BEYOND GROUNDS

Students’ guide to safely exploring Charlottesville outside the “U.Va. bubble”

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This week in-brief

U.Va. Health requires employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19

U.Va. Health is requiring all employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccination by the beginning of November. Anyone who remains unvaccinated as of Nov. 1 will face disciplinary action, which may include employment termination.

By Oct. 18, all U.Va. Health employees must have received the final dose of the vaccine. This will allow them to be fully vaccinated by the deadline of Nov. 1.

“These vaccines will save lives, prevent unnecessary sickness and help us ensure we have the capacity to provide the highest-quality care possible not just for patients with COVID-19 but for all patients,” said K. Craig Kent, chief executive officer of U.Va. Health. “It is part of our duty as a leading academic medical center to protect the health of our patients, guests, team members and community.”

Excluding contracted employees, 86 percent of U.Va. Health employees are currently vaccinated. Approximately 14,000 people are employed by the health system, which includes professors, nurses, doctors and more.

The health system previously required that all new hires be vaccinated against COVID-19 — a requirement had not extended to existing staff until Aug. 25. Medical and religious exemptions to the vaccine policy will also be considered.

Class of 2025 the most racially diverse in University history

Despite climbing temperatures, rain and mask mandates, the University welcomed a total of 4,648 total new residential undergraduates to Grounds for move-in and Wahoo Welcome programming ahead of the first week of classes. With more than 41 percent of incoming students identifying as a racial minority, the Class of 2025 is the most diverse class in University history.

The University received a record-breaking 48,001 applications for the Class of 2023 and offered admission to 20,674 percent of applicants through early decision, early action and regular decision application cycles.

Dean of Admissions Gregory Roberts said he was particularly struck by the number of students who expressed interest in giving back to their communities and who worked a part-time job during the pandemic in their applications.

“This suggests to me that these students are compassionate and caring and they are not afraid of hard work,” Roberts said. “We are incredibly excited and grateful that they chose U.Va., and I can’t wait to see what they do in their time on Grounds.”

University reports 31 new COVID-19 cases Tuesday

Marking the highest single-day case count this fall with 31 new cases reported.

The last time a single-day new case count was this high was Feb. 26, when 34 new cases were reported.

The highest single-day case count the University has seen came eight days prior, with 229 cases reported on Feb. 16.

U.Va Health administered tests to 471 students and 377 faculty and staff members on Tuesday. In comparison, on Feb. 26, the University had tested a record 4,225 people.

All non-vaccinated students are required to report for testing on a weekly basis. Faculty and staff can also undergo voluntary asymptomatic testing during walk-in testing hours at the Student Activities Building Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday’s case count continues a general pattern of increase this fall, with a seven-day average of 10.7 on Sunday, 11.3 Monday and 13.4 Tuesday.

This brings the total number of active cases to 116, according to the University’s COVID-19 tracker. Last Friday, of the active cases, 32 were students and 48 were faculty and staff. However, now students make up a majority of the positive cases with 72 active student cases and 46 active faculty and staff cases.

Students additionally surpass faculty and staff in total fall semester cases with 136 student cases as opposed to 76 in faculty and staff.

Former Gov. McAuliffe urges COVID-19 vaccination requirements at U.Va. event

Former Democratic Governor Terry McAuliffe visited the University to discuss his current campaign for governor in addition to the importance of requiring vaccines in an event hosted by the Center for Politics Aug. 25. Dr. Cameron Webb — a former Democratic House of Representatives candidate for Virginia’s 9th Congressional District — was also in attendance, along with Board of Visitors member Mark Bowles and Vice Rector Robert Hardie.

The roughly 45-minute event took place in the gardens of Pavilion IV and was attended by approximately 50 students.

During the event, McAuliffe cited the importance of increasing the vaccinated population as soon as possible because low vaccination numbers could allow more COVID-19 variants to develop — some which could be vaccine resistant. Currently, around 55 percent and 92 percent of Virginia and Charlottesville residents are vaccinated, respectively.

“I have called for all employers to request that all employees get vaccinated here in the Commonwealth of Virginia,” McAuliffe said. “I’ve called for every health system in Virginia to make sure that everybody who works in a hospital or health is vaccinated.”

McAuliffe emphasized the importance of vaccination requirements and how his relationship with President Joe Biden and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will aid in his ability to mandate vaccines.

“I think that’s the point we’ve got to start making to people,” McAuliffe said.

Both the Class of 2024 and the Class of 2025 were introduced to University traditions at separate convocation ceremonies on Aug. 22.
Student self-governance plays a key role in the day-to-day aspects of University life. There are multiple groups that facilitate self-governance on Grounds — the Honor Committee, the University Judiciary Committee, Student Council, as well as individual class councils. Each organization, in its own way, aims to uphold certain standards of conduct and accountability. These committees are student-run and are therefore, by and for the students — a unique component of the University community.

The Honor Committee

The Honor Committee is made up of two representatives from every school — with the exception being the College of Arts and Sciences, which has five. These representatives are elected by the student body each spring and serve for one year. Elected representatives on the Honor Committee complete honor investigations and trials while support officers spread information and knowledge regarding the honor system to new students, faculty and the rest of the community.

Student support officers also investigate cases, advise accused students and serve as advocates at trial. Students can also be randomly selected to act as jurors during trials.

According to the Honor Committee website, an honor offense is defined as “a significant act of lying, cheating or stealing.” The policy has been put to vote multiple times but to no avail — during the spring 2016 University elections, a referendum to move to a multi-systems policy almost received enough votes. Chambers has also specifically expressed interest in transitioning Honor into a multiple-systems fashion. “When I campaigned on that sort of idea, it seemed to resonate with the committee, so I hope that we can get that done this year,” he told The Cavalier Daily in April.

The University Judiciary Committee

The University Judiciary Committee is the student-run judiciary body at the University and is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the University’s Standards of Conduct, which describes behavior generally prohibited for University students. The committee’s goal is to maintain and promote a community of honesty, safety and freedom. Broadly speaking, UJC regulates conduct that falls outside the bounds of the Honor Code.

UJC consists of 27 representatives, two First Year Judiciary Committee representatives and dozens of support officers who serve as counselors, investigators and educators. Counselors serve as advocates for both accused and complainant parties during trial; investigators meet with both parties to compile an impartial record of facts before the trial and educators run outreach and educate the community about UJC’s mission.

The committee is made up of two representatives elected from each undergraduate and graduate school, with the College of Arts and Sciences and engineering schools electing three. Similar to the Honor Committee, these representatives are elected by the student body each spring and serve for one year. Student representatives serve as judges during UJC trials and are responsible for upholding the policy and procedures.

According to Lauren Kim, fourth-year College student and UJC chair, student self-governance is a form of empowerment for students. “It is so meaningful that in this university, students have a direct impact on the life of their peers,” Kim said. “Students understand the experiences of other students in a unique way that administrators may not fully comprehend. By allowing students to hear cases of their peers, it allows us to best empower each other.”

Similarly, Kim noted that UJC, like other self-governing institutions on Grounds, allows for students to actively participate in and contribute to the type of community found at the University. The purpose of student government organizations on Grounds, she said, is to give students a strong sense of autonomy while also maintaining accountability.

Since the onset of the pandemic, UJC has been the primary entity dealing with COVID-19 violations. During the spring 2021 semester, UJC adjudicated 52 cases involving 93 students and 13 student organizations. 100 percent of organizational cases were related to violation of University COVID-19 policy.

Student Council

Per the Student Council constitution, its responsibility is to “protect and improve the rights, opportunities and quality of life of every student at the University.” This mission is carried out across five branches — the president’s cabinet, support and access services, representative body, administrative branch and organizations branch — and by the executive board.

Newly created this year, the support and access services branch includes Airbnb, which encompasses services such as the community food pantry, UVa Mutual Aid, Student Legal Services and Airbnb.

The president’s cabinet is responsible for creating and executing effective policy per the president’s agenda. It oversees 11 agencies — academic affairs, arts, community engagement, diversity engagement, financial accessibility, graduate student affairs, international student affairs, legislative affairs, safety and wellness, student life and sustainability.

The representative body is Student Council’s legislative branch. Representatives are elected by school, including graduate programs, who may sponsor and vote on bills and resolutions. This past year, the representative body passed legislation supporting the APIFLD community in wake of the violence faced amid the pandemic. It also supported legislation asking the University to transition to open education, including the implementation of a policy and procedure.

“First, Student Council has an outsized influence on student funding. Second, Student Council offers a robust set of resources and services directly to students. Third, Student Council at UVa has framed itself as a collective bargaining agency... This means that Student Council really does shape a lot of the culture and meaningful extracurricular life at the University.”

Last spring, Student Council released its 2020-2021 fall semester report detailing the institution’s accomplishments throughout the semester as well as future aspirations. Much of Student Council’s recent work has been focused on supporting the community through the COVID-19 pandemic and increasing the facilitation of positive changes on Grounds. The Council advocated for gender inclusive housing options, secured diversity grants, published a guide by and for FGUL students and helped host virtual activities.

Class and Extracurricular Councils

In addition to these three larger self-governing entities, the University community also elects class councils, school councils and extracurricular councils. School councils represent and advocate for the students of their respective schools. Presidents of these councils are members of the larger Student Council presidential senate.

Class councils represent and advocate for students of each class and are “dedicated to fostering inclusion, ensuring accessibility and promoting community” as well as “fundamentally serving to create and maintain Class identity.” There are also extracurricular councils that focus on special interest and social groups including contracted independent organizations and special status and agency organizations such as the Inter-Sorority Council or the Graduate Professional Council.

Each of these institutions serves a unique purpose in facilitating self-governance on Grounds in addition to the Honor Committee, UJC and Student Council.
U.Va. community expresses frustration with UTS changes

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Interactive learning courses resume in-person attendance

Labs, discussions and other hands-on courses have been able to meet face-to-face once more under the University’s current guidelines

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It’s no surprise that the near year and a half of pandemic guidelines and online classes has had a major toll on University operations, even as the new normal of the fall semester begins. Some classes were hit harder than most when the University first shut down — namely those that are heavily centered around physical interaction.

Classes in the kinesiology program, labs and small discussions were thrown off when the pandemic first hit in the spring of 2020. With a heavy reliance on movement, interaction and close proximity to other students, professors conducting interactive classes had to adapt their teaching styles to an online and socially distanced format.

Assoc. Politics Prof. Jennifer Rubenstein has always welcomed close interactions and fluidity among her students in the classroom, but she feels as though that sense of closeness was quickly lost over Zoom. For Rubenstein, a major part of a comprehensive and meaningful class discussion involves various body language movements and nuanced gestures that occur during face-to-face interaction.

“I really find that whether it’s just discussion, or the whole group is talking, or whether its small groups or whether its people sort of demonstrating a position on an issue ... it’s really helpful for the vast majority if students do something with their bodies or involved, whether they’re talking or whether they’re moving,” Rubenstein said.

Although thankful for the chance to resume her usual teaching style, Rubenstein is making efforts to utilize the few positives she has encountered over Zoom within her small classroom to build a comfortable environment for discussion once more. One feature that she is currently working on translating back into a classroom setting is the Zoom hand raise function.

“I was really surprised that students like the ‘hand raise’ feature,” Rubenstein said. “Past [students] have said they liked it because they could get on the queue and then sort of forget it for a bit. What I’m trying this semester is we have these little name cards — you turn the name card vertically so you don’t have to sit there for a bit.”

Discussion-based classes such as Rubenstein’s all faced similar challenges regarding close connections these past few semesters but have been able to resume normal activity this fall. Leaving behind choppy conversations, technical difficulties and abnormal participation levels is nothing short of relieving for professors and students returning to the classroom.

Second-year College student Gabrielle Castro Calderon experienced the peak of the pandemic. Calderon said, “My lab experience was very fixed, the same teaching procedure and work process was done every lab session. There were times where no one would talk or interact with one another.”

According to Calderon, the transition from a virtual first year to an in-person second year has already made a big difference in how she learns. For a student who has only ever experienced online University classes, the switch has been daunting at times.

“I am optimistic in the sense of being able to learn more from lab experiments,” Calderon said. “However, last year, most labs were conducted entirely virtually.

“I was in lab last year, specifically for biology, during the peak of the pandemic,” Calderon said. “My lab experience was very fixed, the same teaching procedure and work process was done every lab session. There were times where no one would talk or interact with one another.”

Similar to these discussion and lab-based classes, the University’s hands-on and physically interactive kinesiology classes have had to make major adjustments now that students are back in person and on grounds.

The University’s golf class was offered with a hybrid option during the online semesters. Even after taking into account the $250 all-inclusive class fee that each student must pay at the start of the class, turnout has still grown from an average of 12 students to 24.

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Regardless of department, interactive learning is again taking hold across the University’s many departments, offering an intriguing change from simply listening to a lecture. These classes might have been disrupted by online learning, but they are now moving forward with both a new knowledge of different learning styles and a restored confidence that grounds can return to normal.

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Comprehensive answers to fans’ Virginia Athletics questions

Everything you need to know about attending games, ticketing and more

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Cheering on the Cavaliers can be one of the most exciting parts of a student's experience at the University.

As fall sports ramp up and fans fill the stands unrestricted for the first time since March of 2020, we want to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about attending Virginia sporting events and supporting the Cavaliers — both in and out of the stadium.

How do I attend a Virginia Athletics game, meet or match?

As students, we all get the opportunity to attend home competitions — for free — for any of Virginia’s 28 sports. So, all you need to attend a Virginia Athletics game, meet or match is your student ID that you are issued at the beginning of your first year. With this in hand, you can head to any of the following locations — which can easily be located using Google Maps — to catch an in-person event.

- Off-Grounds Facilities
  - Birdwood Golf Course — Golf
  - Virginia Tennis Facility at the Boar's Head Resort — Indoor and Outdoor Tennis
  - McArthur Squash Center at Boar's Head Sports Club — Squash
  - Rivanna Reservoir Boathouse — Rowing
  - Panorama Farms — Cross Country

- Panorama Farms — Cross Country
  - turf Field — Field Hockey

- Off-Grounds Facilities
  - Aquatic and Fitness Center — Swim and Dive
  - Davenport Field at Disharoon Park — Baseball
  - John Paul Jones Arena — Basketball
  - Klockner Stadium — Soccer
  - Lambeth Field — Track and Field
  - Memorial Gymnasium — Wrestling

What are Sabre Points?

Sabre Points are like a currency for Virginia Athletics. By attending home games for the Cavaliers, you will receive either one or five Sabre Points. Every home game is worth at least one Sabre Point, but some games are specially classified — making attendance worth five Sabre Points. All of your Sabre Points will be tallied of your Sabre Points hit your account by doing one of two things, depending on which sport you’re watching. When you attend a men’s soccer game, a women’s soccer game or a football game, you will scan your student ID at the gates and receive Sabre Points that way. For other sports like volleyball, field hockey or swim and dive, you will need to input your student ID number — which is found above the barcode on the back of your student ID — into a spreadsheet at the marketing tables found near the gates. Then, they will be manually entered onto your account by Virginia Athletics.

How do I get men’s basketball student tickets?

Unlike other Virginia sporting events pre-pandemic, Virginia men’s basketball student tickets operate on a lottery system due to the limited capacity of John Paul Jones Arena. All of your Sabre Points will be tallied and used to receive additional lottery entries to get men’s basketball tickets for games played at John Paul Jones Arena. Bottom line — the more home games you attend, the better your chances are of getting tickets to men’s basketball games.

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All students selected to receive a ticket are then ordered by the number of Sabre Points from highest to lowest and given a group number ranging from one to eight. Students in Group 1 are allowed to enter the arena 90 minutes before the game, with every subsequent group allowed to enter the arena in five-minute decrements.

Where can I buy U.Va. gear in Charlottesville?

With Virginia receiving $3.5 million annually from Nike, there is certainly no shortage of Cavalier merchandise in Charlottesville. The University Bookstore is often the first stop for students and visitors to purchase Virginia gear, and it is located on Emmet Street above the Central Grounds Garage in the heart of the University. Unlike many other college bookstores — which contract with Barnes and Noble and other corporate bookstores — the University Bookstore is a non-profit owned and operated by the University and all proceeds from the bookstore go towards University programs such as Access U.Va., which supports first-generation and low-income students at the University. Off Grounds, students often frequent Mincer’s, a Corner staple since 1948 that started as a humidor selling cigars, cigarettes and other tobacco products. Mincer’s is particularly notable for its wide selection of Nike apparel printed exclusively in house.

What the heck is a Wahoo?

While Virginia’s athletic teams are officially called the “Cavaliers,” the moniker “Wahoos” was birthed years before. In the 1890s, Virginia and now Division III program Washington and Lee were blood rivals, with no love lost between the fans and students of both schools. During a baseball game between the Cavaliers and Generals, Washington and Lee fans called Virginia fans and players “wahoos,” presumably due to their rowdy nature. In the years since, Cavalier fans have worn the nickname as a badge of honor and made it part of the rallying cry “Wahoos,” which can be heard around Charlottesville on Virginia gamedays.
A deep dive into Virginia football’s 2021 schedule

How do the Cavaliers match up against their opponents?

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The calendar is turning to September, and the University of Virginia football program is back on the field. Fans have been waiting for this moment, and the Cavaliers have likely either figured this point in the season, however, the All-ACC poll in the preseason. By wide receiver in Jaquarii Roberson, more of a tossup than people may realize.

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Last year, in a 31-17 victory, Virginia was able to keep Cardinal quarterback Malik Cunningham in check through the air but struggled with rushing defense, as Cunningham burst through for nearly 200 yards. Expect a much similar story this season, as the Cavaliers have the luxury of having the majority of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets.

Virginia looks to improve on last year’s 5-5 performance, which ended in a frustrating loss to Virginia Tech. How do the Cavaliers match up against their opponents? Let’s take a closer look at Virginia football’s 2021 schedule.

Home vs. William & Mary, Sept. 4
The Cavaliers open their slate with a traditional in-state rival, albeit one from the FCS ranks. Additionally, former Virginia head coach Mike London is now the coach of the Tribe, which adds yet another wrinkle to the matchup. Overall, though, this should not be too hard of a game for the Cavaliers, and I expect to see some future stars get reps in the second half of a blowout.

Home vs. Illinois, Sept. 11
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Away at North Carolina, Sept. 18
Virginia looks to improve on last year’s 5-5 performance, which ended in a frustrating loss to Virginia Tech. Expect a much similar story this season, as the Cavaliers have the luxury of having the majority of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets.

Away at Louisville, Oct. 9
Last year, in a 31-17 victory, Virginia was able to keep Cardinal quarterback Malik Cunningham in check through the air but struggled with rushing defense, as Cunningham burst through for nearly 200 yards. Expect a much similar story this season, as the Cavaliers have the luxury of having the majority of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets.

Away vs. BYU, Oct. 9
In another homecoming, this time for Virginia Coach Bronco Mendenhall, the Cavaliers travel to Provo to take on BYU, one of the darlings of the FBS. BYU has a defensive mindset, and the matchup is expected to be a defensive slugfest. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defensive will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets.

Away at Pitt, Nov. 20
Kenny Pickett returns as Pitt’s starting quarterback for what seems like a foregone conclusion. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets.

Home vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 13
After a bye week, Virginia faces the second biggest game in the schedule when the Fighting Irish come to town. Notre Dame also loses its quarterback from last year, but seems to be moving right along with Wisconsin transfer Jack Coan now in the fold. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets. Expect the Cavaliers to have a significant edge on defense, but the front seven of the Virginia defense will need to play well to avoid getting run over by the Yellow Jackets.

Home vs. Virginia Tech, Nov. 27
Finally, the game everyone has been waiting for. Virginia Tech returns to Charlottesville with the

Commonwealth Cup in tow, ready to battle it out with the Cavaliers in the biggest game of the year. The Hokies lose star running back Khalid Herbert, but quarterback Braxton Burmeister returns to lead an offense that should be very similar to the one the Cavaliers saw last year in a loss. Frankly, Virginia has multiple opportunities to make the 2020 game much closer than it ended up being, but mistakes killed all the momentum. With all of Charlottesville behind the Cavaliers, this would be the time to flip the script on the rivalry and take back the Cup.

Predictions
I see this Virginia team that has a relatively light schedule of realistic opponents. I would be shocked if the Cavaliers were worse than 6-6, but also pleasantly surprised if they went better than 9-3. I settled on Virginia finishing with an 8-4 record, with losses to Miami, Notre Dame and two of Wake Forest, North Carolina, Pitt and Louisville — although I can’t say who they would lose to out of those four. Virginia will have a good team this year, and as a true fan, I cannot help but think that the Cavaliers’ last regular season game ends with a win over the school down in Blacksburg.
More than 450 contracted independent organizations crowded the South Lawn, the Amphitheater and Peabody Lawn Aug. 23 at the Fall Activities Fair, handing out phone wallets and gathering computing IDs of interested students. A number of these organizations offer opportunities for students to engage in activism, ranging from political campaigns to environmental justice to mental health.

Beyond Grounds, there are many organizations in Charlottesville building campaigns that work with students — these organizations work to spur change and bring issues to the forefront of the University community, like the locally-founded petition that called for the removal of the George Rogers Clark statue.

The groups below are just some of the major voices on Grounds and around Charlottesville and do not represent the full span of ways students can get involved in activism in the community. While many of these organizations are run by University students, they provide students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in advocacy that involves the local Charlottesville community.

Websites like the Activists’ Guide can connect students with local groups, and the @UVa organizations page includes a full list of groups concerned with advocacy, multicultural efforts and more.

Minority rights and racial justice
Numerous groups on Grounds and in Charlottesville aim to support and advocate for historically marginalized and underrepresented communities — some are as broad as the Minority Rights Coalition, which is an umbrella organization representing the interests of seven different CIOs, and others are as specific as oSTEM at UVa., which provides support for LGBTQ+ students in STEM.

The MRC was founded in 2000 and is currently comprised of the Asian Student Union, the Black Student Alliance, the Latinx Student Alliance, the Middle Eastern Leadership Council, the Muslim Students Association, the Native American Student Union, the Organization of African Students and the Queer Student Union. The group has advocated for and supported a number of petitions for progressive change on Grounds — they worked with Young Democratic Socialists of America at UVa. to implement a credit/no-credit grading system and support for the tuition freeze. Most recently, the MRC spearheaded a campaign to remove the Frank Hume Memorial Fountain — a statue that honors Confederate spy Frank Hume and was recently rededicated by the Board of Visitors.

In Charlottesville, individuals and student groups also successfully advocated for the removal of Confederate statues. Statues of Robert E. Lee and Thomas “Stone-wall” Jackson were removed in July following years of advocacy by a third-year college student Zyahna Bryant, who first authored the petition to remove the Lee monument as a freshman at Charlottesville High School in 2016, was in attendance at the statue’s removal.

A statue of George Rogers Clark located on Grounds was also removed in July, largely as a result of petitions and protests organized by local activists and student groups like the Native American Student Union. This year, NASU is continuing to build the organization, supporting Native students and working with the University administration to increase Native enrollment and promote equity in admissions, according to Zac Russell, president of NASU and fourth-year College student.

“We’re very excited to see what the new year has in store, especially as the first in 100 years in which students won’t face the image of George Rogers Clark enacting genocide,” Russell said.

One of the other organizations which brings together students and local activists is Charlottesville BLM, a local chapter of the global organization Black Lives Matter. Charlottesville BLM is beginning a campaign to defund the Charlottesville Police Department and build a city without policing. Another organization is the International Rescue Committee in Charlottesville, which is currently leading a campaign to collect donations for Afghan refugees in Charlottesville.

The Asian Student Union has also been successful in championing minority rights — they organized the “Not a Model Minority Campaign” that dispels the myth that all Asians are self-sufficient, well-educated and upwardly mobile and highlights the unique experiences of Asian Americans at the University.

Sanjeev Kumar, president of ASU and third-year Commerce student, said in an email to The Cavalier Daily that the organization is currently working on a campaign pushing the University administration to provide better resources for Asian students in the University community. Similar demands were made in 2018, when the Asian Leaders Council released a report on academic reform.

“We are currently working with several other Asian organizations on Grounds to push the University administration to provide better resources, funding, and representation for the Asian American community,” Kumar said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. “Many of these demands were made years ago and were never addressed by the University in any capacity, so the Asian Student Union is working on getting those through.”

undocUVA is a collective of students that work to create infrastructures of support for undocumented people and migrant communities at the University and beyond through the University website, providing scholarships, and training over 800 people to be allies for undocumented individuals. In an email to The Cavalier Daily, Caroline Campos, president of undocUVA and fourth-year College student, explained that the organization’s priorities for the upcoming year include building financial, social and academic infrastructure for undocumented students. They will also continue their support work for local asylum seekers, as well as expand their advocacy to workers and community members.

Political activism and campaigning
There are a number of CIOs that offer students a chance to get involved in politics. Two of the most well-known political organizations, College Republicans and University Democrats, regularly organize campaigns for candidates and advocate for political issues within the Charlottesville community and across the nation.

College Republicans concentrated their efforts last year on campaigning for Delegate Nick Freitas’ congressional campaign. The group made over 20,000 voter contacts, according to Libby Klinger, College Republicans president and third-year College student. This year, Klinger said the group plans to campaign for Republican candidates in the Virginia House of Delegates races and the Virginia gubernatorial race.

“Our priorities this year are twofold — campaign for Republican candidates and provide a strong community for conservative students on Grounds,” Klinger said.

Last year, University Democrats registered over 1,000 students to vote, made over 10,000 phone calls to voters and sent over 50,000 text messages in support of progressive candidates. According to Hunter Hess, UDems president and fourth-year College student, this year the organization is excited about returning to in-person campaigning for the No-
November election. The organization is hosting voter registration drives on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. this semester.

“Our goal is to get back to knocking on doors and talking to voters face-to-face,” Hess said. Students can also get involved in groups such as Young Democratic-Socialists of America at U.Va. — past YDSA campaigns have included helping to secure the optional credit/no-credit grading option for students and advocating for a tuition freeze for most undergraduate students, which the Board of Visitors approved in April 2021. This year, the group is focusing on expanding and improving mental health services at the University.

YDSA is hosting an event titled “Intro to Socialism” at 7 p.m. Monday in the Physics Building Room 204. Interested students can fill out an interest form, show up to events and follow the organization’s social media accounts.

Other groups center around advocating or educating students about specific issues — Students for Justice in Palestine is an organization that advocates for academic, cultural and economic boycotts of Israel. These three principles are central to the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement that aims to put pressure on the Israeli government and advocate for Palestinian rights and liberation.

As international media outlets covered escalating violence between Palestine and Israel in May, SJP and student-run CIO Hoos for Israel aimed to counter misconceptions about the tensions between Palestinians and Israelis and advocated for aid for those affected. Hoos for Israel released a statement urging the community to avoid spreading common misconceptions and oversimplified social media graphics.

SJP organized a protest — attended by around 200 individuals — in May calling for the United States to curb funding and support of the Israeli government as well as a letter campaign calling for divestment from Israel.

A student leader in SJP spoke to The Cavalier Daily about the organization on the condition of anonymity due to the history of Palestinian-American college students getting blacklisted from future job opportunities and career paths due to their organizing work.

According to the leader, SJP is focusing this year on building a coalition with other organizations at the University, increasing the visibility of the organization, increasing membership and raising the funds necessary to run a divestment campaign. Last year, they were proud of the coalition that they built with other organizations at the University, such as Young Democratic-Socialists of America at U.Va. and U.Va. Beyond Policing.

“I think building a coalition across various organizing groups on Grounds allows us to really paint the picture of an intersectional struggle and advocate for collective liberation,” the student leader said.

Indivisible Charlottesville is a local group which aims to “[resist] the Trump agenda and [hold] the reins in the VA-05 district accountable.” In January, the group started a letter-writing campaign calling for Representative Bob Good’s removal. They were also strong advocates of removing the Confederate statue.

Gender equality
Students interested in reproductive justice or advocating for the pro-life movement will also find a number of groups that interest them — Planned Parenthood Generation Action is a student-led reproductive rights organization at the University and Hoos for Life is a student organization that promotes awareness of the pro-life movement and educate students about pro-life issues.

Effiana McGovern, president of PPGen and third-year Batten student, said that before the pandemic, one of PPGen’s priorities was working with the Elson Student Health Center to make emergency contraception more readily available on the weekends. After classes moved fully online in the spring of 2020, PPGen pivoted its focus to providing mental health and self-care resources for students.

During the past year, PPGen also reflected on their status as a reproductive rights organization, not a reproductive justice organization. While reproductive rights largely center on a woman’s individual reproductive freedom and has historically focused on issues such as sex education, family planning and access to abortion, reproductive justice is more intersectional, focusing on the ways that gender, socioeconomic class and race affect reproductive health care. The reproductive justice movement was founded by Black women in the 1990s because of the ways that BIPOC women were excluded in the reproductive rights movement.

“We know that Planned Parenthood has historically been a white woman organization and we want to work on making our particular chapter of PPGen a very inclusive space where everyone feels welcome, not just based on their race but also their sexuality and the way that they identify in the world,” McGovern said.

This year, McGovern says that she wants the organization to work on inclusion and diversity to better represent the University community. They are also trying to build more relationships with other student groups.

Caitlin Mea, a fourth-year College student and President of Hoos for Life, discussed the organization’s priorities in an email to The Cavalier Daily.

“Our priority this year is to help those within our own community who are struggling with crisis pregnancy situations,” Mea said. “We will be fundraising for pregnancy resource centers that provide free assistance to pregnant women so that these women do not have to feel forced into abortion by their circumstances.”

Mea said that the organization’s priorities go beyond abortion and that they will be raising money for Mary’s Shelter, a shelter in Fredericksburg that provides resources for women and their children.

“Our current plan for the year is to show that being pro-life is also being pro-woman by assisting women with the root causes that cause them to seek abortion in the first place,” Mea said.

Outside of student organizations, Charlottesville NOW — a local chapter of the National Organization for Women — has been focused on eliminating discrimination, promoting feminist ideas and protecting women’s rights, including reproductive access, since 1975. Throughout the pandemic, the organization has been focused on hosting monthly meetings. In honor of the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the group held a meeting entitled “Reproductive Rights Under Threat” featuring Charlottesville Commonwealth’s Attorney Joe Platania and Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Areshini Pathar.
Top 10 eateries near Grounds

Regardless if you are a new or returning student, here are 10 must-visit local bites — in no particular order

Yumi Kim | Food Writer

As a current second-year student without a car or a reliable mode of transportation, I have always been on the hunt for great places to eat within walking distance of Grounds. Over the past year, I’ve developed my top 10 places to eat near Central Grounds — from the Corner to Fontaine Ave. — for anyone in search of spots to fulfill any and all cravings they may have.

1. Got Dumplings

Now you may have seen Got Dumplings at the amphitheater with its food truck, but the physical location on the Corner is a great and popular spot to get a quick bite to eat. Other than the delicious dumplings, the Corner location also has a great boba and tea menu. My personal favorite flavor would be the refreshing sweet and creamy Thai tea — especially in this extreme Charlottesville heat, which doesn’t seem like being anytime soon. Head over any time from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

2. Roots

Another restaurant I feel obligated to mention would have to be the very classic Roots, which can be found right on the Corner. Roots is a salad and grain bowl restaurant — very similar to Cava — where customers can order bowls, modify those bowls to their taste or even create a personal bowl from scratch. My personal favorite — and objectively the most popular bowl at Roots — would be the El Jefe. The El Jefe has brown rice as the primary base, kale as the secondary base and beans, corn, onions, avocados, pita and feta as the ingredients. Many students also opt for the delicious barbecue tofu as a meat alternative. The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on weekends.

3. Poke Sushi Bowl

Mere paces away from Roots is the Poke Sushi Bowl restaurant. Here you are also able to create your own bowl starting with your base, then the protein — including the vegan option of tofu — and finally your preferred toppings. If you are ever trying to satiate your sushi craving, head down to the Corner and get yourself a refreshing poke bowl. You can also find a convenient outdoor eating space if you would like to enjoy your bowl on the patio. Poke Sushi Bowl is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

4. Lemongrass

Right across from Poke Sushi Bowl you’ll find a Thai restaurant called Lemongrass. There, you can find primarily Thai cuisine, including classic dishes such as Pad Thai and drunken noodles. Lemongrass is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

5. The Juice Laundry

If you’re looking to grab a quick and healthy bite to eat, head over to The Juice Laundry at either the Corner, Aquatic Fitness Center or Preston Avenue locations. Students can also look forward to a fourth location that will be opening adjacent to the Starbucks in Newcomb Hall, although its opening date is still uncertain. The Juice Laundry sells filling smoothie bowls, regular smoothies, oats and other healthy options. I have recently been enjoying Bradley’s CB and J bowl — the main base is strawberry, so it has a nice pink color to it. The Juice Laundry is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Corner and on weekdays at the AFC and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends at the AFC!

6. Mellow Mushroom

If you would rather indulge in a less healthy option than The Juice Laundry, I would recommend Mellow Mushroom, a great pizza place on the Corner. Mellow Mushroom makes its stone-baked pizza in store and in three different sizes. Personally, I love going with a friend and splitting a medium pizza! My personal go-to pizza would be the Holy Shiitake Pie, which comes with shiitake mushrooms, chives, caramelized onions and parmesan cheese. Mellow Mushroom is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

7. Farm Bell Kitchen

Are you ever in the mood to eat after breakfast, but not quite at lunchtime? If you find yourself in this mood, head to Farm Bell Kitchen for an amazing brunch experience! It is located a little further down the Corner, and you can spot it from its aesthetically pleasing outdoor setup. There you can find brunch foods such as hearty grits, eggs benedict, avocado egg toast and breakfast salads. Make sure you head out there earlier in the day because the hours are only from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

8. Box’d Kitchen

A little further down the Corner you’ll find a restaurant called Box’d Kitchen, which has artisanal rice bowl dishes with protein choices such as lamb, beef, chicken, pork and vegetarian. These Greek gyro plates are both filling and refreshing as each comes with fresh veggies and tart Greek yogurt sauce. The must-try item on the menu would be the lamb over rice and salad. Box’d Kitchen is open from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

9. Fig

On the occasion that you would like a fancy night out with friends or a date night, then head over to Fig on the Corner. There, you can expect a classy restaurant serving Southern and Mediterranean dishes such as blackened salmon or Maryland crab cake. The ambiance is also very elevated and intimate with dim lights and chic decorations. Make sure to check it out on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fig is closed Monday through Wednesday.

10. Silk Thai

Finally, let’s go all the way across the map to a restaurant called Silk Thai. This restaurant, which is just a little more of a hike than the other places mentioned, serves some of the best Thai dishes in the area — in my humble opinion. My favorite dish to order there would be the drunken noodles. The thick, flat noodles are perfectly seasoned and paired with the meat of your choice and veggies. Silk Thai is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on all other days.
The best Instagram-worthy spots in Charlottesville

It’s time to fill your Instagram feed with Rotunda pictures again

Grace Eberhardt | Staff Writer

From the charming, small-town feel to the gorgeous mountain skyline, Charlottesville is full of amazing backdrops for pictures with friends. Populating your feed with pictures at certain well-known locations is practically a rite of passage for incoming first-years. In honor of returning to Grounds, here are the most Instagram-worthy spots in Charlottesville.

Humpback Rock
Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Charlottesville is loved by casual and experienced hikers alike. Though a more challenging hike than some other paths in the area, the effort is worth the reward. There is no better place to catch a sunset than Humpback Rock, where pink skies blend into the arching blue ridgeline. Gather your friends, pull on your hiking shoes and pack your camera because cresting Humpback is a crucial part of the University experience.

Historic Downtown
Just a short walk from the Corner, cute shops and restaurants line both sides of the Downtown Mall. No matter how many times you visit, you will always find something new. Be sure to snap a few pictures against the exposed brick exteriors and vintage storefronts at the historic Downtown Mall.

Your Favorite Brunch Spot
Ask any University student, and they will readily tell you all about their favorite place for weekend brunch. Whether you're loyal to Farm Bell Kitchen or The Virginian, there is nothing better than dragging your roommates out of bed to walk to the Corner and grab a few sleepy pictures over brunch. Your Instagram feed isn't complete without a crew of smiling faces over delicious French toast and coffee.

Carter Mountain Orchard
Well-loved by both local families and students, an evening at Carter Mountain is more than worth the drive. The photo opportunities are endless. Whether you're apple picking, watching the sunset or picnicking with friends, you will want to have a camera at the ready. Take a blanket, stretch out in the grass and enjoy the late summer weather. Students love the Thursday Evening Sunset Series, where you can enjoy live music and food trucks while the sun goes down over picturesque Charlottesville.

IX Art Park
IX Art Park was originally established as a public creative space in Charlottesville for residents and visitors. If you're looking for a fun backdrop to introduce your favorite outfit to Instagram, IX park is your place. Be sure to check out their weekly Saturday morning farmers market while you're there to pick up your fruits and vegetables.

The Rotunda
It was your first picture in Charlottesville when your parents made you pose in front of it on your tour. In four short years, you will be standing in that same spot again, this time in a cap and gown. Plus one million pictures in between.

University students love their Rotunda pictures, affectionately dubbed “Tundy pics.” If the Rotunda only appears once on your feed by the time you graduate, you'll have more self control than 99 percent of students. Stop by the Lawn for fun pictures with Jefferson's great architectural feat — modeled after the Roman Pantheon — in the fall, in the snow, at the Lighting of the Lawn, when the flowers bloom and especially when you need an extra pick-me-up.

The photo opportunities at Carter Mountain Orchard are endless, whether you're apple picking, watching the sunset or picnicking with friends.
Ways to show your support for local artists and artisans

Shop, donate and show-up for Charlottesville's arts community

Kalista Diamantopoulos | Arts & Entertainment Editor

Charlottesville is home to a vibrant and well-established arts scene teeming with galleries and museums that spotlight a number of local artists. Not to mention, it is common to walk downtown and come across artists live-painting or even selling prints of their work. Whether you are new to the University and have yet to explore the various museums and galleries or you are a returning student and are curious about the artists here in Charlottesville, take time this semester to immerse yourself in the local art scene. As you do, consider the ways you can show your support for and give back to the artists that continuously educate, enlighten and beautify Charlottesville! If you aren't sure where to start, here are several ways you can support local artists both with and without spending.

Shop

There's nothing better than local, handmade artisan goods and there are a number of places where you can purchase a gift for a friend — or yourself! — while also supporting one of the many great artists in the area.

C’ville Arts Cooperative located on the Downtown Mall is a space that features handmade works by around 50 to 60 Virginia artists each year — a group that is “proud to be a thriving local co-operative business in Charlottesville” said one of the artists Flame Blythe in an email interview. The work available for purchase includes but is not limited to beaded jewelry, prints, greeting card sets and even notebooks. As a cooperative, the artists work together to operate the store so you will be able to meet and engage with the artists on duty throughout the day.

Darling Boutique on 1st Street is not just a consignment store — it also hosts a collection of specially curated handmade goods from over 70 local artisans. Jewelry, small-batch beauty products, hair accessories and paper goods are just a few of the many handmade products that Darling Boutique offers.

The farmers market at IX Art Park on Saturdays every week from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. is not only the perfect weekend activity for you and your friends but also a great place to purchase a variety of art and artisan products. If you’re looking for affordable prints and stickers to decorate your living space, check out Bellavance Ink — this vendor offers edgy Charlottesville-themed pen and ink illustrations.

Donate

If instead you are looking to make a donation that supports the arts community here in Charlottesville, check out these great donation pools that provide aid for artists and fund various projects.

The pandemic has and is continuing to hit communities hard. Like many, artists faced income loss due to the cancellation of gigs and other opportunities. On March 20, 2020, New City Arts and The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative launched the Charlottesville Emergency Relief Fund for Artists after being inspired by Springboard for the Arts in Minneapolis. By September, they had collected nearly $59,000 that has supported over 145 artists. They are continuing to collect donations in order to expand their pool of funds and help more artists.

The Charlottesville Municipal Project is another program organized by The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative. Their aim is to uplift artists, contribute to the culture and exciting ambience of the city and inspire residents and visitors alike.

If you aren’t able to donate money, you can donate art supplies to The Scrappy Elephant, an open art studio for children founded by Sarah Sweets. The Scrappy Elephant offers studio sessions, educational events and workshops geared towards Charlottesville’s youngest artists. Not to mention, the studio reuses usable art materials, diverting it from landfills.

Show up

While providing monetary contributions to artists is certainly appreciated, it is not the only way to show your support for local artists. Simply showing up and attending an exhibition or gallery opening demonstrates great appreciation and respect for artists and their work. If you have a chance, don’t be afraid to introduce yourself and ask them questions — you will leave feeling more enlightened and educated than you were before!

If you are interested in looking at contemporary art, Second Street Gallery is the place for you! Located by the Downtown Mall on 2nd Street, this nonprofit art space promotes local contemporary artists while educating the public with exhibitions, workshops, lectures and more. The gallery is currently closed but will reopen for visits by appointment on September 3 so be sure to book a free appointment for one of their upcoming exhibitions!

Not too far from Second Street Gallery is the McGuffey Art Center. This art center is one of the oldest artist-run cooperative art centers in the country. There you will find 46 renting artist members, 100 associate artist members and four incubator residency members who showcase their work, teach classes and host events in order to make art more accessible to the community.

Another art gallery that is worth visiting is The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative located just across the Belmont Bridge from the Downtown Mall. This community gallery is a creative hub that features experimental art events and exhibitions such as the Telemetry Music Series, a show featuring unconventional music compositions that transcend space and genre.

Art has a lasting impact on all of us. Enabling artists to create works of their heart is inspiring and empowering to everyone that encounters it. And that positive vibe ripples out into the community and the world” said Blythe. So whether this is your first semester in Charlottesville, your last or anything in between, the arts community in Charlottesville is here for you to explore — just don’t forget to say thank you!
C’VILLE FOR STUDENTS

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Abby Sacks | Puzzle Master

Across
1. First name of Miguel’s great-great-grandfather in the movie Coco.
4. Eucharist given as part of the Last Rites.
10. To search and harass those with unpopular opinions, colloquial.
11. In the “Percy Jackson” series, Grover Underwood is this type of mythical creature.
13. Outer edge of an area.
14. This Charlottesville transportation is free to ride.
16. Place in Charlottesville that houses locally-famous restaurants, like Hamilton’s and Bizou.
19. Shrek is this type of creature.
21. Decorative art style popular during the 1920s and 30s. (Two words)
24. Name of the revamped textile factory in Downtown Charlottesville that now hosts art exhibits, live music, and farmers markets. (Three words)
25. Abbreviated as lb.
26. Second single from the Phoebe Bridgers album Punisher.
27. Browser mode that doesn’t save web activity. (Two words)
28. On rotary and home phones, the sound heard before placing a call. (Two words)
29. Last name of 1820s Dutch composer Cesar.

Down
1. Colloquial name for the sphinx moth family of moths. (Two words)
2. Reference for source of information used in an academic work.
3. This, that, and the _____.
5. Period of in-between time; temporary.
6. Pilot that flies new aircraft and maneuvers. (Two words)
7. In baseball, a type of fastball that curves towards the pitcher’s left at the home plate.
8. Someone who dies because of their beliefs.
9. ____ and demand.
15. Bedtime, sometimes in military barracks or other institutions, where lights must be turned off.
17. False belief that is maintained as reality.
18. Carter Mountain Orchard has this drink on tap. (Two words)
22. New England slang for something that is good.
23. Neutral oil used in cooking.
25. Hospitals still use this outdated technology for quick communication.

CORRECTION

Vol. 132, Issue 1, Pg. 15. Aaron Rose was falsely credited for the puzzle. Abby Sacks is The Cavalier Daily’s puzzle master and created the puzzle for Issue 1.
EDITORIAL: Keep the Corner local

With numerous recent closures of small businesses on the Corner, we should work to ensure local businesses are not all driven out by large corporations

When looking at a photo of The Corner in 1987, current students at the University of Virginia will quickly recognize two business names — College Inn and Littlejohn Deli. Now, as students return to Charlottesville this semester, they will note how little remains besides the structures from that photo taken 34 years ago. The Corner has seen a variety of changes in recent years. Over this past summer alone, College Inn and Sheetz were both closed permanently — Littlejohn’s, Michael’s and Armand’s shut their doors last year during the pandemic. Many of these places served as Charlottesville staples for decades, allowing consumers easy access to flourishing small businesses in the Charlottesville community. Few of the original businesses on The Corner still exist — while some have already in Charlottesville — would take up the spot on The Corner.

Further, Insomnia Cookies, Sheetz, Chase Bank, CVS and Starbucks are all chains recently added to the Corner. The Corner — historically more catered to large corporations. It is also worth noting the introduction of government support throughout the pandemic. Larger business chains, compared to small local businesses, have more resources at their disposal to survive economic downturns and high-priced property markets. When it was first announced that College Inn — a staple to the Charlottesville community for over five decades — was closing, students and community members speculated about what would replace the iconic restaurant. It was then announced that Chipotle — a large chain with nearly 3000 locations nationwide, including two already in Charlottesville — would take up the spot on The Corner. Further, Insomnia Cookies, Sheetz, Chase Bank, CVS and Starbucks are all chains recently added to the Corner. The Corner — historically known for its collection of local businesses — is slowly becoming more catered to large corporations. It is also worth noting the University uses one of the spaces on The Corner for its University Police Department — despite the headquarters for UPD residing only two miles away. The University takes up this space on The Corner — a space that could otherwise be used to showcase local business — as an additional location for a police force with a headquarters just down the road. The University needs to understand the responsibility it should feel towards the local community — and this includes supporting the local businesses that were once able to thrive on The Corner, fueled in part by a relationship with University students.

The recent removal of Sheetz opens a unique opportunity to bring local businesses back to The Corner. Rather than replacing Sheetz with a similar large chain, we should replace Sheetz with a local business. As consumers, we must remember that our spending habits can influence the businesses that come and go on The Corner.

As we return to Grounds and venture to our homes more often, we should be sure to do what we can to support local businesses in Charlottesville. When it comes to our shopping and eating habits, shopping local — particularly businesses owned by Black and Indigenous People of Color in the community — is vital. As a community, we should be custodians working towards ensuring the survival of local small businesses. Otherwise, a photo of The Corner 30 years from now will be unrecognizable.

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OPINION

DAWSON: Land regulation must be adjusted

Unaffordable and exclusionary housing should be a serious concern for local residents of the Albermarle area and University students.

Housing prices are skyrocketing across America, and Albermarle County is no exception. Local realtors will say high-priced homes are products of consumers willing to pay for housing. Unfortunately, the idea that demand from eager buyers is the primary catalyst to market prices is false. Our housing crisis is an issue of supply stemming from a manmade shortage of available land and homes instigated by land regulation.

Land regulation is the true cause of immoderately priced homes. It refers to the restriction of one's ability to use or develop their land. The problem with over-regulation of land is it pura fabricated cap on land available for development, which attributes a high overhead price on land.

Albermarle is zoned disproportionately, with 95 percent rural to 5 percent urban. Most land in the rural area has a two acre minimum, which hinders the number of housing units per acre. Albermarle’s website claims the intent of this regulation is “to make develop- ment into the urban areas to create quality living areas, avoid sprawl, improve access to services, and protect the rural areas.” Neither this conservation nor the development of new homes in existing neighborhoods addresses the wider issue of our housing shortfall.

The dependence on building within existing communities using multi-family living to protect rural areas from development has had a disparate impact on marginalized communities.

In Albermarle’s last decade, homeownership for white Americans increased around 20 percent, while Asian Americans experienced an approximately 7 percent rise. This is a stark contrast to Black homeownership, which fell 7 percent in the past decade. Contain- ment of residential growth away from rural areas and into urban hubs is an expensive preference—people pay for preferences.

Carlton Views in Charlottesville, Virginia, is a four-story apartment complex designated by Albermarle County as affordable housing. The cost per square foot for a four-story building is double that of a two-story, single-family dwelling. Despite the costliness of multi-story development, Carlton Views actually has a reasona- ble rent ranging from $850 to $2,200 a month, compared to the 2019 national average of $1,057. The only reason Carlton Views is reasonably priced is because it is affordable housing, meaning that it is federally subsidized, built for individuals who cannot afford market-rate housing. Land regulation tends to force subsidized housing as a solution to its effects. Affordable housing makes a difference in the short run. However, even the National Low Income Housing Coalition recognizes its failings—a Land regulation is the true initiate of Americans’ immoderately priced housing.

America still has a shortage of 7.2 mil- lion affordable housing units. Moreo- ver, localities lack funding for housing units, as only 15 of our low-income Americans receive assistance. Alber- marle’s government admits, “A family with two adults working minimum wage jobs will need to work at least 133 hours per week in order to afford to rent a modest 2-bedroom apartment in our county. That is the equivalent of 3.5 full time jobs.”

Some individuals still say afforda- ble housing has solved the problem of individuals being cost-burdened. Looking at statistics, this claim ap- pears valid. In the last decade, those considered cost-burdened in Albe- marle—those paying over 30 per- cent of their income towards rent—dropped by approximately 3 per- cent. However, this decline is a form of money illusion. This is because, in recent years, Albermarle County has made an effort to push for subsidized housing. Residents of subsidized hous- ing internalize a cost that is less than the real cost due to increased federal funding. True housing affordability has not been achieved through subsidized housing. Federal aid only achieves a faux experience, operating on limited taxpayer dollars and time. Unfortunately, these long-term subsi- dies are eventually rescinded by both recipients and taxpayers.

The rent of aid recipients in urban growth boundaries like Albermarle County or larger Los Angeles are ev- er-rising. Taxpayers already provide more than 93 billion dollars annually to the efforts of affordable housing. These rent increases and subsidies must follow. This is a short-term solution to a terminal cycle which consists of a diluted taxpayer, an ineffective subsidy and a recipient whose federal funding does not allevi- ate an exponentially high rent.

We fix Albermarle’s land regula- tion ratio, more land will be available to develop, causing the price to de- flame. By solving the shortage of land, eager single-family homebuilders will be incentivized to develop in a market where 2090 profit margins were as high as the bankable profits reaped prior to the Great Recession. The plan is for increasing margins to pop and mini- mize as new development diminishes homes to a less lucrative selling point, leading to more affordable market norms.

Yes, very low-income Americans will still need a subsidy. That being said, land deregulation’s target is to significantly reduce the 74 percent of workers in Albermarle who earn less than the housing wage of $30,482. The aim is to allow workers to reside closer to their job for less. Revising land regulation to create housing affordabil- ity is a reasonable remedy that cir- cumnavigates the realm of fabricated shortages, rising rents and ineffective subsidies.

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CANO-SANTIAGO: Require cultural sensitivity courses

Students should be required to take a cultural sensitivity and gender equality class as a condition for graduation

The pandemic has awakened social and performative action in the past two years, as conversations on race and gender inequality increased in online spaces. However, these conversations did not translate to arguments with strangers on the internet. These conversations—which have mobilized activists and angered those defending the status quo of inequality—must be expanded upon in higher education. The University is all too familiar with being the center of controversy surrounding race relations re- lating to its past and recent history. Al- though the University can never atone for the many historical transgressions it has condoned and participated in, it can progress towards becoming a more inclusive and safe location for all students. To do this, the University must—among numerous things—require students to take a course in race and gender equality.

These courses would expand on the current requirements for students. In addition, the current requirements focus on one culture of the student’s choice and on a single foreign language. In contrast, a gender and racial identity course would be much broader, focusing on the complex intersections between race, gender and sexuality in America. However, the courses should not replace the required Sexual Consent Edu- cation Module for students. Rather, it would expand the conversations, as the current program is completed by first and third years and discussed dur- ing welcome week for new students, but rarely addressed later on.

Several campuses across the country have proposed and implemented strategies to increase education in diversity and gender inequality, with many taking significant steps in the right direction and many others falling short. These efforts span from re- quiring professors to include a diver- sity component in their curriculum, mandating required literature on race and gender prior to curricular revision, and requiring students to take an Ameri- can Cultures Requirement. However, universities continue to worry about the repercussions of requiring diversi- ty and gender courses due to fears of over-promoting “left leaning politics.” Others do not believe that a diversity requirement is essential or relevant to students of all orders or at all levels. Under Title IX many college have required a program on sexual harass- ment, few colleges require students to take a course in gender studies. All these concerns are unsubstantiated.

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A couple courses cannot address every important topic surrounding race and gender. It is important to un- derstand that for many students, this is their lived experience—not just a required class, or in order to bridge the gap between prejudiced indi- viduals who believe in stereotypes and those who believe in facts, these topics need to be openly discussed. Positive change is not made in dark spaces of the internet where hatred breeds and where people feel protected by anony- mity. Instead, positive change is made through the conversations we have and the subsequent actions they inspire. These conversations will be most fruitful in spaces of higher ed- ucation, where students regardless of major take knowledge gained during their studies and apply those essential skills in the workplace and with their future families. In taking this step of requiring a cultural sensitivity and gender studies course, the University can help create a more equal and in- clusive society for future generations.

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Hello, first years. How are you enjoying your first few weeks here? Second years, I know you must be excited to start college for real, right? Third years, you had a good semester that one time two years ago.

Well, you should all be pleased to have stumbled upon this piece, written by your superior — a fourth year. Yes, I have much sage knowledge to offer about this experience on these hallowed acres, and yes, I have very little knowledge about much else — including my employment status following graduation — but I lived a full year in-person at this school, so you could say I’m like the Yoda of U.Va.

Being the kind person I am, I have decided to bestow some of this valuable knowledge on you all as you begin to navigate University life. Here are some tips and tricks for you, and you can trust these lessons were learned for a reason.

Always make sure the person you are waking up next to goes to the bathroom before bed. This is fairly self-explanatory. No one wants to wake up in a puddle.

Don’t trust when a frat bro calls you “really mature for a first year.” Jack might just be really immature for a fifth year. Is it really worth it for the wristband?

Establish a good relationship with your Resident Advisor. Let them ride in your Uber from Boylan and they may just forget they ever saw you there.

Check if the Lawn is muddy before sitting down to eat lunch. Having a large brown stain on your butt leaves very little to the imagination.

Always add water to your mac and cheese before you microwave it. There is no faster way to become a public enemy than waking up your entire dorm and getting the fire department called all for some drunken Velveeta.

When you sign a lease, pay close attention to who’s responsible for paying the exterminator. Chances are, if you’re paying, that means the roaches have been playing.

Try to remember the name of the guy you made out with. It will be helpful when you’re in his chem group.

Try to be sly about hooking up in the dorm. We’ve all seen those two sets of feet in the showers, the duo going into the hall’s handicap stall, and some of us have even heard some unfortunate noises coming from the staircase. People will know you weren’t “just talking.”

If you need to go number 2, go to Clemons’ single stalls. Sure, everyone will know it was you, but you will have peace and quiet that an eight stall hall bathroom just can’t provide.

Check the age of the person you’re streaking the Lawn with. If they go into cardiac arrest on the South Lawn, people are going to ask you what happened to this naked adult.

Loft beds are not for the faint of heart. One concussion, a broken wrist and a shattered computer screen later, we figured this one out.

Don’t cut your hair after midnight. Those bangs will look a lot harsher in the light of day.

Don’t make the picture on your fake ID the same as your student ID. Sometimes you’ll need to show both and the bouncer will not be amused.

Don’t be too quick to declare a major. You might spend the next three years being asked how you started with Econ and ended up with religious studies.

If you’ve learned anything from this article, I hope that first year will be full of horror stories and learning experiences. At the end of the day, you probably won’t remember what it was like waking up in urine, you’ll only remember the friends you made along the way. Here’s looking at you, my fellow fourth year, commonly referred to among my friends as “Pee Boy.”

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CARTOON

See (some of) C’Ville with the free trolley!

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To celebrate the beginning of the new school year, the University Programs Council hosted its welcome week celebration. From Aug. 18 to Aug. 28, UPC held a variety of events to welcome students back for the school year, including a movie night, kite festival and a performance by rapper Jack Harlow.

Included in the welcome week activities was a comedy show performed by Michelle Buteau, a comedian and actress with appearances in numerous television shows and films including “Someone Great,” “Always Be My Maybe” and “The Circle.”

Buteau is coming off her new Netflix comedy special “Michelle Buteau: Welcome to Buteaupia,” and this was her first live in-person show since the beginning of the pandemic. In her previous stand-up sets, Buteau has typically focused on jokes regarding race, relationships and parenting. Buteau consistently does a great job of providing her perspective on these topics in comedic fashion, and her performance at Old Cabell was no exception.

When Buteau appeared on stage in her yellow floral jumpsuit and Reebok sneakers, it felt like the audience was preparing for a wild ride — which she certainly delivered. Buteau’s demeanor was just as bright and bubbly as her outfit, showing how she takes great care to incorporate her personality in every part of the show.

There were several aspects that made the show particularly outstanding, but the most notable was her natural connection to the audience. Typically comedians only interact with the audience when they are being heckled, but Buteau turned a standard stand-up show into a live Q&A. She even joked numerous times that this show was her “TED Talk.” Buteau would also ask students questions about their own lives and swiftly crafted their responses into jokes. This format made the setting feel much more intimate than a typical stand-up show. Buteau was so warm and inviting that listening to her set felt like seeing a friend for the first time in a long time.

Quite a bit of comedy came from her interactions with the audience. At one point she asked if anyone in the audience was in a relationship. One international student told the story of their long-distance relationship with their significant other and the numerous ways they were trying to maintain the relationship. Buteau had a great rebuttal based on her own college relationships — men only put the effort in for so long, so the couple should split up because long-distance relationships never work.

One of the funniest audience interactions was when she asked the crowd, “What’s the saddest thing that you guys realized about yourself [during the pandemic]?” One audience member provided an answer right out of left field when they said, “I threw up in my own bath water.” The whole crowd erupted in laughter, and Buteau used this answer to share with the audience her hilarious story about the first time she burped in her mask.

Some comics have their shtick and remain close to it when they perform, but Buteau attempts to create a unique show every time. When comparing her typical performances to her show at the University, it is clear that she shifted her usual content to fit the interests of a younger audience. Buteau informed the audience of her experiences as a college student, and she also recognized that so much has changed for our current generation. She was very inquisitive about how we treat sex, relationships and gender, which made her relationship with the audience feel sincere and reciprocal.

All jokes aside, Buteau’s performance provided a cathartic experience for the audience and used humor to try to make sense of the last 18 months. After being isolated for so long, Buteau’s show allowed students to return to Grounds with a smile and a laugh.
The concurrence of natural and man-made beauty of the University's Pavilion Gardens has enchanted visitors, students, faculty and staff for the past 70 years. Many, however, are not aware of the behind-the-scenes maintenance, history and surrounding architecture of the gardens since the University's inception.

Architecture Prof. Richard Wilson notes that the gardens appeared first in Thomas Jefferson's early drawings of what was then known as the Albemarle Academy. They were designed initially to be multipurpose — divided in two, with one half dedicated to the public. The other half closest to the pavilion itself was generally reserved for a small kitchen area and accessible to the public. Despite its name, the kitchen was generally reserved for enslaved individuals.

A View of the University of Virginia — an artistic rendering completed in 1876 by Casimir Bohn — displays some of these structures and is one of the resources used to predict how the structures may have been used.

Today, instead of this original split between a practical garden and a formal garden, the gardens have been transformed into a series of outdoor spaces filled with various trees, walkways and benches that are all open to the public.

Most of the small structures that used to occupy the gardens have been lost over the years, which Wilson believes indicates an "erosion of slavery" from the University's history, as the existing gardens do not preserve any of what likely would have been quarters for enslaved individuals. Over the course of the University's construction and existence from 1817 to 1865, an estimated total of 4,000 individuals labored on Grounds, though it is not known how many specifically tended the gardens.

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The healthcare labor market across the country is struggling with a nursing shortage. Facing the insecurity in preserving the present workforce, U.Va. Health will offer a bonus to nurses in order to prevent additional turnover.

Eric Swensen, U.Va. Health public information officer, explained that all non-management nurses hired on or before April 4, who have provided frontline, patient-facing care during the last fiscal year and work 20 or more hours per week are eligible for the bonus. Full-time nurses working 30 or more hours per week will receive a $1,500 bonus while part-time nurses working 20 to 29 hours per week will receive a $1,500 bonus. The decision was announced on July 16, and the bonus will be offered one-time, starting on Aug. 13.

For Jackie Keller, a full-time registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at the University Hospital, the decision was “awesome and amazing.” As a frontline worker during the pandemic, Keller is relieved to see the University starting to give back to those who had risked their personal health to keep others safe. However, Keller believes that the University Hospital needs to give more back to everyone who has been on the front lines.

“I think that there are more people, other than the nurses, who should be getting some of the bonus,” Keller said. “I just hope that I actually see that happen.”

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for qualified nurses will increase much faster than the need for all professionals in the coming decade. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing points out that the nation will need about 175,900 new nurses each year until 2029 to fill new positions and replace retiring nurses.

“Our recruitment of nurses and other team members is driven primarily by the numbers of patients we care for and our plans for future growth,” Swensen said in an email to The Cavalier Daily. “As we care for more patients and expand our services, it is likely we will need to hire more nurses to care for our patients.”

Insufficient staffing is also significantly raising the stress level for nurses and reducing the quality of care, but the problem is not new to the healthcare market. In a 2011 study, researchers from the University of California, San Francisco found that higher nurse staffing levels were associated with lower rates of poor outcomes for patients.

Additionally, Keller said nursing shortages can take a toll on the quality of their work life, the quality of patient care and the amount of time nurses can spend with patients.

“Each day when you are understaffed it is so stressful,” Keller said. “You are having to do a lot more on your own, because you don’t have as much help as you usually do. When you have more patients to take care of, you can’t spend more time with each patient as we would like to.”

In addition to the acute nursing shortage, an elevated rate in registered nurse turnover further exacerbates the problem. A report by Nursing Solutions, Inc., stated that the turnover rate for staff registered nurses increased by 2.8 percent over the past year and hospitals are experiencing a higher RN vacancy rate. According to Swensen, U.Va. Health currently has a nurse turnover rate of 19.1 percent, while the average nurse turnover rate in the Southeast sits at 24.9 percent.

Keller explains that the increase in turnover rate results from RNs feeling burnt out by stress. Many RNs have decided to become travel nurses, who are hired to work in temporary nursing positions on a contract basis. According to Keller, becoming travel RNs relieves a tremendous amount of stress when RNs feel overwhelmed by their work as employed nurses.

“I think people like to become travel nurses because they have the opportunity to see what other hospitals are doing,” Keller said. “When you feel like you don’t have help or when you feel like your hospital is not listening to you, then you can find a different hospital that might listen to you or that might pay more.”

The increase in RN turnover rate puts a profound financial stress on hospitals. In order to fulfill the urgent need of staffing without having the time to train new nurses, hospitals must hire travel RNs even though they cost more than employed RNs.

According to a survey by Nursing Solutions, Inc., “the average cost of turnover for a bed-side RN is $40,038 and ranges from $28,400 to $51,700 resulting in the average hospital losing between $3,600 to $6,500/yr. Each percent change in RN turnover will cost/save the average hospital an additional $270,800/yr.”

Aside from offering the bonus, Keller points out that there are still many things that could be done to resolve the problem of nursing staff shortage. The value and care that hospitals dedicate to their staff members influence the strength of their commitment and satisfaction, she said.

“I think that one of the easiest things that a hospital can do to retain us is just to make it clear that they are actually listening to what the nurses are telling them and what the nurses are complaining about,” Keller said.

For Keller, offering the bonus is an effective way for U.Va. Health to show that they have been acknowledging the complaints from nurses.
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