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Red = Wrestling

WINS

Dec. 8: 67-39  
Mississippi Valley State

Dec. 18: 54-44  
Coppin State

Dec. 19: 75-57  
Morgan State

Dec. 28: 66-23  
Norfolk State

Dec. 29: 54-45  
Xavier

Dec. 30: 74-39  
Wofford

Jan. 3: 52-48  
Virginia Tech

Jan. 6: 61-52  
North Carolina

Jan. 10: 62-51  
Georgia Tech

Jan. 11: 31-6  
Bucknell

Jan. 11: 21-13  
Boise State

Jan. 12: 20-13  
Central Michigan

Jan. 13: 78-59  
N.C. State

LOSSES

Dec. 21: 73-70  
(2OT) Alabama

Dec. 22: 63-61  
Old Dominion

Jan. 1: 6th place  
Southern Scuffle

Jan. 6: 58-52  
Miami

Jan. 9: 55-52  
Wake Forest

Jan. 12: 59-44  
Clemson

Jan. 12: 21-9  
Virginia Tech



University Rector Helen Dragas will see her reappointment to the Board of Visitors either confirmed or denied by the General Assembly this session.

# Dragas draws spotlight again

University rector faces appointment vote this week following speculation, contention

**By Greg Lewis**  
Cavalier Daily Operations Manager

Embattled University Rector Helen Dragas isn't out of the spotlight yet.

The University's accrediting body's decision to place the University on warning for a year has reenergized a lobbying effort to block Dragas' reappointment to the Board of Visitors.

University faculty, students, alumni and donors alike began appealing to state legislators to deny the Rector's reappointment when the General Assembly reconvened Jan. 9. The Senate Privileges and Elections Committee is scheduled to vote on recommending the confirmation or denial of her appointment Tuesday.

Gubernatorial appointments to the commonwealth's university boards must be approved by both the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates. Typically, approval of these appointments is a mere formality. In Dragas' case, however, approval will likely prove to be unusually contentious.

The rector rose to notoriety within the University commu-

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# Influential law prof., 84, dies

O'Connell taught at University for 32 years, promoted no-fault insurance legislation nationally

**By Andrew Elliott**  
Cavalier Daily Staff Writer

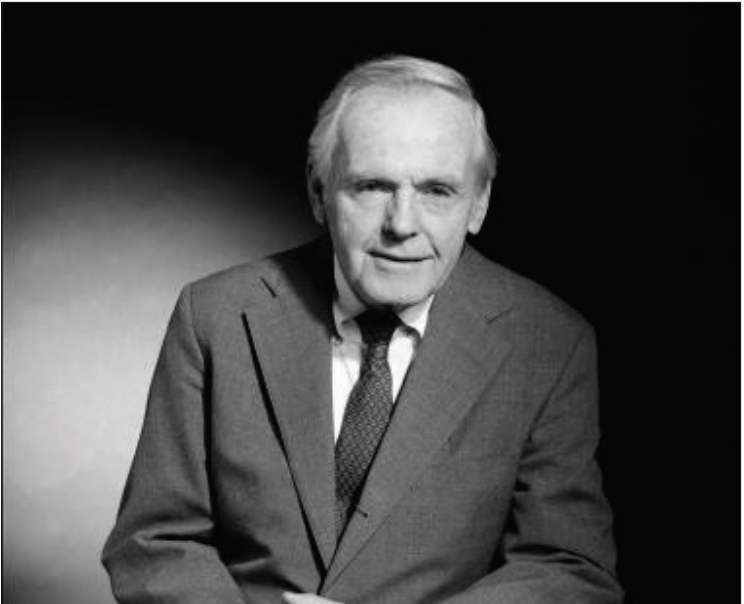
Jeffrey O'Connell, an internationally respected legal mind and Law School professor for 32 years, died Jan. 6 at the age of 84. He had retired from teaching last spring.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law, O'Connell began his legal career as a trial lawyer in Boston for

the firm Hale and Dorr before turning to teaching. He served on the faculty at the University of Illinois for 16 years and also taught at the University of Iowa before coming to the University's Law School in 1980.

O'Connell is survived by his daughter Mara, his son Devin, his sister Jesslyn and his brother Thomas. A funeral

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Courtesy UVA Today

Former Law Prof. Jeffrey O'Connell is survived by his two children and brother and sister.

# McInnis takes vice provost post

Former associate dean will advise John Simon about academic activities; inter-school relations

**By Emily Hutt**  
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Maurie McInnis, the former associate dean for undergraduate programs, will serve as the new Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Provost John Simon announced last week.

In addition to serving as an associate dean, McInnis taught American art and material culture in the College. As vice provost, she will advise Simon on academic activities, with a focus on developing inter-school relationships across the University, according to a University release.

"There are so many conversations going on in higher education today about how we do a better job of articulating why the residential learning experience is special," she said. "For us very particularly at the University of Virginia, we need to pay attention to what we're doing in undergrad and graduate education, making sure that

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## SPORTS

# Virginia gets hot, cools off

Freshman quartet fuels eight-game winning streak, subsequent road woes



Jenna Truong | Cavalier Daily

Junior forward Akil Mitchell is shooting 52.9 percent from the field and averaging 9.3 rebounds per game for the Cavaliers.

**By Daniel Weltz**  
Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

Forward Akil Mitchell cannot pinpoint a single Hoosiers-like moment when things began to click for the Virginia basketball team, but whatever the cause, the Cavaliers have begun a steady ascent into ACC relevancy. Since Nov. 17, following a 59-53 loss to Delaware, the team's second loss to a Colonial Athletic Association foe in its first three games, the Cavaliers morphed into a different, more formidable team — a team that went on to win its next eight games.

"You don't really want to lose to wake the team up," Mitchell said. "But if it's necessary, I think it might be a good thing for us to take a loss ... It's still kind of early in the season, so we still have room to grow."

With senior floor general Jontel Evans limited to just seven appearances this season with a foot injury, the team's talented freshmen were asked to grow up sooner than they expected.

The rapid progress of freshman forwards Mike Tobey and Evan Nolte and guards Justin Anderson and Teven Jones alongside the dominant play of juniors Mitchell and guard Joe Harris sparked the team's dominant run, albeit against mostly weak competition.

Following the team's second win during the streak, a 63-44 victory against Lamar with Evans spectating from the sidelines, the coach told his team he could see tangible improvement.

"I just want to keep getting the guys healthy — that will take some more time," Bennett said. "I think we are making the most of our opportunities. As I told them before the game, sometimes things don't always show, but we are continuing to build."

Virginia weathered Evans' lengthy absence by coalescing around a philosophy that has become a staple of Virginia basketball under Bennett: Defense wins

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## Coach Speak

FRITZ METZINGER

One of the many taboos of "coach-speak" — the bland jargon coaches often employ to shield themselves from revealing too much or speaking too candidly and which Rex Ryan has never quite grasped — is to assume a victor's disposition after defeat. Sure, praising your players' effort and communicating optimism for the future are kosher. But in an industry in which, ultimately, victories pay the bills, expressing anything short of gloomy dejection after an unfavorable result comes across not only as disingenuous but insulting to players and fans alike. This dogma applies not only to individual games, but to entire seasons, as well; that's why John Fox sounded so deflated after the Broncos' playoff loss to the Ravens and his razor-thin defeat to Brian Kelly for "Pomegranate-looking Coach of the Year" honors.

But as much as this "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing" mantra shapes our perceptions of the American sporting climate, the concept of success as relative is what, ironically, helps sustain sports' appeal. If we regarded only the ultimate champions as winners and neglected to place teams

and athletes in their proper context, we'd be unable to appreciate the "losers" who inspire us and capture genuine success. In such a cynical world, Butler's improbable back-to-back title game losses in 2010 and 2011 would amount to just that — losses. And Oscar Pistorius, the 2012 Olympian famous for his blade-like prosthetic legs, would be just another anonymous athlete who failed to win a medal.

Thus, context matters when gauging the success of a team. Which brings us to the 2013 iteration of Virginia men's basketball, a squad that has impressed considering its dearth of experience but still remains laughably short of restoring the program to its former esteem, when Ralph Sampson was an icon and not just the name of a Littlejohn's sub. As the team's uneven performance during the winter recess shows, determining whether coach Tony Bennett and these Cavaliers are having a "successful" season depends entirely upon the parameters used to judge them. Namely, it depends on whether you think

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## ARTS CALENDAR

### Events this week

#### MONDAY

The Jefferson Theater: **Jon Spencer Blues Explosion w/ Shockwave Riderz** // \$15 // 8 p.m. //

Blue Moon Diner: **Blues and Stuff** // free // 8 p.m. // New vintage blues band performance

#### TUESDAY

The Whiskey Jar: **Ragged Mountain String Band and Friends** // free // 6 p.m. // 21+

Crozet Library: An Evening of Awesome // free // 6:30 p.m. // Live concert screened from Carnegie Hall to celebrate John Green's latest book

#### WEDNESDAY

Jefferson Theater: **Who's Bad? The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute** // \$15 - \$17 // 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Wild Wing Cafe: Wes Iseli magic show // free // 5:30 p.m.

Horse and Hound Gastropub: **Tony Bruno** // free // 6 p.m.

**Black Market Moto Saloon: Big Blue Door Jam** // \$5 // 8 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Nau Auditorium: Libby Roderick // free // 10 a.m. // Session on Alaskan native teaching methods, specifically non-verbal forms

The Southern Café & Music Hall: **The Mantras & Former Champions** // \$10 // 9 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

The Paramount Theater: **MET Opera Live in HD - Maria Stuarda** // \$18 for students // 1 p.m.

The Jefferson Theater: **Donna the Buffalo w/ Buckwild** // \$15 // 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

Random Row Books: **Gorilla Theater Productions** presents "Macbeth" // \$5 - \$6 // 2 p.m.

## HIGHLY AMUSED

Student improv comedy troupe keeps audiences — and each other — in stitches

by conor sheehey

From a capella concerts to sculpture showcases, the University's artistic offerings seem to know no bounds. That said, if you're looking to have a good laugh, your options are limited; the Wahoos do not, as of yet, play host to the heaping handful of comedy troupes you might expect from a university that seems to sprout a new singing group — or five — every fall. But although our few stalwart comedians may be lacking in quantity, they more than make up for it with their grade-A quality.

Among these hilarious troupes, Amuse Bouche has emerged as one of the most accomplished. Founded in 2007 and currently comprised of 10 talented members, Bouche performs a variety of well-attended shows that employ a particular comedic style known as 'long-form' improv.

"When people think of improv they often think of *Whose Line Is It Anyway* or similar shows where quick improv games are played with a gimmick," said Kevin McVey, Amuse Bouche's president and third-year Engineering student. "But that's not what we do ... You give us just one word and we will make up an entire play for you on the spot without any rules or guidance for the next 20 to 30 minutes that's bound to keep you laughing the whole way through."

This distinctive form of comedy offers terrific opportunities for big laughs, but it also poses its own set of challenges for the

performers.

"There's a lot that goes into a performance and it becomes a fun struggle to try to keep all the trains of thought together," said Ida Knox, a third-year College student and veteran member of the troupe.

This inventive comedic style immerses the audience in the action and brings the performers together, said Emma Volpe, another third-year College student in the organization.

"I feel like we're siblings who pick on each other to get a rise out of one another, but at the end of the day we're always there for the group," Volpe said.

This sort of bonding also occurs on the troupe's periodic excursions and road trips, which allow members to explore various comic theories and to learn from acclaimed groups throughout the country. Annually, the group travels to New York and to North Carolina, often taking the opportunity to catch up with Amuse Bouche alumni, Knox said.

Bouche's commitment to comedy comes through most clearly, of course, in the group's shows, which tackle a variety of zany topics and themes.

"We use the theme [of the show] to prompt the audience to share a story with us that we then use as inspirational material [for our performance]," Volpe said. "For example, we had a show called 'First Date,' where we had people come up and share funny date stories with us."

In addition to fostering interaction and enthusiasm on the part of the audience, this technique has proven endlessly entertaining for the troupe's own members.

"My mom got up on stage and talked about her first date with a cult member," Knox said.

For current students who crave this sort of lively comedic environment, Amuse Bouche holds highly competitive — but reportedly hilarious — auditions each semester to bring new talent into the group's ranks.

"We look for people who are comfortable to do a scene with our group, take direction well and, most importantly, we want people who make us laugh," Volpe said. "We love when people take risks and show us that they're ready to have anything thrown at them."

Fortunately for those lucky few members who join the roster each semester, adjusting to the groove of the group has proven exciting and fulfilling for the current members.

"There's a 'first show' nervousness for new members, but as soon as you've passed that you get addicted to the laughter," Knox said.

Whether you're planning to audition or merely to enjoy the group's comedic stylings from the sidelines, you are guaranteed to get more than your money's worth from the troupe's performances, the first of which this semester is currently scheduled for Feb. 8.



courtesy of amuse bouche

### The Local picks

## Big Blue Door Jam

[Thursday, January 17]

In the mood for a good story? Look no further than this unique opportunity hosted by Joel & Jennifer Jones. At the Black Market Moto Saloon, locals of all ages will come together to share funny, strange and moving stories of all kinds. Each story is limited to six to eight minutes to keep the action moving, and presenters are asked to tell their story without notes. The audience will judge the stories and determine awards based on the performances. For a laidback night of interesting storytelling, check this out!

## The Mantras

[Friday, January 18]

The Mantras have been steadily gaining momentum in the last couple of years, and this definitely will be a show to catch. Using their characteristic fusion of funk-rock, middle-eastern, electronica and metal, The Mantras will certainly have you moving throughout the entire show. The Mantras have performed alongside greats such as Umphrey's McGee, and have certainly learned a lot about how to throw a good show while on the road. Also be sure to stick around for an appearance by Former Champions, an electro-rock band from Richmond.

## This Week in Arts History

### Elvis says 'Aloha from Hawaii'

On Jan. 14, 1973, Elvis Presley performed his concert "Aloha from Hawaii" in a live satellite telecast from Honolulu. Though not aired in the United States — Super Bowl VII was the same day — it garnered more than a billion viewers across 40 countries. The staggering figure set a record for the most watched broadcast by an individual entertainer in the history of television.

In a wonderfully gaudy jumpsuit dubbed "American Eagle," Elvis rocked the sellout crowd with old and new songs alike, including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Burning Love," and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry."

The accompanying album went to number one on the Billboard charts, but the concert would prove to be the last great moment in the legend's career. He was divorced in October of the same year, and his drug addiction began taking its toll.

Despite his tragic fall, this concert was an amazing accomplishment for the music icon. One person with a dream and a lot of talent reached the entire world and influenced a generation of music-lovers. All hail the king.






—compiled by Ben Willis



Courtesy Elvis.com



Three-Day Weather Forecast

 <div>TODAY High of 59°</div>	 <div>TONIGHT Low of 39°</div>	 <div>TOMORROW High of 42°</div>	 <div>TOMORROW NIGHT Low of 38°</div>	 <div>WEDNESDAY High of 50°</div>
Early showers with northwestern winds around 5 to 10 mph	Cloudy with some rain and northwestern winds around 5 to 10 mph	Showers and northeastern winds around 6 mph	Showers and eastern winds around 1 mph	Few showers and southern winds around 4 mph

# ACTA protests University’s probation

Academic advocacy group sends letter championing merits of board governance, criticizes Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

By Greg Lewis  
Cavalier Daily Operations Manager

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a nonprofit organization that advocates for strict academic standards and strong trustee involvement in university affairs, has filed a complaint with the Department of Education about the decision to place the University on warning.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the University’s accrediting agency, issued the University the warning because of the Board of Visitors’ failure to comply with requirements for faculty transparency and involvement of a majority of the Board during the administrative scan-

dal surrounding the forced resignation of University President Teresa Sullivan this summer.

In the complaint, ACTA president Anne Neal said SAC’s decision falls “outside the accreditor’s legitimate authority” and constitutes “a blatant intrusion into governance powers.”

“It appears that SACS’ real issue is not the absence of board policy, but the substance of the board’s policy,” Neal said.

Neal was one of the most ardent supporters of the Board’s actions during the administrative scandal in June. In a June 16 email recently acquired by The Cavalier Daily and addressed to all of the Board’s members, Neal downplayed the importance of

the University community in decision-making.

“At the end of the day, please take heart: a board doesn’t need to get community buy-in,” she said in the email. “A college presidency is not a popularity contest – and shared governance does not mean shared fiduciary responsibility.”

Michael Poliakoff, ACTA’s Vice President of Policy, also lauded the Board’s decision during the summer.

“[It was] totally appropriate for the Board to raise these issues,” he said. “Resources are not limitless and [the University], like other institutions, will have to take a keen, hard look at priorities.”

In an op-ed published June 23 in the Washington Post, Neal publicly defended the Board’s actions.

“Given the University’s failure to address urgent issues such as greater faculty teaching loads, new technologies, using buildings more effectively and eliminating unproductive or outdated courses, it’s no wonder that a board concerned with spiraling costs could not continue working with a president who approached business as usual, hoping for change later,” she said.

Co-founded in 1995 by Lynne Cheney — former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities and wife of former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney

— ACTA has long championed the role of university trustees, promoted stronger general education requirements and criticized the higher education accreditation process.

Neal’s email to the entire University Board sticks to the organization’s history of supporting boards’ decisions to act independently.

“Thank you for setting an example of courageous and engaged leadership,” Neal said in the email sent immediately after the Board fired Sullivan. “We hope that you are the first of many college and university boards willing to take the bold steps necessary to keep American higher education the finest in the world.”

# Dragas | Alumni, petitioners protest reappointment

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nity during the summer when she acted with fellow Board members to oust University President Teresa Sullivan, giving little indication why.

Less than two weeks after Sullivan’s reinstatement, Gov. Bob McDonnell chose to reappoint Dragas, eliciting public outcry.

Ranking State Sen. Janet Howell, D-Reston, said in a position paper emailed last month to constituents that she will lead an effort to deny Dragas’ reappointment.

“The universal and overwhelming response from these groups

in opposition to the decision suggests that Rector Dragas and Board members had limited understanding of the University culture,” Howell said in the statement. “The process of their decision making was, thus, a failure of professional leadership.”

As a leading member of the Privileges and Elections Committee, which oversees approval of gubernatorial appointees, Howell’s statement is an early warning signal for the rector.

Dragas does not agree with Howell’s estimation of her leadership ability.

“We endeavored to respect the sensitivity and confidential-

ity of a personnel matter,” she said in an email. “I knew then — and even more keenly now — the many responsibilities of leadership, including the importance of responding to difficult issues and promoting a culture of inquiry, respect for diverse opinions and accountability.”

Area legislators gathered in mid-December in the Rotunda to discuss University governance issues and other topics, according to a University statement.

Two legislators — Del. David Toscano, D-Charlottesville, and Del. Stephen Landes, R-Weyers Cave — both said at the discussion that they plan to vote

against Dragas’ reappointment. Landes is a member of the House Privileges and Elections Committee.

But two other attendees, Del. Rob Bell, R-Charlottesville, and Del. Mark Cole, R-Fredericksburg, both members of the House Privileges and Elections Committee, said they need more information before reaching a decision.

U.Va. Alumni for Corporate Governance, a group formed after McDonnell reappointed Dragas, has led the lobbying effort against her reinstatement to the Board.

The group released a lengthy

background paper Aug. 4 and a Sept. 4 legislative brief providing an overview of the situation for state legislators.

Richard Marks, co-founder of the group, said there is a lot at stake in the General Assembly’s decision whether or not to reappoint Dragas.

“If Helen is confirmed and is in the position to serve another four year term, [the University] will be hurt,” Marks said. “There’s no question about it.”

An online petition to the Virginia General Assembly to block Dragas’ reappointment has already garnered close to 2,300 signatures.

# O’Connell | Scholar championed just compensation laws

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mass was held Saturday at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, followed by a reception at Farmington Country Club.

O’Connell was a champion of no-fault automobile insurance, which allows an accident victim to collect compensation more quickly from his own insurance provider rather than go through litigation to collect from the other party’s insurer. He co-authored the book “Basic Protection for the Traffic Victim: A Blueprint for Reforming Automobile Insurance” with renowned legal tort scholar and Harvard Law Prof. Robert Keeton in 1965.

For the next several years he ventured across the country,

testifying before committees and using techniques learned in his theater background to present his ideas. By the end of the 1970s, no-fault insurance had been enacted in more than a dozen states and slowly began to grow globally as well, taking root in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Israel.

“Without Professor O’Connell’s efforts, it is unlikely that no-fault insurance would have been tried in so many states,” Law School Dean Paul Mahoney said in an email. “He did not merely write about his ideas, but worked tirelessly to see them implemented.”

Law School Prof. Kenneth Abraham recalls first meeting O’Connell at a medical malpractice conference in 1976. “I was

a junior faculty member and he was already a famous scholar and law reformer,” Abraham said in an email. “I found him to be dynamic, articulate, and a forceful advocate for his point of view, but also a friendly and unpretentious person.”

Later in his career, O’Connell was an advocate for “early offers” in medical malpractice suits — wherein plaintiffs can receive a settlement quickly if they choose not to go through the courts or ask for pain and suffering compensation. Though the idea did not receive as much traction as no-fault automobile insurance, the New Hampshire legislature did pass such a law last June, overturning a gubernatorial veto.

Both his automobile insur-

ance and medical malpractice proposals stemmed from a profound belief in making just compensation quickly and readily available to victims of accidents, said Widener University Law Prof. Chris Robinette, a student in O’Connell’s class in the fall of 1993. Robinette later worked with O’Connell as a research assistant and in 2008 co-authored a book on tort reform with him.

As a professor and colleague, O’Connell is remembered for his kindness and humor. “Jeffrey was magnetic,” Robinette said. “He commanded a room.”

Born with an insatiable curiosity, O’Connell often carried around a copy of the Times Literary Supplement folded in his pocket. “The world was simply

too exciting, too interesting, for Jeff to waste even a minute when he could be exploring some new horizon,” Law Prof. A. E. Dick Howard said in an email.

The author of a dozen books — on topics ranging from automobile insurance reform to American college presidents — O’Connell was a celebrated presence in the legal world, twice the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship and given the Robert B. McKay Award for Tort and Insurance Scholarship in 1992 by the American Bar Association.

“He was a kind, decent, informed, engaged member of our academic community,” Howard said. “Mr. Jefferson would have enjoyed having dinner with Jeff.”

# Appointments | McDonnell nominates Goodwin to Board

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we provide our students with the richest experience that we can.”

These ideals are grounded in many of the programs that McInnis played a key role in enacting during her time as associate dean. During her tenure she worked to expand the COLA academic program for first-years to allow more than one third of entering students to enroll in one of the advising seminars. She plans to continue building upon these programs in the coming years and improving existing student-faculty interaction.

“I hope that we will be able to continue to expand opportunities for first- and second-year students to work directly with faculty in small class settings,” she said.

McInnis said she also hopes efforts to expand programs allowing innovation within the University curriculum will continue. Two years ago, McInnis helped to begin one such program comprised of new pavilion seminars for third- and fourth-year students.

McInnis enters the vice provost position as the University begins its strategic planning efforts —

efforts being overseen by Senior Vice Provost J. Milton Adams, who formerly held the position of vice provost for academic programs. The University’s strategic planning process is slated to continue with a series of public forums this week to evaluate its future.

Also last week, Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed Bill Goodwin to the Board of Visitors. Goodwin previously served as a member on the Board of Visitors from 1996 to 2004 and was appointed as a senior advisor to the board by McDonnell last June. He currently serves as chairman of the

holding company CCA Industries, Inc.

Goodwin came into the spotlight in September, after the summer leadership crisis at the University, when he urged both the community and Board members to “leave the past alone” and move forward.

“You are trying to get answers you won’t get,” Goodwin said to Faculty Senate Chair George Cohen. “The more you dig, the more you make the University look bad.”

The statement came after Cohen expressed faculty concerns that the Board had not

yet adequately addressed the conflict.

Goodwin will fill the seat vacated by former Board member R.J. Kirk, following the resignation of the pharmaceutical billionaire in October after he moved to Florida.

“It is a true privilege to have someone of Mr. Goodwin’s stature join the Board of Visitors,” Rector Helen Dragas said in a recent statement. “His breadth and depth of experience and wisdom will make a real difference as the University strives for ever higher levels of excellence.”



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—Thomas Jefferson

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# It's over: Dragas will most likely be confirmed

*Money and politics trump the good of the University in the decision to confirm or deny Dragas' reappointment*

Helen Dragas' reappointment to the University Board of Visitors will most likely be confirmed when the General Assembly votes on it in the coming weeks. The vote will follow a recommendation by the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee Tuesday. The decision will not be about the good of the University or whether Dragas is fit to serve at the helm of the Board.

It's safe to say a vast majority of the University community does not support Dragas' reappointment. Calls for her removal from the Board have been deafening since emails putting her at the center of the Sullivan ouster were released during the summer. More than 2,100 people have signed a petition urging the General Assembly to block her confirmation. Seventy-nine percent of Charlottesville-area residents want changes to the Board appointment process, according to a survey by the University Center for Survey Research.

But a small cadre of big influencers has Dragas' back. First, there are the politicians. Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell reappointed her in the first place. Mark Warner (D-VA) — U.S. senator and co-founder of Columbia Capital with former Vice Rector Mark Kington — has been canvassing legislators in support of Dragas. And Virginia's other U.S. senator, Tim Kaine (D-VA), first appointed her to the Board in 2008 and to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia in 2006 during his term as governor.

Then there are the donors. The list of University Board members reads like a who's who of top political contributors in Virginia. The Board effectively controls a sizeable portion of the money going to the campaigns of state politicians.

No savvy legislator will go against the will of a top political donor, especially one with such far-reaching influence as Dragas. The rector and her construction company contribute a lot of money to Virginia politicians — more than \$125,000, according to the Federal Election Commission and Virginia Public Access Project. Dragas also serves on the board of directors at

one of the state's most powerful companies: Dominion Power. Dominion has contributed \$6,766,145 to state and local politicians from 2000-2013. That number makes the company one of the state's biggest donors. The company has given Warner a total of more than \$276,000. Richard Saslaw (D-Fairfax County), Democratic leader of the State Senate, has received more than \$195,000. Dominion has given Gov. McDonnell a total of more than \$358,000. Warner and McDonnell have pledged their support for Dragas. Saslaw, as the most powerful Democratic member of the State Senate, will likely have a big impact on the decision to reappoint her.

Finally there's politics as usual. Given the Board can't be held directly accountable to its constituents, the elected state legislature should have the public's interest in mind. Dragas' opposition — comprised of a myriad of faculty, staff, students, alumni and donors — put faith in their ability to vocalize their discontent to legislators. But their shouts fall on deaf ears. Republicans, even if they disapprove of Dragas, are hesitant to vote against her lest it be seen as a victory for the University's left-leaning faculty and student body. Democrats take the academic community for granted — no matter what Democratic politicians do, overwhelmingly liberal students and faculty will continue to vote for them. And some legislators don't even care about this issue at all — take State Sen. Charles Carrico, Sr. (R-Grayson County), who told The Daily Progress he sees no reason to question Dragas' confirmation because the University isn't in his district. "If the governor is satisfied with her and wants to reappoint her, I have no problem with it," he said.

Dragas' supporters will move as quickly as possible to confirm her and there's little chance of convincing legislators to vote otherwise. This isn't about what's good for the University. It's about the money and the politics. Don't get us wrong — we think Dragas should go too, and we hope state legislators will vote against her confirmation. But there's no sense in being naïve about it.

### Featured online reader comment

"No more money from this alum and annual donor while Dragas remains on the Board, and I know I'm not alone. The fact that Dragas simply does not care about the good of this University is clearly exhibited by her continued seeking of appointment when her place on the Board is so adamantly opposed and so clearly driving away donors. The fact that legislators would confirm someone who clearly DOES NOT CARE about the University's well-being? Well, that's just plain disgusting."

"Bob," responding to the Managing Board's Jan. 8 lead editorial, "It's over: Dragas will most likely be confirmed"

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# iNarcissism

Our generation is the most self-centered generation yet

IT IS NOT uncommon to hear members of our generation speak of themselves as if they were reciting their resumes. We often brag about the things we believe we do well and speak highly of ourselves. This boastful attitude, according to the American Freshman Survey, derives from an increasing belief among college students that they are gifted and successful, a narcissism that extends even to those whose test scores and grades are declining.

Psychiatrist Dr. Keith Ablow, an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at Tufts Medical School, noted that social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, along with electronic gaming are to blame for this increasing narcissism.

He wrote that through Facebook, “young people can fool themselves into thinking they have hundreds or thousands of ‘friends.’ They can delete unflattering comments. They can block anyone who disagrees with them or pokes holes in their inflated self-esteem.” Like Ablow says, Facebook makes us believe we are

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celebrities and many seem to think that the surveillance of their Facebook pages by others is the equivalent of some kind of paparazzi.

This “paparazzi” delusion is made even worse by Twitter. Some people refuse to join Twitter because they do not seriously believe that anyone would want to know their every move, but there are many who think their Tweets are some sort of revelation to others. The fact that Twitter friends are called “followers” only emphasizes the narcissistic delusion, making it seem as if hundreds of people are “following” your every move, as if you have actual fans.

Instagram and Snap Chat are also prompters of this increasing narcissism in our generation, because we find ourselves believing that people want to see a picture of the pasta we had for dinner or think that they actually care about a picture of us making a duck face with the caption “YOLO!” It is through this constant exposure that we convince ourselves we are important. People, however, often only “like” an Ins-

tagram picture because they plan on the like being reciprocated on one of their pictures, or sometimes they are just liking it because the pasta looks

delicious; but very rarely are they liking it because they genuinely believe the picture has some intrinsic value.

In addition to these social networking sites, video games are another way members of our demographic convinces themselves they are important and talented. Video games act as outlets where we can be whomever we want, whether it is a skilled athlete or a trained soldier. You can be extremely successful in a video game, which creates a false pride and misconception that your talents in the game also exist in reality. I have played Wii tennis and won every match, only to be beaten 0-6 against the same opponent in actual tennis.

These deluded self-conceptions are a serious problem, according to Ablow, because “the bubble of narcissism is

always at risk of bursting.” The bubble is already beginning to burst through in the form of college rejection letters and unemployment for graduates, although even such documents try to help keep our self-esteem high. Rejection letters often begin

with, “Despite your outstanding qualifications, we simply had a record number of...” which again prompts our narcissism because we believe we truly were qualified and should have been accepted, and that our rejection is not our fault. Similarly, unemployment is rarely seen as the fault of the unemployed person but is frequently blamed on “society” or the “economy.” We cannot shield ourselves forever, however, and once we come to terms with the truth of our mediocrity, there may be negative outcomes. Depression will set it. Ablow even went so far to say that there will be an increase in drug usage, suicides and homicides “as the real self-loathing and hatred of others that lies beneath all this narcis-

sism rises to the surface.” Eventually, members of our generation will have to acknowledge that they are not superstar athletes from video games or fascinating celebrities from social networking sites. So why not start now? With such high unemployment rates, narcissism — especially unwarranted narcissism — will not get us very far in the job market, and it is better to accept our faults now instead of continuing to deny them. Although narcissism can be acceptable and warranted, like how I am narcissistic enough to write opinion columns and think that people care about what I have to say, too much narcissism is what can be harmful. Bloated self-importance can lead to negative consequences like depression when we do not achieve the success we think we deserve. We must come to terms with the truth now, because without changes in our attitudes our futures may not be as bright as the stars that we believe ourselves to be.

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# Loaded arguments

The statistics show an overwhelming argument in favor of gun control

WHEN THE news of yet another mass shooting came out of Newtown, Connecticut last month, the United States reacted in an emotional way. The country was heartbroken and appalled that such a thing had happened; the loss of 20 young, innocent lives is not something that can be ignored or rationalized. Afterwards, the media was saturated with activists insisting that “now is the time to talk about gun control.” I disagree. The “right” time to talk about gun control passed years ago. Have we forgotten Columbine, Virginia Tech, Fort Hood, the assault of Gabby Giffords or the movie theater shooting in Aurora, among many others? We have missed so many opportunities to recognize and address this problem. When 20 children die, frankly, it seems too late.

Nevertheless, I have been anxious to speak about the shooting and to discuss gun control issues. Although the events at Sandy Hook were no doubt tragic and left me with many reflections, I think it would be more productive today to review primarily the facts. What are the notable statistics involving gun ownership and

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violence, and in our divided government what actions and compromises are going to be necessary in order to pass suitable legislation and ensure gun safety?

Safety, I believe, is the operative word in this discussion. Despite what many political radicals would have the public believe, I do not think that determining appropriate gun control measures is a contest between complete gun freedom and no guns at all. As Adam Cohen pointed out in his Time magazine editorial, good gun control legislation “means a bill that does not demonize guns but instead seeks to build a consensus in favor of prudent gun use”. Compromise is a smart approach, especially considering that when comparing support for gun control and support for gun rights, the Pew Research Center found that the nation's identity is split, 47 percent for the former and 46 percent for the latter. This is a drastic change from 20 years ago, when only 34 percent of citizens stated they “supported gun rights”. That said, I do favor some significant reforms, and I do think certain allowances in weapons policy are dangerous. My main problem with the “pro-gun” discourse is that many of the fundamental arguments

that comprise it can be refuted. I will acknowledge that statistically gun violence is declining in the United States, even while the number of citizens who own guns is consistently increasing.

Our rate of gun murder is at its lowest point since at least 1981, and the number of violent crimes committed with guns — including aggravated assault and robbery — have declined for the past three years.

Many gun rights enthusiasts will use these statistics to support their position that guns are not only a right, they are necessary and beneficial. However, it would be premature to assume that we are safer simply because a significant portion of our population — nearly 45 percent of all households — possesses guns.

As evidenced by a 2005 Gallup poll, approximately two-thirds of gun owners cite “protection against crime” as a reason that they own a firearm. Statistically speaking, this logic too is flawed. The simple fact is people very rarely need a firearm to protect

themselves. According to the Brady Campaign, there are only about 200 incidences of legally justified self-defense homicides by private citizens every year. That is a virtually irrelevant figure given the 30,000 homicides that the United States experiences overall. Not only are guns very rarely used for their stated purpose — among other purposes, their ownership often turns tragically to cases of suicide or unintentional gun violence or injury for the owner or his or her family. According to the Brady Campaign, a gun in the home is twenty-two times more likely to be used in a completed or attempted suicide and four times more likely to be used in an unintentional shooting death or injury than it is to be used in a self-defense shooting. Of course, increased background checking and mental health screening will not solve everything, as the transfer of a gun from its purchaser to another member of the household cannot always be prevented, but I think the

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strictness of our laws needs to be evaluated when 40 percent of gun sales can be legally carried out without a background check, and the psychological state of the customer is nearly ignored. Background checks involve a history of psychological commitments, treatments, and in some cases diagnoses, but it is very possible that a person could be seriously mentally ill and as yet undiagnosed when he or she attempts to purchase a firearm. More proactive screening measures are necessary.

I hope for increased gun control in the future, including a ban on assault weapons, universal background checking, and a more comprehensive system of permits and gun registration. While responsible and educated gun owners should not be targeted, they should be held accountable for their guns and overall access to guns should be limited. I hope that we begin to realize the dangers of guns, and by extension, the danger of guns in the wrong hands. Maybe, finally, the United States has witnessed enough tragedy to cause us to act and to reform.

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# McCall leads Cavaliers’ strong play

Senior forward, balanced attack propel improving Cavaliers to 5-2 winter break record, 3-2 start against ACC competition

The Virginia women’s basketball team (11-5, 3-2 ACC) had a successful winter break, going 6-2 in the last month. After dropping two consecutive games before the break for exams, the Cavaliers rebounded well to put together strong performances as they started ACC play.

**Virginia 54, Coppin State 44**  
Junior guard Kelsey Wolfe led the way for the Cavaliers, scoring 14 points and draining two late 3-pointers. Senior center Simone Egwu added a double-double, and the Cavaliers dominated the Eagles on the boards, out-rebounding them 45-20.

**Alabama 73, Virginia 70 (2OT)**  
It took two overtimes, but Alabama used four late free throws to top the Cavaliers in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Wolfe sparked Virginia again with a team-high 16 points. With 29 seconds left in regulation, Cavalier sophomore forward Sarah Imovbioh tied the game at 58 with a jumper, sending it into overtime. In the first extra session, Virginia held the lead late, but a 3-pointer from Alabama sophomore guard Daisha Simmons with three seconds remaining evened the score at 66. In the final overtime, the Crimson Tide finally eked out the victory.

**Virginia 66, Norfolk State 23**  
The Cavaliers dominated all facets of the opening game of the Cavalier Classic, allowing the Spartans just six points in the first half. Behind 16 points from Egwu and 12 each from junior guard Ataire Franklin and Imovbioh, Virginia was never troubled by the Spartans, who shot just 22 percent from the floor.

**Virginia 54, Xavier 45**  
In the Cavalier Classic final, four Cavaliers scored in double figures to produce a balanced attack. Senior forward Telia McCall scored 10 points and was named the tournament MVP in the Cavaliers’ last non-conference game. Virginia finished 8-3 outside the ACC.

**Virginia 52, Virginia Tech 48**  
Senior guard China Crosby scored five of her team-high 16 points in the final minute to help Virginia hold on for a thrilling win. Virginia held a 10-point lead at halftime, but the Hokies cut the deficit to one with 54 seconds to play. Virginia used timely free throws to ice the game and secure its first ACC win.

**Miami 58, Virginia 52**  
Despite an 18-point performance from Wolfe and a double-

double from McCall, the Cavaliers were not able to get past a tough Hurricane team on the road. Miami senior guard Stephanie Yderstrom tallied 17 points, and the Hurricanes used five 3-pointers to edge Virginia.

**Virginia 62, Georgia Tech 51**  
Three Cavaliers scored at least 16 points, and Virginia controlled

the boards to even its ACC record at 2-2. McCall continued her recent strong play, scoring 18 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while Egwu added a 15-rebound performance.

**Virginia 78, NC State 59**  
The Cavaliers used a massive second-half scoring outburst to defeat the Wolfpack at home. Down 32-30 at halftime, Virginia

outscored NC State by 48-27 in the second half. McCall was impressive again, notching her third consecutive double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Wolfe added 24 points, and the team had four players in double figures in its second-highest scoring output this season.

—compiled by Michael Eilbacher



Senior forward Telia McCall is averaging 7.4 points and a team-leading 8.4 rebounds per game this season.

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No. 15 Jon Fausey helped Virginia knock off No. 9 Central Michigan with a major decision against No. 19 Craig Kelliher.

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IN BRIEF

## Cavs upset top-10 team

The No. 19 Virginia wrestling team competed in the Virginia Duals Friday and Saturday, claiming second place and reserving a spot in the school’s record book.  
In the opening round of the tournament, Bucknell proved no match for Virginia (9-3). The Cavaliers routed the Bison (2-6) 31-6. Redshirt senior Jedd Moore, redshirt junior Jon Fausey and redshirt sophomore Nick Sulzer all recorded bonus points for Virginia.  
The Cavaliers then faced Boise State in the quarterfinals later in the day Friday, toppling the

Broncos (5-5) 21-13 to reach the semifinals for the first time in 19 appearances at the Virginia Duals.  
In their first match Saturday, the Cavaliers continued their winning ways with an upset of No. 9 Central Michigan, the top-seeded team in the tournament. The gritty 20-13 performance marked the first win against a top-10 team in Virginia’s program history.  
The finals, however, did not prove to be as successful for the Cavaliers, who fell 21-9 to No. 10 Virginia Tech, Virginia’s second loss in as many meetings

this season against its archrival. Freshman George DiCamillo, redshirt freshman Zach Nye and Fausey were the only Cavalier wrestlers to win their matches.  
The runner-up result represented a strong bounceback by the Cavaliers following a sixth place performance at the 10-team Southern Scuffle earlier in January. The Cavaliers were able to take solace at the time, however, as all five teams placing ahead of them ranked among the nation’s top eight teams.  
—compiled by Matthew Wurzberger

## M Basketball | Evans returns to round out lineup

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Although Harris and Mitchell have provided just enough offense by averaging team-bests of 15.1 points and 9.3 rebounds per game respectively, the defense has continued to be a key component of Bennett’s formula for winning basketball.  
The Cavaliers rank dead-last in the ACC in scoring offense, but have offset their shortcomings with the conference’s stingiest defense, which has allowed just 51.6 points per game. Virginia has not allowed more than 64 points in any game this season behind its stifling pack-line defense.  
Although Old Dominion became the third CAA team to upset Virginia this season Dec. 22 in Richmond, the Cavaliers returned to Charlottesville Dec. 30 and

regained their form, easily handling Wofford 74-39. The Cavaliers could not let up after the blowout victory, however, with a matchup against North Carolina — the lone ACC team that had not lost in John Paul Jones Arena — looming a week later in the conference opener.  
Against a Cavalier team that came into the game 3-0 in ACC openers under Bennett, the Tar Heels clung to a 25-24 halftime edge, becoming the first team to lead Virginia at halftime in nearly two months. Harris finished the game as Virginia’s only player to score in double figures, netting 19, but the Cavaliers held the Tar Heels seven points below their previous season-low scoring total and earned a statement 61-52 win in a nationally televised game.  
“It was a big win for this pro-

gram ... It’s big for us to get a ‘W’ like that,” Mitchell said. “But again, we have to be able to carry that momentum into the next few games and kind of put it behind us and keep playing the way we have been.”  
Evans’ injury was undoubtedly a setback for Virginia, but his absence gave the team’s talented freshmen valuable playing time, which has paid off in recent weeks. Tobey, Nolte, Jones and Anderson have each started at least one game, and all four have proven to be indispensable bench assets for Bennett.  
“The young guys just need to continue to do what they’re doing now and hopefully it will make them better as their careers go on but it’s definitely making an impact on this team right now,” Mitchell said.  
After the win against the Tar

Heels, with the team’s health improving, its young players thriving and its confidence soaring, the Cavaliers eyed a fast start in ACC play. Instead, the team has taken a step back with a pair of road losses against Wake Forest and Clemson in the past week.  
Evans returned to the starting lineup against the Demon Deacons Jan. 9, giving the Cavaliers a starting five devoid of freshmen and allowing Bennett to finally utilize the lineup he envisioned entering the season. But Virginia suffered its 10th consecutive loss in Winston-Salem, falling 55-52, despite holding Wake Forest without a field goal during the final 10 minutes of the game. Virginia followed the setback with a season-low 44 points in a 15-point loss at Clemson Saturday.

“I feel like we didn’t — the upperclassmen especially — really come out with the intensity that we needed to come out with,” Mitchell said after the team’s loss to Wake Forest. “It should have been a lesson we learned at George Mason or against Old Dominion, but I think hopefully this will be the time we realize that we have to come out with the same intensity for every game.”  
Evans’ return presents a new challenge for Virginia, forcing freshmen such as Jones — who had helped spark the team’s resurgence — back into a supporting role. The Cavaliers will not play again until this Saturday against Florida State, giving them a week to once again establish new roles on offense as they look to snap their two-game slide.

## Metzinger | Winning will solve press conference quandary

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whether you think Virginia’s season could possibly count as a positive one if the squad continues to perform like a middling ACC also-ran.  
While most Virginia students were setting aside their books and engaging in spirited conversations about “Django Unchained” during the break, the Virginia basketball team was going 3-3 in a stretch that included a few soaring highlights mixed in with losses to hapless Old Dominion and Wake Forest that were more humiliating than my singing performance in the fourth-grade play. Still, the Cavaliers achieved many things worthy of our admiration during those six games, including a level of defensive play stingy enough to put the Baseball Writers Association of America to shame. Bennett’s scheme places a premium on forcing off-balance or low-percentage shots, and the Cavaliers have mostly executed

it to a tee.  
Bennett’s main rotation has limited opponents to a paltry 51.6 points per game and a 36.4 percent field goal percentage, marks which rank second and sixth in the nation respectively, and yielded fewer points to traditional powerhouse North Carolina in a 61-52 victory than the Virginia football team gave up to Georgia Tech this past year. Even during Saturday’s 59-44 loss to Clemson, when the Tigers poured in 35 second-half points and shot over 50 percent for the game, it was Milton Jennings’ scorching 3-point shooting rather than any severe lapses or miscues which doomed the Cavaliers defensively.  
Their statistical defensive prowess aside, the Cavaliers’ most significant development may be their emerging freshmen’s willingness to embrace the culture with which Bennett has imbued the program since his arrival in 2009—a noteworthy accomplishment for a team which has endured the transfers

of several frustrated players in the past few seasons. Given that most of Virginia’s players were high-volume, exciting stars in high school—including the first-year troika of Justin Anderson, Evan Nolte and Mike Tobey which Bennett has relied upon so much this year—their commitment to a slowed-down, disciplined gameplan indicates a level of maturity which bodes well for the program’s future. Given that most college students struggle with the concepts of discipline and selflessness, such solidarity from the young core is promising.  
Unfortunately, honoring such “victories” is nearly impossible when the team plays as abhorrently as it did last week. Virginia’s issues stem almost entirely from an offensive attack that looks so punchless at times that the “facepalm” has rapidly become Hoos’ fans go-to gesture when watching games. When clear first-option Joe Harris has struggled—he shot 16-of-42 in Virginia’s three losses during the

break—an already tepid offensive unit has mostly imploded into a cringe-worthy collection of lethargic passing and ineffective post-ups with scarcely any free-throw shooting in sight. And even when the Cavaliers have found open looks, Virginia has shot with the accuracy of Dick Cheney and committed costly turnovers.  
Throw in the multiple mental miscues Virginia has suffered this season—the second-half travesty against 2-14 Old Dominion, the 17 turnovers against Wake Forest, the air balls against Clemson—and the Cavaliers have not played up to the standard of the consistent ACC contender and NCAA Tournament participant most fans expected them to have become by now. And therein lies the rub with judging Bennett and Virginia this season: for all the excuses you can rattle off and positive aspects you can highlight, the team’s inconsistency this past month has created a maddening, bitter sentiment

among Cavalier fans. Bennett has held Virginia together about as well as could be expected in the wake of those transfers, building around a cadre of young, versatile players who will undoubtedly thrive in future seasons. But while we can certainly understand why Virginia is not yet challenging for an ACC title, nothing excuses the 35.9 percent shooting or the pathetically low 20 combined free-throw attempts from this past week’s road losses. Nor is youth ever a justification for losing against teams with far less talent, as the Cavaliers have now done thrice against Delaware, Old Dominion and Wake Forest. In the end, this break taught us that for all the small successes and admirable qualities which define this edition of Virginia basketball, the team will need to correct its offensive woes if it wants to contend in the ACC. Win on the court, and Bennett won’t have to worry about looking sad enough at his press conference.



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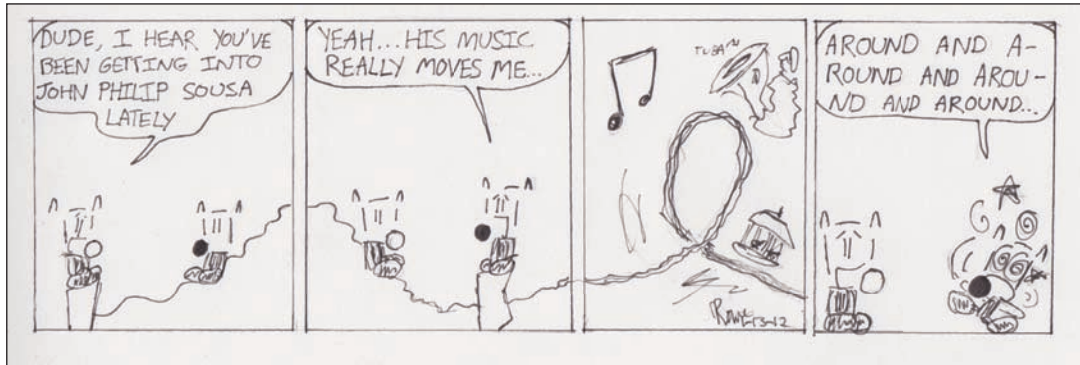




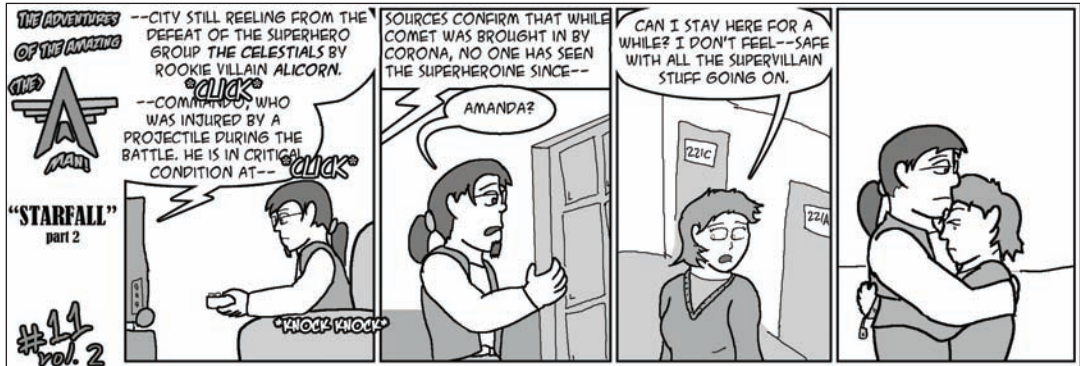
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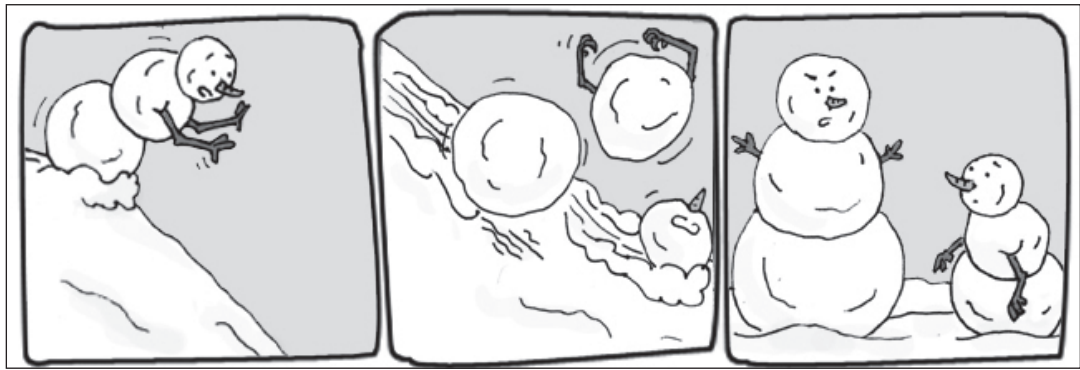
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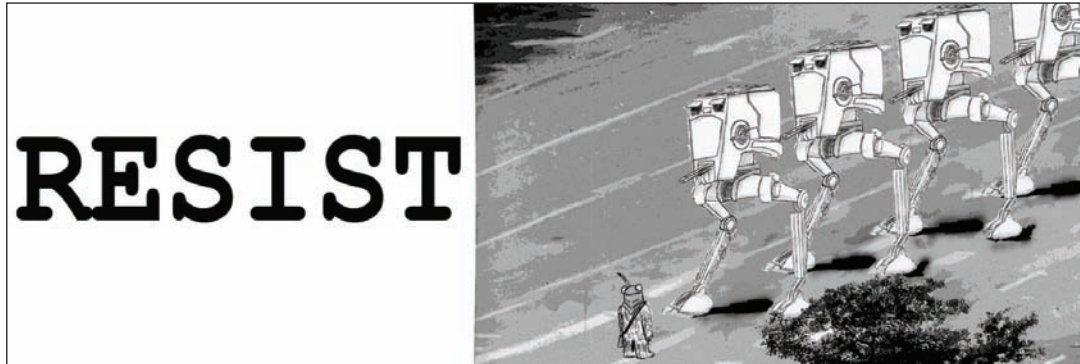
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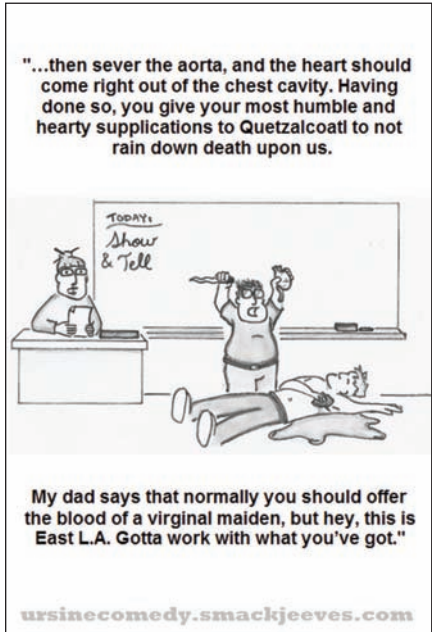
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## MOSTLY HARMLESS BY PETER SIMONSEN



## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may feel as though you are being fed useless information, but this learning is not in vain. Rather, it's just too soon to say how exactly this will fit into your big picture.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). When you hear an excellent suggestion, you move on it right away. If you're not moving, it means you have doubts. You may not even be fully cognizant of what they are, but trust yourself on this one.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Melancholy types like to pine away about what they don't have whilst ignoring what they do have. Your example of gratitude will catch on to the others around you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There's someone you'd like to know better and you'll make inroads now. Isn't it nice to know the feeling is mutual? Also, you'll learn something interesting about yourself if you consider why you find this person attractive.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're gathering your strength on every level. Physically, you may not look very active, but looks can be deceiving. Much will be gained from the process of doing very little.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many facets to your personality. You will utilize your gifts to do unique and captivating work. There's someone who wants to get closer to you, drawn in by all you create.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sure, you are in charge of yourself. But your life is also a collaboration. Stop expecting yourself to be responsible for the entire experience. You have a strong influence, but you don't have total control.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll know when you achieve detachment -- you'll be laughing to yourself about the very thing you once were quite annoyed with.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It seems that there is nothing that can't be made a little better because of the quality of attention you bring to it today. You will take a mundane practice and turn it into an elegant art.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take on a courageous, energetic and completely superfluous activity. It's impossible to see now, but doing the unnecessary today will give you an advantage down the line.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your personal New Year is coming up. You're now getting excited about the prospects. With a little consistency you'll see that you really can become the person you always wanted to be.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Testing is part of human nature. Children do it without realizing it. The little pushes you give to your physical and emotional environment is a way of understanding the limitations.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 14). You're only getting better, and this year brings hard proof. A blazing desire throws you into action right from the start of this new era. March is your chance at a rarely known thrill. April shifts your professional picture around to allow you to use your talents to the max. June and September bring beautiful travels. Cancer and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 32, 14, 7 and 30.

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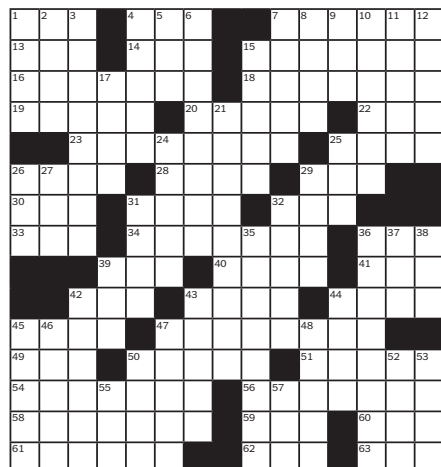
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**ACROSS**  
1 Pharmaceutical co. regulator  
4 Mule of song  
7 Go by, as hours  
13 \_\_\_\_ Vegas  
14 CBS forensic drama  
15 Boundless enthusiasm  
16 Being risked  
18 One of seven in the Constitution  
19 Prepare to drive a golf ball  
20 Helpers: Abbr.  
22 Clusters of tennis  
23 See, as visitors  
25 Author Blume  
26 Quick punches  
28 "If I Only \_\_\_\_ Brain"  
29 Unruly head of hair  
30 Have a bug  
31 Drink at a sushi bar  
32 Sauce at a sushi bar  
33 Twisted, as humor  
34 Like December, among the months of the year  
36 \_\_\_\_ Moines, Iowa  
39 Exxon product  
40 Angers  
41 Pen filler  
42 Drool catcher  
43 Old dagger  
44 Tramp's partner in a Disney film  
45 Corp. money managers  
47 Border collie, for one  
49 Feedbag morsel  
50 At \_\_\_\_ (stumped)  
51 Milton \_\_\_\_ leader to Uganda's independence  
54 Cashew or hazel, in a grove  
56 Capital of Arizona  
58 Was a bad winner  
59 Writer Fleming  
60 French friend  
61 Maximally  
62 Science guy Bill  
63 Rent out

**DOWN**  
1 \*Smooth  
2 \*Romantic outing  
3 \*Legislature  
4 Ending with land or sea  
5 Show curiosity  
6 Suffer from insomnia  
7 Our planet  
8 D-Day transports: Abbr.  
9 "Do \_\_\_\_ say, not \_\_\_\_"  
10 \*Light truck  
11 \*Sphere or cube  
12 \*Foe  
15 Noodles, e.g.  
17 Election day: Abbr.  
21 Where to find coaches at football games ... or a description of the answers to the 16 starred clues  
24 Defrosts  
25 Elation  
26 \*It moves up and down when you talk  
27 \*Broadcast  
29 Kind of scale of mineral hardness  
31 Attack with a knife

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**  
GSHARP CASTIRON  
ECOCAR ALPACINO  
OTTEGA TIELINES  
RAH ENHANCE GPA  
GMEN KALES NEILA  
OJAYS NOS VERNIE  
HEDGEHOG FEW  
MTSINAI FALSEST  
ADJ SEQUENCE  
ICONS VEL MUTER  
MOLT KEVIN MINA  
BCD ANNEKES CAW  
ICEQUEEN ELMIRA  
BYSTREET DARNIT  
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32 Precipitous

43 Did some blacksmith's work on

50 Partner of sciences

35 "Wheel of Fortune" bonus

44 Ear part

52 \*Cons do it

36 \*Shortcut path, maybe

45 \*Cuban drum

53 \*Depart

37 \*Finish

46 \*Tennis umpire's cry

55 Way of the East

38 \*What's up?

47 Winter hazard

57 It's pitched with a pitchfork

39 U.S. soldiers

48 Blackmore's "Lorna \_\_\_\_"

58 It's pitched with a pitchfork

42 \*Fanny

49 \_\_\_\_

59 \_\_\_\_

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