



Charlottesville hosts annual Pride Festival

Event has helped increase Charlottesville acceptance of LGBTQ individuals, Pride President says

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The annual Charlottesville Pride Festival was held Saturday, featuring performances from a variety of artists, drag shows, food stalls, over 70 vendors and activities for children.

Cville Pride, formed in 2012, began hosting the Pride Festival at Lee Park the same year. Close to 4,000 people attended the 2014 festival, and even more were expected this year.

The Pride Festival helps to create a setting where people can come together as a community and continue to address stereotypes, Charlottesville Pride President Amy Marshall said.

"It's so clearly important that we have a base and come together as a community and deal with the remaining stereotypes" she said. "Once you get to know someone, it's harder to hate them. I think that's where we are."

These types of festivals have had a noticeably positive impact on the Charlottesville community in terms of acceptance, Marshall said.

"I've definitely noticed a change in Charlottesville's treatment of LGBTQ members," she said. "I'll never forget seeing two boys holding hands after the first Pride Festival."

The festival comes on the tailwind of the Supreme Court decision to grant equal marriage to gay and lesbian couples, as well as more local legal successes. In May 2013 the Charlottesville City Council established a human rights commis-

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sion to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

However, while Pride festivals and legal progress have certainly helped the LGBTQ community, Marshall said lack of acceptance is still an issue.

"Even last week at our Youth

Event that had kids from all over, nobody was walking around holding hands."

Connor Roessler, vice president of education of the Queer Student Union at the University, said that while gay marriage is a victory for LGBTQ members, much has to be done about discrimination in other circumstances.

"Protecting gender identity would be a huge step," the Col-

lege fourth-year said. "Marriage helps, but only those who identify as either gay or lesbian."

Anti-discrimination laws would help more than just the LGBTQ community, Roessler said.

College second-year Elijah Lewis, who maintains a blog giving survivors of abuse and poor treatment a platform for telling their story anonymously, said events like the Pride Festi-

val can be very beneficial.

"If done right, it can help encourage people to come out," Lewis said. "Just the simple act of organizing something and putting on something for these people — many of whom may have been oppressed by their family members and friends — can make them feel better and tell them that there are others in the same situation."

Many of the people who post

on his blog have been abused due to their differences in sexuality and gender identity, Lewis said, and many of them are afraid to come out as LGBTQ for fear of their loved ones' reactions.

Though there remain issues with societal treatment of LGBTQ individuals, Marshall has noticed significant improvements in the way they are treated in Charlottesville.

Board of Visitors concludes fall session

Committees discuss updates on safety, sustainability, renovation, bicentennial and financial initiatives

Owen Robinson
News Editor

The Board of Visitors convened for its fall meeting last Thursday and Friday.

The Board's eight committees met over two days to plan, review and discuss issues including University safety, sustainability, renovations, bicentennial plans and finances.

Safety

At the June 2014 Board meeting, nine institutional risk categories were identified. The Board reviewed measures taken to address these risks on Friday.

Among the changes were a new Ambassador program, a Corner police substation, safety technology updates and expanded after-hours transportation. The University Police Department is also finalizing the implementation of body cameras for all officers.

Awareness and prevention programs were introduced throughout last year, including bystander intervention programs Not on Our Grounds and Hoos Got Your Back and violence prevention program Green Dot.

The University also hired Title IX Coordinator Kelley Hodge, as well as Gabe Gates, assistant vice president for Clery Act compliance, and Catherine Spear, assistant vice president for equal opportunity programs.

Sustainability

The Board heard a report on sustainability practices at the University on Friday. Water usage has decreased by 4.5 percent since last year, and 32 percent since 2009. A new environment and sustainability track within

the University's Global Studies major was implemented, in which 45 students have enrolled.

The University was designated as a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education last year, one of nine other universities in the country to receive a distinction that recognizes institutions for sustainability efforts.

Renovations

The Building and Grounds Committee heard an update on Friday on the status of renovation projects around Grounds at their Friday meeting.

Large-scale renovations to Gilmer Hall and the Chemistry Building are still in the design phase. Projects still in the planning phase include a renewal of Alderman Library and solutions to space issues in the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and the McIntire School.

The Rotunda renovations project is expected to be completed during the upcoming summer, but the exterior portion of the renovation should be finished in time for the Class of 2016's graduation.

The Board approved a motion to renovate researcher housing and replace a greenhouse at the Blandy Experimental Farm, a University-owned research facility about 90 miles north of Charlottesville.

The Board also welcomed the University's newly appointed architect, Alice J. Raucher, who comes to the University after eight years at Yale University.

Bicentennial Plans

The Board reviewed on Friday plans to celebrate Oct. 6, 2017, the 200th anniversary of

the laying of the cornerstone in Pavilion VII.

The Board is breaking down bicentennial improvement into four quadrants, which include hiring faculty in greater numbers, creating need-based scholarships, developing programs to benefit students and the general public, and continuing renovation and building on Grounds.

Financial Plan

The Board of Visitors' Finance Committee met Thursday to discuss the University's six-year plan, which includes the possibility of faculty pay increases. In the next five to seven years, the Board predicts to hire over 500 tenure-track faculty.

With the exception of the 2012-13 academic session, the University in the past few years been below the AAU salary me-

dian by about 4 percent. Additional tuition increases would not take effect for a few years, meaning the University would need to find the funds to support faculty salary increases elsewhere.

The University Investment Management Company report was overall positive, showing a 7.7 percent return on investments in the last 12 months.



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The Board's eight committees met over the past two days to plan, review and discuss issues from science and technology investment to sustainability and Rotunda renovations. Among its topics were safety, sustainability, renovation, bicentennial and finance plans.

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Department of Education releases U.Va. college scorecard

In-state financial aid price higher than national average

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Senior Writer

Students who attend the University of Virginia make a median \$58,600 in the decade after they graduate, the U.S. Department of Education's new College Scorecard shows.

The College Scorecard, released Sept. 12, evaluates 7,800 universities based on their return on investment for students.

The scorecard has no numbered top-to-bottom rankings, unlike annual U.S. News or Forbes college rankings. It focuses on average annual net costs, six-year graduation rates and median salaries.

It tracks cost and salaries only for students who received financial aid.

The University's six-year graduation rate was 49 percent higher than the national average, according to the scorecard. Students who received financial aid earned more than \$24,000 more on average than the national average 10 years after graduation. The average

annual net price for in-state financial aid recipients was a little higher than the national average. The national average is \$16,789, while the University average is \$17,149.

The College Scorecard also analyzes racial and socioeconomic diversity, average admitted SAT/ACT scores and popular academic programs. It also allows students to calculate their personal net price.

The scorecard reports that 12 percent of University students have a family income below \$40,000 and receive federal Pell Grants to help pay for college.

Having such information available to prospective students should assist them in making a choice, University Dean of Admission Greg Roberts said.

"Our belief is that any helpful and accessible information regarding cost, financial aid, student support and outcomes can be useful as students and families consider applying to college and thinking of how they might afford a college education," Roberts said.

The rankings are much more in-depth than the U.S. News rank-

ings, something that is beneficial for students who are not attending top-tier institutions, said Dan Player, lecturer in education poli-

schools," Player said. "The rankings beyond a certain level were not that helpful for most kids."

Students needed assessments

strate which schools markedly improve their chances of getting a high salary and a good return on their investment of attending college.

College Scorecard is part of the first-generation of this type of college value and affordability analysis and evaluation. Further down the road, Player said, more intuitive assessments could be produced by individual universities, such as cost of attendance calculators for specific students.

"Students ask, 'Is it worth it to me personally to pay a bunch of money and show up to this university?' Any attempts to get to that point are a good thing," he said.

Whether schools respond by decreasing tuition or increasing financial aid packages depends on how much students use the information provided by the federally-produced website.

"Any organization is going to respond to incentives, and if they see that people are aware that their schools are not doing well, then they're going to change," Player said.



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"U.S. News does a good job of ranking the top schools but most students are not going to the top

that consistently and easily identify which schools are affordable for them, Player said. They should also have indicators that demon-

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9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

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Audrey Price, University of California, San Diego

Ahmed al-Rahim, U.Va.

Moderator: **Joseph Lenow**, U.Va.

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

"Segregation and the Struggle for the Soul of a Southern Baptist University"

Brian Neumann, U.Va.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Panel: Ethical Challenges to Development

Ciaran Dean-Jones, U.Va.

Neda Nazemi, U.Va.

Moderator: **Scott Remer**, U.Va.

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

"Employing Creative Arts and Humanities in Medical School During Anatomical Study"

Donna Chen, U.Va.

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

"Communicating Globally: Strength in Language"
Kate Burke, U.Va.

Friday, September 25

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

"The Ethics of Ali Smith's Artful"

Zoe Kemp, University of Southern California

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Panel: The Development of Ethics in Islam

Michael Nilon, U.Va.

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Luke Kreider, U.Va.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD

By Sam Ezersky

The Cavalier Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Exam for an aspiring doctor

5. With 51–Across, burger restaurant located in 32–Down

9. Knight's title

12. "Please, mom?": 2 wds.

13. "What time ___?": 2 wds.

14. Game with Draw 2 and Reverse cards

15. Poultry restaurant located in 32–Down: Hyph.

17. AC capacity measurement unit: Abbr.

18. Word between ready and fire

19. Relax, as one's grip

20. "___ the night before Christmas..." (start of a holiday poem)

21. Like good pie crusts...or bad friends, when it comes to planning

23. "Last name Ever, first name Greatest" rapper

24. "___ Enchanted" (2004 film)

25. Looking in awe: Hyph.

28. UVA hall where 32–Down is located

30. Imitates: 2 wds.

33. "OMG soooo funny"

37. Put in tons of effort, in modern slang: 2 wds.

38. Brown-tinted Instagram filter

39. "Planet of the ___"

40. Puerto ___

43. Post-4th-qtr. periods

44. Have a little drink

45. 32–Down offering on weekends, beginning 2015: 2 wds.

47. Mediterranean or Baltic

48. Shrek, for one

49. Bride's headwear

50. Hip-hop producer ___ Gotti

DOWN

1. Trendy beverage that you may order with a Big Mac

2. Sean ___, nemesis in "Suits"

3. Ox or fox

4. ___-tac-toe

5. Soccer org. from which a popular EA Sports video game is derived

6. Jihadist group in modern news

7. Repulsive

8. Greek H

9. Sandwich restaurant located in 32–Down

10. What you eat, to a dietician

11. Woke up out of bed

16. Old dorms room opener

20. Clef counterpart of bass

22. State school whose team nickname is the Jayhawks

23. Wiz Khalifa's "We ___ Boyz"

25. The U.S. took part in it beginning Apr. 1917

26. "That's gross!"

27. Female deer

29. Source of the wood in Lucius Malfoy's wand

30. Tennis great Andre

31. Machine that may experience a paper jam

32. Popular UVA eatery/study area, informally: 2 wds.

34. Highest point in a satellite's orbit

35. ___ reach (nearby)

36. "In conclusion..."

38. Jeb Bush, to George H.W. Bush

40. Big name in pasta sauce

41. Modest response to a compliment: 2 wds.

42. Average grades

45. Large fireplace sight

46. "___ had it with you!"

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Field Hockey vs. William & Mary, Monday 9/21, 6 p.m., University Hall Turf Field
UVA Career Center Presents: Acing Your Interview Workshop, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3-4 p.m., Bryant Hall

Tuesday 9/22

Wednesday 9/23

UVA Career Center Presents: Graduate & Professional School Fair, 4-7 p.m., Newcomb Hall

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"Amy-Sarah Marshall, will you marry me?" Lisa Green said, down on one knee, as the crowd erupted with cheers and applause.

Charlottesville's fourth annual Pride Festival started in the most fitting way possible this weekend, as Green, one of the festival's organizers, concluded her opening remarks by proposing to girlfriend and fellow festival coordinator Marshall. Marshall enthusiastically accepted.

Green, a city planner by trade, started the Pride Festival with Marshall and others four years ago and has been in charge ever since. The festival started small, but has blossomed since its inception into a robust community event.

"The first festival, there were five of us, and we had no idea what we were doing," Green recalled.

This year, Lee Park was crammed with over seventy booths filled by food vendors, local craftsmen, and non-profit organizations. There were thirteen local music acts set to perform, not to mention three rounds of drag performers. Green said she expected over 4000 guests.

Indeed, the festival was crowded. Kids ran around eating funnel cake and snow cones while their parents sampled the assorted beer

Cville Pride Festival entertains, educates

Fourth annual festival brings together community



Celina Hu and Madeline Smith | The Cavalier Daily

tents. There were teenagers as well, hanging out with their friends and soaking in the colorful scene. People of all ages and races, all sexualities, all walks of life had come out to enjoy the sun and the atmosphere.

The organizations represented were diverse as well. There was a tent registering people to vote. There was a tent from ROSMY, the LGBTQ youth support group. There were Lutheran, Episcopal,

and Unitarian Universalist church groups, among others. There was a tent from the LGBTQ Buddhists. Everyone, regardless of religion or politics, was united in support of the gay community.

City council candidate Wes Bellamy spoke about the diversity of the crowd.

"As an African-American, I don't see how you can not support the rights and needs and just the ba-

sic liberties of the gay community, because our struggles are essentially aligned with each other," he said. "Gay rights are really important, we have to make sure we support this segment of the community."

Bellamy wasn't the only politician in attendance. Charlottesville Mayor Satyendra Huja made an appearance as well, wearing a bright pink shirt and matching turban, talking to festival-goers and ven-

dors.

When asked if she felt the Charlottesville community had been receptive to the festival, Green simply said, "Outstanding." Especially when compared to other festivals. "We don't have protestors here," she added. "We went to Harrisonburg last week, they have protestors."

However, politics was far from the focal point of the event. At the heart of the festival was the stage. The first performance of the day was from drag queen Bianca B. Starr, the current titleholder of Ms. Gay Virginia and Ms. Gay Harrisonburg, who sang and danced along to "My Life" by Donna Summer. She was followed by Ms. Hotlanta, who performed to Karmin's "Acapella." The exuberance and passion of the performers was incredible. They absolutely sang and danced their hearts out, displaying immeasurable pride, confidence, and vitality.

The master of ceremonies for the event was Jason Elliott, a former drag performer and currently holds the title of Mr. Pride of America who travels the country entertaining and advocating for the gay community. He's been in attendance at the Charlottesville Pride Festival every year since its conception.

When asked about what he thought of the impressive turnout at the festival, Elliott remarked, "You haven't seen anything yet. Later in the afternoon, we're packed out. Hang around and it's gonna blow your mind."

Kurt Braunohler makes his last stop in Charlottesville

Comedian graces The Southern's stage

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Inhabitants of Charlottesville may have been surprised to see a rather crude piece of art being driven through town last Monday morning, heading towards The Southern Café and Music Hall on the Downtown Mall. On the back of a flat-bed truck was a giant paper mache butt that comedian Kurt Braunohler drove all across America on his Lip Balm tour, purely for the sake of comedy, before gracing Charlottesville with the presence of his giant butt. After performing the very last show of his tour here, Braunohler said goodbye to his beloved paper mache buttocks that had traveled so far and left it at a dump somewhere in C'Ville

where it probably will cause some head-scratching.

Braunohler is a comedian on the rise and has been featured in Time Out NY's "50 Funniest New Yorkers." He has appeared on talk shows such as "Jimmy Fallon," "Conan" and "Late Night with Seth Meyers," where he was well-received by critics. Braunohler has also made several appearances on Comedy Central and was the host of IFC's comedy game show, "Bunk."

However, Braunohler ditched the games and the drawing board at Comedy Central to give locals an hour of outrageous stand-up comedy at The Southern on Sept. 14. The atmosphere in the venue was electric as fans and comedy-lovers anticipated a night of escapist, therapeutic laugh-

ter. Braunohler came onstage to enthusiastic applause and with tangible energy. Braunohler hilariously recounted encounters ranging from his disastrous experience proposing to his wife on a hot air balloon — how could he have known they were her worst fear? — to the time he accidentally killed three wild animals on what he called "a weird experimental 70s drive-thru zoo."

Grim as it sounds, one of Braunohler's most impressive comedic skills was his ability to progress from milder, relatable humor to dirty, dark and cringe-worthy humor towards the end of the show. He was able to warm up the crowd nicely at the beginning and feel out just how much dark and perverse humor he could use to elicit a response from the au-

dience. It worked like a charm, and the audience howled at jokes that would make even Louis C.K. cringe.

On a more serious note, Braunohler transformed a night of laughter into a more serious platform for political discussion through incorporating jokes and observations about prevalent issues, including white privilege and police brutality. Using comedic talent, Braunohler highlighted issues that he finds important — something no one was expecting from the night.

Overall, Kurt Braunohler's act more than fulfilled expectations. For fans of comedians who are able to cover a wide range of topics and apply an array of comedic tactics, Kurt Braunohler should become a familiar name.



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Virginia ekes out win against W&M

Johns finishes with three touchdowns; Mizzell reels in 123 yards through air

Robert Elder
Senior Associate Editor

After facing two consecutive top-15 opponents in UCLA and Notre Dame, Saturday's contest against William & Mary was supposed to be easy — especially after Virginia showed promise last week in a near upset against the Fighting Irish.

But the Tribe, an FCS opponent, came to play. William & Mary jumped out to a 7-0 lead at just 2:03. After an interception of junior quarterback Matt Johns, the Tribe kicked a field goal to take a 17-7 advantage early in the second quarter. And with 1:31 remaining in the fourth, the Tribe had a chance to convert a fourth down on Virginia's 30-yard line.

However, at the final whistle, it was coach Mike London's Cavaliers that emerged victorious, 35-29. Saturday was not quite the 40-3 thrashing Virginia (1-2) put on the Tribe (1-1) in their last meeting in 2011, or even the 45-13 romping of Richmond, another FCS team, last season. But the Cavaliers were simply relieved to finally add the first tally to this season's

win column.

"It was a good victory for us," London said. "We hadn't had that in a while. We could walk around all sullen and downtrodden, but that's a good football team we played."

A week after surrendering 460 yards to Notre Dame, the Cavalier defense still looked sluggish against the less-talented Tribe.

William & Mary junior quarterback Steve Cluley orchestrated a five-play, 75-yard drive to get on the scoreboard first, and then marched right back down and tossed a 37-yard touchdown on 4th and 3.

"We just came out flat," Johns said. "I don't know if that's because of last week or what it was."

Still, Johns and the Virginia offense were impressive. Johns capped a 16-play, 84-yard drive that lasted 9:13, the second-longest drive in terms of time in Cavalier history, with a play action touchdown pass to junior fullback Connor Wingo-Reeves to even the game at seven.

Then following a Johns interception, Virginia went 75 yards in just two rushing plays

— a 36-yard scamper from junior running back Taquan Mizzell, tying his career long, and a 39-yard touchdown rumble by freshman running back Jordan Ellis on his first career carry.

"[Offensive coordinator Steve] Fairchild and [running backs] coach [Chris] Beatty are doing a good job of calling great plays and putting us in great position to make plays," Mizzell said.

The Tribe booted in a field goal to take a 20-14 lead, but Virginia's offense continued to roll. On the ensuing drive, Johns went deep for 43 yards to freshman wide receiver David Eldridge. On the very next play, senior wide receiver Canaan Severin snagged a 26-yard touchdown reception, reminiscent of his one-handed grab a year ago against Miami.

Virginia took a 21-20 lead into halftime. Johns finished the half 13-16 for 160 yards.

The Cavaliers seemed to have all of the momentum at the start of the third quarter. William & Mary's first two possessions ended with sacks by sophomore linebacker Micah Kiser and senior defensive tackle David Dean, respectively.

Virginia, meanwhile, was putting up explosive plays.

Mizzell took a screen pass 80 yards for a touchdown, and then after the Cavalier defense forced a three and out, senior cornerback Maurice Canady returned a punt for a 74-yard score. It was Virginia's first punt return touchdown since 2004, when running back Alvin Pearman took one the distance against Temple.

"At that point, you're up two scores," senior guard Ross Burbank said. "You put one more on the board and that's when you really start taking time off the clock and looking to end the game."

The 41,881 in attendance at Scott Stadium soon filtered out. But William & Mary, down just two possessions, had other ideas.

Although the Tribe turned the ball over on downs after an 18-play drive lasting 9:03, William & Mary forced a Virginia three and out and blocked junior Nicolas Conte's punt for a safety.

On the ensuing possession, Cluley found sophomore wide receiver DeVonte Dedmon for his second touchdown recep-

tion of the game, cutting the Virginia lead to 35-29.

After Virginia went three and out, the Tribe had one last chance. But after a strip-sack by Kiser put the Tribe in a 2nd and 19 down and distance, William & Mary turned the ball over on downs.

Johns finished the game 17-23 for 263 yards and three touchdowns along with two interceptions. Mizzell led all receivers with 123 yards on five receptions — his second 100-yard receiving game in three weeks.

Virginia gained 373 yards of total offense. William & Mary accumulated 371.

"We won a football game today, and that's important," London said. "That's important for this team and the program. It wasn't pretty. There were some good things about it, and obviously there were some things that weren't so good. Now the next opportunity to play and perform again is against a highly rated, highly touted team on Friday night."

Virginia will next face Boise State Friday night in Scott Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Kiley Lovelace | The Cavalier Daily

Defense leaves many questions unanswered

Virginia football entered the 2015 campaign with question marks — big question marks — surrounding its defense. The early departures of Eli Harold and Max Valles coupled with the graduation of Daquan Romero and Henry Coley shrouded the front seven in a cloud of uncertainty.

Now three games into the season, the Cavaliers (1-2) remain without solutions in the team's defensive deficiencies. Virginia's unnecessarily close contest against William & Mary serves to underscore the point — the defense needs to stiffen up for the team to put W's in the column.

"We got the win, but it wasn't our best performance," sophomore linebacker Micah Kiser said.

Kiser's teammate, junior safety Kelvin Rainey echoed that sentiment.

"It was really sloppy out there,

but a win's a win," Rainey said.

The Tribe (1-1), which competes in the Football Championship Subdivision, moved the ball effortlessly throughout the majority of the game, racking up 371 yards of total offense.

This comes on the heels of a 460-yard effort by then-No. 9 Notre Dame. Then-No. 13 UCLA also gained 503 yards of offense in Virginia's season opener.

"We've played three games, lost two of them and given up some points," coach Mike London said. "You have to keep the points down. ... We need to improve in that category."

Through three games, the Cavaliers have allowed an average of 444.7 yards per game. If this trend continues, Virginia's defense will allow 5,336 yards of total offense by the end of 2015, which would be the most yards surrendered since the Wahoos ceded 5,001 in

2003.

Much of the yardage allowed has come by way of the run. Behind senior Mikal Abdul-Saboor's 100-yard effort William & Mary rushed for 145 yards. The Fighting Irish rumbled on the ground for 253 yards. The Bruins ran for a comparatively meager 152.

Virginia enjoyed an advantage against the rushing attack in 2014 because Harold and Valles were able to preoccupy the offensive line, which allowed linebackers Coley and Romero to plug rushing lanes. So far, the Cavaliers have been unable to replicate this.

The unit's suspect tackling only compounds this issue. Virginia's defense has struggled to take ball carriers to the ground, and modest four-yard rushes up the middle have turned into 20-plus-yard gashers as a result.

"We didn't really tackle well," Kiser said. "But we played tough and got the win."

The big play has haunted Virginia early on. Against the Tribe, the Cavaliers allowed four rushes of 10-plus yards and four passes of 15 or more yards. Fans will painfully remember that it was the big play — a 39-yard pass reception by Will Fuller — that gave Notre Dame the victory.

"We have to perform better, but that's a good football team that executed better than we did," London said.

Now a quarter through the schedule, Virginia is still searching for its first forced turnover. The defense did force two William & Mary fumbles, but both were recovered by the Tribe.

A turnover is the quickest way to get the defense off the field. Virginia isn't doing this, which puts pressure on it to play efficiently on third down. Against the Fighting Irish, the Cavaliers did not allow a third-down completion. The Tribe were 7-for-19 on such conversions

and wore Virginia down.

"It was pretty tiring, but if we did what we needed to do on first and second down, it wouldn't have been that tiring," Kiser said. "So we will just try to get better."

The Cavaliers played with fire by turning in a lackluster defensive performance against William & Mary, and they nearly got burned. The improved offense carried the team past the Tribe, but Virginia is not the type of team that can consistently win ballgames by putting up 40-plus points.

With that being said, the potential for improvement exists. With its back against its own goal line, Virginia turned away Abdul-Saboor before snuffing out a William & Mary trick play on fourth down.

Virginia's next opponent, Boise State, is yet another team that can put up points in bunches. The outcome of that game will almost assuredly be decided by the Cavalier defense.

No. 6 Virginia stifles dangerous Wolfpack attack

Men's soccer remains undefeated after 1-0 win over NC State

Jacob Hochberger
Associate Editor

The sixth-ranked Cavaliers men's soccer team battled one of its toughest opponents thus far in the team's ACC home opener in front of a packed crowd at Klöckner stadium on Friday night.

Virginia (4-0-2, 1-0-1 ACC) showcased its depth, creativity and toughness to beat an NC State Wolfpack (5-2-0, 1-1-0 ACC) team that has four two-goal scorers thus far this year. Boosted by the play of sophomore midfielder Jake Rozhansky — who scored his team-leading third goal of the season — the Cavaliers dictated the pace, en route to a 1-0 win.

"Three points is everything," coach George Gelnovatch said, "You've got to get your three points at home. NC State is a good team ... I think they're going to have some success this year and be a playoff team. That was good for us."

Though the Wolfpack seemed to generate as many opportunities as they wished in the opening 45 minutes — winning three corners — the Cavaliers withstood the test.

"We knew they were going to start strong against us and we were prepared for it," senior midfielder Todd Wharton said. "We weathered the early storm and once we did that I think we settled into the game really well."

In the 35th minute, after receiving the ball about 30 yards out, Rozhansky streaked up the field and orchestrated a nifty one-two combination with junior midfielder Nicko Corriveau.

Corriveau flicked the ball on to Rozhansky, who maneuvered around two Wolfpack defenders to get a touch and fire it across the goal to put Virginia ahead 1-0.

"I saw Nicko open, and when I play I always try to continue running," Rozhansky said, "It actually looked like I wasn't going to get the ball but the defender overcommitted and I ran around him...and passed it into the side netting."

In the second half, both teams traded opportunities, but neither could get a clear shot at goal until the 55th minute, when freshman forward Edward Opoku — who the Cavaliers midfielders have noticeably targeted on long balls — got behind the NC State defense and had a breakaway against senior goalkeeper Alex McCauley. The Millbrook School product looked to be primed for his first career goal but his effort was snuffed out on a diving save.

"I thought Edward was going to break through in our first game but the thing is, he's creating chances and that's all you can ask for," Wharton said, "maybe if he keeps doing this, getting some breakaways, he'll get one. We didn't get those chances last year so to get them this early this year is big for our confidence."

Although not pegged as a top team in the ACC this season—voted to finish fifth in the Atlantic Division—the Wolfpack proved resilient, finding ways to foil Virginia chances just before they yielded a shot on goal.

Though usually composed, Cavaliers players and coaches looked to become frustrated with



Madeline Smith | The Cavalier Daily

Sophomore midfielder Jake Rozhansky led the Cavaliers in scoring with three goals, including the game-winner against the Wolfpack.

the lack of clear shots on goal and accumulation of NC State fouls.

"We're a team that catches you in transition and, when you're caught in transition you're vulnerable," Gelnovatch said, "so that's when they foul. When we catch them and go, they stop it by committing a foul and I think... it's a function of us going at them in transition."

As Virginia looked to close in on the win, NC State stepped up its physicality, sensed some urgency and looked to do anything to break through the staunch

Cavalier defense.

In this chaotic period, referee Vito Testa looked to lose control, issuing foul calls for soft tackles and missing relatively obvious cautions on dangerous plays.

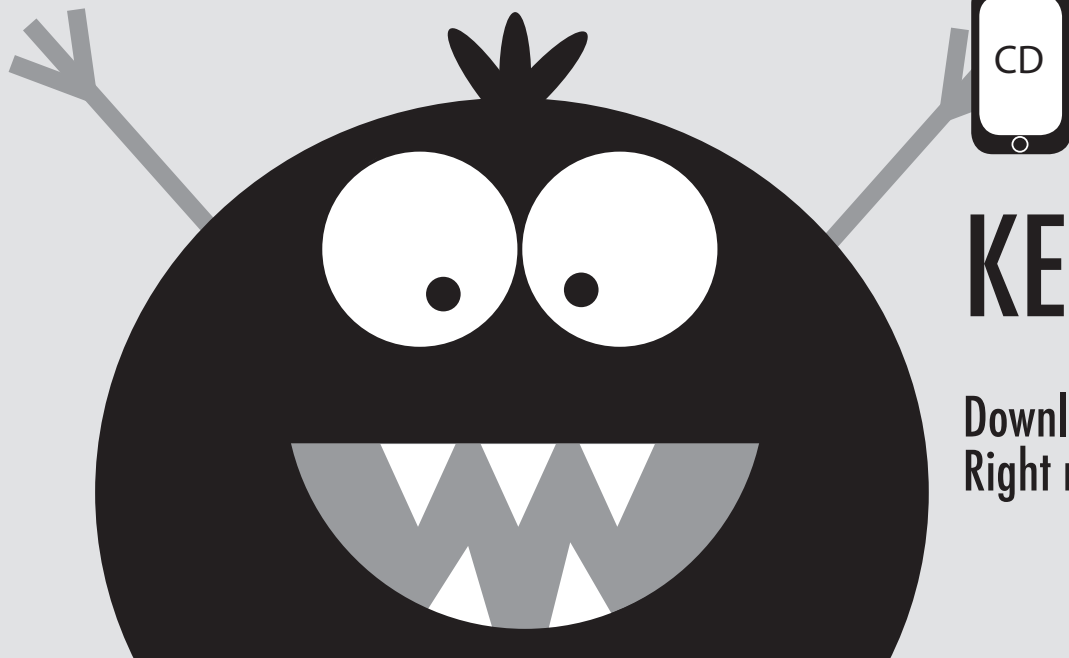
"No team is going to want to let a team to run on them all game so they try to break up the play," Wharton said, "When we string a few passes together in their half, they're going to get frustrated."

Even as time wound down and the situation became dire for the Wolfpack, the Virginia defense held strong as the offense. Led

by Opoku's show-stopping play, the Cavaliers worked off the final minutes to clinch the win and remain undefeated in ACC play.

"In ACC games, 80% of the time it's going to be a 1-goal game," Gelnovatch said, "and if you happen to be on the winning end of it you have to close it out. These are great opportunities to work on closing the game."

The Cavaliers have two games away from home this week; first at VCU, and then at Notre Dame — a team the Cavaliers tied in double overtime last season.



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Virginia beats Syracuse 5-0 in Charlottesville

No. 1 women's soccer dominates in ACC opener

Grant Gossage
Associate Editor

Donning its home whites, the Virginia women's soccer team came out flying against Syracuse (4-5-1) on a picturesque Sunday in Charlottesville. Less than a minute into the match, senior forward Kaili Torres' volley jarred the crossbar and nearly landed behind the chalk. Soon after, at 1:44, senior forward Makenzy Doniak's strike skidded a fraction wide of the frame.

Oohs and ahs, not to mention the customary foot stomping, were prevalent Sunday, as Virginia pressed for goals. Somehow, the Orange survived unscathed until 16:32, when Doniak finessed the ball into the right corner for her third goal of the season. It seemed the floodgates might open then, but Virginia didn't capitalize on several chances late in the half.

Some frustration even set in when, in the closing seconds of the first period, Cavalier junior forward Veronica Latsko smacked the ball off an Orange defender and over the fence for a corner. The ball boy was empty-handed, so Latsko couldn't get a ball from the sidelines in time.

Senior defender Emily Sonnett, the no-nonsense All-American competitor, wasn't too pleased about that.

Despite dominating possession and the shot count (13 to 0), the Cavaliers entered the half with an uneasy 1-0 lead.

"Even when we control the game like we did during that first half, I'm thinking, The score is still 1-0 — can we get them on their heels, and start off well in the second half?" coach Steve Swanson said. "And yeah, we turned it up a notch."

In the 54th minute, Doniak took on a Syracuse defender in the box and slipped a pass back to her on-rushing friend, senior forward Brittany Ratcliffe. Ratcliffe buried the ball into the back of the net, swinging all momentum in Virginia's favor.

"That was awesome," Ratcliffe said. "Mak picked her head up, saw someone coming in. I was lucky enough to finish the shot. It was a great ball on her part, and I wouldn't have scored if it wasn't for her."

Ratcliffe ignited a scoring fest, which sealed the deal. Junior center back Kristen McNabb contributed two second-half goals, including a big third goal for Virginia at 58:24 and a beautiful volley at 82:42. Junior



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Senior forward Makenzy Doniak opened scoring against Orange with her third goal of the season 16 minutes into the contest.

midfielder Alexis Shaffer buried the fourth Cavalier goal, her fourth on the season.

"Even 2-0, they score one goal, and they get the momentum to score another," Ratcliffe said. "So it's good that once we scored the second goal, the next ones kept coming. That was really clutch."

Defensively, Virginia allowed a

single shot. Orange senior forward Erin Simon sent a wormburner Morgan Stearns' way, but the junior goalkeeper smothered it and ensured a fifth Cavalier clean sheet. The Virginia defense has been incredible all season, surrendering .5 goals per game, and deserves far more credit for the unbeaten start.

"Everyone loves watching goals,

but defense wins championships," Ratcliffe said. "Our defense is awesome. They should get more credit, but hey, they're doing their job. Emily [Sonnett] is the leader back there, but even the people around her are great."

Virginia will return to action Thursday when Notre Dame comes to Charlottesville. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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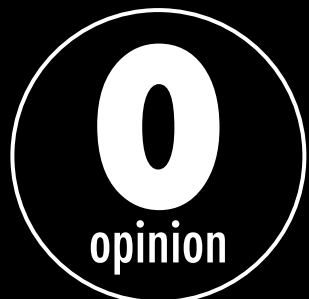
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by “A thought” in response to the Managing Board’s Sept. 17 lead editorial, “The Safe Campus Act won’t make campuses safer.”

LEAD EDITORIAL

FAFSA, new and improved

Changes to the form will make applying for financial aid easier

Last week, the Obama administration announced a plan to improve the process of applying for federal grants and loans. The administration will simplify the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by allowing families to electronically access and file income information on the form, skip questions not pertaining to their finances and, most importantly, file the form as early as Oct. 1 instead of Jan. 1 by using the previous year’s tax information.

FAFSA is a historically long and complicated form, consisting of 108 questions. And by only accepting the document starting on Jan. 1, the timeline of the application can severely complicate many students’ college application processes, since they may find out where they are accepted before finding out what kind of aid they will receive.

By allowing students to file the form as early as Oct. 1, the Obama administration is making it easier for students to coordinate their financial aid and university application processes, and for univer-

sities to provide information to prospective students. According to University President Teresa Sullivan, in the past the University has hosted events where families can work on their FAFSA forms, but due to the weather constraints that accompany the old FAFSA timeline, such events often fell through. Now the University will be able to host such events as early as October and November and offer families useful, in-person help.

It is especially important for universities to have time to help prospective students with the form, as, according to Melanie Witten, a fourth-year College student and the coordinating chair of United for Undergraduate Socio-economic Diversity, the FAFSA form can be difficult for students of lower-income backgrounds to fill out since often their parents have no familiarity with the process. The change in the timeline may also lead to increases in applications for Pell Grants. According to the Office of the Press Secretary, an estimated 2 million

students currently enrolled in college who would be eligible for a Pell Grant never applied for aid. With more time to fill out the FAFSA form and better resources to do so, students who are eligible for such aid may be encouraged to apply for it.

The changes to FAFSA will not take place this year, but will rather apply to the 2017-18 FAFSA and subsequent years. While the federal government and schools prepare for this necessary structural change, they should also continue to work to improve the FAFSA form overall. The problems with FAFSA are not new — Sullivan even lobbied both Congress and the Department of Education in the past to address these problems. While the Obama administration’s new changes significantly improve this process for prospective students, the DOE should still pursue simplifying the form overall and making it easier for families with no background in this area to understand it. This is simply one necessary improvement among many.

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On the over-policing of black students

A “What’s the Word” column

As per tradition, the Black Student Alliance, Collegiate 100 and National Pan-Hellenic Council had a first home football game kickoff on the Lawn. This year, it wasn’t particularly difficult to decide where to have it — Room 1 West Lawn is the only one occupied by a black student.

ARYN FRAZIER
Contributing Writer

Melissa Fielding, law enforcement captain of the University Police Department, explained in a phone conversation that officers’ primary responsibility was to ensure compliance with laws and regulations.

Fielding, who apologized if these officers “created an issue” for our event, expressed on behalf of the officers who had been on the Lawn that those two officers had chosen their location to have a fuller view of the Academical Village. But perhaps if these officers had moved, they would have been, as I was, made privy to the many policy violations they were there to catch. Unfortunately, they didn’t move to look over the rest of the Lawn until almost 2:30 p.m., when the senior resident of the Lawn, after hearing from myself and the Room 1 resident that these officers had not once moved, went to speak with them.

Let’s be clear: over-policing of black bodies is nothing new — in fact, in regard to policing in Virginia, there is little older. Slave laws were some of the earliest laws in the state of Virginia,

and following emancipation blacks were targeted by vagrancy and Jim Crow laws, convict leasing practices, and the vigilante “justice” of lynching. It would be remiss of

me to say that two police officers loitering at a BSA, Collegiate 100 and NPHC gathering on the Lawn has the same severity as the aforementioned, but it is in the same vein, and stems from the same place: a desire to keep surveillance on black people; a desire that has been so long held that, for many, they do not even realize the historical tradition that they are following.

That historical tradition continues in the over-policing and restricting of black bodies all over the University. All one need do is

officers always happen to stumble upon black spaces, and somehow manage to avoid white ones when we talk about social spaces, which is what makes the situation on the Lawn particularly telling.

As I walked down the Lawn, hoping for a single glimpse of a University Police Department uniform anywhere else in the Academical Village, I was frustrated by the contrast I saw. We had purple wristbands and red solo cups at our gathering being enforced for those who brought their own alcohol; for

our part, all of the drinks we provided were non-alcoholic. Around the rest of the Lawn, there were piles of empty beer bottles strewn across the sidewalk and grass, but no officers anywhere close by to see them. If the true goal was to keep order and ensure compliance on the entire Lawn, then there was

no rationale for officers to idly and only stand outside of our event.

If we are going to have policing, I am a fan of consistency. I am a fan of logic. I am a fan of equity. It is not consistent to shut down the one or two majority black parties on a given weekend that take place far

from the Corner, but to avoid policing areas we know are hotbeds for loud music and rampant underage drinking (so much, in fact, that I would venture to say that there are more underage drinkers every weekend in these predominantly white spaces than the 927 total black undergraduates attending the University, as of last year). It is not logical, if one’s assignment is to watch over the entirety of the Lawn, to post up 10 feet from a majority-black gathering, yet never even think of patrolling the rest of the Lawn until its SR asks more than an hour later. The way that policing, restricting and surveilling of action occurs at this University is not equitable, and often times, poorer and darker people fall on the wrong side of this inequity.

Officers need more parity in their policing efforts. Certainly, they should not only police black spaces when there is a myriad of numeric and anecdotal evidence that crimes are being committed in much higher numbers elsewhere. Not only are such practices inconsistent, illogical, and inequitable — they inch dangerously close to illegal.

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consider that, somehow, police officers always seem to find the one majority-black party taking place on a weekend night in a private residence, but rarely, if ever, dare shut down a party on Rugby Road, or Wertland Square. A lot of hypotheticals can be made for why police

Trusting The Cavalier Daily

Reporting on a community one belongs to creates concerns about objectivity

To what degree should readers trust a newspaper? In our era of bloggers and Twitter, when any guy with an iPhone can break news or comment on it, it’s too tempting to think the pros don’t matter — that the news will out and the source is just branding.

JULIA FISHER
Public Editor

have faith that publishing those stories can build and strengthen a community, that there is an inherent good in the dissemination of facts and untiring investigation of the pat stories a school likes to tell itself.

That’s the hard task before college journalists. But college newspaper readers — that’s you and me — have a hard task of our own. We are the beneficiaries but also the judges of the newspaper, and we have to take both those roles seriously.

We owe it to college journalists to treat them as professionals, not students — to expect that their integrity and ambition will not be hindered by their dual roles. We have to determine when reporting is fair and thorough, when it gets to the heart of life on Grounds. We must demand more than University boosterism.

(Let’s start here: the University is overhauling its cyber systems after

an attack by Chinese hackers, and everyone with a U.Va. email address has been affected. Where are the stories on who the hackers were, how they got in and all the havoc — from silly delays when the technically-challenged struggled to change their passwords to any real losses of



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But we also have to buy into a newspaper’s premise: that readers deserve to know about the world they live in and that the newspaper will deliver stories more probing,

more devastating and more moving than that guy on the street with his iPhone would provide. We should trust that The Cavalier Daily’s staff is committed — every day, if only twice weekly in print — to full and honest reporting, and that what we read is always the product of a good-faith effort to deliver on that commitment. What we should judge is how well the delivery is carried off.

Together, as readers, we have to figure out when The Cavalier Daily’s reporters have earned the trust we’ve given them and when they have fallen short.

And my job is to represent you, the readers, as we plumb these questions together. It is somewhat unusual for a college newspaper to have an ombudsman, a public editor. By pulling me in and giving me this

space to explore, criticize and ask and answer questions, The Cavalier Daily is asking a lot of both itself and its readers. It’s asking to be no different from the pros. A paper with an ombudsman opens itself to criticism and thus promises to be worthy of the thought its readers spend on criticizing.

I’ve worked as a journalist professionally and as a student, and I’m very content musing on and criticizing — and thus promoting — college journalism. But I can’t do this job well alone. I want to hear your reactions and questions when you read the paper. Write to me. Let’s demand that The Cavalier Daily win our full trust.

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Why our educational system is a disaster

Our current system prizes numerical scores over actual learning

Pro Scientia Atque Sapientia": For knowledge and wisdom. This is the motto for Stuyvesant High School, one of nine specialized high schools in New York City. In 2012,

CARLOS LOPEZ
Viewpoint Writer

The New York Times reported a widespread case of cheating at Stuyvesant, which involved more than 80 students allegedly communicating via text message regarding exam information. The high school principal uncovered this by confiscating a teen's cell phone during a state language exam, only to find evidence of communication between students regarding a state exam's confidential information. The incident ignited a fiery debate and brought to light an eyebrow-raising concern about our current educational system.

Academic integrity is a concept present in most classrooms nationwide. Despite extensive promotion of honesty and responsibility, little change has been seen in the classrooms. The rate

of academic dishonesty inside the classroom has remained the same. A study conducted by Trevor S. Harding from Kettering University shows self-reported "cheating among college students has been on the increase since at least the 1940's." According to the study, in the 1940s the number of students who self-reported cheating neared 23 percent, and by the early 1990s, "the percentage of students who self-reported cheating reached 67 [percent] and is expected to go even higher in coming decades."

One may question why the educational community, which has been focusing on this ideology of an honest and higher education for years, still confronts these issues. I believe the reason for this is because plagiarism is being regarded as a cause, instead of a consequence. We see this issue as something that exists because students created it, instead of seeing it as an issue that was implanted in the system the very moment

of said system's inception. The current educational system is designed to identify students through numbers, such as grade point averages, standardized exam scores and grading systems. The definition of an educated person has undergone one of the most significant transformations since the Enlightenment. It went from being about the person who is the most educated to being about the person who has the highest GPA, the highest standardized exam score and the highest grades.

This transformation is the consequence of our educational system's design. It is designed in such a way that our scores determine our academic future. This, of course, has made many students value their grades, or their academic future, more than what they actually learn. In this design, students are willing to cheat, lie and steal other people's work in order to avoid failing and thus, potentially ruining their academic future.

One of the main consequences

of our current educational system, which measures students on a wide variety of purely numerical and objective methods, is that it is incentivizing students to act dishonestly when it comes to classwork. Originally designed to offer students the incentive to study and learn, the educational community was strategically incorporated by different reward systems that sought to reward good academic behavior — think of golden stars, bonus points and grade A's. But this economization of our educational system seems to have miscalculated the fact that by incentivizing students, it launched them into a type of "hunger games" for academic success and reward, in which the importance of learning is not factored in, causing the desire for reward to obscure our human desire for knowledge.

But what if our academic future did not depend on numbers and letters? What if instead of measuring a student's academic capabilities with numbers, his capabilities were measured by how

much he actually learned? What would be different? By revolutionizing this evaluation system and taking a completely different approach, students will no longer be incentivized to partake in dishonest academic scandals such as the one that shook Stuyvesant High School. I believe if these changes were made, plagiarism and academic dishonesty would not be cheating the system — engaging would be cheating oneself.

By purposely incurring an attitude that revolves around academic fraud, a student will no longer expect an incentive at the other end. Economically speaking, the most effective remedy to academic dishonesty seems to be removing a student's incentive to "work hard" — that is, removing the entire reward structure from the educational environment. A student's incentive should be his desire for knowledge and wisdom, not a higher SAT score or a higher GPA. This capitalist component is a system that should not invade schools or colleges.*

Moving beyond 'Never Forget'

The anniversary of 9/11 should prompt debate about the nation's future, not just passive remembrance

9/11 is slowly being forgotten. The 14th anniversary of 9/11 was a few weeks ago, and the day went by with little fanfare. A day that normally inspires national self-reflection has turned into just another anniversary.

BOBBY DOYLE
Opinion Columnist

Back in 2013 coverage of 9/11 was already on the decline, with no politicians speaking at the Ground Zero Memorial for the first time. There is no longer enough public interest in 9/11 for politicians to bother to show up. The news didn't even bother to talk about the upcoming expiration of benefits for 9/11 first responders until Jon Stewart started to champion the issue.

All the 9/11 coverage this year shared the same tone: remember the past, typified in the motto "Never Forget." "Never Forget" has changed from a powerful phrase that inspires self-reflection to a hackneyed and meaningless mantra. I do not think it is an exaggeration to say 9/11 has been the defin-

ing moment of America in the 21st century. But people need to keep in mind that 9/11 is still defining America, and much of the world, to this day. Instead of 9/11 being a solemn day of remembrance, the anniversary should ignite debates about where our country is and where it is going.

I don't think anyone can deny 9/11's continuing impact on American politics and life. In the last 14 years security has become more heavy handed while people feel less secure. The National Security Agency has indiscriminately spied on an unprecedented number of people. The Transportation Security Administration continually reminds people they need to go through ridiculous steps in order to stay safe, even if those steps might not work. The Patriot Act gives the government enough power to "protect" people from terrorists, yet ultimately has infringed on Americans' constitutional rights.

All three of these are reactions to 9/11 and remain prominent in the United States today.

U.S. involvement in the world after 9/11 is still creating global turmoil. American troops have been in Afghanistan since 2001 and President Obama can't seem to actually remove them all. Although the United States officially ended the Iraq War in 2011, the govern-

structure. Pakistan suffers thousands of deaths from U.S. drone strikes which are working to eliminate the Taliban and Al Qaeda, two groups the United States has targeted since 9/11.

9/11 didn't just cause a reaction by the government; it also had a profound impact on how Americans think. Muslims are in some places treated as second class citizens, immediately regarded as suspicious for anything they do. Just this last week a 14-year-old Muslim student was arrested for bringing a "bomb" to high school, which turned out to be a homemade clock. Americans are much more anxious after 9/11, according to a study

we remember it is holding us back as a country. Discussions about 9/11 focus on the heroes who died and the trauma the nation went through, not the effect it still has on our current lives. I do not want to minimize what those heroes accomplished during the attacks, and as a first responder myself I have the deepest respect and awe for what people did that day. However, people need to seriously confront the fear and hatred that 9/11 has caused. Americans have shoehorned themselves into a mindset of discrimination and violence because of how it has caused us to see the world. I don't think we have to see things that way. We need to remember 9/11 so we can move past the current security state into a more free and productive future.

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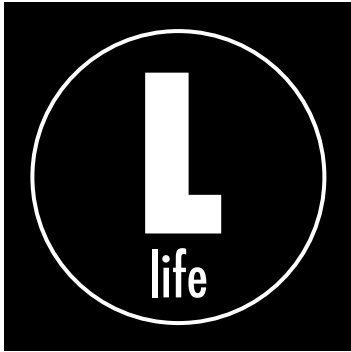
ment sunk \$2 trillion into the war. That money is sorely missed as the government struggles to pay for fundamental services like infra-

done in 2012. Americans see the world as a much scarier place now.

I don't think Americans will ever truly forget 9/11, but the way

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Tom Tom brings Fall Block Party to new venue

Student volunteers look forward to larger, well-defined open space

Elizabeth Cornick
Feature Writer

The 2015 Tom Tom Founders Festival Fall Block Party will take place Sept. 25 and 26 at the IX Art Park. While this is the fourth time Tom Tom has hosted the Fall Block Party, this year's event includes significant changes.

"The new venue is the IX Art Park, and it's really been trending with U.Va. students," Outreach Coordinator Alyssa Dizon, a fourth-year College student, said. "It's a unique space, really big wide-open space, that a bunch of artists have turned into a public art space."

With the Fall Block Party increasing in popularity each year, the organization grew out of the McGuffey Art Center, where the

event was held in the past.

"McGuffey was more secluded and the IX is a lot better defined and makes the festival its own space," Dizon said. "It's huge, a lot bigger, it's flat, a clear area for a stage, and so we think it lends itself better to including more vendors."

The expense involved in hiring security and police to block off streets and space downtown was one major factor contributing to the change of venue. The large and well-defined IX Art Park presents a more accessible space for activities, Tom Tom volunteers said.

"It's a hub for creative Charlottesville events," fourth-year Nursing student and volunteer Linh Nguyen said. "It's completely free to go hang out [at the IX Art Park]. It's public art, and [it] embodies a lot of what's going on in

Charlottesville."

While the Tom Tom Founders Festival is known primarily for its spring festival, it puts on the Fall Block Party to provide a taste of what the spring festival will be like.

"Part of the way we build awareness is to throw something in the fall to get people excited," Dizon said. "It's different because it's only two days, but [it has the] same spirit of the spring festival with some great bands, having the community come together, vendors, food trucks, local craft beer gardens, and it showcases a lot of what's going on in Charlottesville. So [the spirit] is very much the same, but it's very condensed and not as expansive as the spring festival."

One of the Fall Block Party events includes the Founding Cville Awards Ceremony, which

recognizes and celebrates creative founders in the Charlottesville community. Profiles are made for award recipients and their faces are displayed on banners hung around the Downtown Mall. Some of the award recipients include Boyd Tinsley, the violinist for the Dave Matthews Band, and Zach Buckner, the founder of Relay Foods.

Similar to the spring festival, the Fall Block Party emphasizes art, culture and innovation in Charlottesville. Several of the large social entrepreneurship opportunities available at the festival include a Tech Mixer, which brings together technology firms and students from across Virginia, and the Social Impact Investing Conference, which includes a discussion on social impact bonds.

Dizon said the Fall Block Par-

ty, a two-day long event attracting more attendees this year than ever before, requires logistical efficiency as well as cooperation between the different sponsors, Charlottesville residents and University students who volunteer.

"The students who work on the festival feel that it's a little overwhelming to come back and have to readjust to school and your living situation and then, oh, by the way, we have to make this block party happen in three weeks," Dizon said. "I also think a big hurdle is that the festival is entirely run by volunteers, and getting the volunteers together can be a challenge. We need to get 160 volunteers between the two days. The U.Va. student body has really come through, but we are definitely looking for more."

Alternative Fall Break works on local issues

Student-led program emphasizes service, charity partnerships in Charlottesville community

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As classes start to pick up, reading assignments pile up and midterms draw near, most students begin their countdown to fall break and look forward to the extra days as an opportunity to relax. Participants in Alternative Fall Break, however, kick into overdrive in their mission to serve the Charlottesville community.

Currently in its second year, the Alternative Fall Break program had a successful pilot year and anticipates an even greater turnout ahead. Started as a partner program to Alternative Spring Break, Alternative Fall Break provides University students with an opportunity to make something of their break and build connections within the local community.

"There are a huge number of non-profits in Charlottesville and

they are largely under-utilized by students," third-year College student and President John Connolly said. "Alternative Fall Break provides a really great opportunity for students to make these initial connections with those non-profits."

Over the course of three days, students participating in Alternative Fall Break will work with four local non-profit organizations – Rivanna Trails Foundation, Albemarle Housing Improvement Program, Loaves & Fishes and City of Promise. Each day consists of six hours of service followed by "reflections" on the experience and major takeaways.

"We tried to get a wide span [of community partners], ... that can cater to everyone's interests," fourth-year College student and Vice President Devin Rowell said. "The volunteers can volunteer every day or they can just pick one. We really tried to make it something where people could experience all the different facets of

Charlottesville."

Each trip attempts to highlight an issue within the community, whether it is environmental degradation, affordable housing, food scarcity or educational opportunity.

On the first day of service, participants will engage in environmental impact work by building new trails for the Rivanna Trails Foundation. On the second day, volunteers for the Albemarle Housing Improvement Program will clean, build and repair homes in the Charlottesville area to support the organization's mission of providing safe, affordable housing.

The break finishes out with a day of volunteering at Loaves & Fishes, a Charlottesville food pantry, and City of Promise, an organization promoting higher education among Charlottesville's youth. Through diverse volunteer opportunities, Alternative Fall Break seeks to expose students to different corners of Charlottesville.

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"Alternative Spring Break is about service learning," Connolly said. "It's about helping the community partners we created these relationships with, in whatever capacity we can. These are experiences that can be really impactful and formational in decisions you make later on in life."

Alternative Spring Break, which organizes service trips across the world, recognized needs within the local Charlottesville community and opportunities for University students to fill this void.

"There's this strange contradiction in ASB because you're sending people typically far away to do service over spring break, which is wonderful because you're doing service, but there's also lots that can be done in Charlottesville," Community Service Coordinator Vanessa Ehrenpreis, a fourth-year College student said.

Alternative Fall Break aims to

bring that learning and service element to the immediate community, Ehrenpreis said.

"We have so many assumptions about the Charlottesville community, despite the fact that we rarely get out in it," third-year College student and Site Leader Lucy Triesmann said. "An emphasis of the Alternative Break trips is the history of the community and the culture."

Through reflection questions and discussion, site leaders force participants to consider tough questions and look closely at what their community needs and how they can step in to serve.

"Our main goal is for [participants] to realize that, as students here, we have a lot of opportunities and are very fortunate for the opportunities we have," Rowell said. "Not everyone has those same opportunities and [it is important to consider] how we can live more mindfully through our day-to-day life and appreciate what we have."

LOVE CONNECTION: TREVOR & SHANNON

This date leaves both participants saying they won't be seeing each other again



TREVOR

Year: Third
School: Batten and College
Major: Public Policy and Economics
U.Va. Involvement: Madison House, JADE Lab, Beta Theta Pi
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Ideal Date Personality: Funny, outgoing, talkative, adventurous
Ideal Date Activity: Go out to a nice dinner Downtown and then go to an a cappella concert
Deal breakers? If she doesn't own a pair of Chacos
Describe a typical weekend: I usually like to spend time outside doing homework or playing sports with friends.
Hobbies: Soccer, running, hiking, traveling, socializing
What makes you a good catch? I am a lot of fun and people find me very interesting.
What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? Sometimes I am a little too much fun.
What is your spirit animal? A Husky, specifically a puppy
What's your favorite pick-up line? Do you have a Band-Aid? Because I just scraped my knee falling for you.
Describe yourself in one sentence: I like to have a good time and socialize, go Hoos!

Courtesy Trevor

Alex Stock
Love Guru

Trevor and Shannon met at the Rotunda at 6 p.m. on Saturday and went to Lemongrass on the Corner.

Shannon: [I did Love Connection because] my roommates and I were kidding around one night and decided to fill out a survey and send it in.

Trevor: [Through Love Connection] I was hoping to meet some new people.

Shannon: I haven't been on a blind date before. I didn't really have any expectations — I guess just to meet a new friend.

Trevor: I've never been on a blind date before. I was expecting it to be painfully awkward and [full of] forced small talk.

Shannon: [When we met up] Trevor was talking with one of his friends, then we talked to him for a little bit, and then we walked.

Trevor: She seemed very nice, but quiet at first.

Shannon: My first impression [was] that he's really tall. He was cute. He's a third year — I thought he was kind of young-looking.

Trevor: Lemongrass is my favorite restaurant, so I proposed it and she said yes.

Shannon: [The date] was a really light-hearted conversation. We were

just getting to know each other. We talked about what he wants to do [and] later on he asked a lot of questions about nursing school.

Trevor: The conversation was very casual — we talked about what she was studying, where she's from, what she wants to do.

Shannon: I think the talking was pretty equal and balanced.

Trevor: I felt like I was chattering her ear off.

Shannon: He was texting a lot during dinner, which I thought was kind of rude.

Trevor: It was a pretty cut and dry

date. We [are] both interested in psychology and medicine.

Shannon: We didn't have much at all in common.

Trevor: I didn't particularly feel like there was a lot of flirting going on. I felt like we were more friend-compatible people.

Shannon: I didn't feel like there was [any] flirting going on at all. I don't think we'll hang out again — I don't see us crossing paths anytime soon.

Trevor: I don't see things going any farther than they did, apart from us being friends. We're probably not going to hang out again.



SHANNON

Courtesy Shannon

Shannon: We split the check, we walked out of Lemongrass, we hugged, and then parted ways.

Trevor: I would rate the date a 5. It was pretty average all around. She seems like a great person, this just [isn't] the right place and time for us to be together forever.

Shannon: I'd rate the date a 6.

Think you can spark more romance than these two love birds? Want to be featured on the Cavalier Daily's Love Connection? Sign up at www.cavalierdaily.com/section/life

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1. Trying to dress for the weather

Fall weather in Charlottesville is a lot like me when I'm hungry: indecisive, all over the place and downright rude at times. Should I do good for my body and get a salad, or should I succumb to the little voice in my head telling me I deserve that Cook Out milkshake? Should I stay low 70s and sunny with a nice breeze, or should I be so unbearably hot that I can only wear white shirts and carry a shoulder bag due to that fun little body thing called sweat? Mother Nature, do your thing with the leaf color and chill out a little.

2. Actually make it to a football game

Since second year, it has been a game day tradition for me and my friends to go to Littlejohn's. Nothing too out of the ordinary there, you might be thinking. Well, we like to tailgate... straight to Littlejohn's. Do not pass Go, and definitely do not go anywhere near Scott Stadium. A Chipotle Chicken and a Boston College Eagle are both birds, right? Do yourself and your team a favor and Fill that Hill, even if it is one million degrees and you're conveniently sobering up standing at a 45 degree angle surrounded by a lot of people you don't know. It's free, it's fun and go hoos — your sandwich will still be there when the game is over.

3. The Fall Foxfield

Wait, what? You read that right: Foxfield is not just a too-close-to-finals spring occurrence. The lesser known Foxfield races, also known as Foxfield Family Day, happens in late September every year. But, as it is geared towards families, expect less vodka-soaked Cane's and more orange juice-soaked children running around. Benefits of fall Foxfield: shorter lines to the bathroom, general cleanliness, increased horse visibility and an excuse not to do homework.

4. Polo at King Family Vineyards

Missed seeing a horse at Foxfield? Missed seeing a horse at the fall Foxfield? Don't worry: horses still exist in Charlottesville, and are a lot easier to spot at King Family Vineyards. Sundays are Polo days until mid-October, and admission is free. Enjoy a glass of wine or six, and hit the Instagram trifecta: wine tasting, a horse, and a group picture celebrating the fact that you finally got your friends to take off their workout clothing. Running from your Sunday schoolwork responsibilities counts as exercise, right?

5. Virginia State Fair

Full disclosure: I just spent an hour on the Virginia State Fair website and think I have entered an entirely new stage of being. Things happening this year: A Salute to Secretariat, during which you can take selfies with a giant horse poster and meet the famous horse's descendants, an event that's advertised draw is "heavy hors d'oeuvres," a concert featuring a song called "Cold Beer With Your Name on It," another band who has performed with banjo player Steve Martin (not to be confused with actor Steve Martin,) a Demolition Derby, a Junior Sheep Show and a Dairy Cow Birthing Center. And the list of food vendors hasn't even been posted yet.

7. Visit the Virginia Film Festival

Charlottesville's Virginia Film Festival is a pretty big deal. Drawing in some big-name indie films as well as accepting entries from filmmakers all over the country, the festival is a chance to get seriously cultured and watch some pretty cool films. Many students are involved, both with internships and with self-produced films. Held in November, it's definitely a fall favorite worth checking out.

8. Try to find parking at Carter Mountain

And you thought waiting in line to get an apple cider donut was the hard part? Think again. It's a dog eat dog world up on Carter Mountain: so aggressive that one might even consider purchasing an off-road vehicle for the ordeal. A seemingly innocent grassy hill becomes akin to that ridiculous plastic parking game we all played unsuccessfully as children. But, this time, you can't give up in the middle because the green car was too big and you just weren't feeling it anymore. Make your mother proud and keep the doctors away by sticking it out: the apples and resulting apple-related pies/ice cream/everything is worth the traffic jam.

9. Feel guilty for not partaking in fall activities because you want to stay in bed

So, it's pretty nice out, but your bed is pretty comfortable. You have just five more episodes in season six of Parks and Recreation and that's only five increments of 22 minutes which means you'll be out of bed soon, right? The days will soon be getting shorter, so take advantage of an extra hour or three in bed — it won't make a difference before the sunset, right? My friends, I advise you to go with your gut. Yes, it may be nice out and your roommates may be doing fun outdoor things such as sweating and getting weird backpack tan lines. If you're not feeling it, you're not feeling it — the great thing about nature is that it will still be there tomorrow.

10. Outdoor dining at Two Guys Tacos

And you thought I'd say outdoor dining at Trinity or Boylan, right? After an in-depth, year-long discussion with my roommate, we decided that Two Guys Tacos was the enigma of The Corner. It delivers, yet 95% of U.Va.'s population lives within twelve feet of it. It's still open, but has anyone actually seen people eating there? Who are the two guys? Why should I pick Two Guys over Qdoba? Though I've yet to actually make it inside, I'm hoping one of you will cut your losses in the long Christian's line and try it for me. Please let me know how it goes.

Top 10 underrated fall activities

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6. Visit the Safari Park

You've definitely heard of a drive-through, have probably passed moo-through (drive-through ice cream!) and have maybe been privileged enough to get yourself to a brew-through (drive-through beer!) But, have you ever visited a drive-through zoo? You heard it here first: petition to change Safari Park's name to Zoo-Through. Located in Natural Bridge, Virginia, an hour away from Charlottesville, one can literally drive through this zoo as if on a safari adventure. Think going through the car wash is fun? Try adding lions and tigers and bears, oh my! A baby rhino was born a few weeks ago, and according to one of the testimonials on the park's Yelp page, you can feed giraffes there too.



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