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# Democrats sweep statewide races

Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam defeats Republican Ed Gillespie in one of the first gubernatorial races since Trump's election

Sydney Bradley and Anna Higgins | Staff Writers

Democratic candidates swept Virginia's statewide races Tuesday in a strong showing for the Democratic Party in some of the first major races held since President Donald Trump (R) won the White House last November.

Democrat and current Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam defeated Republican Ed Gillespie to become Virginia's next governor. Northam won about 54 percent of the vote, while Gillespie received about 45 percent of the vote. Democrats Justin Fairfax and Mark Herring were elected lieutenant governor and attorney general, respectively.

Leading up to Nov. 7, the gubernatorial race was closely tracked by the national media and political experts due to the tight polls and its position as one of the first major elections since Trump's victory. Many have framed this Virginia election as a referendum on the Trump administration.

Northam's campaign, along with the Democratic Party, have used this to their advantage through political advertising that compared Gillespie to Trump. Northam's campaign was recently criticized for associating Gillespie with the white supremacists that organized rallies in Charlottesville on Aug. 11 and 12.

Northam received support from former President Barack Obama, former Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Sens. Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, Democratic National Committee Chair Tom Perez and many other Democrats. Obama visited Richmond

earlier in October for a campaign event, and both of Virginia's U.S. senators recently visited Charlottesville for "Get Out The Vote" efforts.

In addition to rhetoric about the current president, other issues in this election have included health care, jobs, crime, immigration and Confederate monuments.

On Grounds, University students have been actively campaigning for both candidates. A recent poll by The Cavalier Daily found about 53 percent of respondents supported Northam for governor. Nineteen percent of respondents expressed support for Gillespie and four percent for Libertarian Cliff Hyra.

Democrats also had numerous successes in the House of Delegates elections Tuesday, picking up at least 13 seats in the House of Delegates as of press time early Wednesday morning. This brings the Democratic Party's total number of seats in the 100-member house to at least 47.

One race that captured national attention saw Democrat Danica Roem defeat Del. Robert G. "Bob" Marshall (R) in the 13th District to become one of the country's first openly transgender lawmakers. She won about 54 percent of the vote, while Marshall received about 45 percent of the vote.

In his concession speech made in Richmond Tuesday night, Gillespie thanked his family, friends and campaign staff for their hard work throughout the election season. He also thanked every-

one who voted, both for him and against him.

"These million voters and their friends and families love our Commonwealth, they love our fellow Virginians and they love even those who disagree with them," Gillespie said. "I know that they too are rooting for our new governor to succeed, because we all love the Commonwealth of Virginia and will continue to root for the Commonwealth of Virginia to do well and hope that our Governor is successful in that regard."

In his victory speech at George Mason University in Fairfax, Northam praised growing diversity in the United States.

"It is that diverse society that makes this country great," Northam said. "And as long as I'm governor, I will make sure that we're inclusive, that we welcome people to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our lights will be on, our doors will be open ... let's get to work."

Northam also referenced his occupation as a pediatrician in the speech.

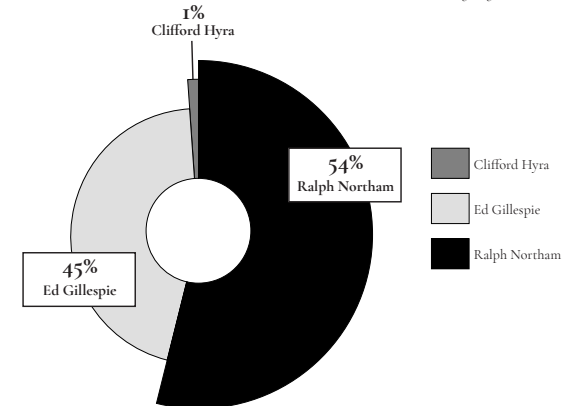
"I'm here to let you know that the doctor is in," he said. "This doctor will be on call for the next four years."

Virginia Chambers, a second-year College student and University Democrats communications coordinator, said members of the organization were "clearly really excited about the statewide ticket."

Chambers also said the organization was pleasantly surprised by the voter turnout, particularly

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despite the rainy weather Tuesday.

"Typically, bad weather — cold, rainy — leads to lower turnout rates especially for Democrats, especially poor Democrats, because they normally ... are disenfranchised by voting laws already," she said. "It's really exciting to think that that may not be necessarily the case."

Adam Kimelman, a third-year College student and chair of the College Republicans, said while the group was disappointed in and surprised by the results, they congratulated the winners and hope "that they are able to prove [the College Republicans] wrong in a lot of ways."

He also said that moving forward, the Republican Party would have to reexamine how it runs campaigns in the Commonwealth.

"I very much thought momentum was with us and all the polls got it wrong in the other direc-

tion this time," he said. "Running in Virginia is definitely going to be a challenge moving forward."

According to Kimelman, the College Republicans have received backlash for their campaigning on Grounds. He said their painting of Beta Bridge was vandalized twice — while the University Democrats also had their painted side vandalized — and he was disappointed to see "a tradition like that go awry."

He said because of how campaigning went, the College Republicans will reevaluate discourse about conservatives on Grounds and how they interact with different groups.

"It's very hard to be a conservative and run a campaign on Grounds," he said. "Obviously this was not a great day for the Republican Party, and we're going to have to figure out what happened, where we lost messaging with voters."

## Fairfax, Herring win lieutenant governor, attorney general

Both candidates win respective elections with 53 percent of the vote

Ankita Satpathy | Senior Writer

Democrats Justin Fairfax and Mark Herring will be Virginia's next lieutenant governor and attorney general, respectively. Fairfax and Herring both won 53 percent of the vote for their respective elections.

Democrat Ralph Northam also won the gubernatorial race Tuesday night, beating out Republican candidate Ed Gillespie.

Fairfax was gubernatorial candidate Ralph Northam's running mate. Northam is the state's current lieutenant governor, but did not

seek re-election in order to campaign for governor.

Prior to running, Fairfax served as the Assistant United States Attorney.

Herring is Virginia's current attorney general and will serve a second term.

Key tenets of Fairfax's platform included increasing the minimum wage, expanding workforce training especially for those without a college degree, guaranteeing pre-kindergarten education to all Virginians, expanding Medicaid to

cover and employ more people and supporting rights for women and marginalized communities.

Herring's platform focused on combating the heroin and opioid epidemic by emphasizing education and prevention, pursuing cases against child predators, keeping firearms out of the hands of felons and supporting the rights of minorities by working with local law enforcement agencies to ensure they understand and represent the communities they serve.

State Sen. Jill Vogel (R-Fauquier)

ran alongside Gillespie as the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor and won 47 percent of the vote. John Adams was the Republican candidate for attorney general and also garnered 47 percent of the vote. Adams previously served as a naval officer and federal prosecutor.

Kyle Kondik, Managing Editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball, noted the shift towards favoring liberal candidates in Virginia as compared to a much more narrow margin last year.

"For the second straight state-

wide election, Democrats swept the three statewide elected offices, and by bigger margins than most polls predicted," Kondik said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. "Additionally, Democrats are making shockingly big gains in the Virginia House of Delegates — they may even win the majority. So Virginia took a big left turn in this election, aided by President Donald Trump's unpopularity in Virginia and the usual tendency for the non-presidential party to make gains in off-year elections."

# Nikuyah Walker and Heather Hill elected to City Council

Walker to be the first independent on Council in decades

Geremia Di Maro | Associate Editor

In an upset to the city’s Democratic Party, Nikuyah Walker led at the polls Tuesday to become Charlottesville’s first independent candidate elected to the Charlottesville City Council since the 1940s. Democratic candidate Heather Hill was also elected to a four-year term on Council.

The two open seats on City Council went to Walker and Hill, who won with 29.13 percent and 28.57 percent of the vote, respectively. Democratic candidate Amy Laufer fell just short of winning a seat on Council, trailing Hill by 55 votes.

In total, Walker won 7,906 votes and Hill received 7,752 votes.

Walker’s campaign was defined by the issues of affordable housing, local government transparency and addressing racial inequality in the Charlottesville community. She is currently employed by the Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Department and earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science in 2004 from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her campaign raised a total of \$24,522 as of Oct. 26, according to data from the Virginia Public Access Project.

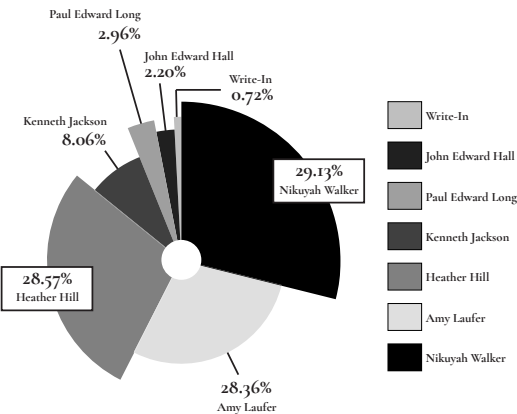
“There are so many people who are brilliant and talented and they never make it because of the conditions of this city,” Walker said at her election celebration at the Jefferson School Tuesday night.

UVa. Students United and the Black Student Alliance had endorsed Walker’s campaign.

Hill has served as the president of the North Downtown Resident’s Association and is a member of the Belmont Bridge Steering Committee. Hill structured her campaign around transparency and accountability in local government, economic progress and community equity, as well as safety and infrastructure. Hill’s campaign raised a total of \$37,838 as of Oct. 26, according to VPAP.

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“Obviously, I imagined it alongside Amy [Laufer], being part of our Democratic ticket,” Hill said at an election night watch party. “I really commend her for all of the effort she has put into this race. I learned from her, and I’m sorry not to work with her, but I am so committed.”

Laufer, who placed third, is in her second term on the Charlottesville School Board and raised a total of \$33,382 as of Oct. 26.

Other candidates in the race included independents John Edward Hall, Paul Long and Kenneth Jackson.

The University Democrats originally endorsed Hill and Laufer for City Council. Virginia Chambers, a second-year College student and University Democrats communications coordinator, said while the organization was happy about Hill’s win, they were disappointed to hear about Laufer’s concession.

“We are excited to see that [Hill] appears to pulled out a win and we are interested to see what Charlottesville will take in its next term, what this will mean next year and down the line for how City Council

interacts with the City of Charlottesville,” Chambers said.

Adam Kimelman, a third-year College student and the chair of the College Republicans, said that although the College Republicans did not specifically endorse any candidate for City Council, that it was telling that an independent candidate won over a Democrat.

“The fact that an independent won and not a Democrat shows that people are tired of Democratic total control of City Council,” he said.

Incumbent David Toscano (D) was also reelected to the Virginia House of Delegates to representing the 57th district of Virginia with 98 percent of the vote. Toscano ran unopposed for his seat and is currently the Minority Leader in the House.

In an interview with The Cavalier Daily, Erin Monaghan — Toscano’s communications director — spoke about the Delegate’s goals for the upcoming General Assembly Session.

“He definitely wants to work on ... raising the minimum wage,”

Monaghan said. “It is something they’ve [Democrats] been working on and attempted to get done at the last several sessions [as well as] working on issues of reducing the debt load students have to take on for higher education or vocational training.”

Monaghan also cited climate change and nonpartisan redistricting as major concerns of Toscano’s moving forward.

“[Working on] reducing how we are contributing to climate change and working on trying to get the House of Delegates to take a vote on nonpartisan redistricting since redistricting will be coming up in just a few more years,” Monaghan said.

Elections for all of the city’s constitutional officers and the Charlottesville School Board were uncontested Tuesday. The constitutional officer positions include the Commissioner of Revenue, treasurer, sheriff and Commonwealth’s Attorney.

Many of the candidates running for these offices were Democratic incumbents.

Commissioner of Revenue Todd Divers, Treasurer Jason Vanderver and Sheriff James E. Brown III will each continue to hold their respective offices.

Divers received 99 percent of the vote, Vanderver received 99 percent of the vote and Brown III received 99 percent of the vote.

Democrat Joe Platania was also elected Commonwealth’s Attorney with 98 percent of the vote.

Divers said it was important to vote for constitutional offices in an interview with The Cavalier Daily.

“I think it’s important that constitutional offices be elected,” Divers said. “I think they’re important checks on the other branches of local government in the same way you have checks and balances at the state and federal level.”

Vanderver also said it was important to vote, even though some elections are uncontested.

“I think this election is a very important one, even though I am running unopposed,” Vanderver said. “Most of the time, people aren’t aware that the treasurer is an elected position, so the election cycle provides an opportunity to speak about the office and it’s role in our local government.”

Vanderver emphasized that the election of constitutional offices such as treasurer is crucial to local governance.

“The treasurer’s independent status as an elected official ensures that local funds will be collected, invested, safeguarded and spent by an officer who reports directly to the people,” Vanderver said. “This helps ensure that the duties of revenue collection will be performed by an elected officer who will be responsive and receptive directly to voters.”

Brown also identified a couple of key policy initiatives he is looking forward to as he continues his term as sheriff, including self-defense classes and facility renovations.

“The Charlottesville Sheriff’s Office offers basic self-defense classes and I am hoping we can begin to offer the classes to the community on a quarterly basis,” Brown said. “We are also looking at a major courthouse renovation in 2018 for our Circuit Court which will include the Clerk’s Office and Sheriff’s Office.”

Three candidates for Charlottesville School Board were also elected Tuesday, running unopposed for three open seats on the board.

Current board chair Juandiego Wade and fellow incumbent Leah Puryear were both re-elected with 33.05 percent and 32.08 percent of the vote, respectively. First-time candidate Lisa Larson-Torres was elected to the board with 33.73 percent of the vote.

# Albemarle County elects Supervisors, School Board

Palmer defeats Lowry in contested race for Board of Supervisors

Geremia Di Maro | Associate Editor

Albemarle County voters elected Democratic incumbent Liz Palmer to represent the Samuel Miller district on the the county’s Board of Supervisors Tuesday. Palmer won 68 percent of the vote, while Republican challenger John C. Lowry re-

ceived 32 percent of the vote in the only contested election for a seat on the board.

Democratic incumbent Dianta McKeel received 97 percent of the vote in an uncontested race for the Board in the Jack Jouett district. In the Rio dis-

trict, Democrat Ned Gallaway also ran unopposed for a seat on the Board and received 96 percent of the vote.

Voters elected incumbent Graham Paige to represent the Samuel Miller district on the Albemarle County School Board.

Paige received 65 percent of the vote, while challenger Julian Waters won 34 percent of the vote while.

In the Rio district’s school board race, Katrina Callsen defeated Mary McIntyre with 63 percent of the vote, while McIn-

tyre received 36 percent of the vote.

Incumbent School Board member Kate Acuff received 98 percent of the vote in an uncontested race in the Jack Jouett district.



# THIS WEEK IN-BRIEF

A short rundown of what you need to know from this past week

Cavalier Daily News Staff

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

### CultureFest

Various multicultural student groups on Grounds hosted CultureFest, a festival that took place in the Amphitheater Saturday. With raffles, food from local international restaurants and a wide range of performances, attendees learned more about the cultural organizations on Grounds. They also participated in interactive activities, such as learning origami and calligraphy. As the event ran parallel with Family Weekend, many parents came to see the various performances on the itinerary as well as support their children.



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### Authorities see few 'Fourth-Year Fifth' incidents

The number of University students who participate in the annual "Fourth-Year Fifth" has been on a steady decline this year and in recent years. The Fourth-Year Fifth dates back to the 1980s and takes place the Saturday of the last home football game of the season. The tradition involves fourth-year students attempting to drink a fifth of a bottle of liquor — the equivalent of 17 shots — by the start of the football game that day. According to the Charlottesville Police Department, no arrests for public intoxication or related issues were made Saturday or Sunday by CPD. Only three 911 calls were made between 12 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday relating to substance overdose in the areas surrounding Rugby Road and the Corner, where many students live off-Grounds. It is unknown if these calls were specifically related to the Fourth-Year Fifth.

Groups like the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team at the University have been engaged in efforts to curb the high-risk tradition through events like Substance Abuse Prevention Week and the Fourth-Year 5K — sponsored by Peer Health Educators.



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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

### Honor representative proposes to bylaw change to allow for additional IR admissions

At the Honor Committee meeting Sunday evening, Owen Gallogly, a Law student and Honor Committee representative, proposed to change the informed retraction bylaws to allow students to admit additional offenses under one informed retraction, or IR. The by-

law change would allow students taking the IR to admit to additional offenses, such as having cheated on another test in the same course.

The Committee will discuss Gallogly's proposal at their next meeting.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

### DNC chair and Mark Warner comes to Grounds

Democratic National Committee Chair Tom Perez and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) encouraged University students to "Get Out the Vote" on the Lawn Sunday night. The event was hosted by NextGen Virginia, a

group working to elect Democrats in Virginia. Perez, who also served as Secretary of Labor in the Obama administration, said University students should make their voices heard by voting for Democrats Tuesday.



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### Police request help identifying suspect in attempted Wertland Street abduction

The Charlottesville Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying a "person of interest" connected with an attempted abduction that was reported to have taken place Oct. 27 on Wertland Street.

The suspect threatened the victim and fled the scene after a passerby heard the victim's screams. Find photos of the suspect on our website at [www.cavalierdaily.com](http://www.cavalierdaily.com).



# StudCo partners with CAR2Vote, SafeRide for election

Multiple shuttles, on-call volunteers to help students make it to University Hall or immediate surrounding precincts

Daniel Hoerauf | Senior Writer

For many students, a lack of transportation that fits around their schedule might have entirely prohibited their ability to vote Tuesday. For the second year in a row, Student Council partnered with University Parking and Transportation and CAR2Vote — a local, independent, nonpartisan service — to provide transportation to student who otherwise wouldn't have been able to vote.

One shuttle service, provided by Parking and Transportation, used SafeRide vans to take predominantly first-year students from the Observatory Hill dining hall to University Hall, the poll location for most of the on-Grounds housing. For students living off-Grounds or on-Grounds but outside of the University Hall precinct, a separate shuttle service was provided from Ruppell Drive behind

the Commerce School to the polls at Venable Elementary and Buford Middle School.

In addition to the shuttle service, CAR2Vote and their team of volunteers were on call all while the polls were open to take University students unable to make the shuttle — as well as Charlottesville and Albemarle residents unaffiliated with the University — to their polling location.

"My work as a community activist has taught me that far too often transportation is the missing link in providing services and getting people to do to participate fully in our society," said Gail Wiley, one of the founders of CAR2Vote. "That can be anyone from a University student who doesn't have ready transportation to our elderly who can no longer drive to those expe-

riencing poverty who don't have reliable transportation."

"We have to prepare for calls to come from anywhere at any time," Wiley added. "So we organize ourselves to provide the coverage and then we hope that there's the need. We have drivers on call to pick up anybody from anywhere at any time."

Student Council was able to cover the cost of the shuttles this year thanks to a donation from the Center for Politics, and they hope to establish funding for the near future to ensure the University's ability to provide students with rides to the polls.

"When we initially started this effort last year we were told it is a one-time thing, it's just because it's such a big presidential election, this is not going to be something that we're going to see institutionalized," said Elizabeth

Parker, a fourth-year College student and co-chair of Legislative Affairs for Student Council. "I was really pleased to sit down this year with Parking and Transportation and the head of Parking and Transportation told me we want to see this tradition, we want to do something that's part of the fabric of the University in terms of engagement for years to come."

Last year, 1,053 students took advantage of the shuttle to University Hall, and Parker anticipated approximately 600 students would use the same service this year, with better publicization working to combat the voter apathy from a midterm election.

"Although it is a gubernatorial election I think students are very keenly aware of the fact that the Governor of Virginia picks the Board of Visitors," Parker said. "So there's extra incentive

to vote in this election if you want to control things like tuition, free speech on Grounds and other overarching issues in higher education."

Wiley and Parker both see this partnership between Student Council and CAR2Vote as the beginning of an annual offering to help boost student engagement.

"If this is the second year, all we need is one or two more years and it becomes a tradition at UVa. I hope we do become a tradition and institution," Wiley said. "Mostly I have faith in the students organizing whatever the need is, however that morphs and changes over time and I'm just glad to be a part of that."

## Honor Committee holds town hall meeting

Discussion was part of three-day Popular Assembly

Eliza Haverstock | Associate News Editor

The University's Honor Committee hosted an open town hall meeting Monday night as the first part of a three-day "Popular Assembly" happening this week.

Dozens of students populated the two-hour discussion in Nau 101. It was structured with an opening address, executive board introductions, a mix of live and prepared questions that were submitted online prior to the town hall and a short conclusion.

The five members of Honor's Executive Committee formed the panel and addressed the concerns coming from the audience. This panel consisted of Devin Rossin, a fourth-year College student and Honor Committee chair; Jeffrey Warren, a fourth-year College student and vice chair for hearings; Sarah Killian, a fourth-year College student and vice chair for investigations; Lucie Oken, a fourth-year Batten student and interim vice chair for education; and Brandt Welch, a fourth-year Engineering student and vice chair for community relations.

The town hall followed a preliminary report from the Honor Audit Commission released Sunday night that identified the three main problems facing the Honor System as inaccurate representation of the diverse student body, the notion that the Community of Trust is solely tied to Honor and a lack of buy-in from students and faculty.

The full report from the independent review commission is due in December of this year. Throughout the evening, these three issues guided and defined the discussion.



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Honor's Executive Committee addressed questions and concerns from the audience about the Honor System.

The first question concerning the issue of buy-in, particularly as it relates to faculty, came from an Engineering student. He asked what the Honor Committee planned to do to increase legitimacy, especially as some departments haven't submitted honor offenses in decades.

"The tired adage that you can leave your backpack in the library for hours doesn't really resonate with students anymore," Rossin said in response. "So what does it mean to be relevant to students' lives on the day by day? I think it means speaking to a lot of so-

cial situations they feel impacts them a lot greater than anything else. For example, we sponsored Green Dot trainings and Unpacking Privilege training for all of our support officers to make sure that they are aware of any issues that students across grounds are dealing with."

Warren repeatedly touched upon his own evolving opinions toward the single sanction. On his application to Honor as a first year, he wrote that he was in favor of a stricter single sanction. Last month, he participated in another Honor outreach event — a debate cosponsored by the Jefferson Society about the single sanction issue. Warren was on the side of a mul-

ti-sanction system.

"Sometimes faculty can believe that their case is ironclad — that they found a very clear case of cheating — and sometimes that student is acquitted by a randomly selected jury of their peers," Warren said. "And so I think that makes faculty not want to report to the Honor system. And then I think that those stories that faculty tell ... I think that if that happens the faculty then goes to their department and tells that story."

Another question from the audience touched on the issue of diversity within Honor, asking what the future and goals of Honor should philosophically be in the context of a system that originally had a purpose inherently tied to the ideal of a white, southern gentleman.

"I think the point of honor is to evolve over time to fit the ideals of the community that we serve," Rossin said.

Welch specifically pointed to diversity as one of the most important goals for his term.

"I think honor being a vaguely and not super well-defined term gives us an interesting opportunity to repurpose it to fit the needs of the student body at any given time," Welch said. "One of my goals was to make Honor an ally to communities around grounds. I think just the idea of honor, the fact that's gone through so many phases so many times, we can shape that definition, and say alright, the reason you should

care about these different communities that are going through different things is because of honor."

Article VII of the Honor Constitution mandates that the executive board hosts an open forum every other year "to facilitate discussion on the state of the Honor System; to ascertain the pressing concerns of the community; and to generate potential measures to be put before the student body for consideration."

This year, they planned a three day series of events. As part of Popular Assembly, there was a mock hearing Tuesday night and closing remarks with John Gates, the Engineering School's associate dean for diversity and inclusion, on Wednesday.

Oken said Monday night's town hall was part of a larger effort to make education events "relevant and personalized" to the wide range of communities throughout Grounds that Honor tries to reach.

"The Mock Hearing will be a really good opportunity for students to see some of the procedural side of Honor, as well as the philosophical ideas we concentrated on in the Town Hall. Students will be able to participate in deliberations themselves, and experience what it's like to grapple with a guilty vs. not-guilty verdict," Oken said. "On Wednesday, Dean Gates will wrap up everything we've talked about this week, and I think we'll be able to have a really honest and open conversation about the future of Honor."



# Early action apps down for black, international students

The early action application closed Nov. 1

Olivia Rinaldi | Senior Writer

Despite the record number of early action applications submitted, the University received fewer applications from prospective black and international students for the Class of 2022 relative to last year's early application cycle. Although the number of applications from prospective black students is lower than last year, it is more than the record high number of black students who applied in 2015.

While the numbers are not finalized, Dean of Admission Greg Roberts says at first glance, there is a decline of applications from these demographics.

"We are slightly down in African-American students and we are more significantly down in international students," Roberts said.

It is unclear whether there is a link between the decline of these demographics applying and the white supremacist demonstration on Grounds on Aug. 11 and the Unite the Right rally on Aug. 12, but Roberts said that the admissions team that travels noticed an increase of questions about the events. He responded with a positive message to the prospective students.

"Charlottesville is the center of the Universe right now when it comes to discussion about race at the moment, so our message was if you want to make a difference and you want to stand up for what is right and just, then this is a perfect place for you," Roberts said.

Associate Dean of Admissions Jeannine Lalonde, who also runs a popular admissions blog for prospective students, visits schools around the Commonwealth and the East Coast to answer questions from prospective students and give them admission tips about the University. She also noticed an increase in questions about the events of this past summer but said the majority came from out-of-state alumni who perhaps had not seen the changes the University made after the rally.

"I think they're up on what happened in August but they might not know about meetings and what's happening day-to-day here and now," Lalonde said.

There has also been a significant decline in students taking the Test of

English as a Foreign Language exam (TOEFL) — a standardized test that measures proficiency and mastery of English among non-native speakers who wish to attend English-speaking universities.

The number of students taking this exam internationally is down by 60,000, according to Roberts.

"I think this is probably a reflection of national policies and conversations coming out of Washington as much as anything else," Roberts said. "My belief is ... something that most colleges and universities in the country will be dealing with this year is a decline in their international applications."

Despite the decline in applications from black and international students, overall applications submitted are up five percent overall with 21,400 applications submitted for early action review. This is a record number of applicants for the early action program.

"We are seeing slightly over half of the applicants early," Roberts said. "It's a tremendous number of early applications ... We do make a significant number of offers early."

However, it's hard to say whether the influx of early action applications will have an effect on the number of regular decision students applying.

"We won't know for a few months whether that is just students shifting from regular decision to early action or if that means an increase overall," Lalonde said.

The University admissions had used an early decision program prior to the early action program which was implemented in 2011. When the University was using the early decision program, they were receiving only about 2,500 applications early and could notify students before the holidays of their acceptance, Lalonde said.

"I'd say between Thanksgiving and break, we were fine tuning, we were meeting in committees," Lalonde said. "It was a much smaller process. We were a smaller staff back then too."

Now, the admissions team has had to begin reading applications before the deadline due to the massive amount of applications received.

"We started reading before the deadline because of the numbers. We

have to start reading late October and I've been reading non-stop all week," Lalonde said.

Despite the largest number of applications, the admissions team still does in-depth reading about each application. The lengthy time between submitting an application and hearing back from the University disappoints high school students, Lalonde said, but gives the admissions team a better understanding of the applicant.

"I don't think they would want us to take the shortcut to get to a decision that quickly because for a lot of them, understanding the big picture is going to be really important, especially with all these schools that have different styles of curriculum now," Lalonde said. "You can't just make a decision based on data, that's not giving you the full story."

Accepted students will be notified of their acceptance to the University around the end of January.

# University Remembrance Garden to be unveiled Nov. 10

Birkenthal resigns as Representative Body chair, Brasacchio fills position

Thomas Roades | Associate Editor

Class of 2017 alumnus Daniel McGovern gave a presentation on the soon-to-be unveiled University Remembrance Garden at Student Council's weekly Tuesday meeting. Construction on the garden started this past summer and will be located in the courtyard between Newcomb Hall and Clemons Library. It will be unveiled this Friday, Nov. 10.

Student Council also approved five new contracted independent organizations during their legislative session and announced that second-year College student Ellie Brasacchio would replace fourth-year College student David Birkenthal as chair of the Representative Body.

"Last night we had a special rep session in which David Birkenthal stepped down, and I took his position," Brasacchio said. "I am very excited to work with all of you."

Birkenthal had served as chair since last semester.

Student Council leaders said his resignation was for personal reasons, but did not elaborate. Birkenthal did not return a request for comment Tuesday evening.

Sarah Kenny, a fourth-year College student and Student Council President, welcomed Brasacchio to the po-

sition and welcomed Brasacchio to the Executive Board.

"We are highly confident that [Ellie] will do a fantastic job," she said.

McGovern's presentation kicked off the meeting. He noted not many students have been made aware of the Remembrance Garden project, but felt it was important to let them know. The garden, he said, is designed to memorialize students who have died during their time at the University.

"This is a place that's built to preserve their memory," McGovern said.

He described the long-lived project that led up to the upcoming unveiling, beginning in 2004, when students in the Architecture School first sketched out designs. His presentation showed the various designs proposed over the years, though he noted they all centered around the same basic feature — a dark wall or surface on which students can write messages.

"It's a blank wall, meant to be written on," McGovern said. "Everyone who's in here — and everyone who walks by it — we should take ownership of it."

Still, given the garden's purpose, he hoped students would be mindful of the type of messages appropriate for the space.

"I think the intention was to keep it free of the more everyday things you see written on sidewalks, like advertisements," McGovern said.

McGovern said the project was renewed in earnest after the death of University student Hannah Graham in 2014. That tragedy, he said, shed light on the fact that the University has few intimate spaces for small gatherings and quiet contemplation.

"We realized that we don't have place that's devoted to this purpose," he said.

Kenny praised McGovern's efforts on the project later in the meeting.

"This [project] is over [the course of] a decade, he's stuck with it and his resilience is impressive," she said.

During the Nov. 7 legislative session, representatives voted on a bill to approve five new CIOs — the Virginia Journal of Bioethics, Anesthesiology Interest Group, Graduate Society of Women Engineers, Hackers at UVa. and Cville Solar Project.

Ty Zirkle, a third-year College student and Vice President for Organizations, introduced the CIOs and the bill.

"There are five organizations on the floor tonight, all in one bill," he said.

Due to several absences among the Representative Body, the organization did not have a quorum at first and thus took a brief recess to assign proxies for absent members.

Following the recess, however, the CIOs were all approved with no votes against the bill — though there were several abstentions, since proxy voters must abstain.



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University alumnus Daniel McGovern presented to Student Council on the Remembrance Garden at its Tuesday meeting.





# TOP TEN

## REASONS NOT TO BE AS POLITICALLY INEPT AS ME

If you don't take an interest in something just for the embarrassing videos, then why take an interest in anything at all?

Grace Breiner | Top 10 Writer

### 1. You'll understand all the obscure political references your friends make

I can't be the only person that doesn't follow politics closely enough to know who's running for president in France. Does France even have a president? Sadly, I don't know, but evidently, I'm missing out on some entertaining election drama. I personally prefer to get my political drama from "The West Wing," but there is something particularly juicy about the intrigue of French politics — if only I understood it.

### 2. Political videos are hilarious

Have you guys seen the fireworks ad Ed Gillespie ran? Apparently, the solution to all of Virginia's economic problems is loosening regulations on fireworks. Whether this is true or not, I always enjoy seeing a possible future governor of mine lightly jogging away from a newly lit firecracker. Not to mention, any video of a politician roasting any other politician is pure gold. Luckily, I have my politically inclined friends to share this wealth of entertainment with me, but I would likely appreciate it even more if I knew the first thing about politics.

### 3. You can avoid vastly embarrassing situations

If you want to find examples of embarrassing situations to avoid, look no further than our own government. Everyone has those moments when they say something and immediately regret it, but politicians have them in a uniquely public and contentious setting, providing joy for all. Liberal, conservative or in between, I think we all enjoy seeing remixes of politicians' verbal slip-ups.

### 4. When people ask you if you're registered to vote, you won't have to lie

I often find myself hustling down the sidewalk carrying a plethora of items — my books, cellphone (if I don't lock it in my room along with my student ID), an entire grocery bag full of snacks. This does not happen to be conducive to people yelling at me to sign up for clubs or take flyers. No matter how emphatically I agree with your cause, I cannot risk dropping my Skittles for you. Therefore, I often find myself having to ashamedly avoid eye contact and speed walk away. As a result, I'm not exactly registered to vote. I know, it's horrific that I'm not registered. I promise I'll get right on it! Hopefully, you're many steps ahead of me and already registered, in which case you can avoid these people guilt-free. Maybe you are even the person trying to get people to register. If so, I am thoroughly impressed. Please tackle me the next time you see me and make me register.

### 5. The "I Voted" sticker is a badge of pride

Voting is a big deal! You should wear your sticker with pride. Keep it forever, 'Gram it, frame it if you want, maybe make an ironic collage. You could become Pinterest famous — my personal favorite brand of fame. Use it to shame everyone who didn't vote into doing their civic duty the next time around.

### 6. We're adults now

I'm sure some of you have been adults for longer than I have, but for my newly-minted 18-year-olds, this is a monumental moment! There are plenty of things we can do once we're 18. For example, I have plans to sue a certain food chain for closing Sundays — when I need it most. My case will be primarily based on emotional damage, and while I'm not expecting a successful outcome, I appreciate the right to share my distress. Voting, however, is the most quintessential passage to adulthood.

### 7. You could have the opportunity to knock someone's arrogance down a notch

How many times have I heard someone yammer on about politics and thought to myself — if only I knew enough to put them in their place with one succinct remark? Too many, I'm sure. On behalf of everyone, please be this person.

### 8. Your tweets would be fire

Props to my friend Brooke for this one, whose tweets are, in fact, fire. I only go on Twitter to enjoy the inspirational quotes Lin-Manuel Miranda lovingly posts, but if you choose to engage in political tweeting, it really is best to know what you're talking about. There's nothing quite as witty as a biting true yet hilarious political tweet. Master this fine art, for the sake of us all.

### 9. You'll actually understand late-night TV show references

Truthfully, there is something iconic about late-night TV. It's hilarious regardless of your level of understanding, but I'd imagine it to be much more relevant if you had an interest in politics. I watch "Saturday Night Live" mostly for the Penelope skits, which are a delight all politics aside, but the political skits are supposedly hilarious.

### 10. You'll feel confident in your vote

With elections constantly occurring, being informed is important. Whoever you choose — get your news, hit the website, brush up and kill the polls on election day. Your vote counts. You're important. Yay politics!





# Red Pump Kitchen delivers more than your average brunch

Southern style comfort food provides a twist

Sadie Goodman | Food Columnist

As a Charlottesville native, Red Pump Kitchen has been a staple in my rotation of favorite dinner venues since its opening in 2014. The Mediterranean-Italian menu provides delicious, upscale comfort food with a dash of creativity and decadence. Some personal favorites are the kale caesar salad and the margherita pizza. The salad is well-dressed and surprisingly full of texture for a bowl of greens. The thin, crisp crust on the pizza contrasts beautifully with the tender, milky mozzarella. I've been consistently satisfied with my dinners at Red Pump, though it is a bit pricey for the typical college student's budget.

I've recommended Red Pump to many friends searching for a place to feed their foodie families this Family Weekend. This recommendation luckily came full circle when I received a Saturday brunch offer with a friend and her parents. Although evening meals at Red Pump are not a rarity for my family and me, I've never before entered the realm of brunch. I didn't even know they

served brunch.

Walking in, Red Pump is inviting with its bright and open dining area. The large window facing the Downtown Mall gives ample natural light and provides a simple form of dinner theater, people watching — the time honored way to observe spirit of Charlottesville through its residents.

This rainy Saturday, the restaurant was quite calm as we entered and found our seats, but it soon filled up with college students and their parents coming to sit for a meal before the football game. The menu was innovative and delightful. At first, I was surprised by the lack of simple, basic brunch foods and was scrambling to find something to suit my palate as the waiter approached our table.

Between the six of us, there were four orders of the eggs benedict, two orders of the potato latkes and one of the shrimp à la polenta. The eggs benedict looked delicious and were served with prosciutto on a housemade biscuit. The potato latkes — my

order of the morning — were seasoned with a light aioli, stacked with two fried eggs and topped with a handful of arugula. The latkes were deliciously greasy, with a crisp outside complemented beautifully by the eggs on top. The freshness of the arugula counteracted the heaviness of the greasy, fried potatoes and eggs. Once the arugula ran out, the latkes were overwhelming.

The shrimp à la polenta was a unique take on traditional southern shrimp and grits using polenta — grits' Italian cousin. I walked in expecting to order some variation of the typical mid-morning meal, but Red Pump broke the brunch rules in the best way possible.

Red Pump Kitchen delivers every time — the food was great, my water glass was never empty and the servers were attentive but not overbearing. I would highly recommend Red Pump Kitchen for a nice weekend brunch, and I would especially recommend it for dinner.



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## Dumplings - A battle between two giants

Settling the dumpling debate once and for all with Got Dumplings and Marco and Luca

Tucker Wilson | Food Columnist

Dumpling choice has been the topic of long and heated debate among students at the University in recent years. The dumpling war has brought two titans of the dumpling industry into direct competition — Got Dumplings and Marco and Luca. With Got Dumplings recently opening their own brick-and-mortar location, it seems the fight has been brought to a showdown on the Corner. The standoff has left many wondering who reigns supreme in the world of tasty fried dough.

Many students — especially those with a meal plan and some plus dollars to spend — have already sided with our favorite food truck, but I think it's time the two go head-to-head to see who comes out on top.

But who am I to be making such a decision? Well, I'd like to consider myself something of an expert when it comes to dumplings. My plus dollars spent at the dumpling truck skyrocket very comfortably into the triple digits. I've eaten everything on both menus. I've even been to Marco

and Luca during the daytime. Through dozens upon dozens of white takeout boxes, I believe I've garnered a well developed a taste for what each contender brings to the table.

If we're to dive into this hot button topic between such close competition, we're going to need to get technical. Let's break this down into three categories.

### Best Dumplings — Marco and Luca

A dumpling place is truly only as good as its dumplings, and in a tight race, Marco and Luca comes out on top. Got Dumplings, across all categories, starts as the clear frontrunner with its greater variety. But, let's be honest, we all know that tofu dumplings are just a side show to the main event — pork. Pork dumplings are the godfather of the dumpling world, and Got Dumplings' pork has nothing on the perfectly crispy, soy-sauce-dripping dumplings of Marco and Luca. Besides serving more dumplings for less money, Marco and Luca dumplings hold their delicious packaging and signature crunch in a way Got

Dumplings cannot.

### Sides — Got Dumplings

However, we all know that a meal is only as good as its sides, and the tables turn back to Got Dumplings when it comes to the fixings. Many sides are automatic wins for Got Dumplings, with no contender put forward from Marco and Luca — kimchi, seaweed salad and edamame all go unmatched. However, even in direct competition, Got Dumplings reigns supreme. Both versions of cold noodles at Marco and Luca are decidedly ordinary, while Got Dumplings' cold sesame noodles are a personal favorite. The flavors of Marco and Luca feel busy and overly sweet, while Got Dumplings — especially with just a splash of their dumpling sauce — nails the noodles spot on. Additionally, we must note the easily accessible and endless supply of sriracha at Got Dumplings, which is a mainstay to add eye-watering heat to your already mouth-watering experience.

### Extras — Marco and Luca

A bit of a miscellaneous category, but after such a discussion

on pork dumplings, it's hard to ignore the other proteins the two have to offer. To be perfectly honest, I made this category specifically to discuss the buns at Marco and Luca. Yes, Got Dumplings does sport their fair share of pork alternatives, but besides their curry chicken — a close second to their pork — their other options fail to shine like their original. Marco and Luca, on the other hand, doesn't truly shine until you get to that pork bun. The veggie bun can be a nice alternative. But, in my opinion, the savory pork overload that is Marco and Luca dumplings with a side of a pork bun — both drenched in their sticky-sweet signature sauce — is the best combination between either store.

Note that this was an incredibly difficult choice when we consider Got Dumplings' trump card — Thai tea. I can drink that stuff like my life depends on it, and I rarely, if ever, find myself still with any to drink by the time I actually get my food. It's tough to have Got Dumplings lose in a category where we count Thai

tea, but at the end of the day, I'd give up my delicious sweet drink for a chance to stick my fingers together over a sweet pork bun.

In such a close race, small differences can push either side closer to a victory. While the categories are tight and the decision hard-fought, I can say with confidence that Marco and Luca still remains the original kingpin of Corner dumplings. Sure, they may not be quite as hip as their rivals, and the convenience of the food truck is hard to deny. But, Got Dumplings lacks in the sheer guilty pleasure that abounds at Marco and Luca. You may not be drinking boba at Marco and Luca any time soon, but that signature sauce that unexplainably coats your hands and face at the end of a meal is an indulgence you can't find coming out of a truck.



# Using wings to demonstrate student self-governance

A Twitter campaign turns into a weekly dining hall treat

Grace Amorosi | Feature Writer

Winner, winner, chicken dinner. For third-year College student Alex Cintron, this saying carries many layers of meaning relating to the organization he founded last semester, Wings for Wahoos. After hearing the story of a student who successfully persuaded University Dining Services via social media to serve waffles on her birthday, Cintron wondered just how responsive University Dining could be to student input.

Cintron tweeted at University Dining, proposing a weekly tradition in which the dining halls would serve chicken wings every Wednesday. Friends favorited and retweeted his request and four days later, Aramark, the University's dining service, responded and "Wing Wednesday" was born. The tradition began last semester and picked up again this semester in Newcomb Dining Hall. Cintron's simple tweet was a win and has resulted in two semesters' worth of students having the option of chicken wings for dinner.

Cintron emphasized that

what seems like a trivial idea has larger consequences for students' perceptions of University Dining's responsiveness and even the University administration.

"Wings for Wahoos, at its core, started off as a test of whether dining was responsive to student desires," Cintron said. "If a student asked [University] Dining to do something, would they do it? Just for any regular student. And they did. I think Wings for Wahoos shows that, one, [University] Dining is responsive, and two, that anybody can really take something and take it to a degree they didn't think they could have."

As Vice President for Administration on Student Council, Cintron realized University Dining was looking for ways to engage with the student body, particularly through social media. Wings for Wahoos has become a vehicle for collaboration between the Council and Aramark.

"It's enabled me to create something called the Student Dining Advisory Board," Cintron said. "Students are going to be

able to make executive decisions as [they] relate to dining."

He hopes the SDAB will meet biweekly with Aramark employees to discuss student concerns regarding the state of University Dining.

Rebecca Soistmann, a third-year College student and Vice President of Third Year Council, believes Wings for Wahoos has a positive impact on both University Dining and students.

"It looks good on them to be responding to students — that they're accepting and willing to hear what students want in terms of food," Soistmann said.

Cintron also uses Wings for Wahoos as a platform on social media to spread awareness of the beauties of the buffalo wing. He created a "wingsta," or wing-related Instagram account, on which he posts reviews of wings from local Charlottesville restaurants.

Cintron isn't bothered by some thinking Wings for Wahoos is trivial.

"While this may not be an example of us getting gender-neu-

tral housing or tackling food insecurity, which are things I'm working on, Wahoo Wing Wednesday is an example of student self-governance in action," Cintron said.

Student self-governance is a hallmark of student life at the University, and Cintron has found his unique methods to be successful.

"A lot of the time, if you want something to get done, you have to ask for it," Cintron said. "It could be as unconventional as a Tweet."

Soistmann, who was part of the initial group of students excited about Wings for Wahoos, also voiced a similar opinion.

"If you have something you want to change at U.Va., you can get a group of people together and make it happen," Soistmann said. "We, as students at the University, have the agency to make change, even if you come in thinking 'I'm just a student.' You still have as much agency as an administrator here."

Aramark Marketing Manager Scott Aebersold also noted the

importance of the collaboration between students and Dining Services.

"For U.Va. Dining, it is all about building the student experience," Aebersold said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. "We encourage students to collaborate with us on events like we have done with the Latinx Student Alliance group and their theme meal in our dining halls, as well as just featuring foods that U.Va. students want to see, like the wings at Newcomb."

Wings for Wahoos has been a success, and there are plans to expand the campaign.

"As of right now we have currently been testing out our buffalo cauliflower wings which is a great alternative to the normal wings and offers a vegetarian alternative," Aebersold said. "As we continue to test and develop with student buy-in, we can always look to expand the program."

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# Football looks to continue magical season

Cavaliers will go on road to take on the Louisville Cardinals

Rahul Shah | Sports Editor

After a two-game skid that saw them drop from 5-1 to 5-3, the Virginia football team snapped out of its funk in thrilling fashion, defeating Georgia Tech 40-36 in a rain-filled, down-to-the-wire stunner. In the process, the Cavaliers (6-3, 3-2 ACC) clinched a bowl berth for the first time since 2011, despite failing to do so in the previous two weekends.

The Yellow Jackets (4-4, 3-3 ACC) stormed out to a 28-13 lead in the second half. The Yellow Jackets were looking to secure their fifth win and send Virginia into a tailspin, as the Cavaliers head into a vaunted three-game ending season stretch in which they play three of the better teams in the country. However, the Cavaliers didn't fold, show-

cased their resiliency and pulled out arguably the biggest win for the program in over half a decade.

Despite this past weekend's success, Virginia knows it will need to refocus this week as they get set to take on Louisville and last year's Heisman Trophy winner — junior quarterback Lamar Jackson.

Virginia junior tight end Evan Butts said that despite his team's bowl berth, the Cavaliers will continue to take it one play at a time and stay hungry.

"I feel like we'll keep that mindset ... Just one play at a time, and dominating the man in front of you," Butts said. "I think our team will incorporate that throughout the rest of the season."

Butts said Virginia Coach Bronco Mendenhall stressed the

importance of the Louisville game (5-4, 2-4 ACC) and putting the Georgia Tech win behind them as they start to prepare for another challenge this upcoming weekend.

"After coach made a few remarks, we're on to Louisville now," Butts said. "As much as that win against Georgia Tech was huge for us ... We have three more games to play and a lot of football left to play, so we're moving along and we're focused."

Going up against Louisville means going up against arguably the most dynamic player in the country, Jackson. Jackson has had another strong season, completing 60.4 percent of his passes for 2,808 yards, including 18 touchdowns and six interceptions. Jackson has continued to display his phenomenal rushing ability as well, picking up 14 touchdowns

through the ground thus far, and putting together six games of at least 100 rushing yards.

Mendenhall said facing Jackson will be a challenge.

"Any play can go the whole distance," Mendenhall said. "One player to get him down is difficult. He can make anybody miss, and any play can score."

Mendenhall also noted that Jackson has made progress as a passer since Virginia last played against Louisville last season and that Jackson is one of the toughest players he has ever had to face.

"I don't remember ever defending a player with the same athleticism or skill set," Mendenhall said. "Early in my career, we defended Reggie Bush and USC. He was a dynamic player, but didn't touch the ball every down. That's the difference with Lamar.

Not only can he throw it, but he can scramble and keep plays alive and pull it down and run."

With a bowl berth secured, Virginia will now look to continue their winning ways for a chance to potentially play in the ACC Championship game. The Cavaliers' final three games of the regular season will all be against teams that were at some point ranked in the AP Top 25 this year, and will feature challenges the team has yet to take on.

Virginia will look to get off to a good start to this three-game stretch, as they travel to Louisville, Ky. this weekend to take on the Cardinals. The game is scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium Saturday.

## Virginia triathlon team shines in fall races

Club team celebrates fall success, begins offseason training

Evan Davis | Staff Writer

The Virginia triathlon team recently wrapped up a successful fall season and is now in training mode as they look to future races.

The team kicked off the season with the Patriot's Sprint on Sept. 10. The Williamsburg, Va. course featured a 750-meter swim, a 20-kilometer bike ride and a 5-kilometer run. Virginia senior Cory Fines stood out with a finish time of 1:04:19, which won him second place overall. Fellow teammate and junior Andrew Brown also stood out, finishing 10th overall. In her debut, freshman Nikki Villa set the tone for the season, earning 16th place overall for women.

A few weeks later, the team traveled to Lake Anna to compete in the Giant Acorn Invitational. Featuring a 1500-meter lake swim, 42-kilometer bike ride and 10-kilometer run, the course demanded more out of its participants than the team's earlier race. Again, Virginia put up a strong performance — Fines finished sixth overall and Brown finished 16th overall out of a field of 391 participants. On the women's side, Villa put up a strong showing, placing 20th for women and 105th overall.

The team raced at Smith Mountain Lake Oct. 14 for the Conference Championships, the pinnacle of the fall season. Fines again led the team, finishing eighth overall with a



COURTESY VIRGINIA TRIATHLON TEAM

The Virginia triathlon team finished up a successful fall season and now looks forward to training for Nationals in April.

time of 1:58:16. Fellow senior Robbie Courter finished in 2:10:22, knocking off his previous best time by 17 minutes and taking 32nd place overall — an even more impressive feat given that he had also participated in a draft-legal sprint triathlon the previous day. The men's team took

third place overall for the season and fourth place in the Conference Championships, with Fines leading the team as he finished fifth overall individually in season standings.

On the women's side, Virginia senior Cristina Bertone led the way, finishing 14th with a time of

2:26:57. Teammate and freshman Sarah Saunders also shined with the fourth-fastest swim time, finishing 14th. The women's team, as well as the men's, finished third overall for the season.

The Cavaliers' successful season didn't come without some obstacles. Despite its status as a club team, the Virginia triathlon team competes against other club teams that resemble varsity squads. The team also trains as much as a varsity squad would, with scheduled practices twice a day, six days a week — though many members practice at other times.

Brown described the difficulties in being considered a club team but competing against other teams that get varsity benefits.

"Financial support, a lot of free equipment, scheduled practice times, academic schedules that work around their athletic schedules — we don't get any of that," Brown said. "I really enjoyed watching Cory [Fines] be able to stick with people who have scholarships, free bikes and a lot of support that he doesn't have, given that he wakes up at ... 6 a.m. to train before going to work in a lab all day. You get some joy out of that because a lot of the other kids have a lot of other stuff that we don't get."

Fines elaborated on the challenges of growing the team in spite of

the challenges it faces.

"We're trying to become more serious as the years go by," Fines said. "It's a club, but we face clubs that are basically varsity teams."

The team is always looking for new members and welcomes members with any sort of running, swimming or cycling background — or no background at all. The team is currently predominantly female, and the majority of its members had not had any formal triathlon experience prior to joining Virginia's club team.

Villa decided to join as a freshman after competing in triathlons in high school.

"There's actually a good amount of first-year girls on it, and I'm the only one who had really done it before, and they come and start to race and it's pretty chill," Villa said. "I grew up doing triathlons, so I knew I wanted to get involved with the team when I got here. I did all three races this year, I really enjoyed all of them [and] I did my first Olympic distance — which is the longer one — and I really enjoyed that."

The team continues training into the winter, ultimately in preparation for USA Triathlon's Collegiate Club National Championships, which will take place April 27-28 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



# Squash wraps up first opening weekend

Women sweep, men split in first matches as varsity sport

Charlie Lotane | Associate Editor

The Virginia men's and women's squash teams both played their first ever matches at the Division I level this past weekend. Opening at No. 13, the women defeated No. 23 Dickinson 8-1 in Carlisle, Pa. Saturday, and defeated No. 18 Franklin & Marshall 8-1 in Lancaster, Pa. The men, opening the season ranked No. 17, fell to No. 22 Dickinson 7-2 but upset No. 15 Franklin & Marshall.

Surprisingly, both the men and women were ranked to start their inaugural Division I season. Coach Mark Allen, however, said this isn't too surprising given the nature of college

squash today.

"Traditionally squash, still being a relatively small sport at the college level, it hasn't really separated between club and varsity programs," Allen said. "All the teams have the potential to compete together ... With a budget and full time coach, we were running as a club program but weren't a typical club team. We certainly had the resources to compete with some of the mid- to lower-level varsity teams, so we've been playing amongst them for three or four years."

Even as a club team, the Cavaliers were on the national radar.

"Over the last four years, we've been pushing up the rankings bit by bit to the extent that last year, the men finished No. 18 in the country [and the] women finished No. 13," Allen said. "But both were the No. 1 club team for the last two years."

Allen also said the program is expected to rise next year with the addition of scholarship money.

"The group I have now is better than last year," Allen said. "The women started at 13 — if we have a great season, I'd like to move up one or two places and knock right on the door of the top 10. The men started [at] 18

... [and] our goal is to sneak into the 16th division and play in the B bracket, which is something we've never done before."

Despite the fact that the schedule is similar to what it has been in recent years, Allen said there was still a noticeable change, at least for the initial matches. Allen said he generally anticipates some level of nerves from new players and freshmen, but the new pressure of representing the University as a Division I player showed in some of his older players.

"It's a very different thing when you're suddenly playing varsity, and

there was a fair amount of media buildup as well," Allen said. "They were aware eyes were on them — it definitely felt different. I was so pleased with the team because of the pressure ... The guys took it really well and responded beautifully by beating a team that we've lost to the last three years. So that was nice to see."

Both the men and women return to action for their home opener at the McArthur Squash Center in Charlottesville. The women face Stanford Friday, Nov. 17, while the men's next match is against Penn Saturday, Nov. 18.

## Men's basketball kicks off its season

Cavaliers come into the season opener against UNC Greensboro young, but talented

Alec Dougherty | Senior Associate Editor

A long offseason full of changes and buildup ends for the Virginia men's basketball team Friday night when it takes the floor for the first time this season. The Cavaliers are set to face UNC Greensboro at John Paul Jones Arena, looking to start their season strong at home.

After months of training and preparation, the Cavaliers are itching to get back on the court to prove themselves.

"I'm pretty excited," said Isaiah Wilkins, senior forward and team captain. "[I'm] kind of losing my mind, ready to play ... [I'm] just trying to take it all in and have fun with these guys."

Virginia comes into the 2017-2018 season with mixed expectations, following an up-and-down season and some unexpected roster turnover. The Cavaliers finished 23-11 last year, going out with a rough loss to Florida in the NCAA Tournament Round of 32 in which the Virginia offense went dormant. The team lost guard London Perrantes — last year's leading scorer — to graduation, as expected. But, soon thereafter, Virginia had guards Marial Shayok and Darius Thompson and forward Jarred Reuter transfer. Virginia Coach Tony Bennett had his work cut out for him in the offseason to get several new players ready for big minutes.

Luckily for Bennett, he has two immensely promising players taking off their redshirts — forwards De'Andre Hunter and Jay Huff. Hunter has the potential to be a great scorer on the wing, while

the 7-foot-1 Huff looks to improve Virginia's much needed post-scoring game.

"They show flashes and great promise," Bennett said. "Both are talented — they work hard, they both have added some strength ... For them it will just be ... [About] becoming very disciplined, very steady and being able to handle the physicality."

Bennett also gained a new addition to the team off the graduate transfer market in Nigel Johnson, a 6-foot-1 guard transferring from Rutgers. Johnson had a successful year as the Scarlet Knights' second-leading scorer last season and brings quickness and driving ability to Virginia's backcourt.

Coming from a struggling Rutgers team, Johnson has high hopes for the Cavaliers given their recent success, starting with making the NCAA Tournament.

"To go to the tournament, that's one of the biggest reasons I came here," Johnson said. "That's one thing I have a big stress on for my senior year ... With the people I have around me, I feel like that's definitely something we're going to do."

Helping the newcomers along will be a crop of returning Cavaliers led by senior captains Wilkins and guard Devon Hall. Hall said he is especially excited about his role this season and looks to be more aggressive as a scorer, where he has steadily improved over his career at Virginia.

"[Being aggressive] is a part of being a leader on this team and be-

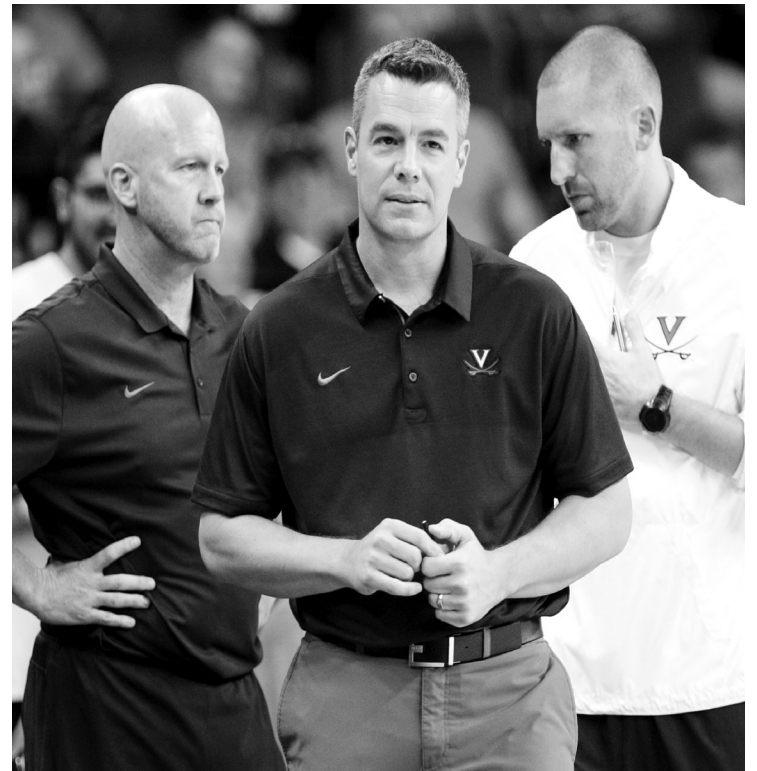
ing here for a fifth year," Hall said. "I've got to be more aggressive in order for this team to be successful ... I've got to defend, I've got to be the vocal leader."

While Hall may take more of an aggressive role on offense, Wilkins will serve as the anchor of the nation's best defense from a year ago. An ACC-All Defensive Team selection, Wilkins and his presence on the interior were sorely missed down the stretch last season when he was severely limited by an illness. Now fully healthy, he and junior center Jack Salt — the team's third captain — return as one of the nation's toughest inside defensive duos.

The captains will be joined on the floor by sophomore guards Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome, both looking to elevate their games to star-level after solid freshman campaigns. Jerome will try to fill the void at point left by Perrantes. If his defense catches up to his versatility on offense, the sophomore could enjoy a breakout season as Virginia's next floor general.

Guy, meanwhile, proved he can shoot the lights out last season and had a penchant for getting buckets in crucial spots. Like Jerome, his improvement on defense will be paramount to sustain success in Bennett's system, and the sophomore said he believes his experience last season put him on a great path to becoming a complete player.

"The only way you learn is from repetition and experience," Guy said. "Now that I've got that,



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Virginia Coach Tony Bennett will lead a young team Friday against UNC Greensboro.

I think I've taken the next step in [learning] the defense."

Balancing youth and experience on the roster will be an interesting challenge for Bennett to sort out as the season progresses. But, with a tough non-conference slate, all of the Cavaliers must be ready to perform at a high level from the get-go.

Virginia's first action comes against a familiar UNC Greensboro team, whom the Cavaliers took

down 76-51 on the road in last season's opener. The Spartans finished 25-10 last year, losing to Syracuse in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament last year.

Bennett and Virginia fans will get their first look at a revamped team when the Cavaliers kick their season off Friday. Tip-off for the matchup against UNC Greensboro is scheduled for 7 p.m. at John Paul Jones Arena.





## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Educating students on FOIA's impact

*Recent stunt by NextGen offers U.Va. an opportunity to remind students that their information is publicly accessible*

Last month, Virginia Tech and Radford University provided the personal information of about 40,000 students to progressive political group NextGen Virginia. The political group requested to obtain cellphone numbers of current students, which is public information, through Freedom of Information Act requests sent to every public college and university in Virginia. NextGen provided these records to Democratic political campaigns across the state, who then used the information to send mass texts to college students inquiring about their voter registra-

tion. This recent stunt by NextGen offers our University an opportunity to remind students that their public information is available to anyone who asks and the repercussions of that availability.

NextGen is supporting the statewide Democratic ticket and, specifically, Democratic Governor-elect Ralph Northam. According to The Richmond Times-Dispatch, campaigns across the state have used the information obtained by NextGen to inquire students about their "voter registration status." However, it is hard to believe that an organization

with such a direct access to young voters wouldn't use this information to advance their own political agenda. This becomes even harder to believe when considering that NextGen partnered with Democrat Chris Hurst in his bid for Virginia's House of Delegates, whose campaign has received over \$20,000 in campaign contributions from NextGen Climate Action — a political action committee associated with NextGen.

The moral implications of a political organization requesting access to students' personal information for political uses are worrying. Accessing

the personal information of students, especially without their knowledge, constitutes a disturbing violation of privacy. Many students in Virginia, unaware of this practice, feel uncomfortable receiving political spam in their messages. Although NextGen has both political reasons and legal means to engage in this type of behavior, actively collecting students' private information for political gain is unethical and should be expressly denounced by universities across Virginia — including our own.

The University administration should focus resources towards ed-

ucating students about the public nature of their personal information. Specifically, the University could provide incoming first-year students with an informational document which clearly outlines how and why their personal information can be provided to anyone who asks. Students should not only be aware of the implications of public access to their personal information, but also of their option to request for their directory information to not be distributed.

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# VOTERS' PURITY TEST WILL ENSURE ELECTORAL DISASTER

*Uniform thinking does not pave a victorious path for democracy or political parties*

In the 2016 Presidential election, many Democratic voters primary voters made their displeasure with Hillary Clinton known by propelling Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) to a surprisingly close primary finish. This is mostly due to Hillary's past support for international trade deals, the speaking fees she took from Wall Street and her opposition to key liberal policies such as a \$15 minimum wage and a single payer health-care system. These actions and stances proved too much for the liberal base, and many could not see themselves voting for her in the general election. Liberal voters expressed their discontent with her candidacy throughout the Democratic National Convention. All this, despite the fact that Clinton and Sanders voted together when they served in the Senate nearly 93 percent of the time. What these voters displayed in the 2016 Democratic primary and general election is an unwillingness to compromise and a view that candidates need to be completely aligned with their own views to earn their vote. If these voters refuse to compromise with the more moderate wing of the Democratic party, this worrying trend will continue and spell electoral disaster for Democrats at all levels of government.

Many in the liberal base would refute this argument by pointing at Clinton's loss in the 2016 election as proof that a more liberal candidate would have been victorious. This is a false assertion. If anything the 2016 election actually serves as a perfect example of why many liberal voters' purity tests will lead to electoral failure

the amount of votes lost to Jill Stein, was enough to swing the election to Trump. These facts show for certain that despite Clinton's deficiencies as a candidate, it was actually liberal purists who ensured her defeat.

This trend that emerged in the 2016 Presidential election will be put to the test again, during the 2017

Perriello campaign for him, just like Sanders did for Clinton, he has had trouble gathering the support of liberal groups. Many environmentalists are disappointed due to his refusal to oppose the Atlantic Coast Pipeline outright, and he did not receive an endorsement from the Sanders affiliated group "Our Revolution." Also, the liberal group Democracy for America, which after never endorsing his candidacy has now decided to stop its "direct aid" to the Northam campaign following problematic comments he made about sanctuary cities. This reluctance to rally around an imperfect Democratic nominee shows same trend that occurred in 2016 is happening again. If progressives do not stop this and start working for the candidate who is most likely to align with their views, they will ensure a Republican victory.

Besides it being bad tactics for an election, ideological purity is also bad for democracy. Proponents of an ideological purity test are horribly wrong to insinuate that there is only one ideological lense through which a political party should view the world. When two candidates of one party enter into a primary, it is healthy for those individuals to spar over the issues. Often times, the winner emerges as a more

effective general election candidate. If liberals refuse to see this truth they will end up like core Trump voters, where there is a litmus test for being acceptable, and any contrarian is thought of as completely unacceptable.

Democrats are a diverse group of individuals, not just racially, but also ideologically. To capitalize on this breadth of knowledge, they need to compromise and it is necessary that they be unified. Uniform thinking is not good for a democracy or a political party. Diverse opinions are needed so parties can continue to move forward and create the most effective policies. Sabotaging a candidate who you may not totally agree with instead of engaging with them is no way for a democracy to function. By helping to elect a candidate who is closer to their views, liberal voters would ensure that if their candidate wins office they will be far more responsive to their cause than a Republican ever would be. With election season upon us once more, it behooves Democrats to look at the facts and decide if they want to win or be ideologically pure.

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for Democrats. An analysis of the 2016 election backs this up by first showing that the number of votes Green party candidate Jill Stein received in the 2016 election in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, were greater than Trump's margin of victory in those states. Another study showed that a full 12 percent of Sanders primary voters jumped ship and voted for Donald Trump in the 2016 Presidential election, which combined with

Virginia Gubernatorial election. In Virginia, just like in the Presidential election. Establishment pick Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam was primaried by a more liberal challenger, former Rep. Tom Perriello (D-Va.). Over the course of the Democratic Primary, Perriello was endorsed by prominent liberals like Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Ma.) and even Sanders himself. Northam was victorious in the Democratic primary, and despite having

## U.VA. MUST CUT TIES WITH ARAMARK

*The continued assault on history enables misguided revisionist agendas*

U.Va. administration should sever ties with Aramark until it addresses its connections to the for-profit prison industry and its history of inmate mistreatment

It's popular to complain about the food on Grounds. But placing general gripes about dining hall quality aside, there's still a lot left to be disgusted with when it comes to Aramark, the University's food provider. In particular, Aramark holds numerous contracts with multiple states' for-profit prison systems, making a dime off many prisoners' misery. With that considered, students should strongly evaluate the corporation which benefits from their meal plan dollars.

Aramark has committed many offenses against their employees and customers. But especially in regard to their contracts with for-profit prisons, Aramark's warrants more than an asterisk for faulty business practices. In 2014, Aramark served actual garbage to prisoners. According to reports by Progress Michigan, a non-profit committed to liberal advocacy, Aramark employees fished leftover food out of the trash and served it to Michigan inmates after realizing they underprepared fresh food. The leftover food was "rinsed," "reheated in an oven" and later served. Only one employee was fired. At that same prison,

it was reported that "rodent eaten" food was also served to inmates. In a Freedom of Information Act initiated by the Free Press, released records also documented "meal shortages, unauthorized menu substitutions, prisoner unrest, and overfamiliarity with Aramark worker and employees, including sex acts." The state fined Aramark \$98,000, but nearly half of it was later waived by the Michigan Department of Corrections. An additional \$200,000 fine for other violations was initiated in the same year.

Aramark's food conditions in Northpoint Training Center in Mercer County in Kentucky were so intolerable that a full-scale prison riot erupted, resulting in the injury of eight guards and eight inmates as well as the destruction of six buildings. Upon review of the riot, Aramark's poor food quality proved to be a key element of the violence, signaled by the prisoners' prior symbolic dumping of their food on the floor. Not only did Aramark contribute to this destruction of property, but they also failed to adequately investigate the event with, "a gross lack of submitting reports."

In New York, Aramark gained infamy for its disciplinary brick, the Nutraloaf. This entrée is considered so revolting that numerous prison-

ers have filed lawsuits claiming that the Nutraloaf is a violation of their Eighth Amendment rights — namely, that the Nutraloaf is a form of cruel and unusual punishment. According to a Chicago food critic, the Nutraloaf can only be described as, "so intrinsically disagreeable that my

ates as under a strict corporate philosophy — always keeping in mind the bottom line, always looking for profit at the expense of people. However, as a student body faced with Aramark monopoly for on-Grounds food options, we should continue to challenge Aramark to accommodate

**Aramark has committed many offenses against their employees and customers.**

throat nearly closed up reflexively... [the] Nutraloaf is a culinary triumph; any recipe that renders all 13 of its ingredients completely mute is some kind of miracle." Because of its horrendous nature, Governor Andrew Cuomo (D-N.Y.) has made promises, in the words of his special counsel to "eliminate the loaf."

Students have an opportunity to demonstrate against Aramark. As students, we have the leverage to open a conversation about the origins of our food and the political ramifications of eating it, certainly more so than prisoners. Aramark clearly oper-

ates as under a strict corporate philosophy — always keeping in mind the bottom line, always looking for profit at the expense of people. However, as a student body faced with Aramark monopoly for on-Grounds food options, we should continue to challenge Aramark to accommodate

student needs, both nutritional and ethical. Unfortunately, the paths of resistance are limited — the University renewed a 20-year contract with Aramark in 2014, with the next negotiation period in 2034. However, there are other ways to protest against Aramark's business practices. For one, students should avoid buying into Aramark's meal plans. Aramark clearly responds to the power of the purse, rather than ethical obligations. While Aramark will stay contracted with the University for the next decade and a half, the loss of student interest

in their meal plans would still hold sway. If we signal to Aramark that we don't want to do business with them, they might pursue more ethical practices. Other options include petitioning University administrations and lobbying Bryanna Miller, the student member of the Board of Visitors, to reevaluate the University's relationship with Aramark. Change is more likely to occur working within the bureaucratic structures of the University, rather than outside it. Finding political allies within the institution is crucial to breaking a contract worth up to \$20 million.

Regardless of how change is pursued, it's critical students take the lead in holding the University accountable. The University funds a corporation deeply interwoven into the framework of mass incarceration — with a clear historical pattern of mistreatment. It is the responsibility of students to show the University administration that doing business with Aramark is unacceptable.

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# TECH COMPANIES MUST SELF-REGULATE RESPONSIBLY

*Social media companies should look to the ESRB as a prime example of effective self-regulation*

The extent of Russian involvement in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election through mass disinformation and dissemination of false news has proven to be a growing issue for tech companies such as Google, Facebook and Twitter. These companies have found themselves under scrutiny for allowing such activity on their platforms. In response to this criticism — and perhaps to avoid federal regulations — tech companies have claimed they have taken steps to prevent such issues from arising again. If the tech industry is truly seeking to self-regulate, it should look to the gaming industry, and specifically the Electronic Software Rating Board, or ESRB — one of the nation's most effective self-regulatory organizations.

The ESRB is a “non-profit, self-regulatory body that assigns ratings for video games and apps so parents can make informed choices.” The ESRB was established in 1994 as a response to the Video Games Rating Act of 1994 to avoid federal regulations. As reported by WIRED, “It was understood that the law would not be passed if the game industry came up with an

entirely voluntary system on its own, and indeed the bill ended up dying in committee.” Today, the ESRB enjoys near-universal name recognition among Americans, is effective at preventing the sale of mature products to minors and has been commended by the Federal Trade Commission for being one of the most effective agencies in regulating advertising and marketing policies.

In a report concerning the power of self-regulatory organization penalties, Yale University Prof. Jonathan Macey argued that “a Self-Regulatory Organization's enforcement power is a function of its market power. As market power goes up, so too does its power over the entities it regulates.” Indeed, the ESRB's actual influence over the videogame market gives it great regulatory powers. The ESRB's close relationship with retailers and console manufacturers such as Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft — which do not sell or license games assigned an “Adults Only” rating — means that games assigned such a rating are effectively doomed upon release, with little access to vital console markets. It is also capable of imposing fines upwards of \$1,000,000 for publishers who fail to disclose objectionable content, pro-

viding an incentive for members of the gaming industry to follow the ESRB's policies or face near-shutdown by retailers and console manufacturers.

If the tech industry is truly serious about establishing some self-regula-

tion has been pointed towards tech companies' own advertising policies. If the tech industry wants to avoid federal regulations, the self-regulatory policies it adopts should have a measurable impact on the American

the federal government a single cent. Yet, if self-regulatory policies are not enforced properly or do not provide critical enough checks on the industry they serve, then self-regulatory agencies are, at best, completely useless — and at worst, harmful to the American public. Tech companies seeking to self-regulate would learn well from the ESRB's history as well as its current methods of regulating the games industry. For all of its faults, the ESRB has generally been received amicably by the American public and the federal government. In a time when tech companies' once-infallible reputation has come into question, creating a strong self-regulatory organization to regulate tech companies' advertising and content policies would serve as a crucial first step to placating lawmakers and restoring faith in the tech industry.

**If the tech industry wants to avoid federal regulations, the self-regulatory policies it adopts should have a measurable impact on the American populace.**

tory organization to prevent Russian interference (or some similar event) from occurring again, it could learn from the ESRB's history and its policies. Just as the ESRB was enacted in response to possible federal oversight, it is difficult to argue that part of the motivation behind tech companies' willingness to self-regulate is to avoid federal regulation. In addition, the ESRB exercises a significant degree of power in regulating the industry's advertisement practices — something which tech companies should examine and replicate, given that federal atten-

populace (just as the ESRB's ratings are visible on all boxed games, tech companies could disclose the location of their ad buyers for the American citizen to see). Additionally, such policies must be backed up with severe financial penalties if they are broken, just as offending games are locked out of a significant portion of the gaming industry's markets.

When implemented correctly and backed up with severe monetary penalties, self-regulatory agencies can be just as effective as a federal regulatory agency — without costing

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My dad texted me this week and told me that the election was cancelled, so I didn't need to vote. While I appreciate the attempt at voter suppression, I'm definitely going to be out there in full force. How else am I supposed to get the free sticker? I've thought long and hard about the candidates for governor, and I've made up my mind about who I think should win.

When I decide who I'm going to vote for, first I check how hot each of the candidates are. While neither Gillespie nor Northam are at all daddy material, Northam has big eyebrows and those are in right now, so

that's one point for him. However, Gillespie kind of looks like the goofy neighborhood dad who unironically wears socks and sandals, and while that's not hot, it is weirdly endearing, so he isn't too far behind.

Next, I say their names out loud a few times to see which one has a better ring to it. Ralph Northam. Ed Gillespie. Ralph Northam. Ed Gillespie. I have to concede that Gillespie wins this round. Who wants to vote for someone named Ralph? Ew.

Then, I thought about voter demographics. I'm a female college student, so I should be voting Democrat if I want to stick with all the political scientists' predictions, but what if I want to spice things up? My mom always told me that I shouldn't

give into peer pressure, but when I got pressured into taking tequila shots last weekend I ended up having a good time. Decisions, decisions.

I also have to account for any free stuff the candidates might have given me. I'm not gonna lie, one reason why I liked Hillary Clinton was that her campaign gave out free candy at a parade I went to in Iowa. In the words of Madonna, “We are living in a material world / And I am a material girl.” So sue me, sue me for all my material. Unfortunately, neither Gillespie nor Northam have given me any free things, so I like both of them a little bit less. Come on, fellas, even my high school class president took the time to write her name on a pencil when she was campaigning. Step it up.

I might take a peek at policy, but let's be real, politicians aren't going to do what they say they are, so why even bother? I saw one, single infographic on Twitter, so I feel pretty knowledgeable about their platforms. I can now say with utmost certainty that if a homeboy hits me with the defunding planned parenthood, it's quiet; but if he comes through that with universal healthcare, he's gonna, like, get it.

Overwhelmingly, my strongest reason for picking a candidate had to do with their endorsements. After all, as a teenage girl, I have no thoughts independent from mass media and celebrity culture. Former reality TV star President Donald Trump tweeted “Ed Gillespie will be a

great Governor of Virginia.” Oh, hell no. It is my personal mission to do anything in my power to piss off that angry cheeto, and if voting for Northam will do that, then I must. As soon as I saw that tweet, everything else was out the window. Sorry, Gillespie, but I'm a Northam girl through and through now. Catch me outside and in the polls on Tuesday — how bow dah?

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Across

- 1. Neil Diamond hit " \_\_\_\_ Caroline"
- 6. Slang for 14 across' profession — featured prominently in ad campaign
- 9. Positions
- 11. Liquids injected into one's blood to prevent / fight disease
- 14. Candidate of Tuesday's event Ralph \_\_\_\_
- 15. Not a pro
- 17. "Undaunted Courage" author Stephen
- 18. Group of non-professional soldiers
- 19. Lacking color
- 20. Aggressive, undignified person
- 22. Boston and Charlottesville are both examples of one
- 23. Take without permission
- 25. Pastry with fruit filling
- 26. Famous Confederate Robert E. \_\_\_\_
- 27. State of excited movement
- 29. " \_\_\_\_ of the Lost Ark"
- 31. Greek white wine
- 33. Without, as in serifs
- 34. There are bar and line types of this
- 38. Shrek is a famous example
- 41. SI units of electrical resistance
- 44. To get ready for
- 46. One who files a lawsuit
- 47. Particle with nonzero net charge
- 48. Lions do it
- 49. Having the capacity to do something
- 50. Abbey, Rainbow are examples of this

- 52. Not moving or active

- 53. Sharpest, most intelligent
- 56. 14-across opposition's slogan " \_\_\_\_ the vote" — also title of successful horror movie
- 58. Greek goddess of virginity, the hunt, etc.
- 59. Word \_\_\_\_ is another type of puzzle
- 60. " \_\_\_\_, Forrest, \_\_\_\_!"
- 61. Loses moisture

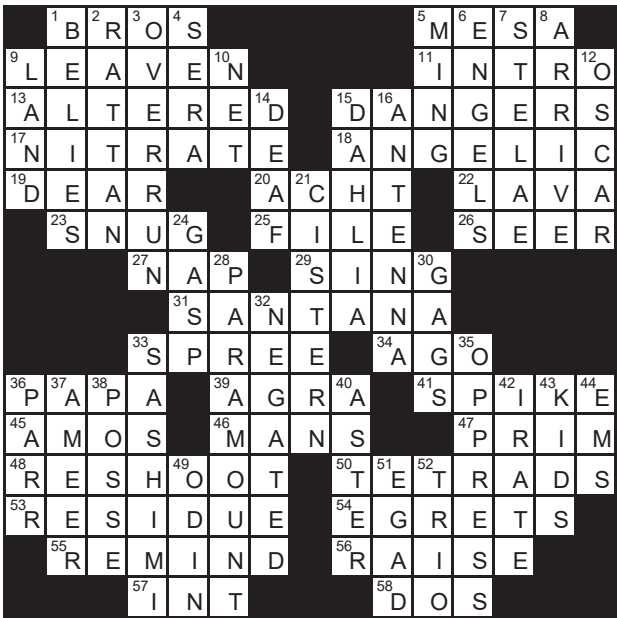
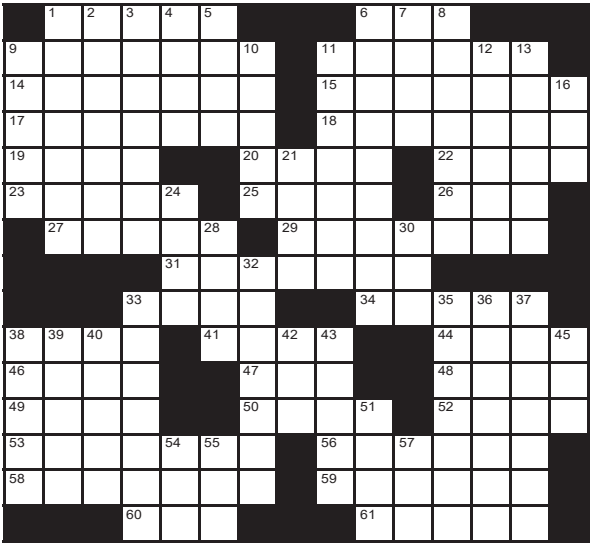
Down

- 1. Pores on plant leaves
- 2. Types of singing a bird might do
- 3. Ask earnestly or anxiously
- 4. Hands-free speaker Amazon \_\_\_\_
- 5. Earl Grey, Sleepytime, green
- 6. Resigning, as from a political position
- 7. Adjective used to describe a type of exam, type of surgery or even type of sex act

- 8. Fingernail part

- 9. Finger noises
- 10. "He who \_\_\_\_ it, dealt it"
- 11. Member of military caste in feudal Japan
- 12. French for job
- 13. Sets of connected rooms, often in hotels
- 16. Beam of sunlight
- 21. Boat paddles
- 24. Currency of Turkey
- 28. Nevada's "biggest little city in the world"
- 30. Lineage-based organization of women whose ancestors fought for America's freedom — abbreviated
- 32. Short-sleeved tops
- 33. More calm, or the way in which someone with a strong Southern accent might pronounce tennis player Williams' first name
- 35. Latin phrase denoting deduction-based knowledge — 2 words
- 36. Fruits and vegetables

- 37. States of being free from sickness, injury
- 38. Japanese city that is location of country's Universal Studios
- 39. Prefix used in reference to Tuesday's event
- 40. Rent a property to a tenant again
- 42. Cow noise
- 43. Catches on something, as clothing
- 45. Prefix meaning before
- 51. If it's a dirty one, AC/DC says it's done dirt cheap
- 54. Ostrich relative
- 55. Gluttony is a deadly example of this
- 57. Black road substance



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# Cast your vote for best political movie

Arts and Entertainment editors choose their top flicks for election season

Arts and Entertainment Editors

Though some might argue that art and politics are in direct opposition, their relationship is, in reality, much more complex. As the past few months in Charlottesville have undeniably proved, art can be a response to political events — especially political crises. Art has the potential to be a means of understanding or analyzing some of the more baffling political events of history, or a means of satirizing visible political trends. The Arts and Entertainment editors have compiled a list of some of the most well-done political movies in existence — whether they be dark comedies, recountings of political events or realistic imaginings of what could be.

## “All the President’s Men”

The true story of The Washington Post reporters who uncovered the Watergate scandal and brought down President Richard Nixon, “All the President’s Men” is a thrilling retelling of one of America’s most infamous political events. Bob Woodward (Robert Redford) and Carl Bernstein (Dustin Hoffman) track the story. They begin with what appears to be nothing more than a break-in at the Democratic headquarters, and follow it all the way to the highest levels of the government, exposing one of America’s greatest political scandals. The two legendary actors bring the compelling story to life, showing the important role of the free press in holding authority figures accountable.

Though much of the story involves

Bernstein and Woodward fruitlessly tracking down obscure leads and connections, “All the President’s Men” is engaging and suspenseful throughout. It has all the makings of a great detective story. As the two reporters get closer to the truth, viewers are on the edge of their seats waiting for the pieces to fall into place and expose the conspiracy. It’s got nail-biting suspense and an empowering message about holding government figures accountable to the citizens they represent — what more could one need for an outstanding political movie?

— Thomas Roades

## “La Lengua de las Mariposas”

Also known as its anglicized title, “Butterfly,” “La Lengua de las Mariposas” fearlessly depicts how political divineness and war corrode society from the top down. The 1999 film is a cinematic adaptation of stories from “¿Qué me quieres, amor?” by Galician author Manuel Rivas, which expose the atrocities associated with the onset of the Spanish Civil War. The trauma of the film is all the more elevated as the narrative is centered around one of society’s most vulnerable members — a child.

Set in Galicia, Spain in 1936, the movie tracks the experiences of a tragically nervous school boy named Moncho (Manuel Lozano) who befriends his modest, inspiring and outwardly anti-nationalist teacher Don Gregorio (Fernando Fernán Gómez). Don Gregorio empowers his students by fueling their curiosity — he intro-

duces them to the natural world and, famously, the extraordinary behavior of butterflies. Just as butterflies disseminate pollen, Don Gregorio hopes to diffuse the seeds of “liberty” by enlightening the next generation of young, curious students.

When nationalist trucks arrive at the film’s end to detain all of Galicia’s known Republicans, Moncho is stunned to watch his kind teacher get whisked away. The film gives voice to the dangers of nationalism and the repression of free speech. Specifically, it reveals the pain associated with having to stifle one’s beliefs for the sake of safety. The balance between the touching teacher-student relationship and the jarring nature of the political content not only make the film digestible but extremely effective in relaying its message. The grating conflict between the two polarized plot components reflects the unapologetically divisive reality of war.

And — just saying — Rotten Tomatoes doesn’t give out 96 percent ratings lightly.

— Caroline Hockenbury

## “The Manchurian Candidate”

A good indicator of a film’s lasting relevance is when it has a remake over four decades later, taking place in a different war and with a different set of characters, but still retaining the essential themes of its original. But this is not a review of the 2004 version — while well-intentioned and mostly well-done, it doesn’t quite pack the punch of its 1962 predecessor.

“The Manchurian Candidate” (1962) set the standard for both the paranoia and the biting satire that would saturate countless political films after it. Its plot is far too complex to accurately describe here, but in short, several American soldiers return home from the Korean War with a little more than the average case of PTSD. It’s revealed early on that Sergeant Raymond Shaw (a chilling Laurence Harvey) has been brainwashed by Communists, is responsible for the murders of fellow American soldiers and will soon be instructed to kill again — unless Captain Bennett Marco (one of Frank Sinatra’s best roles) and Allen Melvin (James Edwards) can put a stop to it.

This is a gross reduction of an endlessly complicated, gripping movie, one that asks uncomfortable but important questions about American identity and patriotism. Over half a century past its initial release, the film still holds incredible and ultimately disturbing political resonance. If “1984” should be required reading for every high school student, then “The Manchurian Candidate” should be required viewing.

— Dan Goff

## “Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb”

The best films are the ones that demand multiple revisits. Stanley Kubrick’s satirical masterpiece, “Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb” is one

of them — each rewatch increasingly allows viewers to catch the quickly moving, nearly whiplash-inducing punch lines and subtle, hysterical character quirks they may have missed the first few times around. The film takes place during the height of the Cold War and stars Peter Sellers in three drastically different roles — Lionel Mandrake, a captain who attempts to prevent a nuclear attack on the USSR ordered by an unbalanced general (Sterling Hayden), the perpetually befuddled U.S. President Merkin Muffley and the titular Strangelove, a sinister presidential adviser who evokes Nazi sentiments.

With its heated diplomatic discussions in the War Room and tense B-52 bomber crew flight scenes, the film is shot like an intense, somber political thriller. The self-serious set-up, however, merely becomes a hilarious backdrop for the cast of colorful characters unaware of their own juvenile, ridiculous antics. From the President’s attempt to warn the Soviet premier of the impending nuclear attack to General ‘Buck’ Turgidson (George C. Scott) giddily praising his pilots on their ability to end civilization, the film equips itself with a jingoism that never becomes too absurd, especially given today’s political climate. Kubrick finds hilarity in every possible scenario, making “Dr. Strangelove” not only a brilliant comedy, but a sharp, subversive commentary on Cold War anxieties.

— Darby Delaney

# alt-J brings menace, macabre to Sprint Pavilion

Indie rock band’s show was far from a ‘RELAXER’

Paul Rohrbach | Senior Writer

alt-J and Bishop Briggs played in Sprint Pavilion Nov. 1 on a crisp Autumn evening under a bright moon shadowed by a sparse few clouds. Though it’s doubtful the aesthetic was coordinated by some sleep-deprived concert manager, the two bands were truly at home under these conditions.

Bishop Briggs, also known as Sarah Grace McLaughlin, delivered a promising opening act. McLaughlin — not to be confused to be with AS-PCA’s Sarah McLachlan — traipsed across the stage, singing her punchy, albeit slightly repetitive music. With her formidable singing ability, McLaughlin is a few hits short of a status somewhere between Lorde and Hozier.

Next came alt-J. With three members each silhouetted between planes of light, the band appeared estranged and aloof to the audience. alt-J’s energy relies on maintaining this distance

from their fan base. The band largely ditches any semblance of charisma or shtick, opting only occasionally for the half-hearted, “How’s everybody doing?”

The band, in reality, didn’t really need to drum up enthusiasm from their audience — their music did the work for them. The band opened the set with “3WW” from their most recent album “RELAXER” — a song that set the tone for the show. One of alt-J’s most tender offerings, the song treats acoustic textures not as a side-show for the inevitable bassdrop but, instead, draws them out and enlivens their contrast with computerized sounds. alt-J’s music reconciles the bassdrop from its sweaty, drug-ad-dled EDM connotations.

In “3WW,” among other songs, listeners were treated to the contrast between lead singer Joe Newman’s thin vibrato and Gus Unger-Hamil-

ton’s rich counter-textures. Though alt-J’s lyrics are often too verbose for a concert audience to make out, their unconventional singing technique ranks among their greatest assets. Newman and Hamilton’s a capella delivery of “Interlude I (Ripe and Ruin),” for instance, added menace to what could otherwise be a trite ditty. Newman’s desperate falsetto is just as comfortable in the murderous frenzies that songs like “Fitzpleasure” and “In Cold Blood” conjure as in the softer tragedy of “Adeline.”

alt-J’s musical vision was expansive enough to truly fill the space under the Sprint Pavilion’s soaring awning. Out of context, the band’s product may seem a dismal compilation of fragmented dissonances, with form and unity only occasionally emerging. Live, however, the vast array of instrumental textures combined to full effect. The tin-like

keyboard from “3WW” matched Newman’s hollow falsetto. The bleary organ from “In Cold Blood” conjured old slasher tropes, haunting the audience. A guitar modified with a roll of tape in “Taro,” achieved a Sitar-esque sound. And, of course, alt-J always leaves space for blatantly computerized sounds ranging from sawtooth soundwaves to static.

The band’s diversity of textures is well-suited to their robust ensemble of sources. alt-J does not simply reappropriate the Irish folksong found in “Adeline” to their own ends, but recontextualize it with electronic instrumentation. Similarly, their musical choices enliven their source material spanning from a historical anecdote about a photojournalist in the 1930s (Taro) to Richard Llewyn’s 1930 novel “How Green Was My Valley” (Pleaser). Unlike many electronic artists, alt-J’s wild text-painting be-

lies their deep respect for folk music traditions and textures.

alt-J’s meticulously crafted musical vision, in short, works. The band supplied a far-reaching synesthetic experience — though their song structures, lyricism and instrumentation may seem maddeningly bizarre on paper, they felt viscerally essential on stage.

The final song “Breezeblocks” was a fitting conclusion. Written from the perspective of a murderously possessive boyfriend, it ends with Newman desperately repeating a veiled threat “Please don’t go, I love you so” and “I’ll eat you whole.” Perhaps, as the Charlottesville audience echoed the eerily catchy refrain, a hope lay at the back of their mind — that alt-J would too listen and stay. Yet, just as Newman’s entreaty was doomed to fail, so too was the audience’s.



# Bon Iver mesmerizes Spring Pavilion with unexpected twist

Justin Vernon offers unique live-in-concert experience that differs from soundtrack

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A spotlight hit the stage as a large group of musicians sauntered to their instruments. Out of the light, the crowd could see the familiar trucker hat and lanky stature of Bon Iver's lead singer and creator Justin Vernon. As he stepped up to the mic, the sharp echoes of synth voices singing, "It might be over soon," reverberated throughout the Sprint Pavilion Friday night. Vernon opened his mouth and the first note of his smooth falsetto voice streamlined out through the audience. The crowd stared in a shared, awed silence — this was Bon Iver, in Charlottesville, and everyone knew they were about to be mesmerized.

Bon Iver began as a project by Vernon while in his father's hunting cabin in Eau Claire, Wis. In this cabin, Vernon wrote his first record, "For Emma, Forever Ago." Since then, Bon Iver's powerful expansion into the electronic world has reached audiences everywhere. Vernon's departure from solitude and simple musical elements led the artist to bigger and better venues and larger bands, creating an image of Bon Iver that does not rely simply on Vernon, but also on a larger group of talented musicians.

At the Sprint Pavilion, Vernon

maintained his large musical cast and was accompanied by synth players, a full horn section, two drumsets and various others. This included the extremely talented saxophone player, Michael Lewis, with whom Vernon wrote several songs.

The set contained a wide range of songs, some dating back to "For Emma," an early EP entitled "Blood Bank," and Vernon's self-titled album "Bon Iver."

After playing through several of his most recent release "22, A Million," Vernon took a moment to introduce his band and say hello to Charlottesville fans, calling Charlottesville "a town with a lot of love in it." He proceeded to play "Beach Baby," a somber, relaxed acoustic tune that brought fans to a peaceful place in the set, relinquishing some of the electronic aspects of the show and bringing it back to Bon Iver's acoustic roots.

Other acoustic songs such as "Babys" and "Skinny Love" made an appearance, but Vernon mostly relied on synth and electronic elements to captivate the crowd. He reworked early songs like "Perth" and "Creature Fear" into more powerful, explosive

pieces, creating visual imagery and experimental intrigue throughout the set. By leaving the crowd unsure and on their toes, Vernon introduced new versions of old songs that, while changed and manipulated, still felt familiar to Bon Iver fans.

When it came to songs from his most recent album "22, A Million," Vernon eased up on some experimental elements to make room for his clear vocals. The clarity of his voice in songs like "33 'GOD'" and "10 d E A T h b R E a s T" allowed Vernon to really explore different instrumental elements and rework the songs into something clearer that could be better experienced live. He sought to make every song a different performance, using vocal manipulations in more somber pieces and intricate lighting structures in pieces that were more interesting and powerful. Every song had a tactical move put in place, and the results were stunning.

Perhaps some of the most chilling performances of the night, however, were the songs that Vernon sang on his own or with one or two accompanying instruments. The powerful performance of "715 - CRΣΣKS" brought the

Sprint Pavilion to deathly silence, as Vernon used vocal manipulation tools to enhance his solo voice with harmonies. Similarly, Vernon's performance of "00000 Million" on the piano was a somber retreat to Bon Iver's emotional roots, with a single spotlight on Vernon, the Sprint Pavilion filling up with his clear falsetto and poignant lyrics.

Another example came in the performance of "\_\_\_\_45\_\_\_\_" where Vernon sang along with Michael Lewis' sax while simultaneously manipulating the instrument with his synth pad. The effects of these solo songs were stunning, seemingly pausing time and giving Vernon the chance to emotionally connect with his fans through his beautiful words and sounds.

Crowd favorites such as "Skinny Love" and "Holocene" were played with beauty and grace, but it was truly the unexpected pieces exemplified through songs like "Creature Fear" that made long-time fans emotional and excited. "Creature Fear," while originally a powerful acoustic ballad, became something electronic and iconic as Vernon crouched on the stage, fiddling with the pedals and the pads of the instruments to add distortion and other effects to the previously simple song. Accompanied by powerful lights, "Creature Fear" was one of the most surprising additions to the set, but quickly became one of the most memorable.

Vernon also added a surprising twist to his encore by ending out the night with "The Wolves," encouraging the fans to sing along with the closing line "what might have been lost," over and over again until the emotional close. As the crowd sang in unity, Vernon's voice and instruments rang throughout the Sprint Pavilion and throughout Charlottesville with a glistening sound of purely beautiful and emotional music.

The show ended with a standing ovation, as the crowd erupted into cheers and smiles, Vernon humbly taking off his cap and bowing to the audience. Similarly, the mass audience of the sold-out show was humbled and grateful to be within the presence of such powerful and influential musicians. While the show wasn't one for much dancing or visuals, the music in and of itself was enough to make the Sprint Pavilion light up with appreciation and wonder. In many ways, that's the magic of Bon Iver.

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# TEDx Charlottesville talks innovation

Independently organized conference returns to showcase 'ideas worth spreading'

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The fifth TEDx Charlottesville conference was held at the Paramount Theater in downtown Charlottesville last Friday.

Speakers discussed topics ranging from social justice to female empowerment, with a significant portion of the talks being focused on science and technology.

Christian Howard, a Ph.D. candidate at the University, demoed a miniature humanoid robot, called "Now", developed by the computer engineering program at the University. "Now" then played songs such as "Popular" following a few humorous remarks to entertain the audience.

Howard continued on to talk about who would be responsible for the actions of robots and how the ownership of those interactions seem to mirror human-to-human relationships. As the field of robotics grows, she said, the boundaries of responsibility for a robot's actions blur.

"As robots become more human-like, we are increasingly faced with ethical questions about how to design robots and how to treat them," Howard said. "Can a robot learn to cheat, to lie or to steal? Can a robot make a mistake or break the law?"

Kirsten Martin, a researcher and writer who specializes in digital privacy, then spoke on digital data protection. She compared digital privacy infringement to the equivalent of younger siblings eavesdropping on conversations. In the digital realm, however, Martin acknowledged that all too often consumers are unaware of how their information is collected.

"We go online. We look up something we need or are concerned about and somehow or another that information shows up in an ad," Martin said. "Data aggregators and data brokers pull together little bits and pieces of information from across different websites."

Martin then introduced the concepts of privacy trackers, data withholding and blocking software. She emphasized each consumer's power to reward trustworthy businesses to reshape the concept of privacy.

Pete Myers — who is the founder of the Daily Climate website and author of the bestselling book, "Our Stolen Future," which discusses the contaminants found in common objects — talked about the perils of endocrine disrupting compounds and the pitfalls of today's regulatory tests.

"Endocrine disrupting compounds have one suite of effects at high doses and another suite of effects at low doses. You can't predict one from the other. Yet all regulatory testing never tests at the low dose range," Myers said. "How we assess safety is based on profoundly flawed assumptions."

Myers showed examples of animals

like frogs and rats who were exposed to tiny concentrations of contaminants when they were developing and later developed debilitating and even fatal complications.

In order to reduce their own exposure to harmful compounds, Myers said consumers had to make informed choices and to challenge conventional consumer attitudes about safety.

Rafe Furst, an entrepreneur, investor and World Series of Poker champion, then spoke on the relationship between money and empathy. After seeing the impact of money and greed on his level of compassion, Furst maintains there is a need to reboot the values of the global monetary system. Along with this reboot, Furst said that he believes that the future of money is in cryptocurrencies, digital currencies independent from large financial institutions.

"We are at the dawn of programmable money. For the first time in history, we have the power to change how it works," Furst said. "We can come together, those of us who care, and design currencies which serve our communal needs which reflect our values and our priorities."

The solution, Furst said, starts with recognizing our global interdependence and cooperating on a human level.

Sanjiv Singh — a research professor at Carnegie Mellon's Robotics Institute and CEO and co-founder of Near Earth Autonomy, which develops autonomous air transportation technology — spoke on the developing future of self-driving aircrafts.

"The revolutionary concept is this — of course they can takeoff and land anywhere, but you're going to get inside one of them, and press a button and it will fly you to where you need to go," Singh said.

According to Singh, there is potential for this autonomous air travel to disrupt the transportation industry. Developments are impeded by issues of economics and policy, despite the existence of the necessary technology.

Gregg Hallinan, an assistant professor of astronomy at the California Institute of Technology, then spoke on the detection of a gravitational wave on Aug. 17. The ripple in gravitational space was a result of the collision of two stars which consequently created 10,000 Earth-masses worth of heavy elements, such as gold and platinum. This is the first gravitational detection of an inter-star merger which provides new information on the environment in which the collision took place. The detection of gravitational waves paired with telescope imaging is akin to seeing and hearing the collision at the same time.

The wave detected on Aug. 17 had been travelling at the speed of light for 130 million years prior to its detection



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Ami Vitale, a photographer for National Geographic, was one of more than 20 speakers at Friday's TEDx event at the Paramount.

this year. Hallinan predicts this event is the first of more frequent gravitational ripples. As technology improves, Hallinan said there is potential to learn more about the creation of heavy metals from such collisions and

the the possible formation of black holes following the mergers.

"You'll also be seeing a lot of really tired astronomers," Hallinan said.

According to the event program, TEDx Charlottesville was intended

to "spark deep discussion and thought among attendees, speakers, volunteers and the community as a whole." A recording of the event can be found on the TEDx Charlottesville website.

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# Students learn healthcare in real-time

U.S. Health Care class teaches students about local and foreign systems to evaluate potential, current healthcare reforms

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Students learn healthcare in real-time University Assoc. Nursing Prof. Rick Mayes currently teaches “Intro to the U.S. Health Care System,” a graduate level course designed to teach Medical and Nursing students about the inner workings of the healthcare industry and enhance their abilities as advocates for patients away from the bedside.

“There’s this back and forth in the class between students of all kinds of backgrounds, and then you have students in the clinical setting, Med students and Nursing students and they can pull back the veil and show what it’s really like inside a healthcare system,” Mayes said. “There aren’t many classes where you have that mix of people, of backgrounds.”

Mayes said that a mix of Medical and Nursing students, Commerce and other undergraduate students are drawn to taking his class due to the significance of understanding healthcare today.

He said that college students often have life experiences that help them connect to the subject material.

“This class is beneficial to all U.Va. students because health care is relevant to each and every one of us,” fourth-year College student Lexi Graham said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. “We all have the responsibility to maintain our own health, and many of us know someone battling a chronic disease or recovering from an acute illness — therefore, we ought to be informed of the way our health care system works.”

Mayes’ class is structured into different sections composed of a lecture, class presentation and often guest speakers who provide anecdotes on their experience in the health system.

For the first month of class, students focus on learning the history of the Affordable Care Act — commonly referred to as

Obamacare — and the political side of healthcare reform. Soon, Mayes says the class will transition into learning about the development of healthcare via the business sector that creates new innovations in medicine to provide cost-friendly medical care.

“It is such an important class for nursing and med students because it helps them see the big picture,” Ben Colalillo, a member Class of 2016 alumnus and current Vanderbilt University law student, said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. “A lot of med students are so caught up in ‘defensive medicine’ and the high costs of malpractice insurance, but Mayes exposes us to accountable care organizations and other whole-health techniques that healthcare providers like Kaiser or Mayo or Cleveland are using.”

Mayes stresses the importance of building a network of alumni for his students to access for exposure to information that

cannot be found in books. In his opinion, the interest in his class grows due to the real-world knowledge offered to students through guest speakers and current events.

“We learned that there is no perfect system, but the best systems ensure that everybody has access to healthcare when they need it,” said Payam Pourtaheri, a Class of 2016 alumnus and co-founder of AgroSpheres, a startup biotechnology company. “In my life, being able to stay on my parents’ healthcare plan until I am 26 is a huge help to me.”

After four years of teaching this class, Mayes has a collection of alumni working as doctors, healthcare consultants and nurses who provide real-life experience and advice to students who one day hope to achieve similar careers.

“Health care is so much a challenge on how [you] motivate people ... healthcare is still vitally

dependent on individuals delivering the product,” Mayes said. “You can only automate [it] so much.”

Mayes’ class will continue to focus on relevant topics such as pharmaceuticals, medical devices and women’s health for the rest of the semester. Students will also present on healthcare systems in the U.S. and abroad to learn about the pros and cons that are worth considering when thinking about future healthcare reforms.

“Even if someone isn’t planning on going into healthcare and has no ambitions to go into the medical field, I would actually say a fundamental basic knowledge of healthcare is something every human being should know,” Mayes said. “The U.S. healthcare system responds very well to people who know how to work the system.”

# Biology majors take on diverse career paths

Biology students pursue futures in a wide range of fields, including medicine, research and law

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Biology is a typical major for students in undergraduate universities seeking bachelor’s degrees. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, of the 1.72 million bachelor’s degrees granted in the 2010-11 academic year, around 90,000 were biology degrees — accounting for around 5.25 percent of college graduates in the United States.

Among these students majoring in biology, many plan to attend medical school or physician assistant school.

Second-year College student Priya Manohar plans to major in biology and anticipates a career in the medical field.

“The biology major will allow me to take courses that correspond to many of the MCAT prerequisites for the test, and some of the courses under the major might influence some of my decisions on what to specialize in under the medical field in the future,” Manohar said.

Manohar said she also believes that a biology major will aid her in the medical field by enhancing her knowledge on processes that affect diseases and her ability to think on the spot.

“A biology major will give me skills that can broaden my understanding of biological mechanisms that affect patients in healthcare today,” Manohar said.

Although many students do plan to go into medicine after achieving a degree in biology, there are other biology majors who wish to immerse themselves in fields outside of medicine.

“Honestly, it is always kind of funny to see the initial reaction of surprise and confusion when I tell people that I am a biology and art history major who does not want to be a doctor,” fourth-year College student Zach Tauscher said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. “Often the next reaction is ‘So what are you going to do with that?’ or ‘Well, that’s an interesting choice.’”

Like many other majors, biology encapsulates and improves diverse skills such as critical thinking and problem solving.

“Biology gives you many practical, analytical skills that are attractive in many fields, so I think it is a great investment during your college career,” Tauscher said. “Biology can often feel very narrow and specific, but don’t let it fool you into think-

ing you have to follow all of your classmates on to medical school.”

Biology majors may plan to attend law school and believe the skills acquired from studying the science allows them to achieve expertise in various subfields of law, according to Tauscher.

For instance, Tauscher said he hopes to go to law school.

Tauscher came to the University knowing he would become a biology major, and he had initially thought that he would be premed. However, he did not feel an immediate connection to the medical profession and decided to widen his horizons by taking classes in other subjects. After taking an art history seminar that focused on topics of cultural property, Tauscher considered going to law school to study intellectual property rights.

He intends to use his majors in the legal fields of intellectual property, patent and copyright — issues that especially affect scientists and artists. Tauscher also said his expertise in both art history and biology will aid him in helping his clients as a lawyer.

“Personally, I have always thought that clients would be more

comfortable and trusting of someone who they see as knowledgeable about their issue,” Tauscher said. “It will make me a much more successful advocate — being able to work within the intricacies of each subject — [topics] which law school doesn’t cover.”

Other biology majors wish to expand their knowledge of biology after graduation through master’s and doctorate programs that would enable them to become research scientists.

Third-year College student Amanda Briegel plans on using her biology major degree to go to graduate school and eventually conduct research on immunotherapies for cancer treatment.

Early in elementary school, Briegel wanted to become a veterinarian. However, after watching a video about scientists at Duke University who cured a 22-year-old girl with late-stage glioblastoma — a malignant tumor that affects the brain — through immunotherapy, Briegel had a change of heart.

“Immediately after watching that video, I knew that’s what I wanted to do with my life,” Briegel said.

The University houses a number

of research facilities, especially at the School of Medicine, which enable students to discover their interests in scientific research.

“Research is such a valuable and potential experience for students if they are interested,” Asst. Biology Prof. David Kittlesen said. “Some students will do research because it looks good on their resume, and that may not be a good experience for them or their mentor.”

At times, biology majors may pursue other careers that are not directly related to the biological sciences at all. Kittlesen’s wife, for example, majored in biology, but went to law school where she did not use her biology knowledge directly.

Tauscher, Briegel and Manohar all stress the importance of choosing a career choice that caters to students’ passions, whether that is in medicine, research, law or business.

“My best advice to potential biology majors — and really any undecided students — is to follow what you’re passionate about,” Briegel said. “Pick a career that you are excited about.”





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