



Being Phi Psi

Two months later, fraternity reflects upon what it is like to be at the center of a media firestorm

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For many students, the Rolling Stone saga began Wednesday, Nov. 19. The article, posted online that morning, prompted a series of protests and meetings, before being thrown under strict scrutiny after a host of discrepancies came to light in December. The narrative was capped in mid-January, when police said an investigation found no evidence that Phi Kappa Psi, the fraternity at the center of the story of an alleged gang rape of then-first-year student Jackie, was involved in the incident.

But for Stephen Scipione, a third-year College student and president of Phi Psi, things started months prior. A representative from his fraternity's national organization flew to Charlottesville Sept. 17 — Scipione's 21st birthday. In a meeting with chapter leadership, the representative asked about a gang rape allegation — a story he had heard from someone within the University administration.

"We basically just looked at each other and our mouths were just open," Scipione said.

A follow-up meeting with the chapter's 65 members went much the same way.

"You'd think that one person would maybe look down or not make an emotional face, but no — everybody was just completely, completely in awe," he said.

The meeting was the beginning of what would be an unparalleled semester for Phi Psi — one that made their house, a building which towers over Mad Bowl, "the most infamous fraternity house in America," as Scipione puts it.

The national chapter represent-

ative encouraged the fraternity to conduct an internal investigation. They did, but with few details about the allegations, there was only so much they could do.

Bracing themselves for the article's release, the fraternity worked to implement a series of reforms throughout the semester — limiting parties and going through trainings on sexual assault and bystander intervention.

"It was frustrating for a lot of people — they had done nothing wrong, but they were indirectly being punished," Scipione said. "But everyone took it very maturely. Given the situation, they handled it very, very responsibly — which I'm proud of."

But weeks of planning and investigation did not prepare the fraternity for the onslaught of attention it received once the article spread throughout the University community and permeated national dialogue about rape, college student safety and Greek culture.

The article's allegations, Scipione said, were "10 times worse than we were ever expecting." He read the story early that Wednesday. The family friend of a fraternity brother had found a printed copy of Rolling Stone at Barnes and Noble a few hours before the article was published online.

"I'll never forget that morning," Scipione said. "I was not the first one to read it, but I was watching others read it. And it was tough. Seeing the look in their eyes. Most had to step out of the room to read it."

They scanned the article's pages and sent it out to the fraternity's

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Students, professor call for lawsuit

Law Prof. Robert Turner says University, Phi Kappa Psi may have grounds to sue publication, Sabrina Erdely

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Corrections

In a Jan. 22 edition of The Cavalier Daily, an article on minimum wage incorrectly stated the language of Sen. Linda Puller's bill. The legislation would have raised minimum wage to \$8, not \$10.10.

Law School Prof. Robert F. Turner and his son Thomas Turner, a third-year Batten School student, released an article last month in the Richmond Times Dispatch titled, "It's time for a U.Va. apology." In it, they argue Rolling Stone inappropriately handled its investigative report of University Greek Life and an alleged sexual assault described in the November article, "A Rape on Campus."

Since the article's publication, Robert Turner has said the University and its Phi Kappa Psi fraternity chapter may have grounds to sue Rolling Stone and Sabrina Rubin Erdely — the article's author.

Robert Turner said the standard for a lawsuit against Rolling Stone could be the Supreme Court case *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, a case considering an advertisement run in the New York Times which incorrectly accused Alabama police of making seven arrests of Martin Luther King, Jr. among other claims. The case went in the favor of the Times and established actual malice, a principle which allows media sources to legally make false claims so long as they do not do so knowingly.

Any lawsuit against Rolling Stone, as filed by Phi Kappa Psi or any other fraternity with a University chapter, would likely need to demonstrate that Rolling Stone

knowingly published untrue information which damaged the fraternity chapter and its members.

Third-year College student Stephen Scipione, University Phi Kappa Psi Chapter President, said his fraternity is still considering whether to pursue legal action.

"We haven't taken anything off the table," he said. "I'm not a lawyer, and we haven't hired a lawyer. We have advisors who are lawyers by trade, but we have not hired a lawyer as a chapter to represent us moving forward."

Scipione said they will consider all of their options after rush.

"But it is something that as we finish through rush and we get back into the routine and we have some free time that we are going to consider all of our options," he said. "We would need the full support of our housing corporation, our chapter and our nationals with any decision that we make."

However, many from within the University community — some affiliated with Greek life, others not — have either come out in support of a lawsuit against Rolling Stone or voiced confidence in a case against the magazine or Erdely.

One member of the Inter-Fraternity Council, who wished to remain anonymous, said he felt the University chapter has a particularly strong case because the damage caused by Rolling Stone focused heavily on its individual members.

"I think all those guys went through hell," he said. "In quantifiable ways, their house suffered



Phi Kappa Psi (right) was targeted in a 2014 Rolling Stone article chronicling a rape that has since been brought into question

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material damages and they had to stay in a hotel. They also suffered in less tangible ways, like emotional distress."

The IFC member said the Charlottesville Police Department determination that the alleged sexual assault described in the article did not occur at Phi Kappa Psi further strengthened any potential case.

Robert Turner said he, too, believed Phi Kappa Psi may have a case against Rolling Stone because they had been clearly defamed, discredited with language his son described as libelous.

"Characterizing U.Va. as 'the rape school' with a 'culture of sexual violence' — and presenting as

fact a horrendous gang rape without any effort to check the key facts — would likely constitute legal defamation," Thomas Turner said in an email. "And reporting that Phi Kappa Psi instructed pledges to gang-rape a fellow student as part of its initiation policy would certainly seem like libel to me."

Robert Turner said it would be easy to prove that the article has damaged the reputation of the University, citing friends who have told him they will not send their daughters to the University.

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Cavalier Daily elects 126th staff, first all-female MB

Newspaper gathers Saturday to select next managing board, junior boards, Julia Horowitz elected Editor-in-Chief

Jenna Dickerson
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The Cavalier Daily held elections for its 126th term Saturday, electing an all-female Managing Board for the first time in the paper's history.

Third-year College student Julia Horowitz — who served as an assistant managing editor for the last year and as Life editor before that — was elected Editor-in-Chief.

Horowitz said she plans to improve relations with organizations around Grounds so that readers see the paper as an asset which can work constructively with student groups.

“Our core goal as an institution is to provide this community with information,” she said. “I want to build relationships with people where they feel that they can come to us with tips.”

Horowitz outlined goals for internal restructuring, aimed toward improving the operations of the entirely student-run organization.

“I have a few internal goals for the paper — one of those is [to make sure] that we are working as efficiently as possible, so there might be some infrastructural adjustments,” Horowitz said. “I’m also hoping to work with a lot of our business staffers to make a plan so we can ensure that we are sustainable, because I want to make sure that when news breaks two months from now, five months from now, 12 months from now that we have an institution there that can react — ... and that comes from being financially

sustainable.”

Second-year College student Dani Bernstein, who served as a senior associate editor in the Opinion section for the past year, was elected as Executive Editor in a competitive race. She will be tasked with writing the Managing Board’s lead editorial on a daily basis.

“I would love to build on the work the managing board did last year by keeping the lead editorial relevant to students and keeping our readers engaged, making sure the content of the opinion section is of incredibly high quality, and training our writers to better craft their arguments and seek out sources to supplement their arguments,” Bernstein said.

Third-year College student Chloe Heskett, a senior associate editor for the News section for the past year, was elected Managing Editor in a contested election. As Managing Editor, Heskett will oversee all of the paper’s non-opinion literary content, as well as its video and social media operations.

“I’m excited to work with the literary sections of the paper to produce high-quality content that will hopefully be very engaging to the student body and reflective of a wide variety of student experiences,” she said.

Second-year College student Lianne Provenzano was re-elected as Operations Manager. Provenzano is responsible for the paper’s design, photo and online operations.

“I want to integrate more graphics into our paper and increase our visual presence,” she said. “I think this is especially

important, given that we have a very strong literary presence, and I think that we can do a lot to supplement that on the operations side.”

Third-year Commerce student Allison Xu, who previously served as the paper’s marketing manager, was elected Chief Financial Officer. She will manage the financial and marketing aspects of the paper.

Mitchell Wellman and Thirisha Potluri, both second-year College students, were elected as Assistant Managing Editors. Potluri has served as a copy associate and a senior writer for the News section. Wellman also served as a copy associate and production associate.

Second-year College students Owen Robinson and Katherine Wilkin were elected as News Editors, and third-year College student Sara Rourke was elected Focus Editor.

Third-year College student Matthew Morris and third-year Commerce student Ryan Taylor, both of whom served as senior associate editors for the Sports section for the past term, will step in as the new Sports Editors.

Many of last year’s junior board are continuing their roles in the coming term. Second-year College students Victoria Moran and Allie Jensen were re-elected for their second terms leading the Life section. Meg Thornberry, a third-year College student, was re-elected as Health & Science editor. Third-year College student James Cassar was re-elected to his post as Arts & Entertainment editor, to serve alongside his newly-elected co-editor, second-year

College student Candace Carter.

Second-year College student Gray Whisnant and third-year College student Conor Kelly were elected as Opinion editors.

The Cavalier Daily’s newest section — Humor — will be led by second-year College student Chance Lee and third-year College student Charlotte Raskovich.

Second-year College student Mark Duda and second-year Architecture student Jasmine Oo join second-year College student Sloan Christopher as Production Editors.

Third-year Engineering student Marshall Bronfin is staying on as Photo Editor and is joined

by third-year College student Porter Dickie, who was also elected as Video Editor.

Second-year College student Kay Agoglia and first-year College student Alex Rein were elected as managers for the Business staff, and second-year College student Jessica Godt will serve as marketing manager for the new term.

Second-year College student Dallas Simms and second-year Engineering student Manali Son-takke were re-elected as Social Media managers, and first-year College student Anna Sanfilippo will step in as Online editor.

The new term officially begins Feb. 1.



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Above is the 126th Cavalier Daily managing board. From left to right: Executive Editor Dani Bernstein, Chief Financial Officer Allison Xu, Editor-in-Chief Julia Horowitz, Operations Manager Lianne Provenzano and Managing Editor Chloe Heskett.

City Council launches student liaison program

Local government, Student Council partner to share concerns, common experiences

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The Charlottesville City Council unanimously passed a plan last week to establish a University student liaison to the city council.

This liaison will act as a link between the University and the City, providing a way for both parties to easily communicate questions and concerns.

John Connolly, a second-year College student and co-chair of the Student Council Community Affairs Committee, spearheaded the effort to create this position.

“We wanted to create this position because we think that it is important to establish an official line of communication between the student body and city of Charlottesville,” Connolly said in an email.

City council member Bob Fenwick said he is excited and looking forward to the partnership, and added that many of the details concerning the position are still up in the air.

“We left it kind of open ended because it’s new, the goal is to get a better understanding of the neighborhoods where students live,” Fenwick said. “Instead of having people fussing with each

other, it’ll be a whole lot easier because they will be working together.”

Connolly said the details of selecting a liaison had not yet been decided.

“Student Council has not yet determined how the position will be selected, but we hope to have the position established in the next few months,” Connolly said.

City Council is looking for a student who is interested in learning about city politics and the operation of a city government. Fenwick said the position would in some ways be like an internship, and selection will

probably occur by a vote of both Student Council’s Executive Committee and the Charlottesville City Council.

“One of the first things would be walking the neighborhoods with a lot of students and becoming familiar with how students keep their homes,” he said.

While the exact role is still to be determined, the main purpose of the position is to aid communication, Connolly said. He anticipates the liaison will attend most City Council meetings.

“We don’t foresee the student liaison coming in with a specific agenda,” Connolly said. “Instead, we anticipate that the liaison will

represent student concerns as they come up. The liaison will also act as a conduit for the City to communicate its concerns to the student body.”

Connolly said the Student Council is confident that one student will be able to represent student concerns and added that students can attend the public comments portion of City Council meetings if need be.

“This is very similar to the setup of student representation on the [University’s Board of Visitors],” he said. “There is one student representative, but there is also a platform for public comment that students can attend.”

A look at fraternity regulations at peer universities

Newly enacted fraternal organization agreement safety policies in line with regulations at North Carolina, Maryland, James Madison

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Last Friday, all 31 of the University's fraternities signed a new Fraternal Organization Agreement addendum, agreeing to new safety measures for social events. But some students have called into question the stringency of the requirements, which mandate sober brothers at each drink station and at stairs to residential rooms, regulate the types of alcohol present and how it is served, and require guest lists for all social functions. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, James Madison University and Virginia Tech, among others, similar safety measures already exist.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The Fraternity and Sorority Life Alcohol Policy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has required security guards and guest lists, along with other safety measures, since 1997. Aaron Bachenheimer, the Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement at UNC, said these policies, when adhered to, make parties safer.

"There's always challenges with policies," Bachenheimer said. "You can create the greatest policy in the world, but policy is only as good as enforcement and accountability."

For this reason, he said, edu-

cation and training about these policies is necessary on an annual basis.

"Every year we go through a retraining of everyone in our community, to help them understand not only what the policy is but the responsibility for adherence to the policy," Bachenheimer said.

At UNC, most of the challenges in regard to alcohol policy lie with enforcement and accountability, not with the policy itself.

"Most of our policies are verbatim FIPG [Fraternal Information and Planning Group] national risk management policies, so there wouldn't be a lot to argue with," Bachenheimer said. "All of our organizations already have a responsibility to adhere to those policies through their own national organizations."

Almost all policies at the University of North Carolina are very similar to national risk management policy, which existed at the individual chapter level for all Greek life groups since before 1997, when the Fraternity and Sorority Life Alcohol Policy was first passed.

University of Maryland, College Park

The University of Maryland's 2012 IFC/PHA Alcohol Management and Social Event Monitoring Policy requires two sober chapter officers at all events, a guest list of five invites per brother, "visible, easily accessible food located in the main guest area" and visibly displayed non-alcoholic beverages. Drinks are re-

ceived in exchange for tickets from designated bartenders only.

Additionally, chapters of both fraternities and sororities must participate in sexual assault prevention or relationship violence prevention programs and train all new members in alcohol responsibility and risk management.

The university also requires dry recruitment events.

James Madison University
Fraternities at James Madison University are required to have a minimum of six sober brothers at "non-third party vendor events," with at least one sober member from the organization's executive board to oversee other designated sober members, according to the University's Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils Standards Policy.

Registered Greek events at JMU are required to have non-alcoholic beverages, excluding energy drinks, available and visible at the bar. Liquor and wine are prohibited from these events unless permitted by national policy. Similar to the University's new addendum, beer must be served in its original container.

This policy also requires each fraternity or sorority president, social chair and risk manager to receive training on proper risk management and to educate other members about university policies before any social event.

Virginia Tech

For Greek events and parties at Virginia Tech, chapters' main obligation is to register their event with the university.

"If they're having an event that has alcohol at it, they just simply have to let us know that they're having the event," Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Byron Hughes said. "We will work with the police department to essentially schedule a walkthrough before an event to make certain that they have taken care of all of the risk management guidelines that they are supposed to adhere to."

Only fraternities and sororities located on-campus must register events with the university. There is no registration or approval process for Greek chapters either off-campus or without a house.

"Beyond this, there are no ad-

ditional requirements other than creating a safe event and abiding with university policy and local laws," Hughes said.

He said Virginia Tech and its fraternities and sororities have a relationship statement, or a broad statement which dives into specific obligations of both university and national chapters, instead of a signed agreement between every chapter.

Unlike the University's new FOA addendum, that agreement does not specify policies regarding events or parties. It does, however, emphasize compliance with local, state and federal laws as well as university policies.



University fraternities are adopting a series of new safety initiatives this semester, including requiring food, pre-set guest lists and limits on how alcohol is served.

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ty, as well as applicants who have reconsidered or rescinded their applications. He also said he felt it would be easy to demonstrate Rolling Stone's carelessness in fact checking.

"I don't think it would be hard at all to show reckless disregard for the facts," Robert Turner said. "Columbia Journalism Review identified that their story is the worst piece of journalism in the entire year."

Immediately following the publication of the Turners' article

in the Richmond Times Dispatch, Thomas Turner said University President Teresa Sullivan invited them to her house to discuss the issue. He said Sullivan defended the University's suspension of Greek life by saying it was part of a larger investigation into the Greek system.

"She emphasized that the decision to suspend Greek activities until the start of the spring term was connected to a long-term examination of alcohol use issues at fraternities rather than a specific response to the Rolling Stone article," Thomas Turner said.

He said Sullivan told them the University was ultimately unable

to sue the magazine. All the same, Thomas Turner said any lawsuit against Rolling Stone or Erdely surrounding their portrayal of the University would help to clarify the misinterpretations about the University and the Greek system in general caused by the article.

"Such behavior should not be tolerated, and suing both the magazine and the reporter might help send a signal to other journalists who might be considering abandoning all of the basic rules about verifying facts and hearing both sides of a story to rethink their plans," Thomas Turner said. "A victory might also help inform the public that the story was not true

in many of its key assertions."

Fourth-year College student Robert Enders, member of the University Phi Delta Theta chapter, agreed, saying he thought a lawsuit was necessary to encourage sounder journalism.

"I do believe legal action should be taken against at least one of those parties involved," Enders said in an email. "I am not familiar with the extent that legal action could be taken, but believe it is necessary to prevent this sort of situation happening again. Journalism, the proper way of it being done, should not allow these situations to arise."

Robert Turner said it could be

a matter of weeks or a matter of years before a lawsuit, depending on whether a settlement is offered. As for whether University student Jackie — the protagonist and main source for the Rolling Stone article — could be sued, Turner said the issue is uncertain.

"What I don't know is whether the newspaper reporter fabricated the quotes or if Jackie actually said that," he said. "If they showed that Jackie did make the accusations, then I think she could be sued or drawn up on an honor charge."

The University declined to comment on the possibility of a lawsuit or its potential involvement should one arise.

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Student Council realigns following traumatic semester

After semester-long reaction to crisis, student-run safety groups encounter problems, liability issues

Derailing well-laid tracks

In response to a series of events that shook the University community last semester, Student Council shifted its focus from day-to-day student concerns to focus on promoting and ensuring student safety.

Safety and Wellness Chair Rachel Murphy, a third-year College student, said her committee originally planned to focus on an anti-smoking platform for the fall semester.

"We were really committed to looking at making U.Va. a smoke-free campus just for the health and safety of all of our students, faculty and staff," she said. "But obviously, things came about and we shifted our focus towards physical safety on-Grounds."

The Safety and Wellness Committee worked closely with the University's Security and General Safety Committee throughout the semester.

"We started off looking into smartphone apps and working with the [Committee] on what apps we wanted to look at [and] which ones we're going to give our students," Murphy said. "We also talked a lot with the police department about getting the new substation near the Women's Center."

Murphy said the app the Security and General Safety Committee is tailoring to the University will become available to students in early February.

This was partially in response to the installation of the fence on Chancellor Street and behind the Corner in October, Murphy said. After the popular shortcut was closed off, many students responded by saying they felt safer crossing the railroad tracks than walking under the bridge near 14th Street.

"In response the University put a light there under the bridge and obviously have a larger police presence to make students who live on 14th and Wertland a lot more comfortable with their walk home and to class in the morning," Murphy said.

Proposed student-run safety groups

Student Council focused a majority of their student safety efforts last semester on the formation of two student-run safety groups: Buddies on Call and Safety Watch.

First-year College student Jack Capra introduced his idea for Buddies on Call, a group of student volunteers who would walk other students home both on and off-Grounds during the weekend, in September. Capra originally proposed the idea as an independent organization to fill the gap between University services such as UTS and SafeRide.

Council considered Buddies on Call alongside a similar, complementary safety group, Student Watch, in which student volunteers would provide assistance to students on weekends, mainly around the Corner. Debate ranged between ideas of creating an ad-hoc committee to approving the organizations as CIOs with the support of a designated committee on Council. Most options drew on Student Council to provide support in some way.

Second-year College student Abraham Axler, chair of the representative body, said Council initially intended to support Capra and his organization with casual guidance, but eventually realized the organization would benefit from more involved oversight.

Liability Issues

There was some opposition from council members surrounding the organization's legality and liability, with strong concerns from Axler himself.

"If it's a CIO, Jack [Capra] is going to go to jail," Axler said. "Its too much liability for students to assume."

Batten Representative Alex Gregorio, a fourth-year student, expressed concerns about putting student volunteers in further danger. Gregorio said he was in favor of alternative solutions, including increasing the student fee for SafeRide to expand its resources, or asking the University Police Department send out more patrol cars.

Council ultimately passed two bills to create both Student Watch and Buddies on Call under the Committee on Safety Programs at the end of last semester, but recent efforts to finalize their establishment have proved to be unsuccessful.

Interim Director of Student Activities Emily Miles was involved in discussions throughout the semester for Buddies on Call and Student Watch. She said Council's plan to negotiate the programs into the University's special status agreement, which would provide liability coverage under the University, was unlikely to come to fruition.

"By putting [the organizations] in, there's duplication of what's happening with the University's ambassador program," Miles said, referring to an upcoming safety initiative which will position unarmed, uniformed personnel around Grounds and popular off-Grounds locations on weekend evenings.

Miles also cited further liability concerns, saying that as volunteers, students participating in the programs would not be covered under worker's compensation should they be harmed while volunteering.

"The general train of thought for Buddies on Call and Student Watch is to go through a CIO process," she said. "In becoming CIOs, they do take the liability on themselves."

Uncertain, Unlikely Futures

The future of these organizations as CIOs seems uncertain, due to the ongoing debate surrounding the liability of Student Council and student leaders involved in the two organizations.

Axler said University administration had multiple opportunities in the fall to alert Council of the risks surrounding the safety programs.

"I'm fundamentally frustrated by the lack of cohesive information we were given," Axler said.

He said the administration never brought up concerns about the amount of training volunteers would be required to have if brought under the special status agreement.

"I believe that a lot of the expeditious nature with which ambassadors was rolled out was due to the advocacy of the students involved in Buddies on Call and Student Watch," Axler said.

As for the future of the two groups, Axler said he predicts student leaders will create a community dedicated to student safety outside of the home.

"What Student Council did which is really significant, was it facilitated conversations and it explored how students can be involved and how we can keep people safe," he said. "I am thrilled that students are safer now than they were when we started these conversations."

Moving onto the next semester

Student Council President Jalen Ross, a fourth-year Engineering student, said Council has rebooted for the new semester while still keeping in mind what the events of last semester mean for the future.

"[We're] back to addressing smaller concerns that impact students," Ross said. "[Council can] return to talking about things like academics that we haven't had the time to talk about before."

Murphy was also very excited to be moving into this semester with new projects.

"We're looking forward to a fresh start," Murphy said. "We've got a fire safety initiative we're doing, working with the Office of the Fire Marshall, just so students who live in off-Grounds housing can have fire extinguishers and know how to use them."



Cavs survive scare from Hokies

Men's basketball remains undefeated, picks up 50-47 win in Blacksburg

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The Virginia men's basketball team survived a major scare against in-state and conference rival Virginia Tech Sunday afternoon at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg. Trailing 43-33 with less than 11 minutes to play, the No. 2 Cavaliers reeled off a game-ending 17-4 run to deal the Hokies their seventh straight defeat by a final score of 50-47.

Virginia (19-0, 7-0 ACC) — which shot an uncharacteristically poor 34.7 percent from the field — threatened to pull away early, seizing a 9-2 lead with 17:07 left in the first half and a 24-13 advantage just more than 10 minutes later.

But Virginia Tech (8-11, 0-6 ACC) refused to go quietly, cutting the Cavalier edge to a point at 24-23 on seven-foot freshman forward

Satchel Pierce's jump shot with 5:19 to play in the half. Virginia entered halftime up just 30-27.

After junior guard Malcolm Brogdon knocked down a 3-pointer for the Cavaliers 24 seconds after the break, the Hokies went to work, scoring the next 14 points for the 43-33 lead with 10:41 remaining. To that point, Virginia had made just one shot in the second half.

Sophomore point guard London Perrantes broke the spell, nailing a 3-pointer 17 seconds later for his first field goal since a layup less than two minutes after tip-off. The teams then traded stops for more than three minutes until junior guard Justin Anderson put in two of his team-high 12 points at the foul line.

A close-range make by senior forward Christian Beyer pushed the Virginia Tech lead back to seven with 6:49 on the clock. But just

more than a minute later, Anderson struck again, bringing Virginia within four at 45-41 when Perrantes found him for a 3-pointer.

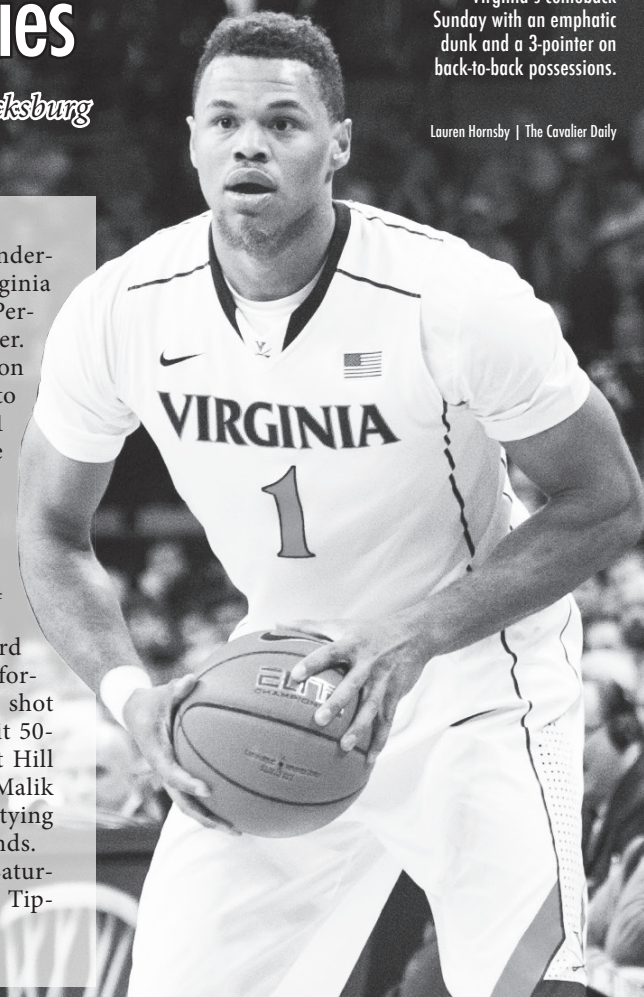
After senior forward Darion Atkins hit two free throws to cut the deficit to two with 4:01 to go, Anderson tied the game with a slam dunk. He then sank a second 3-pointer for a 48-45 lead with 2:44 remaining, the first time the Cavaliers held the lead in more than 14 minutes.

Virginia Tech freshman guard Ahmed Hill answered junior forward Anthony Gill's jump shot with one of his own to make it 50-47 with 1:06 on the clock, but Hill and redshirt freshman guard Malik Müller missed potential game-tying 3-pointers in the final 13 seconds.

Virginia plays No. 5 Duke Saturday at John Paul Jones Arena. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Junior guard Justin Anderson capped Virginia's comeback Sunday with an emphatic dunk and a 3-pointer on back-to-back possessions.

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Women's hoops falls at home against Ga. Tech, 68-62

After dropping two road games, 23 points from Randolph not enough to avoid defeat at JPI, Virginia falls to .500 in conference play

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Unable to recover from a lengthy scoring drought in the second half, the Virginia women's basketball team lost its third straight game Sunday afternoon in a 68-62 bout with Georgia Tech at home.

"A lot of credit to Georgia Tech fighting back," coach Joanne Boyle said. "We were disappointed. We started off the game like we have in the past — really strong — and we just had breakdowns. We've got to be able to take care of the easy things of the game because the difficult things are difficult enough."

The Cavaliers (13-6, 3-3 ACC) narrowly escaped the first half with a two-point lead over the Yellow Jackets (13-7, 3-3 ACC), 32-30, after missing eight shots in a span of almost five minutes. The Cavaliers got out to an early lead in the game, but Georgia Tech retook the lead after two straight three-point plays — a jumper from beyond the arc and an and-one play to go up 12-10 with 12:29 remaining in the half.

The Cavaliers regained the lead with a three-pointer by freshman

guard Aliyah Huland El, who provided the only spark off the bench for the Cavaliers with all seven of her points coming in the first half.

At the 7:27 mark, a Huland El layup gave Virginia a 10-point lead, 24-14, then the Cavaliers missed their next eight straight shots as Georgia Tech went on a 12-0 run to take a 26-24 lead. But after that Virginia junior guard Faith Randolph took control and scored her team's last eight points to put the Cavaliers up at the half.

Georgia Tech started off the second half with three layups and two free throws to take a 38-36 lead. The two teams would go back and forth before Virginia's scoring drought. With the score tied at 51 at the 9:07 mark, the Cavaliers did not make another bucket until the 4:40 mark. At that point, the Yellow Jackets had built up a four-point lead that the Cavaliers were unable to recover from, as Georgia Tech was perfect from the free-throw line when fouled down the stretch.

"In those situations, we just have to play good defense and try to get points off the defense, whether it's getting a rebound or starting our offense early, getting to the basket and to the free throw

line, and not panic particularly — but we don't always execute the way we always like to in those situations," sophomore guard Breyana Mason said.

In the second half, the Cavaliers closed the offensive rebounding gap, 14-10, after losing 9-4 in that category in the first half, but could not take advantage of the opportunities it created.

"We missed our fair share of wide open layups — you're talking eight to 10 points a game," Boyle said. "We're not shooting the best percentages at the free throw line, and we've always been a good free throw shooting team. We just need to get tougher when it comes to 50-50 balls. I just feel like we're getting pushed around down in the paint at times and that's something we have to correct. We turned the ball over at two crucial times in the game — that might be attributed to youth — I don't know. We just kind of got really relaxed in situations that are crucial — in a three to two-point game — and I think those things are hurting us. We're not the tallest team and we have to make up with it with a little more fight."

For the game, the Yellow Jackets dropped in all 14 of their free

throw attempts, while the Cavaliers only made three on seven attempts.

Georgia Tech sophomore guard Kaela Davis made six of her team's free throw attempts and finished with 31 points in a shootout between two of the conference's best scorers.

"She's a good physical player," Randolph said. "Her teammates really look to get her open, constantly setting ball screens for her.

We kind of fell short [in defending her] today."

Right behind Davis at No. 4 in the conference in scoring comes Randolph, who finished with 23 points to lead her team. Freshman forward Zaire O'Neil added 16 points for the Yellow Jackets. Mason also added 14 points for her the Cavaliers.

The Cavaliers return to the court on Thursday when they face NC State, again at home.



Zoe Toone | The Cavalier Daily

The team's leading scorer this season, junior guard Faith Randolph topped her average of 18.2 points per game with 23 against the Yellow Jackets Sunday afternoon.

Men's tennis sweeps opening weekend ITA competition

The No. 3 Virginia men's tennis team opened its season this weekend, completing a clean sweep of four matches in three days at the Boar's Head Sports Club.

Starting off the weekend, the Cavaliers (4-0) faced No. 54 George Washington (0-2) Friday evening in the first match of the ITA Kickoff Weekend. The Cavaliers took the doubles point with victories by the

14th-ranked pairing of sophomore Luca Corinteli and junior Ryan Shane and No. 37 pairing of sophomore Thai-Son Kwiatkowski and junior Mac Styslinger. On the singles side, all six Virginia players prevailed to complete the 7-0 victory.

The Cavaliers returned to the court Saturday against No. 43 Louisville (2-2) with a trip to the ITA National Team Indoors on the line. Vir-

ginia again won the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead into singles. In one of the most exciting matches likely to happen this season, senior and two-time ITA All-American national champion Mitchell Frank squared off on Court 1 against Cardinal senior Sebastian Stiefelmeyer, the highest ranked singles player in the nation. Frank took the first set but the match was called at 6-4, 2-3 as the

Cavaliers had already clinched a 5-0 victory with wins by No. 6 Shane, No. 4 Kwiatkowski, freshman Alexander Ritschard and sophomore J.C. Aragone.

Closing out the weekend, Virginia competed against Liberty (2-1) and Morgan State (0-2) Sunday afternoon. The Cavaliers swept both opponents, 7-0, despite resting some of their top players. In the six dou-

bles and 12 singles matches played, Virginia didn't drop a single set, completely overmatching the two visiting squads.

Up next for the Cavaliers is a bout with in-state opponent No. 51 VCU in Richmond Feb. 7, then it is off to the ITA National Team Indoors Feb. 13-16.

—compiled by Peter Nance

Swim and dive teams come up short against visiting Tar Heels

No. 6 women's team unable to complete comeback against No. 18 North Carolina on senior day as freestyle relay comes in second

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To the surprise of many, the Virginia women's swimming and diving team provided the same heart-pounding action against North Carolina as they did a year ago. Only this time around, the Cavaliers found themselves on the wrong side of the outcome.

Down 138.5-125.5 with just two events remaining, Virginia needed a 1-2 finish in the 200-yard individual medley followed by a victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay to avoid the upset.

Junior Courtney Bartholomew and senior Ellen Williamson gave the Aquatic and Fitness Center crowd life when they successfully completed the first step, but the ensuing Virginia relay team — made up mostly of distance swimmers instead of sprinters — finished just over a second shy of the victory.

The No. 6 Lady Cavaliers (3-2, 1-1 ACC) ultimately fell by a score of 156.5-143.5 against the No. 18 North Carolina women (5-1, 3-0 ACC). Meanwhile, the No. 21 Virginia men (1-5, 0-2 ACC) saw their hopes for victory end much earlier, as they endured a 192-106 loss against the No. 20 Tar Heels (4-2, 3-0 ACC).

Coach Augie Busch described

his athletes' individual performances as "hit and miss" in their senior day meet, emphasizing that his team lacked the overall sharpness and energy of North Carolina.

But such disheartening results are less of a surprise given the Cavaliers' brutal training regimen throughout this past month. While the athletes and fans circle the North Carolina date when the schedule is released, Busch does not taper for dual meets, instead focusing on the championship competitions.

"You could obviously tell UNC prepared for this meet and we didn't," junior Yannick Kaeser said.

Still, even though the Virginia women would have certainly preferred another shot at several events — especially the 100-yard freestyle in which North Carolina claimed a 1-2-3 sweep — several individuals contributed praiseworthy performances.

For the women — who won nine of the meet's 16 events — the 200-yard medley relay team of Bartholomew, sophomore Laura Simon, Williamson and sophomore Ellen Thomas clocked in a new AFC record with a time of 1:39.02.

Later, Simon broke the pool record with a time of 2:12.22 in the 200-yard breaststroke; she also won the 100-yard event. Fellow sophomore Leah Smith won both the

500 and 1,650-yard freestyle events, including coming in just more than 35 seconds faster than freshman teammate Jessie Gvozdas in the near mile-long event.

But the efforts of Bartholomew were perhaps the most impressive of the day. The junior broke the pool record with a time 1:54.03 in the 200-yard backstroke, only after racing to a jaw-dropping, midseason time of 51:56 in her 100-yard backstroke victory.

"That's the first time I've ever seen a non-suited person break 52 [seconds] in the 100-[yard] backstroke," Busch said.

On the men's side, Kaeser continued his reign of dominance by claiming first in both the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke, keeping his undefeated streak alive in 100 and 200-yard dual meet breaststroke events.

With the presence of just three seniors on the team, Kaeser said he views his individual success as a lead-by-example approach to the youthful Cavalier men.

"I feel that by performing well, I can probably give the team the comfort that they can count on me whether it is with the 100-breast and 200," Kaeser said. "I just try to do my best."

The other standout performance came from freshman Brendan



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Junior Yannick Kaeser has been a star on the men's side, continuing his unbeaten streak Saturday in the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

Casey in the 1650. A little more than a month after claiming a time of 15:31.81 in the Georgia Fall Invitational — a meet for which Virginia tapered — a physically tired Casey clocked in at 15:16.90 on Saturday, drawing recognition from his coach.

"He just crushed his time [from] when he was shaved at Georgia," Busch said. "He could break 15 minutes at the end of the season, which would be unbelievable."

Even with some strong individual outcomes, an aura of disappointment seemed hover over the Virginia performance against their rivals. But the swimmers were able to put the meet into context.

The Cavalier swimmers, especially the women, echoed Busch's

sentiment that in the long run, Saturday's loss might be a blessing in disguise. In the coming weeks, the ever-talented ladies expect to show resolve in firming out the kinks in what they hope to prove was an outlier performance. "If the end goal was to win this dual meet, we could win it, but the end goal is NCAAs," Williamson said. "A little bit of a shock right now will be better later when we can be more prepared and perform well at NCAAs."

The Virginia divers will return to action Feb. 7 at the Cavalier Diving Invitational, while the Cavalier swimmers that will not compete in the ACC championships will take to the pool Feb. 8 at the Virginia Tech Invitational.

Wrestling tops No. 10 Pittsburgh, 17-16, in conference clash

In top-15 battle, No. 14 Cavaliers hand Panthers first ACC loss of the season in down-to-the-wire match Sunday at Memorial Gymnasium

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No. 14 Virginia wrestling defeated No. 10 Pittsburgh, 17-16, in a thrilling, closely contested battle at Memorial Gymnasium Sunday.

The match met, and exceeded, expectations as a grind-it-out affair. The outcome was in doubt until the final whistle of the heavy-weight bout, and two weight classes required extra time to determine a

winner.

"This dual meet was as crazy as they come," coach Steve Garland said. "We knew it was going to be a fist fight because Pitt is a bunch of hard-nosed guys who are mentally tough."

The opening match at 125 pounds set the standard for how the rest of the match would be fought. Junior Nick Herrmann trailed Panther freshman Dom Forsys with less than a minute remaining in the final period, but Herrmann reversed

Forsys and scored back points before winning 9-5.

No. 13 sophomore George DiCamillo scored precious bonus points against freshman Ben Ross. DiCamillo was in full control for the duration of the match, and only the winning margin was in doubt. When the dust settled, DiCamillo emerged with the major decision, 22-10, and the Cavaliers (10-3, 2-0) led 7-0.

But right when Virginia was on the cusp of pulling away, Pittsburgh

(7-4, 2-1 ACC) rattled off back-to-back victories to pull within one.

Redshirt freshman Nick Zanetta defeated junior Justin Van Hoose by virtue of riding time, 5-4, at 141 pounds, and 20th-ranked sophomore Mikey Racciato downed redshirt freshman T.J. Miller, 10-4.

Miller was one of the heroes of the afternoon. He suffered what appeared to be a significant injury to his left knee during a scramble late in the second period. Somehow, Miller remained in the match

and, on one leg, prevented Racciato from securing a bonus-point victory.

Garland was emotional when discussing Miller's hard-fought efforts.

"He suffered about as bad a knee injury as it gets," Garland said. "But he stayed out there and fought hard. We won this dual because he was

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able to finish the match.”

The Cavaliers gained a little breathing room with two consecutive victories of their own. Redshirt freshman Andrew Atkinson took Pitt junior Ronnie Garbinsky to the wire at 157 pounds. Garbinsky escaped from Atkinson with 1:30 remaining in the final period to knot the contest. Then, in the dying seconds of the match, the referee awarded Garbinsky a takedown.

The amateur officials in the stands and Garland disagreed with the call, and the disputed takedown went to instant replay. Upon further review, the takedown was erased, and the match went to sudden victory where Atkinson won with a scrambling takedown, 5-3.

No. 2 Virginia senior Nick Sulzer rolled over senior Troy Reaghard at 165 pounds, 14-5. Reaghard hung tough with Sulzer and only trailed by three going into the final two

minutes — but Sulzer then went on a tear and utilized a flurry of take-downs to win by major decision.

Two ranked wrestlers butted heads at 174 pounds. Fifth-ranked junior Blaise Butler never held a lead against No. 7 senior Tyler Wilps and lost the match 6-2. Garland saw the tough defeat as an opportunity for Butler to learn.

“I told Blaise, ‘You’ve been kicking so much butt that we haven’t had much to tell you,’” Garland said. “Feeling that pain fuels Butler. He’s already extra-motivated, the pain adds a little special sauce to it. I cannot wait to get into the practice room with him.”

Second-ranked Pitt senior Max Thomsen cruised to an easy victory against redshirt freshman Tyler Askey, 21-6. Thomsen won by a four-point technical fall because he did not score any back points.

No. 19 junior Zach Nye scored what would become the deciding points for Virginia at 197 pounds. He edged No. 17 junior Nick Bo-

naccorsi, 2-1, in the first tiebreaker period. Nye started the third period in the down position before escaping from Bonaccorsi to tie the match at 1-1.

The two wrestlers battled to a draw in the sudden victory period, and Nye rode out Bonaccorsi in the first half of the tie-breaker. Nye escaped from Bonaccorsi in the blink of an eye in the second half of the tie-breaker and burned out the clock from neutral to earn the hard-fought win.

“I got pretty tired during my last match, and I’ve been working on my conditioning,” Nye said. “I wanted to make sure I felt good for an entire match, and it paid off. I need to work on my offense, but it is a start.”

Trailing 17-13, the Panthers needed bonus points from the heavyweight bout. Junior Patrick Gillen did his job and kept the match close, losing 4-3 but allowing Virginia to escape with the one point victory.



Redshirt freshman T.J. Miller dropped his contest 10-4, but denied Pitt from earning bonus points despite suffering a severe leg injury during the bout.

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PHI PSI | Scipione recounts troubled semester, looks forward

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listserv — hoping to give brothers time to prepare for the wave of reactions which would overcome the University community.

Scipione said no part of him ever believed the story — he knew there were discrepancies and that Phi Psi could not have been involved. But after a meeting with two University deans, the chapter decided to voluntarily suspend itself — since a police investigation into the incident, requested by University President Teresa Sullivan, meant the chapter would not be able to keep its good standing with the University.

“We decided that the best plan of action was to voluntarily suspend ourselves — not as a symbolic thing, but it was the right thing to do to cooperate,” he said. “And that’s the stance that we’ve taken the entire time — cooperating with the school and more importantly with the Charlottesville police.”

For many of the brothers, the ensuing days were hellish. Not wearing fraternity T-shirts was a given. Anonymous vandals threw a brick through their house’s window and graffitied a wall outside their home with the words, “UVA Center for Rape Studies.” Multiple protests took place outside the fraternity house — including one which saw several individuals arrested for trespassing after they refused to leave house’s front steps. Many fraternity members — Scipione included — stopped going to their classes.

“A lot of guys did not feel com-

fortable going to class, especially when you have teachers speaking out against our fraternity,” he said. “And you have these students showing these acts of violence on our house — and it was almost like it was condoned, knowing that there had never really been a follow-up on that, at the time.”

He said he is not expecting an apology from anyone for the way Phi Psi was villainized in the weeks before the discrepancies were made public — though he said he would like to see some “formal recognition” from Rolling Stone.

“We’re not the victims here, and that’s important to remember,” he said. “It was tough for those couple weeks — there’s no denying that. But there’s a much bigger story here.”

Brothers did receive some support — from members of other Greek houses and chapter alumni, along with family and friends. But the community, Scipione said, seemed to be accepting the allegations and the actions of the vandals.

A police investigation into the vandalism is still ongoing, Charlottesville Police Capt. Gary Pleasants said last week.

Brothers quickly left the house, with only a handful of the 18 choosing to stay behind. Most stayed in hotels or on friends’ couches. The few who stayed all slept in the same room — “the furthest possible point from any windows or doors,” Scipione said.

But even moving and skipping classes could not shield brothers from all the negative attention.

“I received countless death

threats,” Scipione said. “It was tough reading some of the emails I got, I’ll give you that. And not knowing what to say. It’s tough to see those and not be able to say anything back.”

Within 24 hours, the fraternity conducted a review of the claims in the article — noting several discrepancies — and handed their documentation to Charlottesville Police. But they did not release a statement noting the findings until Dec. 5, when they received the go-ahead from investigators.

That same day, Rolling Stone released a statement acknowledging there were discrepancies in the story, and the Washington Post published an article which cast doubt on several key aspects of Jackie’s reported assault.

“That was probably the busiest day out of the entire last semester,” Scipione said. “In a good way. Guys were happy, but at the same time, it wasn’t over with.”

Though the media and public eye quickly turned to a more critical evaluation of the article’s central claims, Scipione said the relief was only partially satisfying.

“It was nowhere near an exoneration like it should have been, and most of the brothers had known that information for a long time — it wasn’t a secret,” he said. “But it was nice to get the word out and kind of move the story in a different direction, away from us. There’s no denying that it was a relief of some sort, but at the same time we all knew that there was a lot to be done and there’s a lot left in the story.”

Scipione worked with the Uni-

versity during Winter Break to ensure the fraternity’s name could be cleared more formally before the start of fraternity rush — which began Jan. 15. Police officially cleared the fraternity of any involvement Jan. 12.

Rush, which finishes up this coming weekend, went decently well for Phi Psi. There was a drop-off in the number of students who expressed interest in the fraternity, but Scipione said he expects to have as strong a pledge class as every other year.

The fraternity, as a whole, is looking forward to putting last semester behind it and returning to some level of normalcy.

“It’s going to take some time to get our feet back on the ground,” Scipione said. “Last semester was a pretty big blow for us. And a lot of guys are worn out and burnt out and want to return to normal. But there is still a lot of work to be done and we can be a big catalyst to that.”

The fraternity played a big role in the development of the new Fraternal Organization Agreement, which all fraternities signed onto at the beginning of the semester. The regulations, Scipione said, will take some time to adjust to, but will ultimately help to make parties safer for students.

The administration’s decision to ban fraternity social activities in the intermediate time, he said, was understandable given the pressure it was under. Though he said he was disappointed in the community’s rush to judgment, there may even be a silver lining in the chaos of the past few months.

Tech. Virginia should expect another grueling match from the always difficult Hokies, despite the preparation afforded by Pittsburgh.

“Nobody should ever be put in that position,” he said. “I don’t know why we were. I still lose sleep wondering why. But everybody has learned from this, and they will move on and they will be strong people.”

Though it may take some time for a complete routine to business as usual, this semester has been a welcome change of pace for Phi Psi brothers.

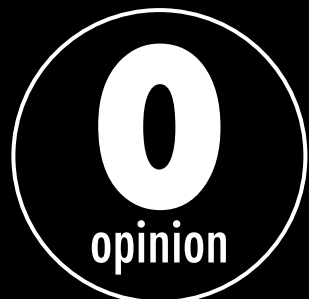
“Living in the house was the first thing that we noticed,” Scipione said. “We’re comfortable, we feel safe. We don’t have to worry about the threats, we don’t have to worry about sleeping at night.”

The organization has not yet decided whether it will pursue any legal action in the coming weeks. That dialogue will happen between the chapter members, the national organization, and the fraternity’s housing corporation — but Scipione said he wants to finish the rush process first.

“We do not have a game plan as of right now — we’re considering all of our options,” he said.

Ongoing concerns about damage to their reputation aside, the fraternity is in a strong place moving forward, Scipione said. Brothers are comfortable wearing letters around Grounds, putting their affiliation on their resumes and holding rush events.

“It’s been a miserable semester for everyone — an unfortunate one — but we survived, came out stronger than we were before,” he said. “We’re ready to get through this semester, through rush, get a good pledge class and move on.”



Comment of the day

“The courts should not be allowed to dictate according to their or a doctor’s personal beliefs a course of treatment. Children are a gift from God and parents have the right and the duty to care for them. The ‘State’ is merely a collection of different peoples’ beliefs and opinions’ and those beliefs are not necessarily better than the parents’ beliefs and should not be arbitrarily imposed.”

“Danielle” responding to Dani Bernstein’s Jan. 20 column, “A moral minimum in Manhattan.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

A sense of community

California’s plan to allow community colleges to confer four-year degrees will increase educational opportunity

Fifteen community colleges in California will become the state’s first to offer limited four-year degrees, pending final approval by the system’s Board of Governors. This seven-year pilot program was prompted mainly by workplace demands. For instance, entry-level nursing positions are moving toward requiring a four-year degree rather than a two-year degree. If approved, California will be the 20th state which has community colleges that offer bachelor’s degrees.

Even though the cost per unit for a four-year degree will increase by \$84, a four-year degree from these community colleges will still cost less than one from a traditional four-year institution. An affordable four-year degree is a positive step toward increasing access to high-

er education in the United States.

California’s plan is coming to fruition at a time when President Obama is pushing for legislation that would guarantee two free years of community college to all Americans. The president’s vision is that higher education becomes as ubiquitous as high school. But there are limits to a two-year degree, as some jobs require a minimum of bachelor’s degree in order to be considered.

A four-year degree from a community college is a low-cost option for those interested in fields which require a bachelor’s degree but cannot afford a degree from a traditional institution. Even if the cost is surmountable with student loans, graduating without debt puts a person in a better position for financial success, especially

if the student comes from a low-income family.

Some have expressed skepticism about this program out of concern that community colleges will lose sight of their specific purpose and mission. Community colleges confer associates degrees to students who may not have four years’ time to devote to a baccalaureate program. Community college also sometimes serves as a stepping stone for students who want to earn a bachelor’s degree but want or need to save money on the first two years. As we have previously discussed, there are limits to this option, because many community college students cannot transfer enough credits to complete their degree in the remaining two years.

By bringing in the additional cost per credit, community colleges can

continue their original mission and expand on it. As Constance M. Carroll, chancellor of the San Diego Community College District, said, community colleges already train many nurses, so it makes sense to allow them to confer the new four-year degrees which many nursing jobs are now requiring. Additional programs to be offered are Dental Hygiene, Automotive Technology and Bio-manufacturing. Four-year community college programs will provide opportunities for low-income students to break into fields which may not have been previously accessible to them, and the overall expansion in education access brings us closer to the ideal of the ascendable social ladder which Americans believe in.

Read the review

Reviews and recommendations can push us to explore new topics

A write-up on theCourseForum claimed the work-heavy politics class was “rewarding,” an Amazon review called the Haitian history book “indispensable”; and the list of “115 Things to Do Before We Graduate” recommended indulging in Spudnuts, Carter Mountain apples and the “Slop Bucket.” Thus, I enrolled in the class, read the book and ate the local favorites.

If these actions were not academic or exercising Virginia pride, pursuing them simply because they are well-liked would be dismissed as “basic.” Last week, my fellow columnist Hasan Khan shared a fear that our generation is unwittingly limiting our scope wholesale, as we opt for critic-approved and user-favored media due to the ubiquity of online reviews. To him, reviews prevent the “genuine discovery of media,” as we lose sight of the “delicate balance of individuality and patience” he considers critical. I disagree that online reviews are a

force to increase our homogeneity: rather, they are a critical tool by which we can test new genres and experiences.



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A first introduction to a genre or experience is decisive: it can become the origin for further exploration, or it can repel you from an entire category of things. It is easy to broadly reject nonfiction books, entire academic departments or Mom-and-Pop shops if you have not yet formed a nuanced view of them. Therefore, an introduction to a type of media or activity via the best possible representation of the medium is important: whether you end up finding something you love, it determines your willingness to explore more. Unlike Khan, I trust myself less to choose a quality piece that will give me an enjoyable first impression than I trust experts or public success.

A glowing consumer review or expert recommendation also impacts the way you confront your introduction to a new genre

or experience. People often value outside advice over that of people they know well. This occurs regardless of the outsider’s expertise: as Mark Twain said, “An expert is an ordinary fellow from another town.” Millennials’ shopping habits makes them particularly susceptible to this inclination: in a 2011 Bazaarvoice survey of consumer-driven trends, 51 percent of millennials said consumer opinions on company websites influence their purchase decisions more than recommendations from friends. For Baby Boomers,

In situations where the book initially seems dull or the class too difficult, knowing that others recommended it may be enough incentive for you to press on.

Khan’s column rightfully identified that websites feed us more of what we already like, as they aim to please. It feels good to be spoiled: a search of “student health” on Google brings me to the Elson Student Health Center despite the generic keyword. Yet it is disconcerting that Netflix, Pandora and Google’s knowledge of my preferences drives what they display for me. I do not need to actively limit my scope; the websites do it for me. For this reason, it is much more important in this data- and algorithm-driven age to explicitly seek out new things and explore new fields.

While exploring new media based on reviews may not seem “genuine” to Khan, the fact that websites have made us accustomed to the types of media we like causes our exploration of new media to

be understandably hesitant. It is genuine for a consumer to admit he wants outside reassurance that the something new could be worthwhile, as he could much more easily stick to the genres he already knows he enjoys. While less romantic than library shelf browsing, caution about spending time and energy on the unknown is natural. Finishing the book only because you’ve been told it’s worth it — not due to reverence for the author — is authentically human.

So when seeking your first coffee fix or trying your hand at baking, I think you are best off choosing the customer favorite Pumpkin Spice Latte or the brownie recipe with the highest online rating. While the “individuality and patience” of discovering new things is often enjoyable and worthwhile, reviews and recommendations enable you to get started off on the right foot so you can feel comfortable exploring more.

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Leave the lecture hall

Schools should embrace innovative educational techniques

In the distance, I can vaguely make out the shape of the professor. He's explaining something about algorithms, but my attention is firmly focused on the girl sitting two rows in front of me. Her laptop is on the CNN homepage, the screen flashing shades of red and yellow tickers — far more attractive than the drab black and white powerpoint displayed on the overhead. I spend the rest of class shamelessly catching up on world news while the professor clicks away at his powerpoint.

In a University with almost 15,000 undergraduates, large lecture classes are unavoidable. Tough and unforgiving, they can teach a student how to be independent and self-driven, but most people groan at the very thought of going to large, impersonal lectures. Regardless, classroom lectures have always been seen as the standard, unshakable foundation of the modern research university, a mandatory toll one must pay on the road to higher education.

But exciting new trends in education are challenging the assumption that lectures must be delivered in the classroom. The



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flipped classroom approach is one such trend, a teaching method where lectures are watched individually before class and “homework” is done interactively during class. The basic idea is to push the more passive aspects of coursework, such as lecture watching, out of the classroom and to replace them with interactive homework-style activities. If educators were asked about such a dramatic method of teaching in the pre-

Khan Academy era, most would have immediately dismissed the idea as foolish. Yet ever since the stunning success of Salman Khan's revolutionary video lecture site, a larger shift in education is beginning to undermine how we think about the transfer of academic knowledge. With 10 million users as of February 2014, Khan Academy's popularity is proof that entire lecture series on topics ranging from macroeconomics to organic chemistry can be condensed into small bite-sized videos. Simultaneously, professional education websites like Coursera offer hundreds of full length online courses through the video-lecture format pioneered by Khan. Udacity, edX,

and Coursera are just the beginning of a new wave of massive open online courses (MOOCs) providers that are changing the very fundamentals of higher education. Already, over 5 million people are enrolled in Coursera's online classrooms across 190 countries, giving some of the world's poorest peoples access to affordable, Stanford-level education.

With the availability of such vast bodies of knowledge open to the global public, many have begun to question the use of spending tens of thousands of dollars on tuition to attend prestigious universities when the route to higher education is seemingly a simple click away. Of course, the one place where MOOCs truly fail is with respect to interaction and dialogue. With hundreds of people participating in each individual MOOC, student-teacher and student-student interaction is nearly impossible, and individual feedback is out of the question. One cannot question the video lectures or raise arguments against the teaching material, and the absence of an active dialogue limits the dynamic, multifaceted exploration of topics.

But is there really a difference between attending a lifeless

lecture and watching a video lecture? Many argue that since large lectures provide the same amount of practically nonexistent student-teacher interaction, the mega-lecture will be replaced with MOOCs in the near future. Here is where the idea of the flipped classroom comes in: by pushing classroom lectures into online video formats, students can passively learn factual lecture content on their own time but engage in useful activities during class. Designed by the professor and proctored by teaching assis-

we should make it mandatory for professors to post online lecture recordings for students enrolled in large classes. While Patel emphasizes this would allow for more self-directed learning, he also writes, “with all due respect to faculty members who want full lecture halls, it does not really matter if students physically show up to class.” While I don't believe lecture attendance is completely useless, I believe Patel is on to something. Many of the University's lecture halls have become places of passive learning, where professors simply dump powerpoint presentations on students and hope some of the information will stick. Such a process is a necessary evil, but it shouldn't be practised in the classroom when the same can be done online. Interaction and feedback should be the new golden values of the classroom. With the advent of MOOCs, many have predicted the doom of brick-and-mortar institutions — one Forbes writer even argues MOOCs “will kill off much of the research currently conducted at universities.” Only by flipping the lecture can we save the classroom.



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tants, such flipped classrooms would aim to give students immediate feedback on their work and would make class-time legitimately valuable. Student interaction with the professor and teaching assistants would increase, allowing for students to get a better grasp of the material being taught.

Earlier this week, Opinion columnist Sawan Patel argued

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Write local

Local issues should receive prominent attention in The Cavalier Daily's new term

Christopher Broom
Public Editor

Write local Cavalier Daily's I want to be careful in this space about calling for the staff of The Cavalier Daily to do too much. I've mused in the past on what a college newspaper should be. I also noted recently that The Cavalier Daily staff have been doing a good job keeping their eye on things aside from the Rolling Stone fallout. While the focus of The Cavalier Daily is rightly centered on the University I'd like to see some more coverage of things going on in the local area around the University, particularly the city of Charlottesville. Journalists elsewhere in Charlottesville already keep an eye on The Cavalier Daily for coverage. Speaking to the quality of some of the reporting, a reporter named Sean Tubbs who

covers local government and infrastructure for Charlottesville Tomorrow recently pointed his twitter followers to a useful piece by Will Marshall on Charlottesville City Council discussions about moving the ABC store on West Main Street.

Part of the reason to hope for more coverage of local (not entirely specific to the University) issues is that the University continues to extend itself further into the city. With the completion of the new Children's Hospital the University has more of a presence than ever on West Main Street. The city is working on redesigning and approving many construction projects along West Main including, potentially, apartment buildings or complexes designed to be marketed to University students. That is in addition to the Flats at West Village that opened last year. The University owns sev-

eral parcels of land along West Main and will have a significant role in determining the future of that part of town. If students are going to move into the apart-



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ment buildings in the numbers developers and the city appear to hope, city policies and rules will also have a significant effect on how those students live. Coverage of how decisions are being made would be of great benefit to Cavalier Daily readers.

The Cavalier Daily is one of only a handful of local news outlets in the Charlottesville area. In many cases — University sports coverage for instance

— The Cavalier Daily is the class of the field. With a bit more attention on issues a bit further from Grounds, I think The Cavalier Daily could do a better job for its readers connecting what's happening at the University with what is going on in Charlottesville and the larger area and I think that would be valuable.

The Cavalier Daily elected its new Managing Board and Junior Board over the weekend. The 126th Managing Board is also the first to be comprised entirely of women, marking an-

other of those “it will be great when these things aren't noteworthy any more” moments. Maybe it isn't really noteworthy now, but it seems like it is still remarkable. Congratulations to the new Board and the new editors who were also selected for the various sections. As always, I am struck by the relative inexperience and quick turnover of the people putting out The Cavalier Daily. They learn on the fly without the benefit of an advisor or a school of journalism and they consistently do good work.

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Truthiness and dishonestiness

The left's penchant for abusing statistics needs to end

You've surely heard by now that Stephen Colbert is headed to CBS to replace David Letterman, leaving behind Comedy Central and his iconic alter ego, a breathtaking and irreverent parody of conservative personalities such as Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity. As everyone who has followed his career knows, Colbert frequently jokes about "truthiness," a term he coined which Wikipedia defines as "a quality characterizing a 'truth' that a person making an argument or assertion claims to know intuitively, 'from the gut,' or because it 'feels right' without regard to evidence, logic, intellectual examination, or facts."



JOHN CONNOLLY
Opinion Columnist

Colbert in particular applied this term to President George W. Bush's decisions, most notably in his 2006 White House Correspondent's Dinner address in which he ripped President Bush for what Colbert clearly regarded as stupidity and ignorance. The political left loved it. New York Times columnist Frank Rich called the speech "brilliant."

Of course, Colbert's joke has some truth to it. No conservative would call the Bush presidency perfect, marred as it was by mistakes such as the Harriet Miers Supreme

Court nomination, the U.S. Attorney firing controversy and the far-from-perfect foreign policy. Yet some of those laughing the loudest at Colbert's truthiness shtick are the ones pushing an agenda through means much more sinister than anything resembling the truthiness of the Bush Administration.

Truthiness, as I pointed out above, involves a policy marked by a conspicuous lack of statistics or evidence. Its unfortunate cousin is the yet-unnamed manipulation or fabrication of statistics to achieve a political goal. As it is yet unnamed, I feel compelled to give it a name: "Dishonestiness." Dishonestiness is truthiness' evil doppelganger. The perpetrator of dishonesty must recognize that statistics and evidence are prerequisites to a convincing case. Yet upon closer examination, the evidence that our dishonest politician is seeking is nowhere to be found. Abandon his cause? Never! The dishonest politician must press on, and provide statistics that prove his case, even when actual statistics do not back it up.

Take, for instance, the widely-cited statistics concerning sexual assault rates on college campuses.

President Obama seemed to think that the oft-cited "one in four" statistic was a bit inflated, because he stated that the actual number was "one in five" when his administration launched its well-received sexual assault prevention program. Undoubtedly, President Obama has picked a worthy cause to pursue. But he appears nothing if not dishonest when the lead researcher of the "one in five" study stated, "We don't think one in five is a nationally representative statistic." And as an extremely helpful piece in Slate points out,



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studies and calculations that are far more encompassing and trustworthy put the rate at under 5 percent, and other calculations put the rate at under 1 percent. Interestingly, these statistics are hardly mentioned in the public conversation about sexual assault. I do not write this to argue the "one in four" and "one in five"

statistics are unequivocally wrong, but rather, to cast doubt on anyone who cites these statistics as indisputable facts. Politicians and pundits guilty of this are perpetrators of dishonestiness.

Obama's recent executive action on immigration might also be considered dishonest. Putting aside the obvious constitutional issues and the fact that he had, for years, said such action was not permissible under law, Obama relied on shoddy statistics to provide a political rationale for his decision. In a November interview with ABC News, Obama claimed George H.W. Bush provided "a similar kind of relief as a consequence of executive action" to about 40 percent of undocumented persons.

In actuality, Bush (the first) eased deportation rules to exempt children and spouses, but it did not make them legal residents. In addition, the Washington Post reported at the time that the policy could affect "as many as 100,000 illegal aliens," a far cry from 40 percent (1.5 million) of the estimated 3.5 million illegal immigrants in the country that year. And as the Washington Post reported in late 2014, "even with broader criteria,

the number of immigrants who took advantage of Bush's action...was far less than 1.5 million." In the aforementioned Washington Post review of President Obama's plan, the paper awarded him three out of a possible four "Pinocchios" for abject dishonesty.

There are countless more examples of statistical dubiousness among politicians and the media that go far beyond the scope of this column. These include the wildly inaccurate (and widely cited) statistics that measure the gender wage gap and the impact of higher minimum wages. A quick Google search will turn up a veritable library of other cases of suspect claims.

I should also mention that, of course, conservative politicians and media outlets are guilty of misleading as well (see this amusing account of Fox News miscues as proof). Neither liberals nor conservatives have any excuse for putting forth bad statistics. But the statistical fraud stemming from the liberal media outlets and politicians who found Colbert's truthiness rant so hysterical is particularly egregious. If you choose to laugh loudly at those who use their hearts and rely on their guts, you had better use your brain.

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A beautiful game

Computers can beat humans at a number of tasks, including playing chess — but ceding to machines would miss the point

To be blunt, I'm a novice in chess. Tactics puzzles and lots of play have enabled me to handily beat your average person, but online players regularly crush me. Indeed, it takes a lot of practice to become truly good at chess, and improvement comes slowly. Players need to analyze and memorize dozens to hundreds of opening lines, immerse themselves in middle game strategic theory and attain the ruthless endgame efficiency of a computer. Ten thousand hours at study couldn't make you a master of chess. And yet, what's the point?



BRENNAN EDEL
Opinion Columnist

Baldassare Castiglione admits that chess is "truly an honest kynde of enterteynmente and wittie," but he correctly observes that the master of chess "in the ende in beestowing all that laboure, he knoweth no more but a game." Chess is — like tetris, Dance Dance Revolution, tennis or tag — a game. Moreover, it's a game dominated by computers.

Early computers were competition for kids. They regularly played questionable moves. But with advances in hardware and coding, they started beating decent players, then experts, then masters, then grandmasters, until in 1989 IBM developed a computer, Deep Thought, that "might challenge a human world champion." Now, since 1997's Deep Blue versus Garry Kasparov, computers have been consistently beating top players. So what's the point of striving for mastery when the best players are bits of code you could run on your laptop?

The quaint Middle English dialect of Castiglione is hard to argue against. Why should these geniuses devote their lives to chess rather than to the sciences, or mathematics? Could we all be flying around in hovercraft if Bobby Fischer had just cracked down and hit the books? Yes, these people could have contributed something beyond chess,

just like those who devote their lives to football or hockey. But the pursuit of perfection in a task is a noble goal regardless of its real-life applications, and the brief glimpses of perfection humans sometimes achieve in a game or sport are as beautiful as any David.

Human mastery demands an economy of thought and time. The human player needs to build his



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intuition — that factor that allows us to subconsciously evaluate and reject different courses of action. That's what separates the human player from computers. A chess engine evaluates trees of moves as

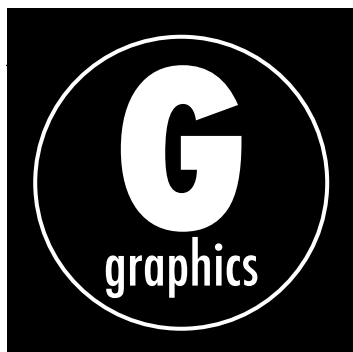
far out as possible and assigns them relative values using algorithms. Thus, a computer indiscriminately pours over millions of positions despite any line's obvious unviability. Computers consider every move, no matter how stupid. Computers don't locate weaknesses and seek to take advantage. A computer doesn't intuitively understand that a bishop on an open diagonal is valuable, or that a knight in the center of the board is generally more powerful than one on the edge. Human players understand these concepts. They don't consider obviously bad moves. They recognize weak points, stake out objectives and plan attacks.

The computational efficiency of human play is what makes it beautiful and interesting in the computer age. Chess represents what remains unattainable for computers: that intangible factor that guides the conscious, logical mind. Pursuit of chess mastery is the pursuit of what

makes us human. It's the mastery of the logical and intuitive parts of the brain. It's the attempt to meet the edge of human ability and poke through.

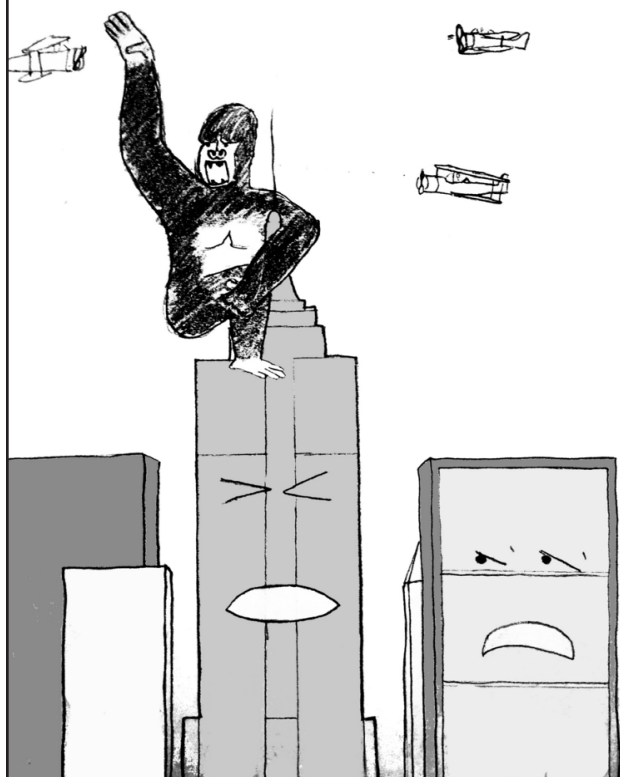
So, if any person wanted to see the objectively best chess ever played, all they'd have to do is look up the recent Thoresen Chess Engines Competition superfinal between Stockfish and Komodo. The games are a testament to computers' domination of chess. But glaringly absent in those games is the touch of human play. The play lacks the structure of human thought. There weren't at any time two players sitting across from each other, sweating, thinking, slapping down pieces decisively. There wasn't any emotion. Computers played these games via brute force calculation in a server room. Where was the brilliancy? Where was the triumph? Fortunately, those are still only for people.

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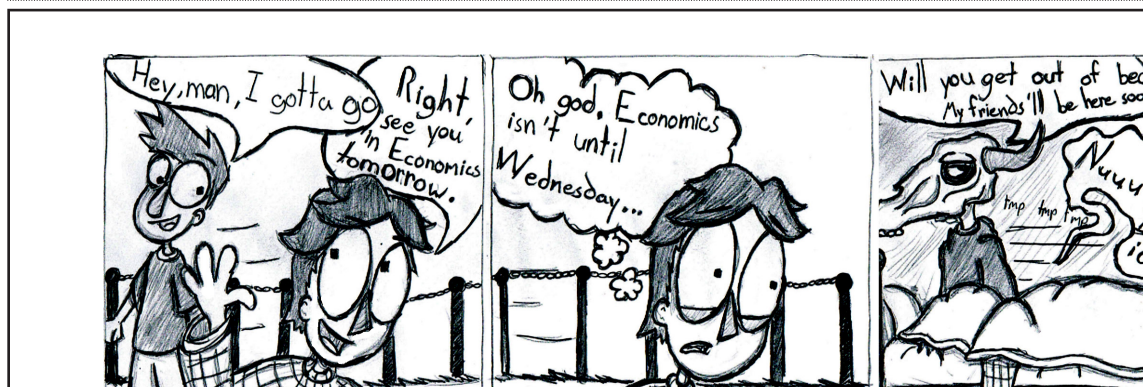


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Ishaan Sachdeva
Staff Writer

Mental health is on the forefront of dialogue at the University — following a tumultuous semester punctuated by three student suicides. Visits to Counseling and Psychological Services last semester increased 11 percent from the semester before.

CAPS Director Tim Davis said one of the most helpful things students can do for each other is reduce the stigma around seeking help.

In 90 percent of student visits to CAPS, discussion focuses on classes or relationship issues, Davis said. However, CAPS workers are also prepared for more intense student concerns, like suicidal thoughts.

Davis said CAPS utilizes an assessment process for students who face more serious problems, such as suicidal thoughts.

“It is critical to understand clearly whether the idea of suicide exists or the intent,” he said. “We err on the side of asking every student whether they have suicidal thoughts and follow up by asking

if they have thought about how they would do it or if they have made a past attempt.”

CAPS utilizes a variety of questions and observational assessments to help students with the idea or intent of suicide, but according to Davis, the best thing CAPS can do is help the student feel safe in the University community.

Confidentiality is important Davis said — and whatever a student shares with a CAPS counselor will stay with their counselors.

From 2004 to 2014, visits to CAPS increased 90 percent.

“Nationally, college students are coming in with more intense concerns, which is a really good thing because in the past, people were held back by a diagnosis of a mental health disorder,” Davis said. “Now with advances in treating depression, students can come and flourish. Another positive part is that mental health stigma is coming down nationally, and when stigma associated with asking for professional support goes down, visits will go up.”

CAPS is conducting suicide awareness training to make faculty and staff more aware of possibly elevated risk. In addition to these efforts, Davis encouraged faculty and students to branch out

and and welcome new people to social groups.

The CAPS website offers the mnemonic developed by the American Association of Suicidology, “IS THE PATH WARM,” to aid the community in identifying the potential for suicide. The mnemonic stands for risk factors of ideation, substance abuse, pur-

poselessness, anxiety, trapped, hopelessness, withdrawal, anger, recklessness, and mood changes.

Davis said in many cases, people who choose to end their lives are often not woven into a specific social group or into a certain niche in the community. Understanding why some individuals are left out is an enigma for Davis

and others dedicated to suicide awareness.

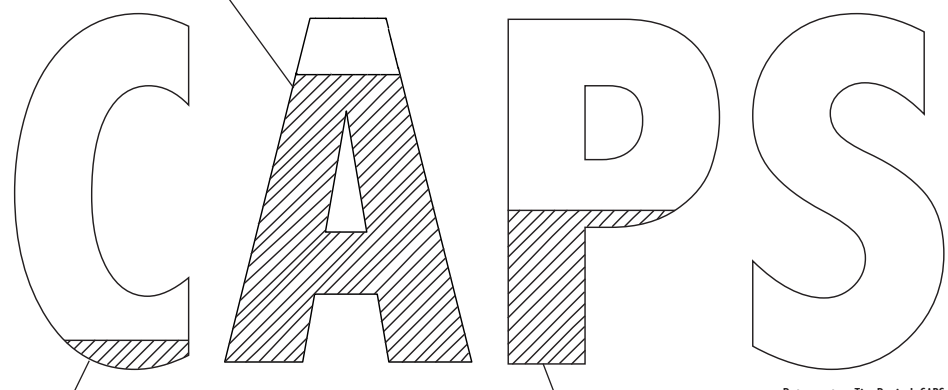
Opening the channel of communication between concerned individuals and affected students, and between affected students and CAPS, is key.

For more information, visit <http://www.virginia.edu/student-health/caps.html>.

CAPS sees increase in student visits

Clinic attributes rising numbers to greater awareness, reduced stigma

90% increase in the volume of students from 2004-2014



11% increase in the volume of students last semester

30% of students who utilize CAPS come in with suicidal thoughts*

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Equal opportunities for academic success

Kelly Seegers
Feature Writer

Nestled underneath the Student Health Center is a newly renovated Student Disability Access Center — a place full of people who work every day to make sure all students, regardless of disability, have the opportunity to succeed at the University.

Formerly known as Learning Needs Evaluation Center, the SDAC provides a range of services for any students with a diagnosed condition which limits his or her ability to perform academically or otherwise. The organization addresses both temporary and permanent impairments, from a broken arm which limits note-taking ability, to severe visual impairment and hearing loss.

The staff of SDAC works to arrange accommodations such as American Sign Language interpretation, captioning technology, the peer-note taking program, extended time for testing, working with Housing and Residence Life to make alternate living arrange-

ments and more. For example, the SDAC is currently working with U.Va. Dining to provide a successful dining hall experience to first-year students with severe allergies.



Every single person, with no exception, is deeply committed to what we do and is very enthusiastic about our work."

Fourth-year College student Kristina Whitener was referred to SDAC by CAPS her third year after she was diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and recalls being welcomed into SDAC with open arms.

"[The SDAC assistant director] took me back into her office and asked me what was going on and was very comforting, supporting, and [she] was very understand-

ing," Whitener said. "It wasn't a somebody-looking-at-you-and-judging-you type of thing."

When students like Whitener go to SDAC to arrange accommodations, staff members present various possibilities and allow students to choose the services they need.

"They trust you, just like you trust them," Whitener said. "So if they are going to give you these accommodations, you trust them to do it and they trust you to know what you

need."

The center offers "no-strings attached" consultations for students who are unsure of their needs, generally in the form of conversations with a SDAC representative which the student can walk away from at anytime. Sometimes these result in tips regarding organization or time management, and other times they result in deferral until there

is an official diagnosis. For Whitener, it was determined she would benefit from receiving time-and-a-quarter on tests.

"I left just with this huge relief, and after my first exam, my grade went from a C to an A," Whitener said, "And you know, [the SDAC] did that for me. They made that possible."

During exams, the SDAC staff is sometimes there from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. or even later, because a part of their new center includes a room full of desks for students who have made arrangements for extended-time test taking.

"Every single person, with no exception, is deeply committed to what we do and is very enthusiastic about our work — ... it kind of hooks you," SDAC Director Dr. Robert Diamond said. "People really enjoy working here."

Whitener said she doesn't think the SDAC staff gets enough credit for what they do.

"I think really the bottom line is that our students are U.Va. students," Diamond said. "They've passed the same rigorous admissions requirements as everyone

else. They've got all the same stresses plus they've got the stress of working the disability into things."

Diamond says his favorite part of his job is working with students who display willingness to listen to suggestions and work to improve.

"I love meeting with and talking to people who are eager to learn, who are open to ideas, who are willing to change," he said. "The students want to be here, they want to work and they are motivated to solve the problem, so they'll try suggestions."

The SDAC continuously seeks students to participate in their peer-note taking program, through which peers distribute class notes to students who are unable to annotate for various reasons. In the past, SDAC has also had volunteers scan books to be converted to audio.

Students who wish to contact SDAC for potential accommodations can visit them beneath student health, call them at 434-243-5180 or e-mail them at SDAC@virginia.edu.

Swimming for Cam

Women's Swimming and Diving team supports childhood cancer foundation

Emily Hauben
Feature Writer

When second-year College student Shannon Rauth joined the women's Swimming and Diving team, she introduced her teammates to Cameron Evans — a family friend who battled leukemia for seven months before passing away in 2012.

In his memory, Rauth's family and the Evans family founded the Cure4Cam Childhood Cancer Organization — a group which promotes awareness about humane treatments for childhood cancer patients and has raised more than \$500,000 the past three years.

After hearing Cam's story, fourth-year Education students and team captains Kelly Offutt and Emily Dicus joined Rauth in planning events to get the rest of the team involved.

"Since this really hits home with the women's team, we've been trying to get the ball rolling," Dicus

said.

Leading up to the ACC Championship, the team pledged to swim 238 miles per week — the distance from Charlottesville to Cam's hometown in Pennsylvania. The four-week challenge, Hoos Swam4Cam, is one of the team's many initiatives to spread the word about the foundation.

"It's really cool that there are 60 plus members of our team, and we've all put our heads together to make a bigger difference," Offutt said.

Using an online donation system, participants are also asking friends and family to pledge money to their swimming efforts.

"We're still small, so we know exactly where our money is going," Rauth said. "It's important to me that [even though] the team as a whole didn't know Cam ... we have all taken on this project together."

In another effort to support Cure4Cam, the team has gathered to make blankets for the oncology

unit of the University Children's Hospital.

"Participating in the blanket making was a fun way to spend time together and bonding was definitely a big part of that," Offutt said. "It's a great feeling at the end of the night to have a tangible [item] that you have made."

The Swimming and Diving coaches have expressed full support for the team's efforts to raise awareness.

"The coaches are behind it and they've facilitated us wearing shirts and swim caps with 'Cure4Cam' written on them to get the word out," Dicus said.

In the future, Rauth and other members of the team hope to increase involvement with Cure4Cam beyond their small circle of athletes, with events such as a swim-a-thon in support of the foundation.

"I think it would be really cool in the future to get younger kids in the community involved and spread the word to make this an



Courtesy Shannon Rauth

The Women's Swimming and Diving team made blankets for the University Children's Hospital in support of Cure4Cam, an organization raising awareness of humane cancer treatments for children.

annual event," Dicus said.

As they continue their weekly 238-mile swimming campaign, team members look to Cam's blog — which he began writing after he was diagnosed — for encouragement.

"He was an incredible writer," Rauth said. "The best type of inspiration is the kind that makes you want to save a life' [is] one of the quotes we've been using to inspire us."

LOVE CONNECTION: GLENN & EMILY



EMILY

Courtesy Emily

Year: Third*Major:* Engineering and French*Hometown:* Birmingham, Alabama*Hobbies:* Playing piano, running, looking for four-leaf clovers, jigsaw puzzles.*Ideal Date:* Fun, exciting, good sense of humor, kind, down-to-earth, confident but not cocky.*What's your favorite pick-up line?* "No wonder the sky is grey today – all the blue is in your eyes."

Two Engineering students connect over dinner at Michael's Bistro

Allie Griswold
Love Guru

Glenn and Emily met at the Rotunda and went to Michael's Bistro on the Corner.

Emily: I have always wanted to do Love Connection to see who I would be paired with and what would happen.

Glenn: I didn't really have any expectations going into it.

Emily: I set incredibly low expectations. I'm with Engineering students all the time in classes, so I figured I could handle any social situation.

Glenn: It was pretty rainy and disgusting when we met at the Rotunda, so we were the only people there, which made it easy to find each other.

Emily: I was kind of late getting there, but luckily he waited for me in the rain under an umbrella.

Glenn: My first impression was that she was nice and cute. I suggested going to Michael's Bistro because I love their food, and she was like, "Let's go!"

Emily: We had a delicious dinner — their food is really good. During dinner we found out [that we have] a lot in common.

Glenn: She was really easy to talk to and laid back. We talked about everything that's going on with Greek life and the whole Boy's Bid Night de-

bacle.

Emily: It was a balanced conversation. We talked about siblings, how U.Va. has changed since we both got here and how great, but weird, fourth year is.

Glenn: It was pretty funny because we kept forgetting to look at the menu and the waitress kept coming by to take our order, but we weren't ready.

Emily: I thought he was an incredible guy. It was fun getting to know him. He does really cool work with 3D

printing, which I loved hearing about.

Glenn: We parted ways after dinner. She had something to do back at her sorority house.

Emily: After we walked [home], I gave him a hug and thanked him for a great night.

Glenn: I would rate the date an 8. She was a fun person to hang out with. It would be nice to see her again, but I don't know if I will.

Emily: I would give [the date] a solid 7. [The dinner] was fun and [we had]

good conversation, but there was more of a platonic vibe. It was fun hearing about another pocket of U.Va. It always amazes me that someone you might pass on the street could be doing the next incredible thing in science, like 3D printing.

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Year: Fourth*Major:* Engineering*Hometown:* Portsmouth, Virginia*Hobbies:* Cooking, piano, drinking.*Ideal Date:* Smart, funny, laid back, cute, not vegan.*What's your favorite pick-up line?* Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk by again?

GLENN

Courtesy Glenn

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1 Tony Bennett
One day last spring, I was borderline hangry,* and driving a little too aggressively as I pulled into the Harris Teeter parking lot. Desperate for anything edible to stuff in my face, I was overjoyed to find a parking spot close to the door. As I turned my wheel to pull in, a pedestrian ran out in front of me. I was not thrilled and considered showing said pedestrian a choice finger that was definitely not my thumb. Upon closer scrutiny, this pedestrian ended up being Tony Bennett — a man I would never purposefully flip off. I didn't, and he narrowly missed the hood of my car — you're all welcome for that. Long story short, Bennett was last year's ACC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year — he's a great coach and he has an easier name to pronounce than Krzyzewski.

2 A good defense
The best offense is a good defense, the best defense is a good offense and the best slice at Christian's is avocado feta. These are basic facts you've probably been told since you were young, but all undoubtedly apply to our future champion Wahoos. Did you know we're the best scoring defense in the NCAA? Not to be confused with best looking defense — which arguably also applies — this means that we've held opponents to the lowest scoring percentage in the nation. As in the only slam dunk our opponents are ever going to get is a well placed Oreo into a glass of milk.

3 Joe Harris
It's against principle to write something about our basketball team and fail to mention Joe Harris. Our former stand-out shooting guard is missed not only for his good looks, but for his leadership on the court as well. Luckily, Harris passed on his mentoring skills and knowledge to our current third and fourth years, who have done a great job helping the underclassmen fit right in. And Joe, if you're reading this, I swiped right for you on Tinder my first year and am still waiting for a response.

4 JPJ
There's no better place than John Paul Jones Arena for a basketball game. I'll be honest: until last year, I had no idea that JPA and JPJ were two different things. After 10 misguided trips on the U.Va. bus system and cursing out the U.Va. bus app several times, I finally figured out there was a difference between the two. JPA — a must-visit for those who love traffic lights and stop-and-go traffic. JPJ — a must-visit for those who love lights out defense and killer stop-and-go pump fakes.

5 Justin Anderson's beard
To quote Kyle Bailey, known as @TheClubhouseKB on Twitter, "Does Justin Anderson have a gray chin beard? #UVA." No replies, no favorites and a little Facebook stalking later has led me to believe that Anderson does not in fact have a gray chin beard. Rather, a blonde-ish one that's definitely intimidating and must be a contributing factor to our undefeated season.

6 We're undefeated
Speaking of being undefeated ... we haven't lost a game. We've beaten ranked teams, unranked teams, Virginia Tech and teams that were ranked higher than us who no longer are (looking at you this weekend, Duke.) We're one of two undefeated teams in the country, and have played well against every team we've faced.

7 The Hoo Crew
Our coach has won awards, our team has won awards and our student section has won awards. Quite literally, all we do is win. Hoo wouldn't want to be a part of the Naismith Student Section of the year, a group of debatably insane students who paint their bodies and sport giant cardboard heads of Teresa Sullivan.



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8 Our stamina
I've never seen a basketball player riding a scooter, which almost definitely means they walk all the way to JPJ from Grounds whenever they have practice. Imagine doing that every day and you could probably be on the team, too. All kidding aside, our team has been known to stay quick and powerful for the entirety of games, wearing down opponents as the U.S. hockey team did to the Soviets in "Miracle." We're great through the last second of the game, nailing shots with precision and accuracy as if the game had just begun.

9 Our depth
With a different starting lineup almost every game, our team has many strong players. If London Perrantes, Malcolm Brogdon and Justin Anderson were all trapped in Carruthers Hall due to a suspicious package, we'd still be able to run rings around our opponents with the players we have left. Our players are skilled and work well on the court together, whether a new freshman or an experienced senior. It's our cohesiveness and depth that have made us No. 1 in the ACC.

10 ESPN thinks so
Speaking of No. 1 in the ACC, we play Duke this Saturday. ESPN's GameDay is coming in honor of our impending win and setting up shop in JPJ that morning. ESPN historically only picks great teams to host GameDay, so it's a testament to how great we are. Come one, come all and come with your best posters to show the rest of the nation how we do it down in Charlottesville. If you're looking for some sign of inspiration, check out the "Phony Bennett" [Twitter](#) — my personal favorite is, "Our D needs no introduction/ Your D don't even function."

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