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A lawsuit filed last week by Stanton Braverman, retired lawyer and Charlottesville resident, protests the planned construction of a new dam at the Ragged Mountain Reservoir near Fontaine Research Park.

Suit threatens dam project

City resident argues Ragged Mountain Reservoir construction illegally develops public land holdings

By Abby Meredith
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Stanton Braverman, a retired lawyer who owns three properties in Charlottesville, filed a lawsuit Friday against the City of Charlottesville to protest the planned construction of a dam at the Ragged Mountain Reservoir near Fontaine Research Park. The complaint, filed in Charlottesville Circuit Court, alleged the City and Albemarle County illegally approved the project.

Braverman claims the City sold public lands to the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority and to the Albemarle County Service Authority without the required vote of a supermajority of City Council

members or a referendum from Charlottesville citizens.

The dam project “is an attempt to transfer control of the City’s water works facilities and the City’s water rights to the ACSA and/or the RWSA without adequate compensation,” Braverman said in his complaint.

The Charlottesville Open Government Alliance, an advocacy group recently created to protest the dam, has thrown its support behind Braverman’s suit. “City code says that in order to sell this land, the citizens of the City must agree to that with a referendum,” Alliance Chairperson Joanna Salidis said. “The state constitution says that

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Barrick resigns amid scrutiny

Charlottesville spokesperson steps down following controversy concerning cable access channel contracts

By Joseph Liss
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Charlottesville City Director of Communications Ric Barrick resigned last week following a controversy surrounding his handling of a bidding process for a City contract. Local radio host Rob Schilling brought the matter to Charlottesville residents’ attention March 21, alleging in an exposé Barrick manipulated a bidding process in late 2010 for graphics services for the City’s TV10 cable access channel.

Schilling said a 2010 Freedom of Information Act request submitted to the City revealed potential violations in Barrick’s handling of the procurement

contract. Schilling began a year-long investigation which led him to conclude Barrick had picked a preferred vendor before the City awarded its cable access contract, a violation of state law.

“[Weather Metrics] was his preferred vendor, and he made sure through trickery that they got the contract,” Schilling said. “There could be no doubt that it wasn’t properly handled.”

Internal and external investigations found no criminal intent in Barrick’s handling of the procurement, City Manager Maurice Jones said in an email.

Jones said the City asked the Orange County Commonwealth’s

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Charlottesville City Director of Communications Ric Barrick resigned last week following an investigation into his handling of a procurement contract for the City’s TV10 cable access channel.

Courtesy City of Charlottesville

NEWS IN BRIEF Council recognizes CIOs

Student Council awarded its annual accolades to contracted independent organizations in a ceremony at the Rotunda yesterday evening. Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development was named the CIO of the year.

Council appropriated more than \$600,000 to CIOs this academic year. The CIO Consultants Committee, composed of about 20 members who provide advice to various groups, selected the award winners and were primarily responsible for organizing last night’s event. The committee evalu-

ated CIOs on their “strength, passion, student involvement, and presence on Grounds,” Council Vice President for Organizations Aneesha Rao said.

“CIOs are student groups that add to the rich cultural and academic atmosphere U.Va. offers its students,” Rao said.

Rao worked closely with second-year College student Neil Branch, who will succeed Rao as VPO when his term officially begins April 5. Branch said he intends to focus on improving the distribution of

information to CIOs.

“The big focus is information, so that CIOs know about the whole funding process so that there is more understanding,” Branch said.

Other CIOs which earned recognition included Smart Woman Securities as the best new CIO, women’s club ice hockey as the best club sport and Sustained Dialogue as the best CIO for community engagement. Council honored Students in Free Enterprise as the most outstanding small CIO.

—compiled by Anna Milligan

Student Council hosted a ceremony yesterday to recognize top CIOs as chosen by the CIO Consultants Committee.



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Rally supports health care act

Virginia Organizing celebrates Affordable Care Act’s second anniversary; Supreme Court reviews reform

By Donald Sensabaugh
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Virginia Organizing, a grassroots organization, held a rally yesterday afternoon at the steps of the U.S. courthouse in downtown Charlottesville to celebrate the second anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama’s signature health care bill.

Virginia Organizing, founded in 1995, aims to “empower people in local communities” to work for change, according to the group’s website.

Yesterday’s rally was one of many health care-related demonstrations held across the country as the U.S. Supreme Court began a three-day oral argument period to review the act Obama signed into law March 2010.

Supporters collected signatures petitioning Attorney Gen. Ken Cuccinelli and Gov. Bob McDonnell to end legal opposition to the ACA. “I’m concerned about Gov. McDonnell and Attorney General Cuccinelli, who stated they would not enforce the ACA unless there were criminal penalties involved,” said Dell Erwin, a Charlottesville resident who attended the event. “I don’t think our elected officials should be able

to choose which federal laws they enforce.”

Cuccinelli filed suit in *Virginia v. Sebelius*, which argued the individual mandate provision of the ACA is unconstitutional. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond dismissed the case last September.

Rally participants addressed the difficulties of suffering from pre-existing conditions or being in a certain age group while also trying to secure health insurance. Fourth-year College student Maria Colopy spoke at the rally in support of the ACA. She said the ACA helped young adults receive health coverage while searching for jobs. “It is especially hard for fourth years to find a good job with health benefits,” Colopy said. “Being allowed to stay on our parent’s health insurance until we are 26 allows us greater freedom to decide what to do next year.”

The rally also highlighted the ongoing legal challenge to the ACA in *Department of Health and Human Services v. Florida*, which the Supreme Court began hearing yesterday.

Despite the national controversy surrounding the ACA,

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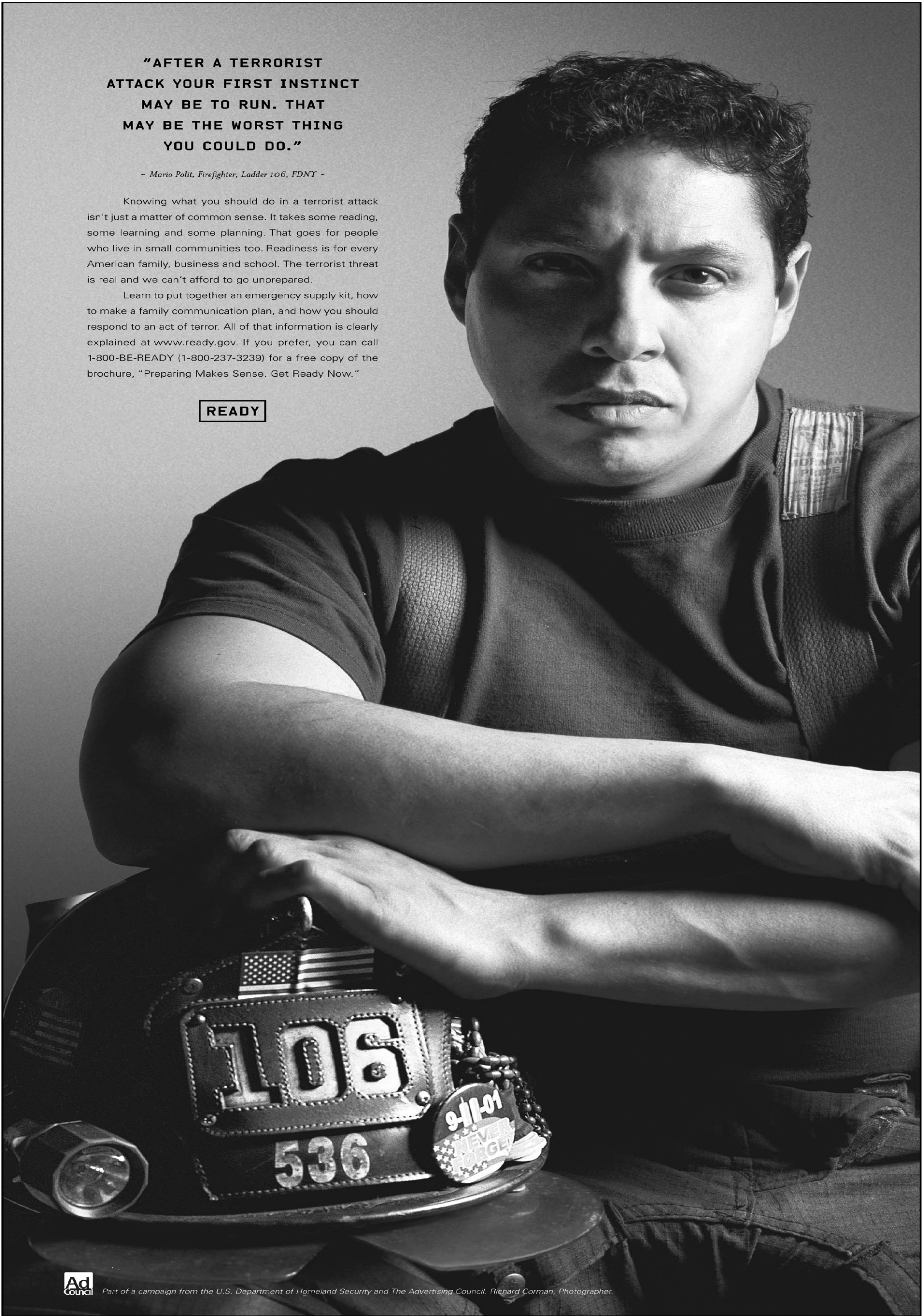
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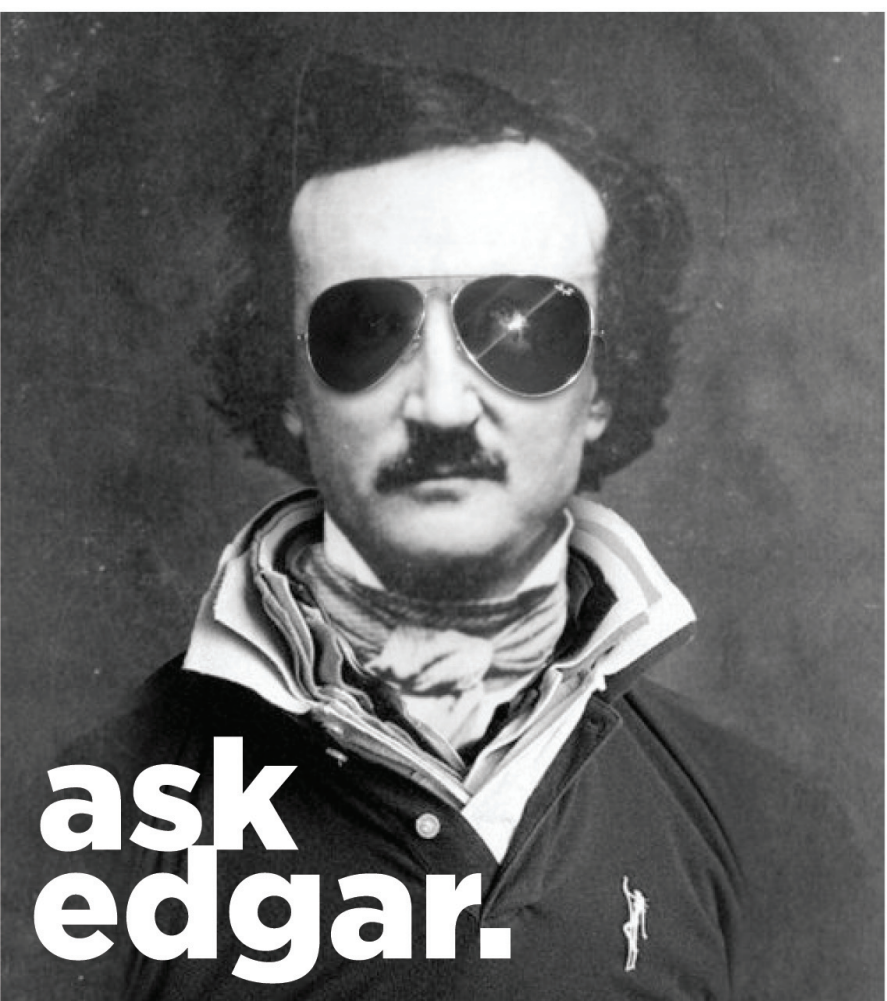
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Dam | Saladis says sale reroutes trails, impacts preserve

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legislators can only sell public lands if they have a supermajority vote.”

Salidis said the City Council’s sale of the land surrounding the old Ragged Mountain dam would reroute hiking trails closer to Interstate 64 and would diminish the natural preserve which currently exists without compensating the citizens.

“It’s a serious question of who’s going to benefit,” Braverman said. “The only one who’s going to get any benefit are developers who are going to develop along [Route] 29.”

Salidis’ suit does not request financial compensation for Charlottesville citizens. “We believe that this dam scheme is exhibit A of capitalism having greater influence in Charlottesville,” Salidis said. “[We are] asking to stop the

project such that a new agreement will be negotiated.”

Tom Frederick, the executive director of the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, said the agency’s legal counsel, who was unable for comment yesterday, would determine its response to the lawsuit. “At this time our legal counsel has told us that we have the authority to move forward, and we are continuing to move forward,” Frederick said.

Braverman said he worried Charlottesville’s supply of water would eventually run out, leaving the City dependent on the County for water.

“This is going to seriously affect [the] real estate value of my three houses, so I thought why not sue them,” Braverman said. “Let them explain where they get their authority and they haven’t yet.”

City Manager Maurice Jones declined to interview yesterday,

saying in an email it was against City policy to comment on pending lawsuits.

Braverman said the Council tried to convolute the dam proposal so no one would want to sue them even though their actions are illegal. Despite this, he said he hopes to stop the dam construction with the suit filed last week.

“I think I can win the case,” Braverman said. “It’s like playing chess. They move, I move.”

Resignation | Barrick to remain temporary City employee

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Attorney Office to investigate Barrick’s conduct. Orange Commonwealth’s Attorney Diana Wheeler concluded the filing of criminal charges would be unfounded.

The City also conducted its own internal investigation. “Everyone involved from the

City cooperated fully in the investigation,” Jones said. “As both investigations ended, Ric [Barrick] submitted his resignation, and I accepted.”

Barrick will continue to work for the City as the program coordinator for the City’s 250th anniversary celebration. Jones said Barrick would not need to handle any procurement

contracts in his new position, which will last a maximum of eight months.

Jones said City Program Director Joe Rice and Kristin Gleason, Charlottesville Area Transit’s marketing coordinator, would fill Barrick’s former duties until the City can find a new director of communications.

Barrick did not return several phone calls and emails requesting comment yesterday.

Schilling, a former City councilman, said he is not satisfied with Jones’ investigation. “Ultimately, the court of public opinion will condemn Mr. Barrick’s actions and the lack of action by City Manager Maurice Jones,” he said.

Schilling said Barrick’s resignation is not enough. He said he believes Barrick should not be permitted to take any new positions with the City.

“I don’t think [this issue is] closed at all,” Schilling said. “There have been several improprieties here.”

Mayor Satyendra Huja declined to comment.

Rally | Many ‘misinformed’ about health care, Erwin says

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Erwin said there is no viable alternative. “I think most people against it are either misinformed or uninformed despite

sound information out there on the bill,” he said. “Another of my concerns is that Republicans who seek to repeal the law offer us nothing in return.”

Several of the ACA’s provisions have already taken effect, including a ban on lifetime dollar limits for essential benefits from insurance companies. Additional provisions will continue to take effect through

2020.


Arguments at the Supreme Court are expected to continue through tomorrow.

Charlottesville doctor Greg Gelburd said, “I pray that they

have the wisdom not to make it illegal.” Virginia Organizing awaits the Supreme Court’s decision on the ACA, which is expected to be made by late June.

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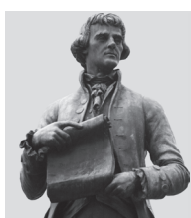


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Talk of the town

Look Hoos Talking is an inclusive way for students to learn outside the classroom

The gates of knowledge swung open, and it was a mad rush. Students were waiting for this — the return of Look Hoos Talking. The doors for the event open 6:45 p.m. today in Old Cabell Hall. Students again will surge forward, rushing and jostling to find a seat with a view of the equally convivial School of Athens. Seven lecturers will speak, but the real event worth looking at is what students have assembled.

The first iteration of Look Hoos Talking took place last year with the initiative of Student Council President-elect Johnny Vroom, who imported this idea of TED Talks to our University. "We changed the format a little bit, made it our own, tried to make it as Jeffersonian as possible," he said. Last year, students nominated lecturers who chose their own topics. Speakers each had a time limit — 12 minutes. And a string quartet kept time for 45 minutes before then, in front of a packed audience.

The event proved as attractive this year. Students reserved the allotted 800 free tickets between 10 a.m. Thursday when the box office opened and 5:37 p.m. Stephen Nash, Co-Chair of the Student Council Academic Affairs Committee, said the waitlist process will begin first-come first-serve this morning. Vroom and Nash mentioned reasons why the program has gone so well, including marketing and past successes. They also organized the event because they thought people would come to an intellectual environment

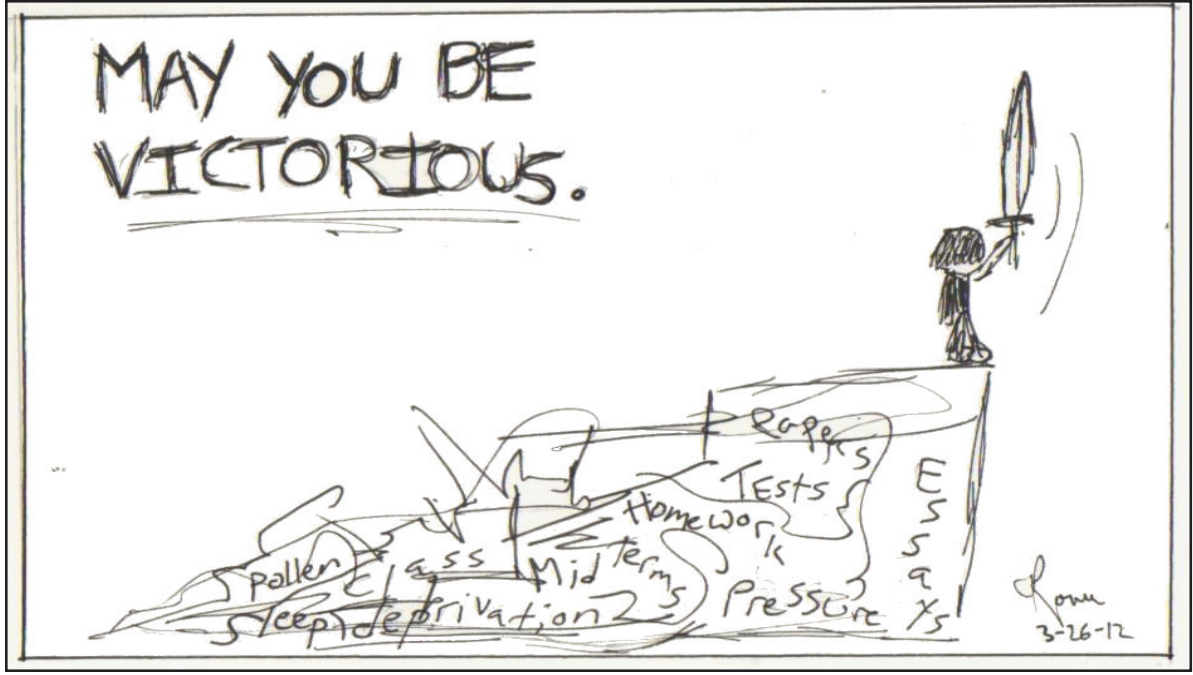
outside of the classroom, and the student body proved them right.

A program so popular shows knowledge is still exciting to students who have not forgotten why, after all, they go here. But other academic programs also bring crowds, have waitlists, draw fervor. What distinguishes Look Hoos Talking from literary and debating societies, or flash seminars and lectures, is its accessibility. Exclusive groups interview, seminars fill, courses load and seal, and even Look Hoos Talking will hit the 851 mark of Old Cabell capacity. But with live streaming through Council's website, Look Hoos Talking captures the spontaneity and daring so crucial to breaking ideas, disseminating short lectures to a wide audience in a form which is digestible.

Vroom turned 21 yesterday and today celebrates the anniversary of Look Hoos Talking. He said the program could keep reinventing itself with new input from successive students and Council Committees.

The future of Look Hoos Talking is promising, but how was it started? Before any professors spoke, Council made the first presentation by pitching Look Hoos Talking. Student input came only after Council initiated the idea, and some might bemoan this as against the spirit of self-governance. But what Look Hoos Talking teaches us is the success of a democratic idea rests not in who designs it but in who participates.

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"Jayne," responding to Ben Baskin's Mar. 21 column, "An ode to Mike Scott"

Letters to the editor

Please be seated

Anyone familiar with the numerous and sometimes tedious works of Karl Marx has come across his theory of surplus value, which says that under capitalism, the task of upper management is to find surplus values to exploit. When he formulated it, Marx was probably thinking about some obscure nineteenth-century English wool trader. But the theory could equally well be applied to the University's administration, which is as exploitative as any at a contemporary institution. For example, the University cannot pay a living wage to its employees, but it can build luxurious new dorms for those privileged youth whose parents can afford out-of-state tuition.

The sickness of our times is that we try to squeeze every resource dry of monetary gain; in this way the University has transformed the so-called useless and wasted space of the University Chapel into an auxiliary building for the admissions department. I am referring to the tours and information sessions scheduled in the House of God. Students seeking quiet and space for reflection find themselves surrounded by anxious parents and whiney kids asking about SATs and tuition.

This makes clear the fact that the University is not interested in growing its students as full human beings but as future managers.

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Walking the thin line

A new Israeli law overestimates the extent to which the media influences modern perceptions of beauty

THIS PAST week, Israel passed legislation forbidding models with a body mass index under 18.5 to participate in fashion shows and advertisements. The law intends to demote the media's unhealthy perception of beauty and to bring an end to glamorizing the extraordinarily thin. Israel's law is just one of the international measures taken in the past few years to eliminate an unachievable standard of attractiveness promoted in the media and elsewhere. The Dove campaign for "real beauty" and Italian photographer Oliviero Toscani's campaign against anorexia further illustrate the serious actions being taken against the fashion industry's choice of models.

You see the argument all over the news: Nobody is perfect, so we should not encourage magazines and clothing brands which portray a "perfect" woman. Instead, advertising companies and designers ought to employ

DENISE TAYLOR
OPINION COLUMNIST

those with "real bodies" so as not to offend anyone who cannot achieve perfection. I argue, however, that such advertising and the media play only a marginal role in the construction of beauty. In reality, most of the girls I have seen — including myself — are more often comparing themselves to other girls than to celebrities.

The University has an attractive student body. In fact, by the time I walk from my dorm to the Corner I can easily spot dozens of students who could enter the modeling industry without having to lose a pound. In contrast, I could not say the same thing about several celebrities. Some famed personas are considered to be very beautiful, yet are in no way the size or shape of a typical woman on the runway. The current proportions of an average runway model are 34-24-34, plus or minus one inch, with a minimum height of

five feet eight inches. Physical attractiveness thus remains a highly variable attribute which has little to do with the modeling industry's decisions.

The truth is, even conventional beauty differs from woman to woman. The bodies we see in magazines, however airbrushed and photo-shopped, are actually achievable for some and genetically impossible for others. Moreover, we cannot say that the media, especially the modeling industry, is solely responsible for setting these standards.

Certain ideals of physical appearance have existed even before the introduction of mass media, and people went through just as much trouble to attain them back then as they do today. Chinese women used to bind their feet to keep them smaller, while the Mayans would balance

a bead between their eyes so as to keep them permanently crossed. Though the perception of beauty in certain mediums such as modeling has shifted from voluptuous to thin, white to tan and short to tall, it is important to note that it is often the people — not the designers — who are picking whatever is popular. Furthermore, beauty is almost entirely in the eye of the beholder, or at least, in the eyes of the society. And although every culture holds its own conception of beauty, there are cultures which are not as attached to the digital media as we are.

Yet in a world where some models are dying of starvation, the media is an easy target to blame. Perhaps Israel's law is for the best, but even so, it does not give individuals grounds to dismiss all media for reflecting an

invariable and intangible image of what is visually appealing. The fact that modern beauty is so variable is an example of how beauty is ever-dynamic and has little to do with the media at all. What is more, it is wishful thinking to assume that in this day and age, "beauty doesn't matter."

Regardless of the campaigns launched against it, beauty still plays a prominent role in both informal and professional settings. One study has gone so far as to conclude that physical attractiveness can make a person seem more friendly and can contribute to individual success in the business world. And yet, this is not the media's fault, nor is it contingent on the fashion industry; it is based on societal precedence and, like all ideas, will change as society evolves. After all, the face that launched a thousand ships was never on a billboard.

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A brand Newt strategy

Since his chances of winning are slim, Newt Gingrich should drop his GOP nomination bid to allow Rick Santorum to get more votes

THE FOLLOWING monikers are the Secret Service code names of the only two Republican presidential candidates that I would like to see in the remainder of the Republican primary. Mitt Romney, "Javelin," is the clear frontrunner with 563 delegates. Rick Santorum, "Petrus," is trailing Romney by three hundred delegates. To secure the nomination as Republican presidential candidate, either man needs to gain a total of 1,144 delegates.

The delegates in the remaining states, all told, amount to roughly 1,200. These remaining delegates are enough, theoretically, for a random candidate who won them all to clinch the nomination. In truth, though, this would be a rather paltry number if divided up among the four remaining GOP candidates: Romney, Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul. From where things stand now, there are a number of paths forward for the primary to take. Each path seems to point toward a Romney nomination — most political junkies are of the opinion that Romney is almost certainly the

SAM NOVACK
OPINION COLUMNIST

one to appear on the ballot come November of this year.

I, on the other hand, am not ready for Santorum to call it a day. He can still win, even at this late stage in the game, but it will take some doing. The main event that needs to take place in order to strengthen Santorum's chances is Newt Gingrich's departure from the race. This is the most widely touted means for Santorum's success, and rightly so. Currently, Romney is winning among individuals who have a college degree or greater, make more than \$100,000, rank beating President Obama as their number one priority and identify themselves as moderate to liberal. Santorum is winning among those who regularly attend religious services, want a "true conservative," identify themselves as evangelicals or born-again Christians and who list abortion as their number one issue. A few other demographics, such as married women and young voters, are still contested.

Alright, so there is the catalogue. But what does it mean? Romney has his supporters fairly locked in and it is unlikely they

will shift significantly toward Santorum. What is significant about this list is that Gingrich's continued participation will split the vote of Santorum's religious and true-conservative supporters.

There are a variety of examples which illustrate how much this internal divide is hurting Santorum's chances. In Alabama, Santorum won, securing 19 delegates to Romney's 11. Gingrich got 12 delegates from Alabama.

The same story played out in Mississippi, Gingrich taking another 12 delegates to Santorum's 13. It is in these southern states where Santorum needed to close the gap on Romney, but Gingrich's presence has split the vote among those who, if presented only with Romney and Santorum, would more strongly align with Santorum. If Gingrich had gotten out when Santorum became the clear Romney competitor, Santorum would have a significant number of additional delegates.

I admit that it may not be entirely justified to call for Gin-

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grich's departure from the race. Although Santorum's odds are only a little better than Gingrich's were a few weeks ago, I want Santorum to fight every step of the way. Each of these men has invested significant time and money into this race, and admitting defeat is probably not an easy ordeal. All the same, if Gingrich wants, as I do, a more right-leaning candidate to get the nod, he would do well to bow out, and soon.

If he does not, the outcome is fairly clear — a Romney victory with no apparent competitor as he picks up more delegates. I do not want to see this happen. Conservatives should not have to get behind Romney sheerly because other candidates have canceled each other out. A clear one-on-one primary, from here on out, between Javelin and Petrus, would give the GOP an opportunity to decide where its priorities lie. Such a race, even marred as it has been by Gingrich's continued presence, would be more clearly indicative of political sentiment on the

right, which needs to be fully fleshed out in time for the general election.

As an interesting aside, it could be that when it comes time for the national convention in August no one candidate will have secured the 1,144 delegates required. This could lead Romney to add Santorum as his vice president to compromise with the far-right and so gain the nomination. Even if Romney secures the required delegates, he may add Santorum just to round out his ticket.

Still, Santorum supporters such as myself will not be rooting for a possible vice presidential nod as long as there is hope left for victory. If Gingrich will leave the race, Santorum will be able to claim a much broader portion of the votes from right-wing conservatives. If this primary has taught us anything, it is that we cannot easily predict the outcomes. More than one massive surge in momentum has occurred thus far, and there is still a ways to go before the final tallying of delegates.

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BODHISATVA STATUE UNDERGOES MEDICAL TESTS

A side view of a 350-year-old Korean bodhisattva statue shows the gilt-wood exterior. The statue underwent an X-ray and other medical tests to uncover secrets hidden inside.

FDA delays obesity pill

Study shows weight-loss drugs' health risks may require further investigation

By Anna Edney
Bloomberg News

Obesity treatment manufacturers may need to study the heart risks of their medicines before U.S. regulators weigh approval, Food and Drug Administration staff said in a report yesterday.

Three California companies are competing to bring the first weight-loss pill to market in 13 years: Vivus Inc., Orexigen Therapeutics Inc. and Arena Pharmaceuticals Inc. The FDA is set to decide on Vivus's drug

Qnexa by April 17. Arena's medication faces an advisory panel on May 10.

An advisory panel will hold a hearing on the drugs in Silver Spring, Md., starting tomorrow. The FDA doesn't have to follow the panel's recommendations. The potential approvals come 15 years after the fen-phen appetite-suppression drug combination had to be pulled from pharmacies when it was linked to heart-valve abnormalities. The last obesity drug the FDA approved was Roche Holding AG's Xenical in

1999.

The advisers will consider whether "obesity drugs without a theoretic risk or signal for" cardiovascular harm "should be required to rule out" some level of cardiovascular risk before approval, the FDA staff said in the report. The regulators don't have to follow the panel's recommendations.

Arena's application for review of its diet drug was accepted yesterday by European regulators, according to a statement from the company.

Afghan soldiers kill NATO troops

Security officers, one U.S.-trained, fatally shoot two British troops, NATO soldier in Afghanistan

By Ernesto Londoño
The Washington Post

An Afghan soldier killed two British troops in southern Afghanistan and a member of a U.S.-trained militia turned his weapon on a third NATO soldier in the east, officials said, the latest in a string of incidents that have undermined trust between allies.

The gunman in the incident in the south started shooting at a group of NATO troops at the entrance of the Provincial Reconstruction Team headquarters in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand province, said Daud Ahmadi, a spokesman for the governor.

A NATO statement said the gunman was killed when some of the foreign forces returned fire. It provided no other details, including the nationalities of the slain service members, but the British Defense Ministry confirmed that they were both British.

Ahmadi said the gunman was a soldier in the Afghan army. A NATO military spokesman said officials were investigating.

In the east, a member of an Afghan Local Police force fatally shot a NATO service member as a group of soldiers approached a checkpoint manned by the militia, the military said in a statement. The incident appeared to mark the first time a member of an ALP group opened fire on foreign troops.

A NATO spokesman said yesterday night that he could not say whether the ALP gunman was detained or shot.

So-called "green on blue" shootings have become a rising threat this year, following a series of missteps that have created distrust between Afghan forces and their international coalition partners.

Among the most significant was last month's burning of Qurans by U.S. troops. The episode sparked violent riots and retaliatory attacks, and prompted the Taliban to call on Afghan security forces to open fire

on foreign troops.

Since May 2007, at least 80 NATO troops have been killed by Afghan security forces, according to military news releases and statistics provided by the Defense Department to Congress last month. Ten of those killings were committed since the Quran burning.

At a Pentagon press briefing yesterday, Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said, "In most cases the relationship [between Afghan and NATO forces] is very strong. They know each other well."

But, he added, "We have taken steps necessary on our side to protect ourselves with respect to, in fact, sleeping arrangements, internal defenses associated with those small bases in which we operate, the posture of our forces, to have someone always overwatching our forces."

The death of the British troops is likely to further erode support for the war. Publicly, British Prime Minister David Cameron has sounded his determination to stay the course in Afghanistan. But the growing death toll is feeding a decidedly negative sentiment in Britain about the war.

A poll taken in Britain and released this month by ComRes indicated that the percentage of those saying the war is unwinnable has grown from 60 percent last June to 73 percent, with 55 percent saying British troops should be withdrawn immediately, up from 48 percent in June.

Andrew Hawkins, chairman of ComRes, said, "I think we have reached a tipping point that we haven't had even six months ago where it's extremely difficult to get the British public behind the war effort" in Afghanistan.

"When Cameron and President Obama stand up and say they want to get troops out as quickly as possible, that's picked up by voters as meaning 'we don't want to be there,' and if the political leaders don't want to be there, then they think, 'let's get out.'"

Strauss-Kahn faces inquiry

French politician to undergo formal investigation following allegations he helped procure prostitutes

By Edward Cody
The Washington Post

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, former head of the International Monetary Fund and once a leading candidate to become president of France, learned yesterday night that he would face a formal investigation on allegations that he helped procure prostitutes for sex parties he attended in Washington, Paris and elsewhere.

The preliminary charges, brought in the northern French city of Lille, marked another sordid chapter in the swift downfall of the 63-old-economist and Socialist Party politician. Until last May he had been considered the main likely candidate — and a probable winner — against President Nicolas Sarkozy in France's two-round presidential election, scheduled for April 23 and May 6.

The action in Lille was separate from the sexual assault charges brought against Strauss-Kahn in New York last year. Although those charges were later dropped, Strauss-Kahn still faces a civil suit over the accusations by an immigrant maid, Nafissatou Diallo, that he raped her in his Manhattan hotel room as she came in to clean up.

Judge Douglas McKeon is scheduled to hear arguments tomorrow in a Bronx court over Strauss-Kahn's assertion that Diallo's suit should be dropped because he had diplomatic immunity through his job as

IMF director. Although he had a diplomatic passport at the time, Strauss-Kahn did not invoke that defense during the proceedings over the sexual assault charges.

The preliminary charges in Lille — procurement as part of a group of acquaintances based in Lille — meant the magistrates there concluded that Strauss-Kahn's conduct, along with that of the others, should be investigated further with an eye to putting him on trial. They did not mean he was accused of employing or profiting from the work of prostitutes.

Under French law, prostitution is tolerated but procurement is a crime punishable by up to 20 years of imprisonment, meaning that, in theory, Strauss-Kahn could risk going to jail. The magistrates did not pursue the other allegations under investigation, which alleged that Strauss-Kahn participated in corruption because his partners in the sex parties put prostitutes' bills and other charges on their company expense accounts.

Strauss-Kahn had no immediate reaction as he left the courthouse after about eight hours of questioning. But one of his lawyers, Richard Malka, who announced the magistrates' decision, said his client maintained that he was innocent of any crimes, as he has throughout the investigation, because he thought the women at the sex parties were just out for a good time.



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HAMPTON UNIVERSITY FEATURES CYCLOTRON

The cyclotron at the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute. The 200-ton gadget is part of the proton cancer therapy process. The institute is one of nine proton therapy facilities operating in the U.S.

Shooter: Martin started it

Attorney argues George Zimmerman killed Trayvon Martin in self-defense

By Sari Horwitz
The Washington Post

The attorney for George Zimmerman, the man who shot and killed 17-year-old Trayvon Martin last month, said yesterday that Martin initiated the confrontation, beating his client so badly he suffered a broken nose and injuries to the back of his head.

Physical evidence, including a grass stain on the back of Zimmerman's shirt, showed there was a scuffle, lawyer Craig Sonner told ABC News. "When the evidence comes out, it will show that George Zimmerman was acting in self-defense in this case," Sonner said. "It's not a racial issue."

Martin's parents and their attorney, preparing to fly to Washington for a congressional briefing today, disputed the account, which contradicted their long-standing assertions that Zimmerman had attacked their son without provocation. Martin was unarmed when he encountered Zimmerman while

walking from a convenience store in Sanford, Fla., on Feb. 26.

"There is absolutely no evidence of anything like that except Zimmerman's word," Benjamin Crump, the attorney for Martin's parents, said in an interview. "Trayvon isn't here to give you his version because Zimmerman shot and killed him."

Sonner's account of Zimmerman's injuries is consistent with the Sanford Police Department report, written by the officer at the crime scene who handcuffed Zimmerman. "I could observe his back appeared to be wet and was covered in grass, as if he had been laying on his back on the ground," the officer wrote. "Zimmerman was also bleeding from the nose and back of his head."

When Zimmerman was placed in the back of the squad car and given first aid, the officer heard him say, "I was yelling for someone to help me, but no one would help me," according to the police report.

On at least one of the eight taped 911 calls made to police, screams can be heard in the

background. Martin's parents believe it is their son screaming for help. But a friend of Zimmerman's said on television Monday that he believed it was Zimmerman's voice in the background.

A federal law enforcement official involved in the investigation said that Zimmerman told authorities he was returning to his sport-utility vehicle after calling police when Martin confronted him.

The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is in its early stages, said that Zimmerman recounted Martin challenging him by saying, "You got a problem with me?"

"Zimmerman said no," the official said, citing Zimmerman's account. "Martin said, 'Now you do,' and then punched him in the nose." The exchange was first reported by the Orlando Sentinel, which also said Zimmerman had told police that Martin got on top of Zimmerman and began slamming his head into the sidewalk.

Senior second baseman Keith Werman went 6-for-10 this past weekend against Clemson. After hitting .414 in his sophomore campaign and regressing in 2011, Werman could be recapturing his offensive magic at the right time for an already loaded lineup.



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BASEBALL

Virginia aims to tame Tigers

Team claims three-game sweep against Clemson, pitchers strive to shut down surging Towson

By Daniel Wultz
Senior Associate Editor

The Virginia baseball team has emerged as one of the premier programs in the country during the stellar nine-year tenure of coach Brian O'Connor, displaying dominant pitching and superb defense. But as O'Connor and his team try to extend an eight-game home winning streak today when they host Towson for a two-game midweek, this year's team may flip the script.

The Cavaliers (15-8-1, 5-4 ACC) boast a batting average of .314, the highest in the ACC. The team's batting order features both veteran sluggers in senior first baseman Jared King, junior shortstop Chris Taylor and junior third baseman Stephen Bruno, as well as standout freshmen in

catcher Nate Irving and outfielders Mike Papi and Derek Fisher.

During a three-game sweep of Clemson (11-11, 3-6 ACC) last weekend, the offense clicked on all cylinders, notching 27 hits to give the Cavaliers six starters hitting better than .300 and a scoring average of 6.88 runs per game. King extended his team-leading batting average to .381, senior second baseman Keith Werman went 6-for-10 and Fisher tied Taylor for the team lead with his third home run.

"I think offensively, we've done some really great things all year," O'Connor said. "Our batting average is impressive; we'll go out there and get ten hits on a night. We just need to

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SPORTS

IN BRIEF

Swimmers finish 15th

The Virginia men's swimming and diving team claimed 15th place at the NCAA Championships in Federal Way, Wa. last weekend, placing in the top 15 at the national meet for the fifth time in a row.

The first day of the meet Thursday, the 200 freestyle relay team of seniors Peter Geissinger and David Karasek, junior Tom Barrett and sophomore Parker Camp opened with a 17th-place performance. The quartet earned honorable-mention All-American honors later that day with a 14th-place finish in the 400 medley relay, which pushed the Cavaliers to six points by the end of the day.

The Virginia relay squad did its best work Friday with a fourth-place All-American swim in the 800 freestyle relay. Only the teams from Texas, California and Stanford touched before Virginia's time of 6 minutes 20.97 seconds as the Cavaliers scored in the event for the 13th consecutive year. Those three teams went on to podium finishes in the overall standings with California taking the championship.

Karasek and Geissinger bolstered Virginia's standing with seventh-place and 15th-place swims, respectively, in the 200 free.

Meanwhile, junior Brady

Fox made his debut in the 100 backstroke, though he did not advance to the finals. The Cavaliers picked up 44 points to finish the evening at 15th heading into the final day.

Saturday belonged to senior diver Briggy Imbriglia, who took 13th in the platform diving competition to become Virginia's first ever All-American diver.

The relay quartet also finished 12th in the 400 free relay. Geissinger touched 16th in the 100 free to help Virginia hold onto 15th with 65 points, sandwiched between ACC rivals North Carolina and Florida State.

—compiled by Ian Rappaport



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Senior David Karasek reached the finals in the 200 free at last week's NCAA Swimming and Diving National Championship, touching in 1:35.10 to finish seventh.

SOFTBALL



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Freshman pitcher Rachel Gillen incurred two losses last weekend despite allowing only three earned runs in two games against No. 23 Florida State.

Bats, gloves falter against 'Noles

Abysmal offense, fielding miscues mar Mitchell, Perry's masterful pitching efforts during games

By Matthew Comey
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

The Virginia softball team dropped all three of its games this weekend against defending ACC champion No. 23 Florida State to prolong a seven-game losing streak.

Despite strong pitching performances by their starting rotation, the Cavaliers (16-12, 3-3 ACC) committed four errors and continued their hitting slump, putting up just one run against the Seminoles (29-5, 6-0 ACC) during the entire series. Virginia batted a dismal .091 for the weekend and totaled just one hit in each of their

first two games, squandering the efforts of a pitching staff which yielded four earned runs during the three-game stretch.

"We didn't do things we needed to do to win," coach Eileen Schmidt said. "We just need to string different things together, and we haven't done that in a while. We've had glimpses of it, so as soon as we push through we'll be fine."

After the losses, the Cavaliers fell to fourth place in the ACC standings.

Game one of Saturday's double-

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TRACK & FIELD

Cavs open track in style

Versatile men, women dominate first meet at renovated Lannigan Field

By Ian Rappaport
Cavalier Daily Sports Editor

Saturday's season-opening meet at the recently reconstructed Lannigan Field marked the dawning of a new era for the Virginia track and field program. Debuting their state-of-the-art home digs at the UVa Team Swashbuckle, a tournament featuring more than 600 athletes from 11 schools, the Cavaliers shined with victories in both the men's and women's team competitions.

When the meet began in the morning, foreboding clouds and a steady rain threatened to overshadow the highly anticipated unveiling of a stunning facility. Fortunately, the sun emerged in the afternoon, enabling the squad to bask in

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Following defending 800m NCAA champion and former teammate Robby Andrews' departure to pursue a professional career, senior 800 specialist Lance Roller looks determined to keep the title in Charlottesville.

Courtesy Virginia Athletics

Cavaliers edge Duke 14-12

On the heels of a decisive victory against James Madison, the No. 12 Virginia women's lacrosse team toppled No. 6 Duke 14-12 Saturday afternoon in Durham. The win marked the Cavaliers' (6-4, 1-2 ACC) first conference triumph of the season and moved the squad out of a last-place tie in the ACC.

After falling behind 8-5 during the first half, the Cavaliers strung together a 3-0 run during the first seven minutes

of the second half to tie the game at eight apiece. From that point Virginia and Duke (8-4, 2-1 ACC) traded the lead back and forth three more times for a total of five second-half ties.

With the score deadlocked at 12-12 with six minutes remaining, redshirt senior attacker Ainsley Baker rifled a shot past Duke senior goalkeeper and Tewaaron hopeful Mollie Mackler to give the Cavaliers the lead for good. Sophomore attacker Katie

Slater tallied an insurance goal nearly a minute later to allow Virginia to sneak away with its fourth consecutive win at Koskinen Stadium.

Slater led the team with four goals, and Baker, senior attacker Josie Owen, senior midfielder Julie Gardner and freshman attacker Sloan Warren each contributed two goals.

The Cavaliers return to action tomorrow night when they kick off a three-game home-stand against Old Dominion.

—compiled by Stacy Kruczkowski

Dear Abbi



ABBI SIGLER

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Along with hundreds of high school seniors, my pseudo little sister is coming to visit this weekend to decide if she wants to call U.Va. home for the next four years. She's already received several admission offers at schools which would be lucky to have her, but I have 48 hours to convince her U.Va. is the best place for her. At first, inspired by Ian William's famous Daily Tar Heel column "Why I Hate Duke," I set out to describe why every rival school is sub-par. I realized, however, this strategy would be too time-consuming, since everyone wants to be your rival when you're the best. Instead, I decided to explain, citing concrete examples, why U.Va. is not just any old university; it's actually "The University."

Let's start at the very beginning. Thomas Jefferson was by far the sexiest founding father. Despite being a ginger, he was a total fox, and fortunately for all of us his statues and face are everywhere around these hallowed Grounds. Plus, his life was totally scandalous. What more could you ask for in a founder? To be the president of the United States? To have created the Declaration of Independence? Yeah, he did that too. No big deal.

Grounds are gorgeous. Everything looks just the way T.J. would have wanted. Even Memorial Gym boasts columns at its entrance. At first I despised the rolling hills; in fact, they were the only thing I disliked. But it turns out the hills are really a plus: Get a tight little ass just by walking to class. Besides, the view from Observatory Hill is absolutely spectacular.

The weather is perfect too. Your first fall at the University, you think it's the most beautiful it could ever be. Then in the winter, it snows, and everything is covered in a stunning white blanket. Finally comes spring, and the trees and flowers bloom. Everything is fresh and colorful, and the entire University enters a state of bliss.

But wait, there's more! That's not all that's attractive. The people are gorgeous. Our students are pretty fine — any one of those worthless college ranking sites could tell you that — but so are our mentors. I mean, have you seen Dean Groves?

And while I'm talking about the faculty and staff, let me just say they're awesome. Dean Groves is more than just good-looking; the silver fox also has a heart of gold. The faculty and staff genuinely care about all the students

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LATE-NIGHT SHIFTS

By CHRISTINE HOU | CAVALIER DAILY STAFF WRITER

While most students are hanging out in their apartments, studying in Alderman, or out on the Corner into the early hours of the morning, there are a number of students working the late-night shifts of their jobs.

Second-year College student Elissa Trieu initially began volunteering as an emergency medical technician for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad to gain experience, as she hopes to enter the medical field. "It's great to get practice actually working under pressure, when you have to direct the calls and decide what to do," Trieu said.

Second-year College student Tevy Ribeiro works as a scribe in the emergency room of the University Health System. Scribes, paid hourly, work closely with physicians in the Department of Emergency Medicine, documenting patient histories, procedure notes and other medical records, as well as tracking laboratory and radiology results.

"[The job] allows for a completely unique experience of learning from and working with interns, residents and attending physicians," Ribeiro said. "Not many premed students get the chance to see the inner workings of an emergency room and also be part of the staff... I didn't want to miss out on this opportunity that aligns so well with my interest in medicine."

Students working night jobs use their time off during the day to their advantage.

Third-year College student Karen Brown, also a scribe for the University Healthy System, said, "Since the shift starts later, you have the day to spend outside, enjoy time with friends, or work on school work."

Third-year College student Margot Gurganus, a fellow scribe, said the "cool traumas" are another benefit of working late in the emergency room.

"I feel like most of the exciting cases and traumas come in [late]," she said.

But the night shift has disadvantages

too. Gurganus said the most difficult part about working late is "having to power through a seven- or eight-hour shift after going to classes all day."

Trieu said she sometimes has to wake up in the middle of the night to respond to emergencies. She said the night shift is especially difficult when she has to take a test the next day despite lack of sleep or time to study.

In addition to a lack of energy, many students find spending their free nights on the job means they are forced to sacrifice a part of their social lives. Trieu, who volunteers every Thursday night until 5 a.m. Friday morning, said she misses the fun of Thursday nights out.

"When most people choose to go out, I can't go because I'm here at the rescue station," Trieu said. "It's the worst when you have to say no to a party that your friend is having."

Brown has managed to find the winning formula, balancing work and fun. While she occasionally has to skip social events for late shifts, the scheduling system for the scribe program allows each scribe to indicate their availability which "makes it fairly easy to accommodate work and a social life," she said.

Despite the challenges facing students working late-night shifts, Gurganus said her time spent as a scribe in the emergency room is "one of the best experiences" she has had as an undergraduate.

"I'm being paid to do what other premed students have to work for — shadowing physicians day in and day out, observing procedures and being in a clinical setting," Gurganus said. And part of the job, she said, is being "willing to put aside your own commitments to help others, including colleagues, residents and interns who may need your assistance at literally any moment."



Fourth-year advice

In my final semester here, I have begun to apply a bit of wisdom I probably could have used a little earlier in my college career: Asking myself, "Does this really matter that much?" Parents reading this column, never fear. I am not referring to grades and the continued job hunt, I am talking about the small things. I've had two encounters recently which have made me eager to emerge from my fourth-year haze to offer some advice to less calm students.

Right before midterms, a classmate and I were preparing for a group project and needed a place to sit and briefly review our Power-Point before heading into class. All we needed was a power outlet and maybe two chairs. We happened upon a break room near our class and attempted to enter. It was locked, but luckily another girl behind us seemed to have swipe

access. We asked if she could swipe us in, explaining we just needed to look over our materials for a few moments. But instead of the friendly reply I expected, the girl tapped a plaque on the wall and replied, "Um, are you in this program?" Needless to say, her tone was skeptical. When we shook our heads, she said, "Then no," and continued in alone.

I should add this was not a fancy computer lab, nor a place where there were any extra special resources. It was simply a room with tables, chairs, and a microwave and at the time there were all of four people in a room which could easily seat thirty with plenty of space for everyone.

My next encounter was more brief but equally rude. While leaving Bryant Hall, one of my friends was pulling open the door as I was pushing it. I hadn't seen

Ground Rules



KATIE MCNALLY

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Buyer beware

without naptime if I don't get some nutrients before noon. It's sad, I know.

My third year, this year, I happened upon something wonderful. Oatmeal is perhaps my favorite breakfast food, and it now seems possible to find oatmeal outside of my kitchen. Apparently it is no longer the breakfast choice of grannies and babies. It is even served at drive-through restaurants! I was in a rush on my way to an early practice one Saturday morning and had no time to make breakfast. Practicing on an empty stomach is a recipe for disaster, and combined with my childlike intolerance for hunger, it could mean World War III on the basketball court. So I stopped at one of the infamous fast food places and ordered oatmeal. And my, was that oatmeal deli-

cious. I soon found myself stop-

ping to get this oatmeal whenever an excuse arose. Before school, I would sneak off to sample some early morning snacks, leaving my car in the parking garage for hours during class. Coming back to parking fees seemed a small price to pay for the convenience of something so delicious.

After having to pay an exorbitant amount for parking one morning, I realized it may have been time to stop. Well, at least on weekdays. Not only was I paying for parking when there was a perfectly good bus system available to me, but I was also paying for breakfasts which I could no longer excuse

At the End of the Day



SIMONE EGWU

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SPORTS

AROUND THE ACC

Tyshawn Taylor’s 22-point eruption and a game-closing 12-0 run propelled Midwest No. 2 Kansas past top seed North Carolina 80-67 in the men’s basketball NCAA Tournament regional final Sunday and into the school’s 14th Final Four. Playing their second consecutive contest without injured star point guard Ken-

dall Marshall, the Tar Heels (32-6, 14-2 ACC) mustered just 20 points in the second half against the Jayhawks’ (31-6, 16-2 Big 12) stingy defense... Kansas also ended N.C. State’s storybook tournament run Friday, triumphing 60-57 in the Midwest Sweet 16 round. The Wolfpack (24-13, 9-7 ACC) shot a paltry 28.4 percent from

the field, failing to break the 60-point barrier for the first time since a 56-51 win against Boston College Feb. 1. Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year Jeff Withey blocked 10 shots to power the Jayhawks... In the women’s tournament, Shay Selby’s virtuoso performance helped Duke, second seed in the Fresno region, cruise past

No. 3 seed St. John’s 74-47 Saturday to set up an Elite Eight showdown with top seed Stanford. Selby finished with 18 points, seven assists, five rebounds and four steals for the Blue Devils (27-5, 15-1 ACC)... Raleigh region two-seed Maryland rallied from an 11-point second-half deficit to outlast No. 3 Texas A&M 81-74

Sunday and preserve the campaign for its first women’s basketball national championship since 2006. Riding 21-point outputs from Laurin Mincy and Alyssa Thomas, the Terrapins (31-4, 12-4 ACC) reached their first regional final since 2009.

—compiled by Fritz Metzinger

Baseball

Bullpen remains concerning, O’Connor says

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solidify what we’re doing on the mound.”

On the hill, a team which posted a 2.24 ERA — the lowest nationwide since 1992 — and set an ACC record with 16 shutouts last year ranks sixth in the ACC in 2012 with a 3.29 ERA.

In perhaps the most promising development for a team looking to find another gear after an uncharacteristically slow beginning by Virginia’s gaudy standards, the starting rotation enjoyed a breakout weekend. Senior southpaw Scott Silverstein continued his ascent since returning last year following shoulder surgery by yielding just one run during six innings in the series opener, reducing his ERA to a staff-low 2.10. Junior right-hander Branden Kline showed he deserved the label of staff ace and earned ACC Pitcher of the Week honors by firing a complete game two-hitter Saturday while topping out at 97 mph on

the radar gun. And in the finale, sophomore Artie Lewicki completed the sweep with a quality start before senior closer Justin Thompson shut the door with his second save of the series.

A pitching staff which allowed 23 runs in the Florida State series two weekends ago gave up just seven to Clemson.

“Sometimes when you lose the amount of quality innings that we did off last year’s team, it takes some time to figure that out,” O’Connor said. “You have to give guys opportunities to figure out who’s best in what role, and I think as we continue to move forward that will start to sew itself up.”

Six different players have made starts for Virginia as O’Connor searches for consistency from his rotation. Meanwhile, in the bullpen, it’s clear the Cavaliers are experiencing some growing pains. Florida State took advantage of Virginia’s relief woes by erasing two eighth-inning deficits, and Virginia Tech scored

four runs in the ninth inning of the Cavaliers’ ACC opener March 9.

If pitching problems persist, the weakness could cost the Cavaliers wins. But the team knows it is just a couple of bad innings away from being undefeated in conference play. “We had those games down in Florida State, and unfortunately we were just a couple of pitches away from closing it out,” Werman said. “For us to be able to bounce back and do what we did this weekend is really great to see from our guys, and definitely is a good confidence-booster for us.”

The back end of Virginia’s bullpen has been unusually in flux this season. With Kline vacating the closer’s role to move into the starting rotation before the season, Thompson has shifted to the closer’s spot. The Cavaliers have entrusted the middle innings to a combination of sophomore lefty Kyle Crockett, sophomore righty Austin Young and two-way players freshman

Nick Howard and senior Shane Halley.

“I feel like this weekend, [the bullpen] did a really good job,” Young said after pitching two scoreless innings Sunday to preserve Virginia’s win. “I think we did a real good job compared to last weekend.”

Of the four, Halley and Howard have had the most success in the early going. Howard has struck out 11 in 6.2 scoreless innings and Halley has a 2.25 ERA and 13 strikeouts in 12 innings.

“We’re still trying to figure out who’s the right guy in the seventh, who’s the right guy in the eighth,” O’Connor said. “We lost 70 percent of our innings last year, so it’s going to take some time, and I think we’re going to start getting some answers.”

Towson (12-10, 6-3 CAA) enters today’s matchup winners of six of its last seven games, but the Tigers are winless in their last six games against Virginia and just 2-12 all-time against the Cavaliers.

While Virginia tries to solidify its pitching staff, the young Tigers have continued to make strides on the mound in the 25th year directed by coach Mike Gottlieb.

The team lowered its ERA from a disastrous 8.14 in 2010 to a mediocre 5.34 last year, and that number has dropped to 3.99 in 2012. Offensively, freshman utility player Brendan Butler leads the team with 16 RBI and bats .355, while sophomore outfielder Dominic Fratanuono is fifth in the CAA with a .413 average. Towson failed to make the CAA playoffs last year after finishing below .500 and lost 12 seniors from that squad, including three All-Colonial Athletic Association infielders.

O’Connor said he has not firmly settled on starters, but expects freshman Barrett O’Neill to start one of the games. O’Neill has been a major bright spot on the under-performing staff, winning both of his starts and compiling a 2.20 ERA in six appearances.

Softball

Cipolloni says team ‘needs to improve offensively’

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header featured a duel between two ace pitchers, Virginia junior Melanie Mitchell and Florida State redshirt junior Monica Perry. Both pitched complete games and combined for 17 strikeouts with just one earned run between the rival duo. Two costly Cavalier errors, however, nullified Mitchell’s gem and let the Seminoles ease to a 5-0 win against an offensively hapless Virginia squad.

Junior leftfielder Kirstin Austin led off the top of the sixth with a home run to jumpstart a three-run inning for the Seminoles, with the last two runs unearned. Florida State tacked on two more runs in the seventh off another Virginia error.

“We just have to communicate,” Cavalier sophomore first baseman Stephanie Harris said of her team’s fielding woes. “That’s the big thing. We talked about it [after the first game] and just came out and knew what we had to do to fix it.”

Saturday’s second game was much closer. Freshman pitcher Rachel Gillen shined, permitting no earned runs and striking out five in a complete game effort. But much like in game one, defensive errors and offensive stagnancy doomed the Cavaliers. No Virginia runner even advanced past second base during the entire second game.

In the top of the fourth, the Seminoles scored two runs off another Cavalier error, which was enough for them to come out

on top 2-0. Though Florida State scored mainly off Virginia errors in the first two matchups, sophomore second baseman Erica Cipolloni credited the losses to dismal hitting performances.

“I’m not worried about fielding,” Cipolloni said. “Our defense is there, I just think that we need to improve offensively. It’s hitting that wins us games.”

Game three Sunday constituted a definite offensive improvement, as the Cavaliers were able to tally four hits and had multiple opportunities to put up runs. Schmidt gave the nod to Gillen again in this one after her impressive outing Saturday. She pitched another complete game, yielding three earned runs and striking out four.

“They struggled a little bit

more with [Rachel] as a lefty,” Schmidt said. “I thought she commanded really well yesterday, and I wanted to see how she could do back-to-back as a first year. I thought Rachel was just as sharp [Sunday] as she was [Saturday].”

The Cavaliers finally scored their first run of the series in the bottom of the fourth inning. Cipolloni launched a ball deep into right field for a triple and was later sent home on a sacrifice fly from sophomore third baseman Marcy Bowdren.

“I was hoping that it would have gone over,” Cipolloni said of her triple. “But it felt good because I’ve been struggling a little bit with hitting. We had a great defensive inning right before that, so it kind of just

pumped me up and cleared my head.”

Though the Cavaliers advanced a runner to third base in three different innings, they were only able to get one home and eventually fell 3-1, sealing the sweep for the Seminoles. Florida State freshman pitcher Lacey Waldrop earned her second win of the series, finishing the weekend with 11 innings pitched, 13 strikeouts and no earned runs.

“Both [Florida State pitchers] had great performances,” Harris said. “As a team we just have to make changes quicker. We’re going to have to work really hard this week and get better at that.”

Virginia continues conference play next Saturday with a three-game series at Boston College.

Track & Field

Distance men, women sweep 1500m races

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the beauty of the new track.

“I feel like I’m in a completely different place,” senior distance runner Catherine White said. “It’s good; it’s exciting; it’s fast, and [we had] pretty good weather.”

The meet marked Virginia’s first outdoor competition with coach Bryan Fetzter at the helm. Fetzter, who assumed control of the Cavaliers before the indoor season after former coach Jason Vigilante’s sudden resignation in November, has set high expectations for his team with a whirlwind season now under his belt.

“We know what the vision of what we’re trying to accomplish is, and the team’s really bought in,” Fetzter said. “This [meet] was a good tone setter for the year.”

Senior Maureen Laffan earned a win for Virginia in the first event — the women’s hammer throw — to kick off a day marked by strong performances. Senior Vincenzo Chiariello followed suit with a new Cavalier record of 61.46 meters in the men’s competition.

As the overcast skies parted mid-afternoon, the action on the track heated up when White brought Virginia its first victory in a running event in the 1500. White outpaced a field loaded with her own teammates — including the first four finishers and six of the top seven — by nearly five seconds, stepping across in 4 minutes 30.83 seconds. Freshman Chelsea Ley, sophomore Barbara Stehler and freshman Kathleen Stevens were next across the line.

“It was fun,” White said. “I haven’t raced in over a year, so it was good to put on a uniform. We had a big group running... so it was a big step toward a good season for us. A lot of us are healthy and training hard.”

Meanwhile on the infield, freshman standout Nick Vena displayed immense potential en route to winning the first discus event of his career. The lefty All-American shot-putter appeared comfortable with the discus, launching the metal disc 49.51 meters for first place. Vena will compete in both shot put and discus this season. “Now I have

a mark to work off for the rest of the season, so we’ll see where it takes me,” he said. “Now I have to handle two events at the same time. We’ll see how it goes, and hopefully [I] keep scoring points for the team.”

Seniors Andy Fahringer and Tara Karin closed out the Cavaliers’ throwing performances with triumphs in the javelin. Fahringer was particularly dominant, totaling 72.10m on his longest throw to rout the competition. “Andy threw great in the jav,” Fetzter said. “That was obviously a heck of a jav throw.”

Virginia also picked up a field event victory with sophomore Emily Kianka’s leap of 1.69 meters in the high jump.

With eventual runner-up Army keeping the pressure on Virginia, freshman Payton Hazzard picked up a win for the Cavaliers in the 400. Hazzard blazed down the backstretch to secure a wide lead, taking first place despite losing steam during the final 50 meters.

Aside from Hazzard’s success, the individual sprint events were perhaps the only weakness

evident during an otherwise sterling display from Virginia. James Madison’s Jordan Simmons doubled up to win the signature 100 and 200-meter dashes on the women’s side while Virginia Union’s Bryan Gurley followed suit in the men’s races. With victories in both 4-by-400 relays, however, the sprinters atoned for any disappointments in the individual events.

Virginia dominated the middle distance events, sweeping the 800 and 1500. Junior Tasia Potasinski and senior Lance Roller led the pack in the 800. Roller posted 1:48.78, a quick time to bolster his pursuit of an NCAA Championship and qualifying time for an invite to the Olympic trials.

“It went well for a season opener, just trying to get a regional qualifying time and run fast because this is an Olympic year and I went to do well at NCAAAs,” Roller said. “My goals are to go the NCAA meet, make the final and try to win it, because you don’t go to the NCAA meet thinking you’re

going to come in second.”

With coaches deciding to load up the 1500 rather than spread talent to the 5000, the distance races featured more competition among teammates for Virginia than against the opposition.

Sophomores Anthony Kostelac and Taylor Gilland outkicked a tight pack in the invitational men’s 1500 to clinch the meet for Virginia and put a final flourish on the momentous day. Kostelac came from several meters behind heading into the final straightaway to overtake fellow Cavaliers freshman Kyle King and junior Brett Johnson before nipping Gilland at the line, 3:45.34 to 3:45.35.

Kostelac’s win was a fitting end to a meet which showed the vast potential of the Virginia athletes, as well as the electric atmosphere their supporters can create for them.

“There were a lot of folks from the community here and a lot of students, and that’s awesome,” Fetzter said. “I want Charlottesville to be ‘Track-ville, USA.’ That’s what we’re trying to push for.”

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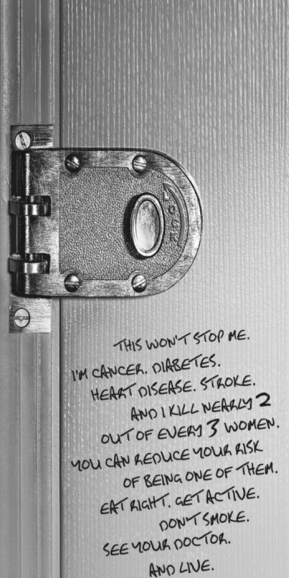
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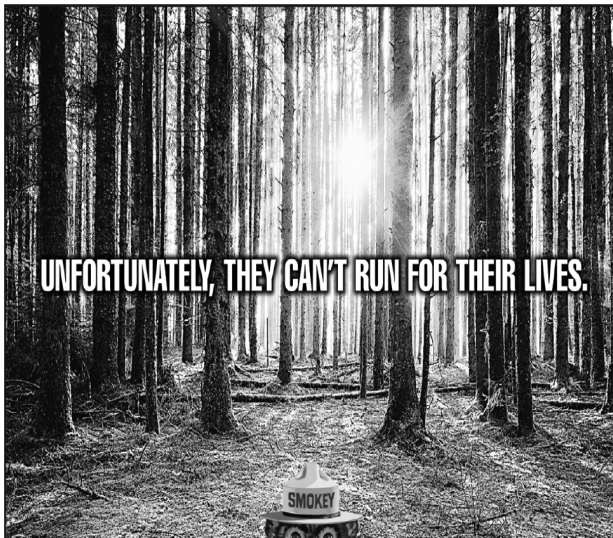
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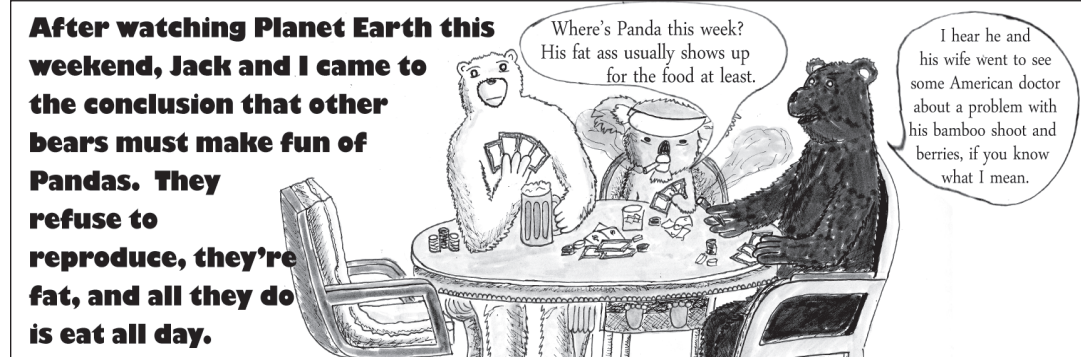
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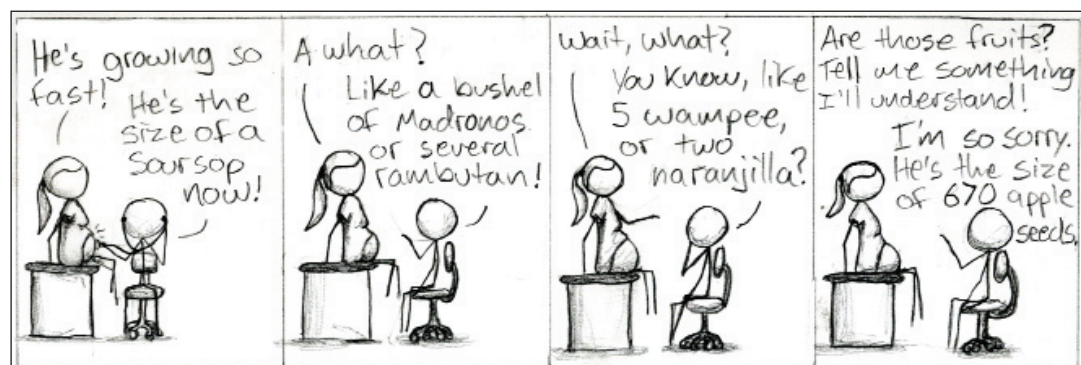
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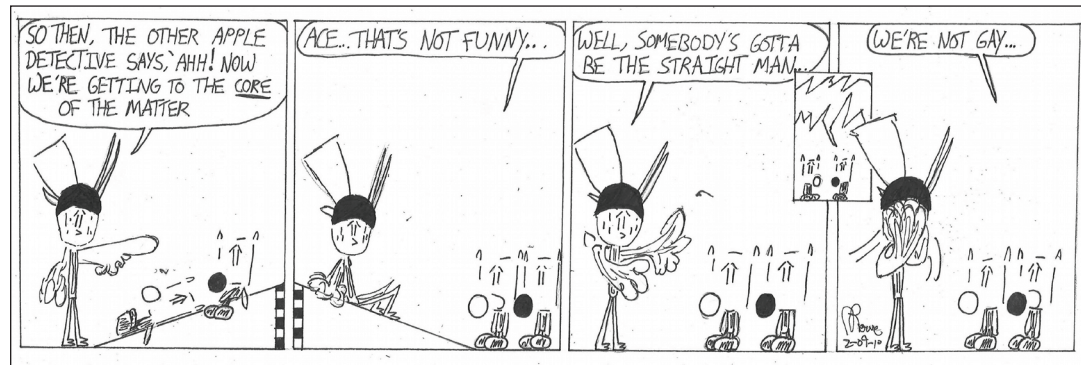
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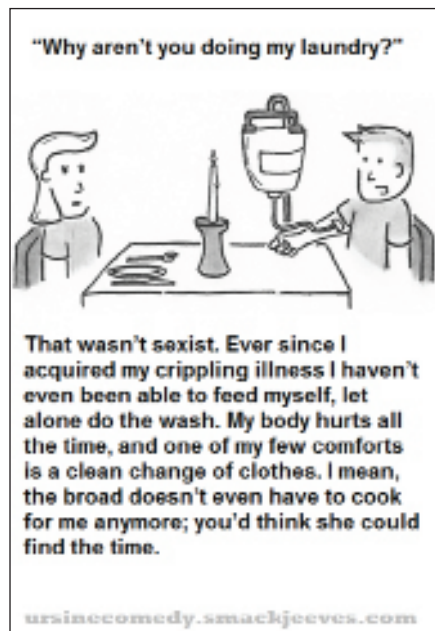
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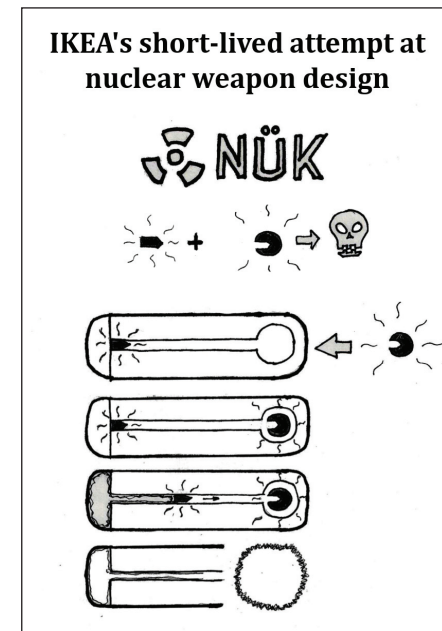
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The harmony you seek is less important than the harmony you bring. Remember this especially around your family -- they may act like they're born royals. Your goodwill and grace keep them on their best behavior.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a natural actor, mournful one moment, gleeful the next. You'll be making lots of faces and gestures while sharing your stories. How you say it is more telling than what you say.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "The flow" is the place where creativity and inspired action meet. "The flow" isn't always easy to find. People even write books about finding it. But you don't need a book now, because you're in it, baby!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter how scattered you feel, no one could accuse you of being uncaring. Maybe you confide more than you think you should, but rest easy -- your kind of sharing opens a two-way path between hearts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why look for a guru? You know that spirituality is a living, breathing presence. The trees move with the wind just like your thoughts. Look deeply into the natural world to glimpse your own essence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True friends mutually reinforce each other's bright sides. Even when they call you up for support, it's an honor to be there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been focused on doing what you do well. Finally the higher-ups are recognizing your star qualities. Don't ask for a raise yet. It's the beginning of a period of honing your skills and perfecting your game.

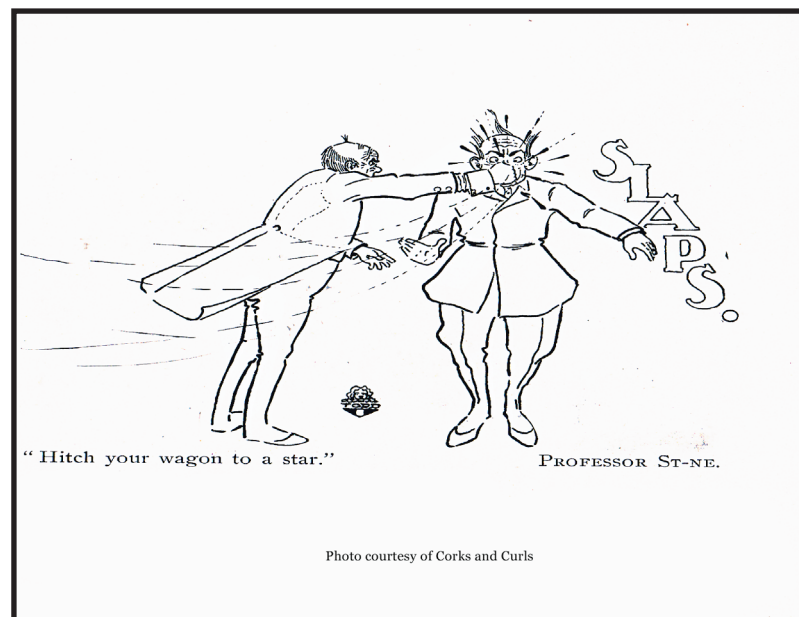
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your favorite hobby makes you different. If you want to be a rodeo queen, an accordion aficionado or a professional ice-cream taster, don't bully yourself! This is your day to take one step in that direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Want to conspire with forces beyond your imagining? Focus on the best possible outcome for all involved. When you align with an intention, you can go anywhere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's music and motion in your ideas. Pitch at least one of them today. You paint the most convincing picture when you're not even trying. A Scorpio person is especially receptive to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people would never guess that you're a closet utilitarian. You need more functional things in your life. Today, look at your life through your untidy office desk. If you don't need it, what's it still doing there?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27). You're stretching -- and not necessarily because you're doing yoga. It's your imagination that gets the best workout, lengthening into a smarter and more focused form of yourself. The declaration you make next month sticks. By June, you can check off one of your childhood ambitions. You "click" with Leo and Capricorn people. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 5, 42, 8 and 45.



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4 "You flatter me too much!"

10 Vatican locale

14 "Who ___?"

15 Complain

16 Any of the singers of the 1973 #1 hit "Love Train"

17 Something to hang your hat on

18 "Platoon" director

20 "That tastes awful!" comments

22 Leandro's partner in a Handel title

23 Camel refueling spots

24 Comedian who voiced the lead role in "Ratatouille"

28 It gets flatter as it gets older

29 Little blobs on slides

33 Material for a military uniform

35 Vassal

37 Peculiar

38 Tom Cruise's "Risky Business" co-star

42 Fury

43 Mtn. stats

44 Sonnets and such

45 Big cake maker

48 Paneled rooms, often

49 Igor player in "Young Frankenstein"

54 Audibly amazed

57 Old nuclear regulatory org.

58 Modern prefix with mom

59 What the starts of 18-, 24-, 38- and 49-Across each won

63 Navy noncom

64 "Fifteen Miles on the ___ Canal"

65 Necessary

66 Symbol of sturdiness

67 Blue-green shade

68 Sends to the dump

69 Soph., jr. and sr.

Down

1 Drink greedily

2 Q

3 "Star Wars" weapon

4 Gold, in Guadalupe

5 State capital whose main street is named Last Chance Gulch

6 Vice president Agnew

7 Saves for later viewing, in a way

8 2000 Beatles album or its peak chart position

9 The "p" of r.p.m.

10 Spin on an axis

11 13-Down, south of the border

12 Neck line?

13 11-Down, north of the border

19 Unaided

21 Feed, as a fire

25 Like much of Pindar's work

26 They might be hawked

27 Kind of radio

30 Sci-fi physician played by DeForest Kelley

31 Leading man?

32 Ben & Jerry's competitor

33 ___ Kross ('90s rap duo)

34 Juno, in Greece

35 Bob of "How I Met Your Mother"

36 N.Y.C. summer hrs.

39 "If I Could Turn Back Time" singer, 1989

40 German car

41 Sonata part

46 Brew named for a Dutch river

47 Nordic native

48 Edict

50 Rowdy ___

51 "Rawhide" cowboy

51 Fights that go on and on

52 For face value

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55 Actor Richard

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Sigler | University tops academic, social rankings

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here. Ms. Kathy, who swipes you into Newcomb, is probably the nicest woman to have ever walked the earth.

But back to what really matters. There's only one word to describe the social scene here — unparalleled. University students never leave on the weekends; instead, kids come here to party. I'm pretty sure the official school motto is "work hard, play hard."

You wake up after your raging night out on the Corner or Rugby Road, and you're obviously hungry. You don't lie in your bed eating stale Cheerios out of the box. Oh no, you're going

to Bodo's. Bodo's has been continually voted the best hangover food. It's the place to be seen the morning after. Even following a rough night, you get out of bed and get right back into the social scene. That's how hard we go.

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I'm sure the University Guide

Service told you all about the little UNESCO World Heritage Site which is the symbol of our University. The Lawn is the perfect center for the University. During football season, you can go to tailgates on the Lawn. Every Halloween we host Trick-or-Treating on the Lawn, where the most adorable future Cavaliers you've ever seen congregate, play in the leaves and experience a total sugar high. And in December everyone goes to the Lighting of the Lawn, an event filled with singing, hot chocolate, a poem read by professors, ice sculptures and tons of lights. In the spring, you can lie out and tan with your besties, instead of going to your two o'clock lecture.

What could be better?

Finally and most importantly, the people here rock. Everyone is happy to be here. I mean, how could you not be? Students here genuinely care about each other, and there's a place and a niche for everyone.

We're not the only people who think we're awesome. In 2011, The Huffington Post ranked the University the preppiest school. GQ in 2009 named us the 25th-douchiest college, and home of the "blue blazer douche." Well, haters gonna hate.

To quote ESPN's review of college campuses, University students "get called out for thinking they're better than everyone else. Well, if you went to the

school in Virginia with the most stringent admissions requirements, best overall athletic program, most beautiful campus and coeds, most successful and famous alumni, the most storied social scene, was founded by Thomas Jefferson, and all that happened to be in what was voted the #1 city to live in America, well you'd think you were [great] too."

So prospective student, don't waste another second. Send in your deposit now and make the best decision of your entire life. Wahoowa!

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McNally | Relaxed attitude encourages friendly environment

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him in a while, so we excitedly said hello and both stopped for a moment to hug. Immersed in her iPod the girl walking behind my friend did not see him stop abruptly and nearly ran into him. As she passed us, she paused to angrily say, "Really?!"

I wanted to shout back: "Yes! Really. I really stopped to say

hello to my friend! You really should pay attention to where you are walking. Chill out, because we really didn't slow you down that much." But I settled instead for simply muttering, "Somebody must be having a bad day."

I am usually the type of person who is easily annoyed by things like this. It used to get under my skin. But these days it's hard for anything to break my fourth-

year mellow. Instead of getting annoyed, I just ask: "Does this really matter that much?" The answer is almost always no.

I have also begun asking this when I am the one overreacting. Friday, when I found myself grumbling and getting worked up about the traffic on my way to work and the number of geezers driving slower than the speed limit I realized it was time for a pause. I was heading to baby-sit

with the same family I always work for, and I reminded myself it really didn't matter if the old folks made me five minutes late.

"Does it really matter that much?" is also effective outside the realm of road rage. I ask it when I begin to stress about little things, when I am getting frustrated with inanimate objects (a.k.a. my computer), and when I am overthinking a situation. This habit has helped to relax me

so much I think it's only fair to share it with underclassmen, so you can enjoy it for even longer than I have.

Who knows, if we were all a little more relaxed, there might be fewer stories like the ones I mentioned, and more instances of general courtesy.

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Egwu | Fast-food addict breaks breakfast habit, eats healthier

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as cheap or healthy. The oatmeal began turning into greasy, tasty breakfast sandwiches which would sit in my stomach like rocks — delicious rocks, but rocks nonetheless.

But there are still weekends when I find myself stopping for a breakfast sandwich, or oatmeal, or an iced coffee. I had to curb my unhealthy breakfast habit, though, for financial and health reasons.

You'd be surprised how a

bacon, egg and cheese sandwich a day (coupled with oatmeal and probably that iced coffee) can disrupt the flow of things. And by disrupt the flow of things, I mean make me feel heavier and sleepier than a baby rhino. I've returned to my kitchen to

make myself an actual breakfast which wasn't prepared in five minutes or less. Yes, it is far less convenient. And yes, there is some secret ingredient in fast food oatmeal I have yet to discover which makes it addictive and tasty. But somehow,

the sense of accomplishment of beating my fast food addiction is better than all of those benefits.

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