

One of the center's awareness programs, Gordie's Call, reduces dangerous drinking behavior by sharing knowledge of safe drinking habits and instilling awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and hazing. As the Foxfield Races approach, it's important not to condemn drinking, but to encourage a safe community for healthy behavior, said third-year Commerce student Jaime Castello, who attended Bailey's preparatory high school.

"Be an active bystander and make the call because no one did for Gordie," Castello said.

The future of publishing

During my second year, I discovered the overlap between my two realms of study: writing and medicine. I distinctly remember writing a column called "The Poetics of Chemistry," in which I talked about a project I'd done that harnessed the synergy between science and writing.

As much as I've loved my poetry and literature classes — who doesn't like learning that chickens used to be called "feathered household people" — my favorite this semester has undoubtedly been my literary editing and desktop publishing course. I've found in this class an intersection of art, technology and culture that so perfectly embodies my interests.

When I signed up for it, I thought I'd stay in my creative bubble — maybe branching out to learn a little about formatting so I could maybe be on the staff of a literary magazine one day if I so chose. I also figured that the technology of desktop publishing couldn't be much more difficult than the Microsoft Office programs I learned in high school.

Needless to say, I was wrong on both accounts. Desktop publishing software is considerably more complicated — albeit yielding of much better results — than Word. And the tumultuous nature of today's publishing industry isn't so much a clear-cut divide between print and online as it is a turbulent blur.

You've probably heard people say for years that the print media is dead, dying or crippled. Maybe that's true, to some degree, but in reality print media is simply in a state of transition. Maybe you're reading this online — on your computer or your phone — or maybe you've got a physical copy of The Cavalier Daily. The point is that we're in a time of change, and the myriad forms of written media are trans-

forming the way we view literature and journalism.

The divide between literature and journalism is an interesting one, and something I hadn't thought of before I found myself struggling to convert a poetry manuscript to ePub format. Journalism has made the digital jump fairly effortlessly because formatting is less essential. When I read The New York Times online, I don't pay attention to line breaks like I do when reading a poem in The New Yorker.

But when our class worked to convert print manuscripts of poems and fiction to an online format, I became acutely aware of the difficulties, especially those pertaining to poetry. Any poet should be alarmed that somebody with an e-reader can readily adjust the font size of anything they are reading. Part of poetry's impact is its formatting — its use of white space and line breaks. Even the font used can convey meaning.

Currently, ePub formats don't allow small caps at all — an ostensibly trivial fact, but somewhat disconcerting to those of us who are small-caps aficionados. When I write a column for this paper, it isn't critical to me what font type, size, or format is used for the body text or title. There is an art to journalism, but its driving force is content. Poetry places a premium on aesthetic, and when you take away aesthetic options, some of the impact of poetry is lost.

To be clear, I'm not a Luddite. I value technological advancement and going paperless as much as the next college student. But I am now more acutely aware of our fascinating place in history. I look forward to the day when we can be largely paperless, but I'm holding off on buying an e-reader until I can have my small caps paperless, too.

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Breaking Barriers



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Parting words

Two Saturdays ago, as my roommate and I lay on the roof of my house on Gordon Avenue planning out our afternoon activities, my roommate asked to see my phone. Stretching out our limbs so that the slanted sun would catch and hold to our skin, I laughed at a picture my mother had just texted me. It was a picture of an essay I'd written for class in fifth grade. I was mainly focused on the line that I had written as a shy 10-year-old girl about the farm of golden retrievers that I wanted to own when I "grew up."

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Trial and Error



MARY SCOTT HARDAWAY

"I have wonderful friends. Four at school and four not at school. Those are my closest. We have wonderful times together. We are on the happy side of the scale."

Eleven years later, I think I have returned to the simple hopes and fascinations of my 10-year-old self. My friends and I are on the happy side of the scale; we exist as best we can. I still want to own a farm full of golden retrievers whenever I choose to "grow up." I have friends who I love more than I thought I could, friends I would call my "closest." And we have wonderful times together.

I could not have achieved this happiness anywhere else, with anyone else, at any other time in the world. Of this I am certain. I've learned a few things in my four years here, lessons which have taken me from the difficult to the beautiful. Lessons which I will try to share

with you.

Firstly, words may contain the whole world. You can scream or cry or whisper words to someone which they will never ever forget. Choose your words carefully. I've fallen in love with people for their words, and I've run, tripping, stumbling, confused, headed blindly in the other direction because of words. Actions may speak louder, but sometimes, it is the simple utterances which cannot be forgotten.

No one will ever matter as much as the people who listen to your stories. The people who will put down their phones and close their computers to listen to your tale — whether it be funny, humiliating or boring — are the people who love you back. They are few and far between, but they matter. And they deserve your time as much as you deserve theirs. Treat these people like they matter more than the background noise, more than the worries and questions simmering beneath the surface. Simply pay attention. It is something

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vividly remember opening The Sorcerer's Stone for the first time. I remember getting The Deathly Hallows when it came out and digging a hole for myself in my closet to evade interruption until the end, crying sporadically. How old was I, you ask? Don't. The Harry Potter series was an integral part of my childhood. It has always, and will always, hold a special place in my heart — worryingly toeing the "obsession" line.

Much to my dismay, the last Lord of the Rings movie came and left, and the Potter franchise succumbed to the grave — and I felt adrift. I assured myself, "I am an adult now and must read and watch adult things." But no matter how many times I tried to crack open Team of Rivals or Everyone Poops, I knew there was something missing.

Finally, I found it: the next installment in the fantasy obses-

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My fantastical fantasy

From novels to HBO, from diapers to twenty and...beyond I am seriously obsessed with fantasy series.

One of my earliest memories is of reading children's books brimming with unicorns and fairies. I like to think my tastes have matured as I have, but unfortunately all that has happened is the infantile unicorns have been replaced by the much more sophisticated trolls and orcs.

My love for The Lord of the Rings was instilled in me from a young age. My family's copies of the books are old and well-

Reality Check



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you cannot fake, something you will never be able to take back or replace.

Ruin and revel in your weekends. Eat too much, make grand plans and then nap. Hate

Sundays. Loathe them. Panic as you realize you've left all of your work for the last minute. Do something out of the ordinary on Saturdays even though your body is in revolt.

Say things with certainty and finality if you really care. Don't

throw around random opinions just to get a reaction. Be kind. Cringe when you see something horrible or taste something awful or feel something you cannot explain. Let your face tell all. There's nothing you will show to the world that it cannot

handle. Even if you feel you cannot handle it yourself.

Put yourself on the happy side of the scale. It is not easy, or simple, but in my final words — words which I hope will contain even a fraction of the truth about the world — I urge you to

hold tightly to everything that glistens, and let go of everything that does not. Because in our Final Exercises, we all deserve the world.

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sion. It all started with the opening theme: “Bum bum, ba da dum dum, ba da dum bum, ba da dum ...” and a camera pan over Westeros and across the Narrow Sea.

I honestly could rave about Game of Thrones until my face turned purple. It has it out for me. It's trying to turn me into one of those people who sets

images of the characters as their Facebook profile pictures. I am inches away from teaching myself High Valyrian, but the only person who would listen would be my cat. I want a dragon.

I learned about the show roughly two seasons in. This allowed me to watch all the episodes all at once, indulging in my appetite for instant gratification — more Jon Snow! More

whiny King's Landing drama! Why watch reality television when you could watch a fantasy version of reality TV? Real Housewives of Atlanta has nothing on the female powers-that-be in the capital of the Seven Kingdoms.

Unfortunately, having fully caught up, my watching is now spread out across seven day segments. I spend each second counting down until

the next episode, which I then naturally watch everyday until the following premier. I find myself anxiously drifting in and out of Game of Thrones daydreams in class, wondering what will happen next, who will go where, who will die or get married. I don't have time for actual people anymore. Sorry, guys. The Starks are my real best friends.

The really good news about

this series, other than it being the most brilliant thing ever, is that there is no end in sight for the books — meaning the same must be for the TV show. Endless Game of Thrones! A dream come true for a closet addict like me.

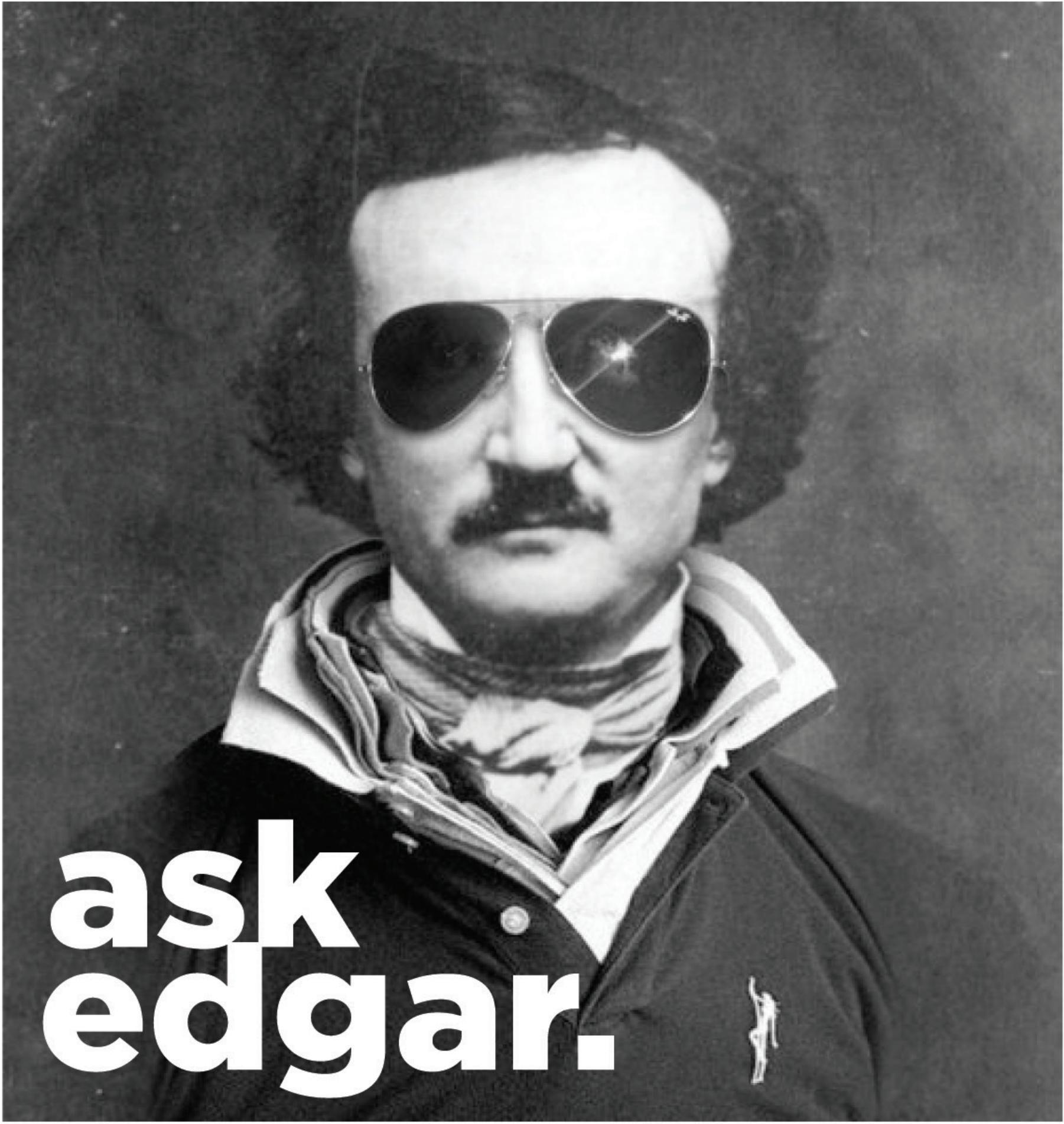
Now if only it could be Sunday already.

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