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No. 12 Virginia clinches ACC regular season title



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Seniors Akil Mitchell and Joe Harris cut down the net as the No. 12 Cavaliers celebrate following their 75-56 victory against No. 4 Syracuse to claim the ACC regular season title outright.

Zack Barte
Sports Editor

Before an emotional Senior Day, coach Tony Bennett gave his seniors a simple message: “Just stay focused.”

“Your parents can enjoy this... but we have a task at hand,” Bennett said. “I kind of joked and said when the season is over we’ll get a DJ and have a party at my pool — we’ll celebrate that way. I thought they did a great job of being locked in, which is easier said than done.”

In what was billed as the biggest Virginia men’s basketball game since Ralph Sampson’s days at University Hall — the game was sold out since November and many students camped out overnight to get prime seats — the No. 12 Cavaliers (25-5, 16-1 ACC) used a 20-5 second-half run to squeeze the No. 4 Orange (26-3, 13-3 ACC), 75-56.

The Cavaliers won their 13th consecutive game to clinch their sixth outright regular season ACC title — their first since the 1980-1981 season — and secure the top seed in the ACC Tournament. It was an accomplishment that senior guard Joe Harris did not take lightly.

“I can’t even describe this feeling right now,” Harris said. “One of the main reasons I came here, and I know that [senior forward] Akil [Mitchell] came here, was to be the foundation for coach Bennett’s program and turning this thing around back to what it used to be. For us to go out this way with an ACC crown is unreal.”

Syracuse opened the game on an 8-3 run, but the Cavaliers battled back, taking a 10-8 advantage when sophomore forward Anthony Gill slammed home a Harris miss. They would stretch the lead to 22-15 after sophomore center Mike Tobey put back a miss from soph-

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Climbing the ladder



MICHAEL EILBACHER
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As the final seconds ticked off the clock and No. 12 Virginia sealed the ACC regular season title with a 75-56 win against No. 4 Syracuse, the Cavalier players dutifully headed for the locker room. For a team coached by the unflappable Tony Bennett, it was just another win — its 13th straight win — but there was still more work to do.

But even for Bennett, the hundreds

of fans who had stormed the court were too much to ignore. He indulged the crowd, leading his players back out onto the court to revel in their victory — at least a little bit.

As the Cavaliers headed out to cut down the nets, two of the team’s seniors, guard Joe Harris and forward Akil Mitchell, were carrying the ladder. It was their last game at Virginia, and they celebrated in style.

“We weren’t really expecting to cut down the nets,” Harris said. “It was pretty cool. Some of the guys talked about it before the game, but I said, ‘No way we’re cutting down the nets,’ because coach Bennett will just want us to start getting ready for Maryland.”

Harris and Mitchell were two of Bennett’s first true recruits at Virginia, and they came into a program that had gone 15-16 in Bennett’s first season —

the team’s eighth season in nine years with a losing conference record. Virginia basketball was far removed from its glory days, and Bennett was frank to his recruits.

“When we first got here, my first year, coach Bennett talked about how it was going to be tough when we first

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No. 4 Cavs take ACC opener, 17-12

Pannell scores career-high seven goals in first-ever conference matchup against Syracuse

Ryan Taylor
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On a huge night for sports in Charlottesville, the fourth-ranked Virginia men's lacrosse team followed the men's basketball team victory by downing No. 8 Syracuse in its ACC opener, 17-12.

The Cavaliers (6-0, 1-0 ACC) dominated all facets of the game, at least doubling the Orange in ground balls won, caused turnovers and faceoffs won. Virginia also posted nearly the same number of shots on goal as the Orange did total shots, putting up 31 on target to Syracuse's 33 total.

"This was the best we've played all year," coach Dom Starsia said. "This was two good teams playing hard and this was our most complete effort of the season."

The Cavaliers are off to a significantly better start than they were last season. Virginia began the season ranked sixth in the ACC and seventh in the country, but an overtime win against a strong Loyola team and several recent dominating performances have elevated Virginia to the No. 4 ranking in the nation.

Conversely, the Orange (2-2, 0-2 ACC) entered Klöckner Stadium seeking to rebound from a crushing 16-8 loss against seventh-ranked Maryland in their first-ever ACC game a week ago.

This motivation manifested itself early in the game, as the Orange quickly jumped out to a three-goal

advantage in the first quarter. Syracuse senior midfielder Chris Daddio won two of the first three faceoffs to help spark the Orange run. Virginia junior midfielder Mick Parks, however, won the next five straight to swing momentum in the Cavaliers' favor.

"We've been behind these guys by seven or eight in the past, so I wasn't that concerned," Starsia said. "Part of me was thinking I hope we get one tonight, but other than that I felt like we would be able to climb back in it."

This period of dominance at the faceoff X lead to an offensive outpouring for Virginia, as the team netted six unanswered goals, led by a hat trick from sophomore attackman James Pannell. The sophomore capped the Cavalier run by taking the ball from behind the cage, quickly turning and rifling home a no-angle shot into the opposite top corner.

"We had a man down, and wanted to run a play down the wing," Pannell said. "[Senior midfielder] Rob [Emery] pulled my guy up, and we run it in practice all the time, so I just followed him and turned around and shot. It was just how we drew it up."

The Orange were finally able to stop the bleeding with eight minutes to go in the first half, after being awarded back-to-back extra-man opportunities that put Virginia a man down for nearly a minute and a half.

The squads traded blows for the remainder of the half, but Virginia

maintained its two-goal lead going into the break. A hard shot from just inside the restraining box by Emery beat Syracuse junior goalkeeper Dominic Lamolinara with eight seconds to play in the second quarter.

Parks continued his dominance in the faceoff circle to give Virginia several early opportunities in the third quarter. Despite loose defense from the Orange, however, the Cavaliers opted for low-percentage shots that were easily foiled by Lamolinara. These wasted opportunities eventually began to haunt Virginia, as Syracuse drew even at 9-9 with just less than eight minutes remaining in the quarter. With momentum clearly in Syracuse's favor, Starsia called a timeout to refocus his squad. The strategy immediately paid dividends, as the Cavaliers won the ensuing faceoff and brilliantly executed a passing play engineered by Pannell that had the Orange defense scrambling. Senior attackman Mark Cockerton took the feed from sophomore attackman Owen Van Arsdale and broke the tie.

Virginia doubled its lead less than 30 seconds later when senior defenseman Scott McWilliams took the ball nearly coast-to-coast and walked deep into the restraining box to put away his first of the season.

"The wings did a great job of getting the ball up the deck," McWilliams said. "A main focus we had was getting one-time on the ground balls, and I think our defensemen improved on that. We just need to focus on getting better and better."



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Sophomore attackman James Pannell scored a career-best seven goals Saturday to lead the No. 4 Cavaliers to a 17-12 win against No. 4 Syracuse.

From there, the floodgates opened; the Cavaliers scored two more unanswered goals to extend their lead to four with three minutes to play in the third quarter.

Virginia's defense came to life as well during this run, consistently out-battling the Orange attack for ground balls and delivering crushing body checks to the opponents — the loudest roar of the night from the 5,102 fans packed inside Klöckner came when senior midfielder Pat Harbeson viciously decimated an unsuspecting Syracuse player.

The Cavaliers got in foul trouble late in the third quarter for delay of game, affording Syracuse a man-up opportunity. However, McWilliams and company kept their slides sharp and did not allow a shot.

Virginia immediately converted this momentum into a power-play of their own by drawing a personal foul penalty on a ground ball. Despite a strong effort from the Syracuse de-

fense, the Cavaliers would not be denied. Pannell put home his sixth goal of the evening on a rocket that beat Lamolinara high on the stick side.

With seven minutes remaining in the contest, Syracuse appeared poised to make a comeback run and pulled within two goals. But the Cavaliers quickly responded to stretch their lead back to four off of goals by freshman midfielder Zed Williams and Pannell, who finished with a career-high seven goals. Freshman goalkeeper Matt Barrett sealed the game with a series of late saves.

"[Pannell] never was at full strength last year," Starsia said. "He got hurt on the first day of practice and just was never ready. We aren't expecting this type of performance every night, but he is a top player at this level and he certainly seized the opportunity to show that tonight."

The Cavaliers return to action March 8 when they travel to Ithaca, NY to take on No. 16 Cornell.



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Junior David Ingraham was part of the 200-yard medley relay team that broke the Virginia school record. Ingraham also qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 400-yard individual medley.

No. 22 Virginia men place fourth

This weekend marked the end of a six-year ACC Championship win streak dating back to 2008 for the No. 22 Virginia men's swimming and diving team.

No. 18 Virginia Tech was crowned ACC Champions with 1,264 points, while No. 20 North Carolina State placed second and No. 13 North Carolina finished third with 1,226 and 995 points, respectively. The Cavaliers placed fourth, scoring 972 points. Despite the disappointing finish, Virginia drew several positives from the meet, including breaking three school records and earning several medals.

The 200-yard medley relay re-

cord fell on the first day of competition, with the team of senior Jack Murfee, sophomore Yannick Kaeser, and juniors David Ingraham and Charlie Rommel notching a time of 1:24.98. The time was good for fourth in the competition and an automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA Championships.

Virginia's 800-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard medley relay teams, along with Ingraham in the 400-yard individual medley, all earned NCAA automatic qualifying times.

At preliminary qualifying Friday, junior Kyle Dudzinski broke Virginia's school record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 46.06.

Virginia won its first individual

event Saturday on the fourth and final day of competition when senior Brad Phillips won the 1,650-yard freestyle. Sophomore Luke Papendick broke his own school record in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:40.99, earning Virginia's second individual event win. Kaeser earned silver medals in the 100-yard breaststroke Friday and the 200-yard breaststroke Saturday.

The Virginia men's divers will next compete in the NCAA Zone Championships March 10-12. The rest of the swimmers will wait to compete again until the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, which run March 27-29.

—compiled by Robert Elder

No. 6 Baseball sweeps Monmouth

Cavaliers win Sunday doubleheader, 5-3, 6-2, rain ends late game after six innings

Ryan O'Connor | The Cavalier Daily

Sophomore left-hander Brandon Waddell pitched his best outing of the year in the second game of Virginia's Sunday doubleheader, tossing a six-inning, five-hit complete game and striking out five Monmouth batters.

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Right around 5:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon, the No. 6 Virginia baseball team emerged from the home dugout to cover the Davenport Field infield with a large tarp. The Cavaliers then retreated to the clubhouse with a 6-2 win in their pocket and their second home-series sweep in the bag after the second game of a Sunday doubleheader against Monmouth was called after the top of the sixth inning due to persistent rain.

"I thought this weekend was a really good weekend for us," coach Brian O'Connor said. "Any time you sweep a series, you've got to feel good about it."

Sophomore left-hander Brandon Waddell started Sunday's finale, and he turned in his best outing of the year, tossing a six-inning, five-hit complete game and striking out five Hawks (1-5). After ceding a two-out, two-run double to junior centerfield-

er Steve Wilgus, Waddell bore down, retiring 10 of his last 11 batters faced despite the tricky field conditions. Waddell said the rain was no reason to not pitch well.

"It was a little bit of an obstacle," Waddell said. "You slip here and there, [and] you go out in the dirt and it sticks to your cleats. But I mean, both teams were pitching in it, so it's something you've got to go with and throw your game."

The Cavaliers (9-2) got to Monmouth junior left-hander Jeff Singer, the Division III Pitcher of the Year last season for Gloucester Community College, from the very beginning.

Junior first baseman Mike Papi worked his fourth walk of the doubleheader to lead off the first inning, and after Singer hit junior left fielder Derek Fisher with one out, junior centerfielder Brandon Downes lined a double into the left-centerfield gap, scoring both. Soon after, the Hawks got junior right-hander Chris McKenna going in the bullpen.

Singer came back out for the second, and freshman shortstop Daniel

Pinero doubled in junior third baseman Kenny Towns. Pinero then scored on Fisher's groundout to Monmouth sophomore third baseman Robbie Alessandrino.

McKenna momentarily quieted the Cavalier bats in relief of Singer, but in the sixth, he issued back-to-back one-out walks and Virginia sophomore right fielder Joe McCarthy launched a two-run double off the wall in right-centerfield. The game was called soon after.

"Monmouth's coach and I talked right after the first game with the umpires and our field people, and we just thought that we'd try to play as long as we could," O'Connor. "I hate when you have a guest in town — [an] opposing team — and you play a rain-shortened game, only a six-inning ballgame. You don't like winning that way."

Sophomore right hander Josh Sborz started the early game Sunday, throwing five innings and earning his third win in as many starts. The Cavaliers then handed the ball to sophomore lefty David Rosenberger for the

sixth and seventh frames. O'Connor turned to junior closer Nick Howard for the eighth and ninth, and the two-way standout nailed down his first two-inning save of the year.

"I just felt that first game, it was time for [Howard] to come in and [to] stretch him out a little bit and look at him for two innings," O'Connor said. "There may be a point that he enters a ballgame in the seventh inning at some point, depending on what happens throughout the weekend and what we have in front of us. So, I thought Nick was in complete control. He's throwing strikes and working fast and mixing his pitches."

Papi and McCarthy led the Cavalier offense in the 5-3 win, combining to reach base seven times in nine plate appearances. After Sunday's first game, Papi's on-base percentage stood at an astronomical .574.

The Cavaliers were patient at the plate in Saturday's series-opener, as well. Monmouth sent senior southpaw Andrew McGee, the reigning MAAC Pitcher of the Week, to the mound. Virginia worked McGee, a

pitcher who yielded only 15 walks in 110.1 innings last season, for four free passes. The left-hander departed after four innings of five-run ball.

"I thought our approach against McGee in game one was really good," O'Connor said. "That kid last year was 8-2, he threw 111 innings and had a 2.1[2] ERA, and he was their conference pitcher of the year — and for a reason."

Sophomore left-hander Nathan Kirby threw six one-run innings for the Cavaliers to pick up the win. Virginia's most memorable moment of the day, however, might have come in the third inning, when junior catcher Nate Irving hit his first career home run, a three-run shot to left field.

"We kind of gave him a hard time about it with the wind and a little gust, but it's great," Waddell said. "It was nice a swing, nice contact for him."

Virginia plays midweek games against George Washington and Old Dominion this Tuesday and Wednesday before beginning its ACC slate Friday at Duke.

No. 10 Men's tennis bounces back

Cavaliers best two top-10 opponents, Domijan preserves unblemished duel record

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Coming off its first loss in more than a year and half, the No. 10 Virginia men's tennis team rebounded to take down both No. 8 Baylor and No. 6 Notre Dame with a score of 6-1, and shut out Liberty 10-0.

The Cavaliers (9-1, 2-0 ACC) were challenged early Saturday as the Bears took them deep into the doubles portion of the match. With all three matches tied at 7-7, the pair of seniors Alex Domijan and Justin Shane gave the Cavaliers an early advantage by taking their match on the first court, 8-7.

Junior Mitchell Frank and freshman Luca Corinteli clinched the doubles point for the Cavaliers when the pair pulled away in the tiebreaker at No. 2 after jumping to an early 4-1 lead.

The Cavaliers managed to convert opportunities into crucial points late in the match. Frank attacked the net particularly well in his doubles match with sharp slices down the line.

"One of the things we tried to focus [on] is being aggressive and making sure we're always tight to the middle," coach Brian Boland said. "I think we've gotten better at it over time with our reflexes. I think the guys have done a tremendous job of learning

great doubles fundamentals."

Sophomore Mac Stylsinger and freshman Thai-Son Kwiatkowski were embroiled in a tiebreaker when the Cavaliers clinched the doubles point and did not finish at No. 3. Stylsinger and Kwiatkowski remain undefeated on the season as a pair.

No. 73 Stylsinger entered his singles match and blitzed junior Tony Lupieri, going up 3-0 early in both the first and second sets of his match. Stylsinger dispatched Lupieri 6-2, 6-1 to double Virginia's advantage to 2-0. After falling behind early on the first set, No. 92 Domijan came back and won in convincing fashion against No. 18 junior Diego Galeano to increase the Cavalier lead to 3-0.

Baylor finally got on the board when No. 6 sophomore Julian Lenz took down No. 4 Frank, 6-2, 6-2, to cut Virginia's lead to 3-1.

However, the Cavaliers did not look back after Frank's loss and went onto win the next three matches. Virginia clinched the match against Baylor when sophomore Ryan Shane defeated No. 13 senior Patrick Pradella, 6-4, 6-2. The victory against Pradella gave Shane the highest ranked win of his career.

The Cavaliers rarely exhibited frustration against Baylor and Notre Dame, even when borderline calls went against them, a characteristic Boland credits to the way the Cava-

liers practice.

"We try to coach it that way," Boland said. "You're always going to get close calls, you have to move on. It's something we spend a lot of time on during practice and your practice habits transition into your matches."

The Cavaliers started off the doubles portion of the match hot against the Irish Sunday, as Domijan and sophomore Harrison Richmond broke senior Ryan Bandy and sophomore Eric Schnurrenberger. Domijan overpowered the duo with his serve — neither Bandy nor Schnurrenberger were able to return the senior's serves past the net during the last game, dropping the match, 8-5.

Stylsinger and Corinteli then upset the No. 11 team of senior Greg Andrews and sophomore Alex Lawson, 8-5, to secure the doubles point.

The Cavaliers carried the momentum into the singles portion of the match, with Kwiatkowski, Stylsinger and Domijan all breaking their opponents immediately.

The Cavaliers seemed to be running away with the match until No. 124 Notre Dame freshman Josh Hagar battled back against Stylsinger to grab an early 1-4 lead in the second set.

At No. 1, Ryan Shane grabbed the first set 6-3 but then rain forced the Cavaliers to move the match indoors to the Boar's Head Sports Club.



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No. 92 senior Alex Domijan won all three of his singles matches this weekend, including a 6-4, 6-3 victory against No. 18 Baylor junior Diego Galeano.

The 45-minute rain delay did not seem to bother the Cavaliers, as Domijan immediately won his match and doubled Virginia's advantage against Notre Dame to 2-0. Sophomore Ryan Shane went on to add another signature to his weekend with a win against No. 28 Andrews to put the Cavaliers up 3-0.

Ryan's brother, senior Justin Shane, dropped Virginia's first point, falling to Bandy in straight sets. Freshman J.C. Aragone picked up a victory in his debut against junior Wyatt McCoy, 7-6, 6-4. Aragone's victory clinched the match against Notre Dame and was followed by a win from fellow freshman Kwiatkowski shortly after.

"In a lot of ways it was a different team on the court," Boland said. "We brought in J.C. Aragone for his debut. It was a big change, we made some changes. We'll continue to do that to give guys experience and see what they can do in big moments."

Stylsinger posted a hard fought three-set victory against Hagar after dropping the second set. Stylsinger's

serve was on full display in the final set when he blasted four straight unreturnable serves at Hagar to push the score to 5-4 — he finished the set 7-5 to take the match. Hagar topped Stylsinger in indoors earlier in the year, so when the rain delay forced the Cavaliers to move indoors, Stylsinger had to adjust his play.

"[Hagar] is a better indoor player and he likes to hit the ball flat," Stylsinger said. "They're both great teams so I think [the wins] just give us some confidence moving forward."

Virginia next took on Liberty, and defeated the Flames by a score of 10-0. Domijan and Justin Shane teamed up to trounce No. 59 doubles team of senior Shea Thomas and junior Jorge Azuero, 8-1.

Domijan is undefeated in duel play this season, while sophomores Jonathan Cornish and Alex Scheinman picked up their first wins this season.

The Cavaliers return to the court Thursday in Los Angeles, where they will face No. 4 UCLA at 3 p.m.

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omore guard Malcolm Brogdon.

Mitchell, who led Virginia at halftime with eight points on 4-of-5 shooting and seven rebounds, knocked down a jumper with 4:40 to play in the half. The Orange then sank consecutive 3-pointers, and junior forward Rakeem Christmas capped an 8-0 Syracuse run with a wide-open alley-oop from freshman point guard Tyler Ennis.

Sophomore guard Justin Anderson broke the Syracuse run when he hit the team's first 3-pointer of the game with 50 seconds left before halftime. The shot cut the Orange lead to 28-27 and provided a spark going into the break.

"With their zone and the way that they play, once you touch the middle of the paint, the perimeter will get open shots," Anderson said. "I had a down part of the season where I wasn't hitting those shots, but I've been putting up a lot of extra shots in practice and it paid off tonight. Coach told me to get ready and keep my hands ready to shoot."

Syracuse sophomore forward Jeremi Grant did not return after halftime due to back soreness. Grant played 13 minutes in the first half, shooting 0-of-3 and grabbing one rebound. Grant has started 15 of 16 ACC games for the Orange, averaging 11.0 points and 7.3 rebounds during conference play.

Following a two-point first half, Brogdon came alive in the second half, scoring 17 points and converting all eight of his free throw attempts. At the 18:42 mark, Brogdon pulled down a rebound and was fouled in transition by Ennis — Ennis' third of the game.

The teams continued to trade blows, with two Fair free throws tying the game at 42-42 with 11:20 left to play. Brogdon sank a pair of free throws to break the tie, and then Harris found Brogdon at the free throw line on the ensuing possession. Brogdon buried the turnaround jumper, scoring the first four points of what would become a 20-5 game-deciding run.

"I wanted to help last year [during the Duke win] and I wanted to be a part of it," Brogdon said. "It's great to be a part of it this year and being a

part of an amazing season."

Gill drew a charge call against Ennis with 9:10 left in the game, sending the freshman to the bench with the Orange down 46-42. Despite being limited by foul trouble, the point guard — who was so "crafty" according to Anderson that he had to change from his LeBrons to a lighter shoe while guarding him — finished with 13 points, four assists and three rebounds.

"[Gill] was the X-factor for sure, taking two set charges on [Ennis]," Anderson said. "That changed the game. We felt like if we could take Ennis out of the game and make him be more hesitant, then we would have a great chance of winning."

After shooting just 1-of-5 from long-range in the first half, Virginia combined to shoot 7-of-11 from beyond the arc after the break, with Anderson and Perras each draining both of their 3-point attempts in the second half. Conversely, Syracuse followed up a 3-of-9 first-half performance from downtown with a 2-of-13 second half.

Anderson assisted on a deep Perras 3-pointer with 8:46 to play to take a 49-42 lead, with Perras

returning the favor a minute later. When Perras found Harris — one of his game-high seven assists — for a deep 3-pointer to extend the Virginia lead to 60-47 with 4:45 left, the senior brought the house down.

"Last time I heard [John Paul Jones Arena] that loud I was at the Taylor Swift concert," Bennett said. "I remember I sat there and there were 14,000 teenage girls screaming and I was like, 'I wonder if we can get it like this for a game.' And I'm telling you something, it either rivaled or surpassed it — sorry Taylor."

Virginia also capitalized on its 13 offensive rebounds, scoring 21 second-chance points to Syracuse's 10. Mitchell and Tobey dominated the post with five offensive rebounds apiece, as the Cavaliers outscored the Orange 34-24 in the paint.

"Going into this game, coach [Bennett] told me to be aggressive, especially at the top of the key," Tobey said. "For teams that play zone, that's the soft spot in their defense. I haven't been playing up to the level I know I can play, so I came into this game with an aggressive mentality."

Brogdon led the Cavaliers with a career-best 19 points, while Mitchell

recorded 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds in his final home game. Tobey and Anderson contributed 11 points each, and Tobey also pulled down eight boards.

Harris finished his illustrious career at John Paul Jones Arena with seven points, four assists, three rebounds and one steal.

Ennis and Fair led the Orange in scoring with 13 points each, while Christmas snagged a team-high seven rebounds.

With 39 seconds remaining, senior guard Thomas Rogers entered the game. Just seven seconds later, Rogers sank a 3-pointer to end his career as a three-year walk-on who earned a scholarship for his senior season.

"When I cut down the net I told [Rogers], 'Thomas, the best memory that I'm going to have of this net is that you were the last person to splash a shot through it,' Anderson said. "That was big-time for him."

Virginia will conclude the regular season March 9 against Maryland in College Park, Md. The game will be the final ACC matchup between the two longtime rivals. Tipoff is scheduled for noon.

EILBACHER Harris', Mitchell's commitment pays off over time

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came in," Harris said. "I think he said to the entire freshman class, 'You've got to learn to lose together before you can win together.' We came here, we struggled, we had glimpses of success, but not a whole lot of anything that was sustained. We really believed that we could turn this thing around."

Virginia would go 16-15 that season with another losing ACC record — one small step up the ladder — and two of Bennett's first class would leave after the season. Two more would transfer midway through Bennett's third season, leaving just Harris, Mitchell and walk-on guard Thomas Rogers — who

would earn a scholarship going into this season — as the remaining players from Bennett's first class.

The pair wasn't affected by their classmates' departures. The team finished 22-10 and made the NCAA Tournament in Bennett's third year, and Harris and Mitchell were as committed as ever.

"It was unfortunate that a lot of the guys decided to leave," Harris said. "But the ones that stuck it out — Akil and I and Thomas — and then all the guys that wanted to be a part of coach Bennett's program, they really believed in him, and we knew that we had a chance to achieve something great in our time here."

After going 23-12 in Bennett's fourth year, Virginia entered Ben-

nett's fifth season with one of the deepest teams the Cavaliers had seen in years, with Harris and Mitchell as the leaders in their fourth and final year.

The rest, to use the old cliché, is history. Virginia entered its final home game 15 conference wins later with a chance to win the ACC and complete Bennett's radical transformation.

The sold-out crowd was waiting on Senior Night to celebrate the duo that had played 252 combined games for Virginia.

Harris ranks second in Cavalier history in 3-pointers and was an All-ACC first team selection last season. Mitchell picked up third team All-ACC honors last year and is in the top-10 in the ACC in rebounds this year.

The hearty ovation the two Virginia stalwarts received was well earned, but Bennett made sure it didn't go to

their head.

"Coach Bennett kind of made sure that he told us it wasn't a big deal," Mitchell said. "It's for our families, for the fans and stuff like that, but we still have so much work to do. There are too many games, too much basketball left to get all caught up in the emotions and the hype."

Mitchell certainly didn't seem affected. He carried the team early against the Orange, getting into the paint to help break up the Syracuse zone defense — he finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Harris started off slow — he had just one point at halftime — and ultimately finished with seven points, four assists and three rebounds. It wasn't the flashiest game for either player, but as the team led by 19 points over a top-five team in the final minute, Bennett paused to think of his remaining seniors.

"I took a moment to give thanks, because I can remember when we had a bigger group," Bennett said. "But those guys came in and we just painted a picture to them and the vision was, 'Come help us turn this program around.' ... That was

the vision and that was what Joe remembered. He said, 'I don't care this year if I'm not getting as many shots. I just want to win; I want to turn this program around and I'll get my chances later.'"

With 16 conference wins, Virginia has clinched its most successful season in the ACC ever and the ACC regular season title outright for the first time since the Ralph Sampson days — the 1980-81 season. For the seniors who stuck with the program from the beginning, it was the perfect Senior Night.

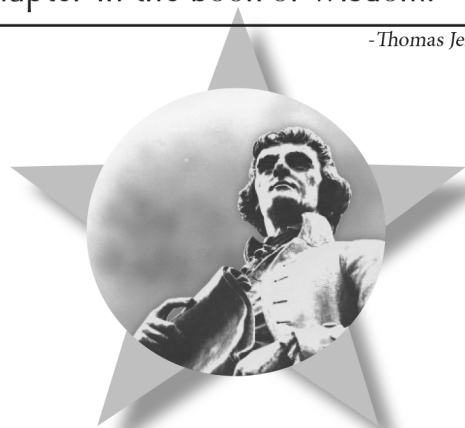
"Four years ago, we thought about turning the program around and, not to say that we've arrived or anything like that, but we're definitely where we want to be: ACC champs," Mitchell said. "Just to say that sounds great, but we want to say NCAA Champs. We have those goals, we have those aspirations."

The climb to cut down the nets at John Paul Jones Arena as ACC Champions may have been just 10 feet, but for Harris, Mitchell and Bennett, the climb for the Virginia program has been much longer — they've been climbing for four years.

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom!

-Thomas Jefferson

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Senior Writer

The newly-elected members of the Honor Committee were announced Friday evening in Jefferson Hall — third-year College students Nick Lee, Nick Hine, Meg Gould and Henley Hopkinson joined second-year Martese Johnson as the College's five representatives.

Elected members of the Committee said they aim to increase education to students and faculty about the honor system and to study problems like disproportionate reporting. Lee said the Committee needs to do more than in the past.

"Honor passively interacts," Lee said. "But we need to really go out to the student body."

Johnson, the sole newcomer to the Committee, agreed it is time for the Committee to act to create positive change.

"Lots of times, we set these goals

UBE announces Honor Committee Reps

Hine, Lee, Johnson, Gould, Hopkinson win College race, low turnout disappoints incoming representatives

and nothing really happens," he said. Johnson said he wants to make the Committee more welcoming, especially for minority students.

During his campaign, Johnson spoke to more than 500 African-American students on Grounds. "A majority had never voted," Johnson said. "They don't buy in [to Honor]."

Hine said new faculty members and international students are other segments of the University community who may need encouragement to embrace the honor system. Disproportionately high reporting rates of international students, minorities and student athletes may make students feel like the system is against them, he said.

Hine suggested commissioning a study with professors to address disproportionate reporting of honor offenses.

"We just don't know enough about disproportionate reporting for me to say what we need to change about it," Hine said.

Less than 25 percent of College students cast votes for Committee representatives throughout the four-day long voting process. During the

uvavote.com site crash Monday morning, the elections board used Facebook and email to distribute an alternative voting link. Hine attributed this year's comparatively low participation to an unusually high turnout rate last year, with the Restore the Ideal Act campaign in full swing — a proposal which stirred large student debate as the Committee proposed a two-part reform that would have included eliminating mixed and random student juries as well as adding informed retraction into the Committee bylaws.

"It's certainly frustrating to be at a school where we claim to really care about student self-governance, but only a quarter of students turn out to vote," Hine said.

Lee said part of student self-governance is spending time to decide how to vote. He thought uncontested elections might have contributed to student apathy.

"It might be worthwhile to talk to students about why they don't vote and to have a conversation about it," Lee said.

Hopkinson said he wants to restore student ownership of the

Honor System.

"I want to make sure the student body knows it has the power to effect the change which is afforded it by legislative measures any student can propose," Hopkinson said in an email. "I want [Honor] to be collaboration, not competition."

Gould, who was also recently appointed the student representa-

tive to the Board of Visitors, said her goals have remained the same since the beginning of the campaigning process.

"A top priority is making the Honor System as representative of and responsive to the student body as possible," Gould said in an email. Gould is currently studying abroad in France.



Marshall Bronfin | The Cavalier Daily

The University Board of Elections presented the results of the 2014 student body elections on Friday evening in Jefferson Hall in Hotel C, West Range.

Ross, West take uncontested Student Council races

Miller wins contested VPA race, incoming President, VPO hope to improve outreach to CIOs, say campaigning overcomes lacking opposition

Lital Firestone
Senior Writer

The University Board of Elections released the election results for next year's Student Council President, Vice-President for Organization and Vice-President of Administration Friday evening in Jefferson Hall.

Third-year Engineering student Jalen Ross and second-year College student Kyle West won uncontested races for President

and VPO, respectively. Third-year College student Sky Miller took the contested VPA race.

West said he went and sought endorsements for the position to counter any concerns students had about his unopposed race. He and Ross received The Cavalier Daily's endorsement last week. "Many people I talked to felt comfortable with me in this position," West said.

Ross said he aims to remain accountable to the student body.

"It is my mission in my term

in office to show students that I wasn't just the only choice, I was the best choice," he said.

Ross said students had several misunderstandings about Student Council and what resources Council can contribute to help their groups succeed. "Students have a lot of issues, but they don't currently bring them to us," he said.

To establish a better connection, Ross hopes to create an ambassadors program for Council members to evaluate and contrib-

ute to events hosted by student contracted independent organizations.

"We want to send ambassadors to every event, to encourage ongoing relationships with every corner of the University," he said.

As VPO, West said he hopes to increase for more consistency and to improve communication with CIOs. Council is responsible for appropriating much of the Student Activities Fee students pay each year.

"We should give CIOs more

knowledge about how to request money and fill out budget forms, so they have more people to contact and their questions can be more quickly answered," he said. West also hopes to make contact between Council and CIOs less onerous.

"I plan on subdividing up the Appropriations Committee, and have them divided by type, and

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Kimble, Waters, Munukutla win College UJC positions

Bunting wins by four votes in Engineering race, Vallar ousts current second-year President Kwon, Griggs defends vice-president seat

Joseph Liss
News Editor

The University Board of Elections announced the results of this year's student body elections Friday evening at Jefferson Hall, including an uncontested College Judiciary Committee election and several more hotly-contested class and school-specific races.

Third-year College students Timothy Kimble, Rosa Waters and Bhargavi Munukutla will serve as College UJC representatives. Second-year Michael Bunting took the Engineering Council vice president election, second-year College student Jack Vallar won the Class of 2016 presidential race and third-year College student Blake Griggs edged out fellow College student Kieran Dhaliwal in the Class of

2015 vice presidential contest, with 567 to her 478 votes.

Kimble, Waters and Munukutla all said UJC needs to improve outreach efforts within the University community. Kimble said UJC continues to play an important role on Grounds.

"UJC overlaps with other groups' missions," Kimble said. "[I] would like to collaborate with other groups where missions overlap."

Waters said the UJC had relied too heavily on its educator support officers, rather than Committee members themselves, to educate students in the past.

"[We should] use [our] position as representatives from [the] College to take active role in educating the community about what UJC does," Waters said.

Munukutla said she worked with Kimble when he served as se-

nior educator this term, and looked forward to continuing the relationship. Kimble and Waters said all the incoming College representatives shared a vision for the Committee.

Only 18 percent of College students voted in the UJC election.

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Voter turnout declines 15 percent in spring 2014, 25 percent vote

Law School sees highest participation rate, Batten School only undergraduate school to have any race surpassing 50 percent voter turnout

Rachel Goretsky
Senior Writer

Results from the University Board of Elections University-wide election last week saw a 25 percent voter turnout overall — a stark decline from last year's 40.54 percent. Last year's vote was an 8 percent increase from the general election held in 2012, with momentum largely coming from heated debate about the Honor Committee's proposed Restore the Ideal Act.

Third-year Engineering Student Jalen Ross won Student Council President uncontested with 16.26 percent of the elector-

ate casting ballots. A total of 5,631 students cast votes in this year's races, compared to 8,862 students in last year's race, according to data from the elections board's website.

UBE Chair Krishna Korupolu, a second-year College student who serves as the group's financial officer, said the high number of uncontested races is linked to low voter engagement.

"The problem is voter engagement at its core," Korupolu said. "When the race is uncontested, there is no reason for candidates to reach out to their voter base."

In last year's Engineering Council elections, 1,149 students voted in the contested race for

president between Shiv Sinha and Scott Mattocks, but only 981 of the 3,126 students in the Engineering School voted in the uncontested race for treasurer. Additionally, in last year's election for third-year president, 1,422 then-second years voted for the uncontested Will Laverack, which is less than the 1,767 total undergraduate second-years who voted in any UBE election. In other words, only 39.79 percent of last year's second years voted for their president.

This year's elections for third-year president, featuring College students Jack Vallar and Andrew Kwon, and third-year vice president, featuring College students Parisa Sadeghi and Conrad Tin-

dall, are bringing in much higher rates of third-year turnout than other races, Korupolu said on Thursday before the polls closed.

Both races drew voter turnout of slightly more than 40 percent.

Voter turnout varies by school as well. Korupolu said the smaller schools have a smaller turnout, perhaps because these schools often have their own elections. The largest school, the College, typically has the largest turnout rate in elections, with 50 percent in the spring of 2013 and 45 percent in the spring of 2012.

This year, the Law School saw the highest participation rate — with three of its six races gathering more than 50 percent turnout, and

each race gathering more than 40 percent. The only undergraduate school to see more than 50 percent turnout in any race was the Batten School.

The only College race which saw more than 20 percent turnout was the race for Honor representatives, which saw 24.77 percent of students turn out.

"[The University Board of Elections wants] to look to encourage people to run for positions early on in the year," Korupolu said, hoping that this would decrease the amount of uncontested races and therefore potentially increasing the voter turnout. "We need to encourage more participation and self-governance."

McAuliffe signs widely supported \$64 hybrid car tax repeal

Davis says repeal could re-open transportation bill debate, Watts says hybrid vehicles still cause road congestion, pay less gas tax

Caelainn Carney
Senior Writer

Gov. Terry McAuliffe signed into law last week a repeal of the \$64 tax on hybrid cars in Virginia, first enacted last year. McAuliffe repealed the bill during an appearance on WTOP radio's "Ask the Governor" program. The revised mandate will go into effect July 1, 2014 and affect approximately 75,000 hybrid vehicle owners in the state.

In the radio interview, McAuliffe said the repeal of the hybrid tax would remove a disincentive from buying hybrid vehicles. He called the repeal "common sense."

House Bill 975 passed 89-9 and Senate Bill 127 passed with a 37-1 margin. Sen. Ralph Smith, R-Floyd County, cast the only opposing vote in the Senate.

According to a press release by the Democratic Caucus, every Democrat in the Senate voted in favor of the repeal. The release noted strong Democratic opposition to

the tax when it was first introduced last year as part of the compromise transportation reform bill.

Sen. Adam Ebbin, D-Alexandria, said he was pleased McAuliffe signed the bill.

"The first piece of legislation introduced in the Senate this year was my bill SB1 to repeal the punitive and illogical hybrid vehicle tax," Ebbin said in the press release. His bill, along with others aimed at repealing the tax, were part of the overall effort that went into SB127.

Sen. Chap Petersen, D-Fairfax, also praised the Governor's decision.

"The hybrid tax singled out people who are helping to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and protect our environment, and it slapped them with a punitive tax," Petersen said in the press release. "That tax should never have become law, and I am very pleased that we've managed to fully repeal it."

Del. Vivian Watts, D-Fairfax, voted against the bill in the House.

Watts said the tax pertained to road maintenance rather than environmental concerns.

"We have given all kinds of breaks to hybrid vehicles out of concern for the environment," Watts said. "The problem is that this vehicle still uses the road. They are still part of the line that backs up at the intersection."

Watts said the tax served as a user fee for using Virginia's roads. She said its repeal makes the cost of using roads inequitable among different drivers, as hybrid drivers pay less in gas tax.

"There won't be the same charge for road use that we have for all other kinds of vehicles," Watts said.

Del. Glenn Davis, R-Virginia Beach, also voted against the bill in the House. He said the repeal of this tax could reopen the transportation bill debate and help legislators who want to change other parts of last year's transportation law they did not like.

"I did not want to start the precedent that we would start undoing

the funding mechanism for parts of it that we didn't like," Davis said.

Davis said the elimination of the tax was equivalent to a loss of \$10.7 million per year in the budget. For a 10 or 20-year project, he said, \$10.7 million per year would allow the state to complete many additional projects.

"Obviously, as you take out

funding you start to impact what you are able to do from a new project standpoint," Davis said.

Watts said the tax break will become a bigger issue in the future as fewer and fewer people pay taxes to maintain the roads.

"You will regret this as vehicles become more and more efficient," Watts said.



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Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe signed a repeal of the \$10.7 million hybrid tax last week. Costs will now be lower for hybrid cars, such as the one above.

Local police issue AMBER Alert across University community

Missing child last week found same day following text message alerts, Charlottesville Police Lt. Roberts says the start notifying local first

Owen Robinson
Associate Editor

An AMBER Alert reached students across Grounds last Wednesday, Feb. 19, as part of an effort to recover five-year-old Amiyah Monet Dallas. She was found alive later that day.

AMBER Alert is a national notification system designed to rapidly spread notice of an ab-

ducted child. The alert last week was sent from the state police to cell phones, informing the public of the abduction and the suspected abduction vehicle, as well as where and when the car was last seen.

Many students at the University received the alert. First-year College student Henry Wykowski said the alert brought his lecture to a stop when a number of phones started buzzing simulta-

neously.

"It was strange," Wykowski said. "Everyone's phones started going off at the same time and for a few seconds no one knew what was going on. Our professor even stopped class — I think his phone might have been going off, too."

An AMBER Alert starts with a



Courtesy Wikimedia

An AMBER Alert, such as the one on the billboard above, interrupted classes Feb. 19. Officials found Amiyah Monet Dallas soon after releasing the alert.

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University recruits Kester to run nanoSTAR research institute

Current, Founding Penn State NanoMedicine, Materials Center director to build cross-Grounds research collaboration

Savannah Borders
Senior Writer

Dr. Mark Kester will co-direct the University's Institute for Nanoscale and Quantum Scientific and Technological Advanced Research, the University announced last week. The institute, nicknamed nanoSTAR, uses both graduate and undergraduate students and provides opportunities for cross-school collaboration for University researchers.

An expert in nanomedicine, Kester was the inaugural director of the Penn State Center for NanoMedicine and Materials, as well as the former chair of pharmacology there.

Kester was brought to the University at the beginning of the year as a pharmacology professor.

Dr. Stu Wolf, the current director of nanoSTAR, said he is excited to have Dr. Kester on board as a co-director because of the connections he brings that will help fulfill the institute's cross-discipline focus.

"One of the real motivations of the center was to bring together people from the different schools," Wolf said. "We provide funding to support faculty to do research in this area. The requirement for any faculty to receive funding is that they have to be collaborating with a faculty member from another school."

Wolf said Kester's connections will help foster a stronger relation-



Courtesy UVA | The Cavalier Daily
The University recruited Dr. Mark Kester, above, to run the research institute nanoSTAR.

ship between engineering research and medical research.

"The beauty of U.Va. is the

Grounds themselves; the engineering and sciences are well-connected already to the college of medicine," Kester said. "The NanoSTAR Institute is already formed at U.Va., and what I am looking forward to do is working with Stu Wolf and taking the NanoSTAR to the next level to rebrand and reinvent the nanoSTAR to truly have a strong medical and biomedical focus"

Kester brings previous experience in large-scale research to his leadership role, particularly the "sandbox" model at Penn State, where engineers, research scientists and medical doctors collaborated to develop innovative and useful technologies.

"The reason I came to U.Va. ... is

really to expand and exploit all the great technology that are being developed across the ground at U.Va.," Kester said, "and to really take some of these new advances and new materials and new nano-technologies, and show they have a medical and biomedical applications."

Kester said materials take on new properties at a nanoscale. The exploitation of these properties allows for large advancements in useful treatments.

"By exploiting these properties you've got new ways to deliver drugs, new ways to image cancer cells, new ways to see the cancer cells earlier," Kester said. "So you make your diagnosis earlier and provide better patient treatments."

STUDCO | 5,631 students, quarter of student body, turn out to vote

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then add a contact that's in charge of each subdivision," he said. Mill-

er declined to comment, despite several attempts to contact him via email.

All three leaders serve in the University Guide Service together,

and have worked with each other on various occasions in Council.

"Already know[ing] each other's characteristics will help with the transition from this year's ad-

ministration, so we can feed off each other next year," West said.

Ross said he is now part of a very strong team that has the "passion and organization" needed to

be effective.

According to the University Board of Elections, 5,631 students voted in the spring 2014 elections, just 25 percent of the student body.

ELECTIONS | Bunting defeats Baker 257 to 253, Griggs to discuss graduation

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Waters won 77 percent of all votes cast, Kimble won 71 percent and Munukutla won nearly 60 percent.

Vallar, who defeated current Second-Year Council President Andrew Kwon, a College student, said he aims to make Third-Year Council more representative of the incoming third-year class in hopes this would increase attendance at Council events.

"[I want to] try to have more diversity on Council, and try to make sure more groups are represented so that students feel more interested in attending events," Vallar said.

"More diversity will create a better appreciation of other students within the class."

Vallar said he and incoming Vice President Parisa Sadeghi, a College student, share common goals. The president and vice president of each class must select members to serve on class council. Vallar received 820 votes to Kwon's 686, while Sadeghi beat Conrad Tindall, a College student, 951 to 488.

Bunting said his top priority is improving "E-Week," a celebration of Engineering organized by and for fellow students at the Engineering School every year. Bunting said participation, including that of his

personal friends, was low.

"Next spring, my goal is to have as close to 100 percent participation as possible," Bunting said in an email. "And I plan on achieving this goal by increasing awareness of the events and by increasing the amount of ways students can participate."

Bunting said student input should drive the Engineering Council's agenda, aside from certain annual events.

"I also intend to use the feedback to pursue as many additional side projects as possible, with the only limiting factor being what I and my fellow students can come up with," Bunting said.

Bunting defeated second-year Colin Baker by just four votes — 257 to 253.

Griggs said his first goal was to increase the number of applications for Fourth-Year Trustees, who also have a five-year commitment following graduation.

"We always have such a large turnover rate," Griggs said. "[The challenge] is getting that new half [of the incoming Trustees] that's not really involved in student government [to apply]."

Griggs said the new Committee's first challenge will be planning Lighting of the Lawn and graduation without the Rotunda. Griggs said he, incoming Fourth-Year

President Will Laverack, a College student, the Rotunda Restoration Committee, Vice President Pat Lampkin, Dean Aaron Laushway and the fire marshal will meet Monday afternoon to discuss the two events.

"[One] of the ideas that [has] been tossed around [is] just kind of flipping it around," Griggs said.

Griggs said he appreciated the incoming fourth-year class's attendance at Council events thus far.

"Right now our class has been much more dedicated than other ones," Griggs said. "Hopefully we can keep that going."

Katie Grimesey contributed with reporting.

AMBER ALERT | Wireless Emergency Alert Program spreads alerts via text

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local report of an abducted child, and from there goes to a more central department where it is more widely circulated, Charlottesville Police spokesperson Ronnie Roberts said.

"Any [Virginia] alert request goes to Richmond and is then often sent nationwide," Roberts said. "It is distributed first through the Commonwealth and then can spread beyond that."

In order to get the word out,

the state police department contacts cellular networks and puts the news on message boards throughout the Commonwealth.

"A notice is sent out to all the cell phone companies so people get an instant message," Roberts said.

Virginia State Police Sgt. Hamer compared the system to a "mass multimedia message," saying the more people who see an alert, the better. Hamer is currently completing Dallas' case, who was abducted in Accomack County, and said he was pleased with how

AMBER Alert had worked in her situation.

"It was probably within 35 mins that she was found, so the alert did what it was supposed to do," Hamer said. "It was actually a citizen who alerted a state trooper [that led to her discovery]."

Not everyone on Grounds got the message of Dallas' abduction, and, in some cases, the announcement was met with confusion. Second-year Engineering student Kit Guncheon said he never got the alert.

"I didn't get the notification,

but I think it's a great idea, it seems like a really smart system," Guncheon said. "It wouldn't have bothered me, receiving the message. It seems important to reach out to as many people as possible in this kind of issue."

Virginia State Police spokesperson Corinne Geller said the alert is spread through the Wireless Emergency Alert program, a supplement to the Emergency Alert System, which is intended to distribute messages from authorized government agencies warning the public of safety issues

and emergency situations.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website, "if you own a capable mobile device, you will automatically receive these alerts when you are in the geographic area where an alert has been issued."

AMBER Alert started in 1996 in Dallas-Fort Worth in honor of Amber Hagerman, and has since spread to all 50 states and saved the lives of 679 children nationwide, according to the Department of Justice's website.



Comment of the day

“There are a couple of issues surrounding your assumption of what a WGS class entails. These courses are not ‘focused on the achievements of women and LGBTQ students’ as you suppose they are. The class isn’t about sitting around and reading biographies of great women to prove that they are superior to men. Being a white male enrolled in a WGS class, I can tell you from personal experience that WGS classes aren’t saying that ‘women did this...’ they’re all about asking the question of what is this group of women that are being talked about in the first place. It runs deeper than sexual differences, WGS classes show that the gender expectations surrounding these sex categories are socially constructed. It’s not about indoctrination or conflict, WGS classes are all about relativizing perspectives, asking questions, and seeing things not how they are but how they could be. I’m not really sure why you would want to write an article on a subject that you have not taken or know so little about, but hopefully this cleared some things up.”

“WGS Student” responding to Ben Rudgley’s Feb. 28 column, “End Women’s Studies.”

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LEAD EDITORIAL

No supply, no demand

Limited action by student governance organizations could cause voter apathy

According to the University Board of Elections, voter participation in this year’s student elections fell to a dismal 25 percent. Last year, about 40 percent of students participated, and the year before, about 32. We have already expressed a concern over diminishing student engagement with regards to the abundance of uncontested elections. But now seeing the voter participation significantly reduced, it is necessary to examine the issue of apathy more closely.

The races for different positions in the different schools elicited a wide range of participation rates. Contested elections more frequently had higher rates of participation, which may seem like an obvious point given that students have more efficacy in the outcome of a contested race. But even among contested races, many participation rates were still below 50 percent. Only Batten Undergraduate Council President and Law School elections for Student Bar Association officer positions garnered more than 50 percent participation.

This seems to indicate that students need more motivation than just a contested race to cast

their votes. They must have a reason to be truly invested in the outcome of the election. And if a large majority of students are not participating, this likely indicates that the various branches of student government at the University are not doing much that really impacts the student body as whole.

The overall participation rate of 40 percent last year was probably due to the heated debate about the Honor Committee’s proposed Restore the Ideal Act, which would have eliminated random student juries and mixed juries as options for Honor trials and added Informed Retraction as an option for accused students. The act was voted down by the student body, while Informed Retraction was approved separately. Many students expressed strong discontent with the Honor Committee’s proposal. In the time between the Committee’s vote on the Restore the Ideal Act and the student-wide election, a new student group called Student’s Honor Caucus formed. Student’s Honor Caucus dedicated themselves to fostering student discussion about the Honor system. The group also opposed the passage

of the Restore the Ideal Act. However, there seems to be very little activity amongst Student’s Honor Caucus presently. Their Facebook page has not been active since the election results were released in March of 2013.

The foundation of Student’s Honor Caucus is evidence of the high number of University students invested in the future of the Honor system, but the group also raises questions that have since gone unanswered. Was their objective to foster conversation about Honor, or to start a campaign against the Restore the Ideal Act? To do both seems contradictory, since declaring a position on a particular policy issue would probably discourage contributions from any students who held opposing viewpoints. Additionally, the fact that the group seems to have died away indicates either that their purpose has already been served, or that there just isn’t any interest anymore, now that the campaign is long over.

Though the Honor Committee has been criticized for running a “vote yes” campaign for a proposal that was introduced with no input from the student

body, they must be given credit for at least taking some kind of initiative. What was different about the Restore the Ideal Act was that it offered a change that had a real, tangible effect on students. The proposal spurred enough enthusiasm to stimulate the formation of a new group; the kind of enthusiasm that should be a constant force at the University, rather than popping up to assist in oppositional campaigns. When the campaign dies away, the discussion should not die with it.

For the future, student leadership and the general population of the student body should both recognize that they must take initiatives. Many candidates in this year’s races expressed a desire to solicit student opinion in order to determine what changes should be made. Such desires are commendable, but in relying on students, governing organizations should be careful not to dull their own enterprise. Apathy can be cyclic, if both the governing organizations and the students are looking at each other, simultaneously transmitting a telepathic message which may or may not be getting through: “your move.”

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End Women's Studies

The Women, Gender and Sexuality department perpetuates gender divides

Ben Rudgley
Viewpoint Writer

The academic trend of incorporating women's studies into the menu of majors and courses offered at institutions of higher learning pervaded the University's academic governance some time ago. It is not a new phenomenon. It is, however, one that has been subject to little scrutiny because of the political power of calls for equity in treatment of men, women and minorities. The issue should be questioned especially because University funding is continually diverted to a department that only exacerbates the problem it professes to oppose — inequality of academic recognition between the sexes.

The logic of such programs is this: for too long dead white men, and their work, have dominated the reading lists and curricula offered at the University, and in order to equalize recognition of women and minorities, a Women, Gender & Sexuality major — and courses focused on the achievements of women and the LGBTQ community — are now offered to students. Unfortunately, though, these changes

not only make a mockery out of calls for greater equity but also perpetuate the existing structural biases in certain disciplines toward the achievements of dead white men.

Courses that deal with women or include women in the title (as many WGS classes do) compromise the integrity of calls for equality in education because they necessarily place emphasis on a single gender's achievements or role in history at the expense of the other. Reverse biases do nothing to level the playing field. If we'd reject a course entitled "History of Men in the Media" then we must also dismiss the converse. Segregating academic offerings at the University by gender focus only reinforces the problem — that courses, in all disciplines, do too little to offer a holistic approach to treatment of men and women in history, politics or literature.

Furthermore, a reality of the WGS major is that it doesn't force University students, both male and female, to receive fair recognition of both sexes' contributions to each academic discipline. If the majority of students enrolled in the WGS major and WGS courses are women and members of the LGBTQ community, how can the people

who most need exposure to this alternative, female-oriented education be gaining any new perspectives or insights? Indeed, the single strength of women's studies — its capacity to enhance recognition of female achievements in every academic field — is exposed only to those students who need it least, which worsens the WGS's perpetuation of de facto educational segregation by gender. Thus, by teaching its students what they have already learned, the WGS major finds itself redundant and its course offerings should be condensed into their respective fields' existing departments ("Sexuality, Gender, Class and Race in Teen Film," for example, should be a Media Studies class) or those which they are already cross listed with.

Another solution is to reinvigorate each academic department, and their courses, with a broader, more holistic approach to education. If

women's studies advocates have any basis for their arguments, then a comprehensive change to each department to make their courses, and their reading lists, more inclusive of women would be far more effective. If the University is per-



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ceived to have any lingering unfair biases towards old white men, then a University commission would be the best approach. Such a commission might examine each department and — by taking a more comprehensive, school-wide path — would be far better equipped to instill education equity than any major or any classes that are necessarily weighted, both in material and audience, in favor of women.

I have been struck, however, at the impressive parity of male to female authors at all my classes here across many disciplines and do not believe that much work, if any, has to be done. This is both an organic and designed trend. It is mostly organic because courses whose readings have contemporary relevance tend to draw heavily on the work of women who, more than ever, are at the cutting edge of academia in all fields. It is also, in part, designed as the University's professors and departments are keen to be inclusive and holistic in their treatment and recognition of women, as calls for equality are not new and have long been a part of mainstream educational philosophy. Even if a commission would be a more constructive, comprehensive approach, it's ultimately one that the University — a progressive and inclusive community — doesn't need.

As a university, we should place faith in our students, professors and deans by leaving behind dogmatism-fuelled calls for the continued existence of gender-specific classes and the Women, Gender and Sexuality department.

Ben Rudgley is a Viewpoint writer.

The marketplace of ideas

The Opinion editors do not decline to publish writers' viewpoints merely because they might be deemed unpopular

Russell Bogue, Ashley Spinks, Dani Bernstein
Opinion Editors

Recently, we published a piece by one of our new Viewpoint writers, Ben Rudgley, entitled "End Women's Studies," which called for dissolving the Women, Gender, and Sexuality major at the University. To briefly summarize his argument: Rudgley contended that the existence of a department devoted to the study of such divisive issues is itself divisive, in that it largely fails to attract and include the very people who need exposure to WGS, and it distracts us from incorporating such ideas into our other studies. It was a controversial piece, and rightly so — Rudgley made a number of provocative claims. We're not writing in response to the merits of his piece, however, and this is not the first time we have published controversial material.

What worries us as the Opinion editors of The Cavalier Daily is the claim many commenters have made — both on our website and in social media outlets — that we err in running such pieces at all. We have a lot to say about this claim, none of it positive, but let us state our thesis

very clearly at the outset, before we defend it: we will never, under any circumstances, censor the opinions of our writers. Ever.

There are two conditions that warrant withholding or significantly modifying a piece: factual inaccuracies and libel. First, we make every effort to ensure that the Opinion pieces we run are factually accurate. This means if a writer makes a statement of fact which can be easily or reasonably verified, he or she must provide a source verifying this fact. Often, we hyperlink such fact-based claims on the website so that the reader can examine the source herself. Rudgley's column contained, to our knowledge, no factually inaccurate information; this is largely because he made very few fact-based claims. Most of his argument relied on his perceptions, his observations and his reasoning — all of which one can disagree with, but none of which one can call "factually inaccurate." Additionally, we have never run a column that baselessly or maliciously attacked another individual.

Second, and more importantly, the idea that we ought not to publish columns that some commenters consider clearly "uninformed" is problematic. Even if we are to assume that our most controversial columns were obviously and fundamentally flawed,

we would still be remiss in censoring their publication. Censorship is, at its core, cowardice. The founder of our University articulates better than we ever could: "This institution will be based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind. For here we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate any error so long as reason is left free to combat it." We ask those who ridicule our decision to publish pieces such as Rudgley's — how do you expect to deconstruct misconceptions if they are not aired in public? The integrity of free speech rests on the cornerstone of retroactive response: we allow our writers to speak first, and then we speak back. We don't withhold that speech in the first place.

We could stop there. But thus far we have been assuming that there is an objective standard by which one can determine another's reasoning or perceptions are "misinformed." Such an idea is also flawed. You can certainly believe that someone is misinformed; in fact, the writers of this current editorial all believe that Rudgley's column was misinformed. But we as editors would never assume we were automatically right, nor would we actively silence viewpoints just because we believe they lack merit. Factual inaccuracy can be objectively confirmed and thereby

prevented; skewed reasoning, on the whole, cannot be. So although we would firmly uphold our right to purposefully publish objectively misinformed opinions, we believe that the idea that something based on perceptions and logical reasoning could be "objectively misinformed" is itself a dangerous proposition.

Our writers courageously put forth their opinions with their names attached for all to see. They occasionally hold unpopular opinions and often expose biases in their own thinking. How many of us can honestly claim we hold no biased opinions? How many of us can claim we never express uninformed viewpoints or speak from a limited perspective? Cavalier Daily writers are, like the rest of us, humans. They are not perfect, but they're intelligent and brave. They're fellow students who don't deserve hate or abuse from anyone in our community. When we disagree with them — as we should, at times — we should do so openly and respectfully. There is no place in higher education for the vitriol and slander that have accompanied various columns on our website.

And this observation brings us to our final point, which one of our writers, Alex Yahanda, has also eloquently expressed: constructive dialogue. Commenters who either call

for censorship of unpopular views or — worse — engage in unsophisticated, ad hominem attacks on our writers do nothing to prove the merit of their own opinions and do a great disservice to themselves and our community. Columns like Rudgley's are in fact very useful to the community, no matter which side of the issue you support: they either voice an opinion that you hold but fear to express, or they illustrate fallacies that you can expose and dismantle in a public forum. You cannot engage in this type of productive debate, however, if we — the platform for such free speech — refuse to publish these articles, or if you resort to personal attacks while hiding behind the shroud of anonymity.

We invite our readers to comment on and share our articles. Open discourse and rigorous debate are the hallmarks of a healthy community. However, we will not tolerate the idea that unpopular or misinformed opinions should be censored. That's a far more dangerous and absurd proposition than any of the viewpoints we have published in between our pages.

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Do unto others

Commenters should learn to productively and respectfully disagree

The Cavalier Daily has recently published some articles that have garnered an abnormally high number of responses. Overall, this is a positive development. I know how much work goes into publishing both individual articles and this paper as a whole, and I am glad to see our collective efforts are being recognized on a wider scale. Certainly, individuals in the University community can benefit from hearing more viewpoints that are contrary to their own, and controversial articles can facilitate useful conversations on any number of topics.

However, I assumed that most students or other Cavalier Daily readers would be reasonable enough to cordially voice their disagreements, and was proven terribly wrong. In fact, I have been, for the most part, disappointed in the interactions I have seen in the comment sections below articles.

Online comment sections often bring forth the worst in humanity. This problem is propagated even more by the ability to leave responses anonymously. For perhaps the most egregious examples, look at YouTube: not only are there insensitive contributions on those videos, but most of the commenters have no grasp of argumentation or

even general rules of grammar. Sure, this may be an extreme, yet even respected news institutions like The New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post see their comments sections frequented by people who produce an array of non-sequiturs, misinterpretations of articles and overall moronic statements.

Admittedly, one should not expect everyone to leave substantive remarks. That would be unrealistic. And online comment sections should not be

abolished — though they could perhaps get rid of anonymity somehow. People are certainly capable of leaving thoughtful or personal insights that help one make better sense of articles. Also, with the frequency at which people post on nationally read websites, weeding out the meaningless comments would be nearly impossible — not to mention subjective and sometimes edging too close to undue censorship. That being said, the students at a hub of higher learning like the University could come to disagree with others in a more civil manner. We should have learned how to debate like educated people by now. Unfortunately, if one looks at The Cavalier Daily's comments, there appears to be little sign that

students are actually taking each other's views into consideration.

We at the University have — mostly — exhibited academic and intellectual abilities greater than that of the average person perusing online articles. I doubt there is someone here who could not read a piece of writing and write a coherent, well thought-out response. It is a waste of intelligence, then, when students choose to pen a reply to an article that either fails to address the article's content correctly or is nothing but a snide remark that adds no value to the topic. Using sarcasm, for instance, is not a constructive way to evaluate a column. What could possibly look more childish than to respond to a contrary

viewpoint using a mocking or disrespectful tone? Readers do a disservice to their own intellect when leaving hollow retorts.

In all honesty, many people get what they want out of articles. That is, they begin reading an article with preconceived notions and finish reading with those notions reinforced. Or, at least that's what we could logically conclude after seeing the responses to some articles. In most instances, people entirely

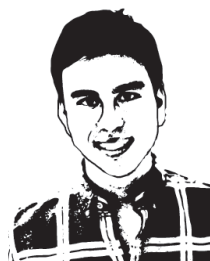
misinterpret swaths of text. Admittedly, this could be the writer's fault for ambiguously or incompetently arguing his points. Writers' articles are carefully edited, though, and readers more often seem to take what an author said and use it to prove a different point altogether.

Even more discouraging than poorly written or contested responses, however, is the intolerance of dissenting opinions. A disturbing percentage of the counterargu-

accept opinions with which they do not agree. This brings up the most important point to remember when reading an article: just because an author expresses views that you disagree with, does not necessarily mean he is stupid, entitled, ignorant, racist, naïve, irrational or any of the negative adjectives that have been used to describe columnists in the past. Indeed, there can be two diametrically opposed arguments that are equally well reasoned and grounded. A different point of view does not make someone a bad person, nor does it make his reasons for justifying those opinions automatically of lesser value.

Now, I am not calling out all Cavalier Daily readers — not even most of them. I truly appreciate those that read our paper. This column is only referencing those who feel the need to get their disagreement across by way of ill-conceived comments. If you legitimately disagree with a column and would like to respond in-kind, then send in a guest column or a letter to the editor. Your work will gladly be considered for publication. But please refrain from spur-of-the-moment posts that contain little substance. They reflect poorly upon this student body and the Cavalier Daily readership as a whole.

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Opinion Columnist



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Do your research

Opinion columnists incorporate more accurate factual evidence in their columns

Christopher Boom
Public Editor

I'm starting this week with a handful of small changes I've noticed in The Cavalier Daily platforms that I think will help make the overall paper stronger. Online, in many news articles there are pull quotes at the top of the web pages. This is especially useful on a mobile web platform. I find it easier, in combination with the headline and sub headline, to determine whether I am interested in reading the article. Where the quotations are provocative, it seems like it will help generate more interest on the part of readers. Similarly, I've seen increasing numbers of quick polls or questions for readers to answer online. This is also a good way to increase interaction and engagement on the parts of readers. I think the newly constituted staff is making some really good choices about tweaks and improvements early in their run.

Unfortunately, I am not as optimistic so far about what I am reading in the Opinion pages. Although the topics and opinions have cer-

tainly generated a markedly higher level of interest from commenters online than has been the norm for the last several months, much of that interest has been because the columns themselves have left a lot to be desired. Dani Bernstein addressed the question of whether the University should renew its expiring contract with Aramark for food service around Grounds in "Cut the ties: The University should discontinue its contract with Aramark due to ethical concerns." In it, she argues that the University should drop Aramark because of issues with the treatment of workers in other locations around the country. While this seems to me to be a compelling line of argument, there's no research offered as to the quality of the alternative companies the University might contract with. Readers are offered statistics about Aramark's interactions with the National Labor Relations Board but there is no context given about what those numbers mean. More research is necessary for columns like this — at least if the conclusion is going to be drawn that the University should discontinue working with a com-

pany.

Will Henagan wrote about merit based scholarships in "Stronger Incentives: The University should offer



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merit based scholarships." Similarly to Bernstein's column, this piece suffered greatly from a lack of research and evidence. Henagan made several assertions about the need for merit-based funding but did not offer any data or evidence to support his assertions. At one point he wrote, "There are hundreds of high-capacity qualified students who are choosing other institutions because they do not see the value of being an Echols Scholar

at the University." Without some sort of source for this, I'm not sure why readers should believe it to be true. Where he did use data, he got it

wrong: the state of Virginia funds just over 10 percent of the academic budget total at the University and 5.8 percent of the overall operations budget including the medical center. More attention to the factual details will help make opinion columns more effective.

Lastly, in the column with the most active comment thread of the week, Ben Rudgley wrote that the University should shutter the Women, Gender and Sexuality department. There is no evidence offered in the column. That a column is an opinion piece doesn't mean that any opinion is as good as another. It still needs support and reasoning rooted in factual evidence. This piece follows a line of logic that depends on

suppositions about Women, Gender and Sexuality studies that don't appear to be well supported. Indeed, many in the comments thread took some of the assertions head on and responded effectively.

All three of the examples I just gave have the same fundamental problem: a lack of factual evidence to support the opinion and assertions in the column. Those writing opinion pieces will write their opinion and, especially at a college paper, will take time to find a voice and style that works for them. The basics of persuading someone are the same, though, and the readers of The Cavalier Daily deserve and appear to expect some amount of research and care put into developing an argument instead of just reading an opinion.

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The curious case of Lupita Nyong'o

The media's fixation on the actor's beauty reveals a disturbing trend

Kemi Layeni
Guest Writer

If you haven't heard of Lupita Nyong'o, then where have you been? She's the totally beautiful, totally stylish Mexican-born Kenyan whose stellar performance as Patsey in "12 Years A Slave" has skyrocketed her into Hollywood fame. And this Sunday, the world awaits her divine ascendance onto the red carpet at the Oscars. What will she wear? Will she beat Jennifer Lawrence and win the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress? WHAT. WILL. SHE. WEAR?!

Notice anything strange about my treatment of Nyong'o? I treated her like an image. No worries about who she really is. Instead let's focus on her beauty and her clothes. Since Lupita first burst onto the scene, the media has been obsessively consuming her in a way that I find problematic. Media outlets have fixated on her beauty in a way that Dr. Yaba Blay, a professor at Drexel University, says makes her the "exception and not the rule." The best way to understand this point is by under-

standing the media's past treatment of black female actresses.

Halle Berry. Gabrielle Union. Kerry Washington. What do these three black women have in common? The fact that they can never coexist. The media has a tendency of

constantly shown one dimension of black female beauty, à la Beyoncé and Halle Berry. But what if you're a black woman and don't look like that? Further, what if you're a dark-skinned black woman? Where can you look in the media to see some-

one who looks vaguely similar to you? For a long time, nowhere. In an age where the skin-bleaching epidemic is overtaking Africa and here in the United States where colorism and the light skin vs. dark skin debates are ever so present, dark skin is seen as pathological, morally

incorrect. Many dark skinned black girls suffer from intensely low self-esteem because it seems like everywhere they turn, hip-hop music videos, fashion magazines, television, and even their families, there is an underlying and everlasting principle: light is right and black is bad. However with the release of the

film, "12 Years A Slave," something wicked this way comes.

Enter Lupita Nyong'o.

Dark skin. Short natural hair. Out of this world beauty. Every time I see a photo or read an interview about Nyong'o, I can't help but notice the air that surrounds her. In one way or another, she is always exoticized. Not only is her African-ness emphasized but so is the fact that she was born in Mexico. Not only is her education at Yale School of Drama emphasized but so is the fact that "12 Years A Slave" was her first acting job before she even graduated. The media is so interested in deconstructing her into every article of clothing she wears. In interviews her beauty or fashion sense is usually commented on first, or interviewers ask to go shopping with her. Being beautiful is not a bad thing, but when it becomes everyone's primary fixation and it starts to subsume an entire career and achievements, well then it's a beast of its own.

Further — Lupita being a dark-skinned black woman whose beauty has been universally acclaimed — her beauty is set up as the exception for black women instead of the rule.

For her to be beautiful and black is unheard of, against the norm, something that we don't see often, so it must be an exception. This idea totally disregards the millions of beautiful black women who are beautiful simply because they are. Also, being a dark-skinned woman myself, I look somewhat similar to Lupita but I am not her. I dislike the media's idea that somehow, some way, through Lupita's beauty, I can be redeemed and seen as beautiful too, and that all dark-skinned women will be saved and redeemed by its exceptionally beautiful sisters.

This is not the truth, and it will never be the truth. While we sit back and relax this Sunday watching the Oscars, I hope that we can all question the way the media is causing us to consume Lupita, and that we can genuinely like her not solely because she's beautiful but because of her talents and who she is, all the while seeing the beauty in ourselves.

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elevating one black actress over any others. There seems to be room for only one black Hollywood "it girl" at a time. Now that we're hearing more about Lupita Nyong'o, Kerry Washington's stardom has died down and we hear about her less.

Coming back to the "exception and not the rule" idea, the media has

Abort less, prevent more

Senator Martin misspoke in calling women "hosts," but his views on abortion have merit

Women are "hosts" to fetuses, proclaimed Virginia Senator Steve Martin on Feb. 24, leading to intense debate over his word choice and views on abortion in general. Martin put himself at the center of a social media faux pas when he responded to a "Valentine's day card" from the Virginia Pro-Choice Coalition which read, "All women deserve access to their full range of reproductive health options — including preventing unintentional pregnancies, raising healthy children, and choosing safe, legal abortion."

I do not agree with the firestorm that has ensued. In fact, I agree with Martin's response to the Virginia Pro-Choice Coalition, though I do think the use of the word "host" was a mistake, even if it was intended sarcastically. Language regarding abortion absolutely cannot separate the woman from the child. Not only does that demean all mothers, but it also weakens the case against abortion. Pro-life advocates should constantly reaffirm pregnancy as an emotional bond between mother and child, or else any woman considering abortion will have little incentive to protect the fetus she carries. She will see herself as just a "host" and the child inside

her as a completely separate, foreign body.

Martin belittles his own argument with this word choice. I am not pro-choice, but I do not think pro-choice advocates look at a mother and unborn child as isolated from one another, or imply it is easy for the mother to abort a child. It is always hard to make that decision, and pro-choice advocates certainly do not want to make it seem easy; they just want women to have the option. So while

I recognize that pro-choice advocates are not depraved, cruel baby-haters, and I defend them against those who think they are, I still believe they support a brutal procedure — one to which women should never resort.

Pro-choice supporters make the argument that a woman, not the government, should have control over her body. I agree that control over one's body is incredibly important. Women have the freedom to control whether or not they have sex and whether or not they use contraception. But we often forget about that type of control, and we tend to under-promote the preventative measures, yet fight zealously — think Wendy Davis — for control in the form of

what many view as killing an unborn child. Both sides of the abortion debate should instead put more emphasis on preventative measures, such as various types of birth control. Abortion is not an easy procedure; it is a horrible experience for everyone involved and can have lasting emotional effects on the woman undergoing the procedure. It is senseless murder.

I say senseless because abortion can be easily prevented in almost all cases with contraception or abstinence. Many argue that there is an unavailability of contraception.

However, there are condoms available in almost every pharmacy and convenience store. Also, if you go to an OB/GYN, your clinician will provide birth control at the office. It may not be cheap, but it is indeed cheaper and less traumatizing than an abortion. In addition, in 2013 a U.S. federal judge ordered that the Morning-After Pill be made available "without a prescription and without point-of-sale or age restrictions." Following that, the Food and Drug Administration put Plan B One-Step on shelves, requiring a minimum age of fifteen and a form of identification

for purchase. This was and is a huge achievement for women. Plan-B can cut the chances of pregnancy by up to 89 percent.

In response to the argument that these measures are not all infallible, and that pregnancy can still occur, although very rarely, I suggest abstinence. Maybe it is unrealistic and ideal, but people who are not ready to have children just do not need to be having sex. And that sentiment is not based on my religious belief. I acknowledge, however, that our society

supports such behavior and that it is difficult to maintain abstinence. Yet, if pro-choice advocates really desire complete control over their bodies, so much so that they fight zealously for the right to regular and late-term abortion, shouldn't they be able to control themselves enough to abstain? Is that not also their right?

I know that a small percentage of

abortions are from rape, incest and failed contraception, but after those traumatic experiences, what is stopping the victims from heading to their nearest CVS and spending sixty dollars on Plan-B? Not only is the morning after pill 85 percent cheaper than abortion, but you only have to be fifteen to purchase Plan-B, whereas thirty-nine states require women under 18 to have one or two guardians give permission for their abortion or at least be contacted. Additionally, Plan-B is far less traumatizing.

Supporters of abortion fight hard for "control" over their own bodies. Well, you do have control over your body; you can keep yourself from getting pregnant in the first place. If you choose to have sex, you have to take the necessary preventative measures, and if those fail you must consider Plan-B as an option — or else accept that you might get pregnant. But do not choose to do nothing and then make your unborn child suffer from your mistakes. Although I am not a professional nor have I ever experienced pregnancy, I think my views stand. I support Martin's claims — while acknowledging the flaws in his wording — and object to the firestorm against him.

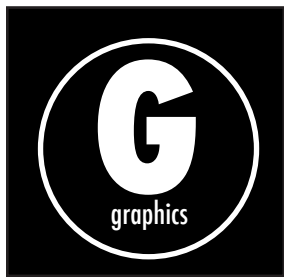
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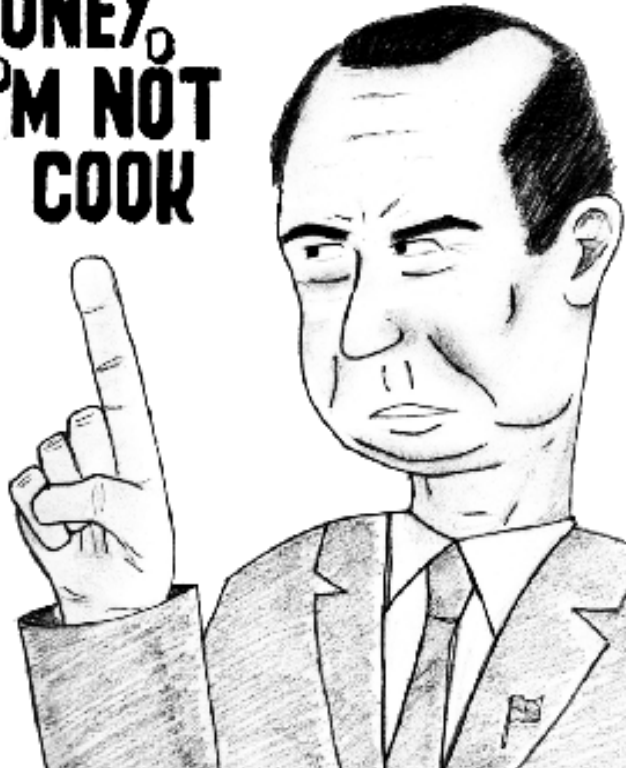
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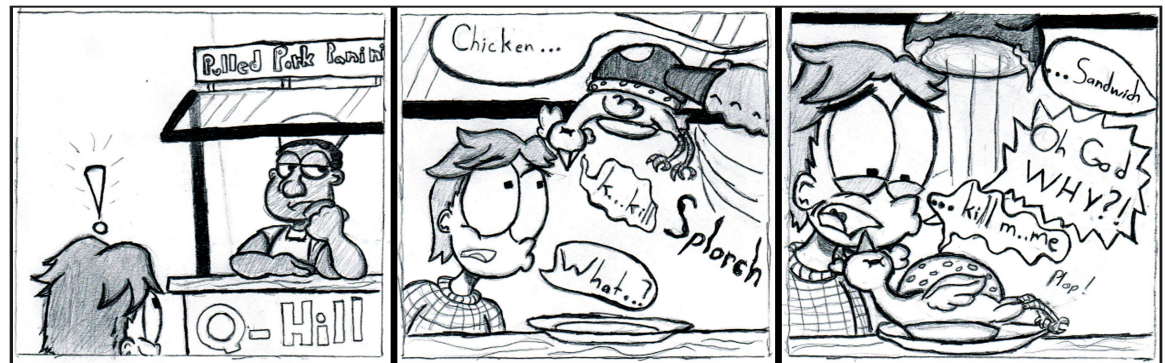
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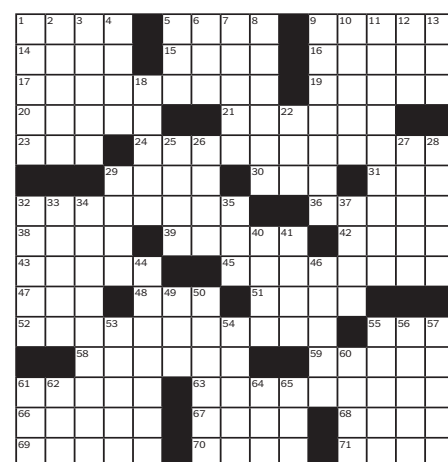
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- 24 *One placed between warring parties
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SPOTLIGHT



As a student at a private high school in Prince George's County, Maryland, Daniel Artin was able to personally experience the inconsistencies between his opportunities and those of his neighborhood friends and close compatriots. Artin has felt a dire need to close the "achievement gap" that is facing many minorities in our community. "The widening

gap that disconnects economically disadvantaged students and students of color from less disadvantaged majority students is a problem our society continues to struggle with. Artin is a fourth year College student majoring in Foreign Affairs, with a specialization in Middle Eastern Studies. He is also an Educator on the Honor Committee and is a Peer Advisor through the Office of African American Affairs. "Artin and his fraternity brothers have successfully established both a newly formed Guideright and Kappa League youth mentoring and tutoring programs at Jackson-Via Elementary School and Albemarle County High School.

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Study finds Legionella in tap water

Researchers find high rate of bacteria, unsure of rate of pneumonia-like disease

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A recent study found traces of *Legionella pneumophila*, a bacterium responsible for causing Legionnaires' disease, in water sources across the United States.

Legionnaires' disease is a severe form of pneumonia occurring at rates of 8,000 to

18,000 cases each year nationwide, according to the Center for Disease Control. The symptoms of Legionnaires' disease are similar to the symptoms of pneumonia, leading many cases to remain unreported and making the spread of the disease hard to track.

Investigators, scientists and researchers from the Environmental Protection Agency collected 272 water samples for two

years from more than 68 kitchen and bathroom sinks, drinking fountains and refrigerator water dispensers.

The research team analyzed the water samples for *Legionella* genetic material via polymerase chain reaction, which tests for the presence of certain DNA molecules. In this case, they were testing for the presence *Legionella* DNA, and found it in 32 of the taps sampled.

"Every time we drink water out of a faucet or even bottled water, there are microbes in the water," University Medicine Prof. Dr. Costi Sifri said.

Legionella transmission occurs through inhalation of aerosolized water droplets containing the bacteria.

Symptoms of the disease appear two to 14 days after exposure to the bacteria. Hospitalization is

usually required, as the disease has a 5 to 30 percent rate of fatality.

"To develop Legionnaires' disease, a couple things probably have to happen," Sifri said. "One, *Legionella* must be in the water, the more the riskier. Two, the water has to be aerosolized. And three, it has to be inhaled by a susceptible host."

Hosts of the disease tend to present other risk factors as well, making them more susceptible to infection.

"The types of people who get the disease tend to be compromised in some manner," Sifri said.

"For example, they may be a smoker, have chronic respiratory disease, be an organ

transplant patient or have cancer."

If consistent with studies done

on guinea pigs, humans must be exposed to hundreds or thousands of the organisms before obtaining the disease.

Legionella reside in stagnant freshwater environments, acting as parasites of amoeba in biofilms. The bacteria reside inside its amoeba host, feeding off of it and replicating until they exhaust it, at which time they form cysts and destroy the cell.

Building and plumbing codes are the primary method to prevent heavy *Legionella*

contamination of drinking water. Preventative measures include regulations against standing water and pipe insulation, which keeps pipes too hot for bacteria life. Most outbreaks are found in clusters and are associated with water fountains, air conditioner units and even water spraying at supermarkets.

The many strains of *Legionella pneumophila* bacteria are diverse enough that there is no common vaccine.

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Linking inflammation, intelligence among infants

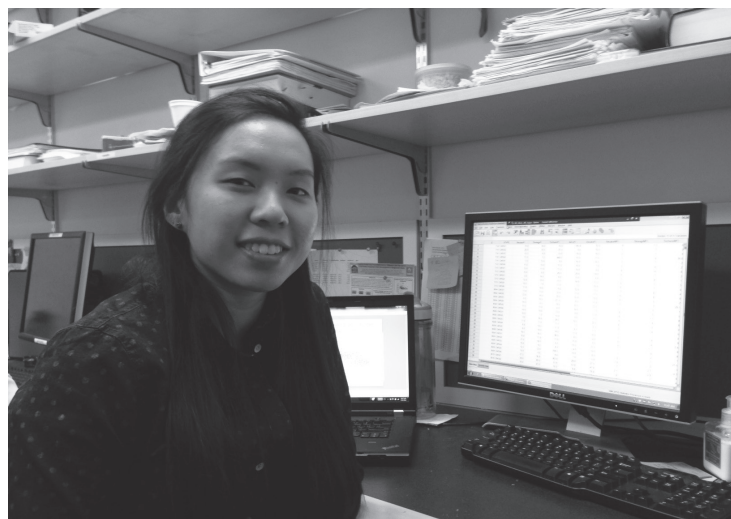
University study links immune system strength to brain development in babies, children

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Children who suffer from recurrent fever and inflammation may show impaired cognitive ability, according to a new study conducted in Bangladesh by University medical researchers.

The findings, published online by the journal BMC Pediatrics, indicate that the longer infants suffered from fevers, the worse they performed on developmental tests. The research clarifies, perhaps for the first time, the link between peripheral cytokine levels, which mediate fever induction, and improved cognitive development in humans.

"We are interested in the question of why millions of young children who grow up in



Courtesy UVA

Nona Jiang, a University graduate and postbaccalaureate researcher, led the Bangladesh study.

poverty are not reaching their full potentials," said lead study author Nona Jiang, a University

alumna. "Early childhood is a critical time of neurodevelopment, and it is also a time when

the developing brain is particularly vulnerable to outside insults. Our team was interested in studying whether systemic inflammation in children living in poverty, possibly from exposure to infectious diseases, is associated with developmental outcomes."

About 28 million Bangladeshis, 20 percent of the population, live in hard-to-reach areas that make up a quarter of the country's land area, according to a study by the World Bank's Water and Sanitation Program.

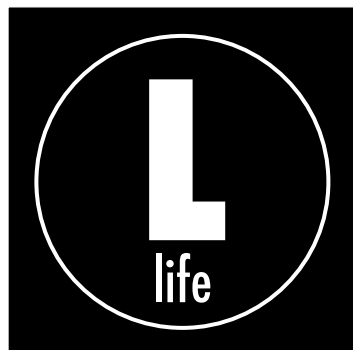
"Our findings suggest that immune-mediated inflammation could potentially explain the poor developmental outcomes of children in low- and middle-income countries," Jiang said. "These results also suggest that we could promote the healthy neurodevelopment

of children living in poverty through preventing excessive inflammation."

Access to good nutrition, clean water, sanitation and developmental stimulation are critical for future learning, University researcher Dr. Rebecca Scharf said in an e-mail.

"By studying which early childhood influences are associated with hindrances to growth and learning, we will know better where to target interventions for the critical period of early childhood," Scharf said.

The findings may generate ways to reduce developmental problems in children in developing countries, Scharf said. "We hope to continue to look at predictors of healthy child development so that key areas to target for intervention can be identified," she said.



Seventh annual Image Awards

Honoring outstanding members of the Black community

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Feature Writers

The Black Student Alliance, Black Leadership Institute and the University chapter of the NAACP hosted the seventh annual Image Awards last Thursday, highlighting 10 extraordinary members of the University community for their passion and service in advancement of the black community.

Modeled after the NAACP's annual award ceremony, this year's event was themed, "Leaders as Servants: Guiding the Next Generation."

A capella group Remix opened the event with a rendition of the Black National Anthem. Prayers and a formal dinner followed.

University Rector George Martin gave uplifting and serious opening remarks, emphasizing the importance of effective leadership.

"[I] definitely liked the way he presented servants as leaders and [gave] examples that are actually

from U.Va., not just Nelson Mandela and people throughout the world," said third-year College student Saron Fantahun, who attended the event.

Awards included honors for an outstanding first-year student, outstanding mentor, and "unsung hero," among others. Each recipient was presented with an engraved plaque.

"We had a really great turn out and I think a lot of people [learned] from Rector Martin's speech and the accomplishments of the people awarded," third-year College student Chelsea Stokes said. "The work that these students do [is] very highly visible, so I think a lot of people agreed and definitely felt that [the awards were deserved]."

The unsung hero award was presented to dining hall employee Kathy McGruder, known affectionately by many students as "Miss Kathy." She received a standing ovation as her award was presented.

Honorees were nominated by students and reviewed by the event planning committee. This year, the

committee received between 40 and 50 nominations — double the amount of nominations from last year.

"Instead of cut and dry criteria, there [are many] different conversations about the different students," said committee member Martese Johnson, a second-year College student. "Since the black community is so small, it gives us the opportunity to know most of the students that have been nominated."

When confronted with two people with equally strong leadership qualifications, the committee bases its decision on how the nominees have impacted the University community, Johnson said.

"It gives you a chance to realize how much each student in the black community does for the University," he said. "When you're sitting and reading through dozens of nominations, you get a feel for the amount of student leaders that are in the black community. ... We emphasize the importance of the Image Awards because without [them], we might never recognize these students."



The seventh annual Image Awards honored University members for their achievements in the black community.

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Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership builds futures

Non-profit organization visits the University for a weekend full of events

Margaret Mason and Jane Winthrop
Feature Writers

Non-profit organization Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership embarked on its second-annual visit to the University last weekend. Founded in 2008 by Simon Cataldo, now a third-year Law student, Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership provides academic support and leadership training to at-risk youth through teaching lacrosse.

Cataldo said he began the program as a way to manage his rowdy middle school class at Frederick Douglass Academy in Harlem, where he was stationed as a teacher for Teach for America. Roughly 95 students are now involved in the program, which spans two middle schools.

"Four days before school started, the principal told me that I'd be the new seventh and eighth grade special ed math teacher," Cataldo said. "I get in there totally overwhelmed. My class is out of control, and the only thing I could think of after a few months of constant failure was just to take my worst boys out to the hand-

ball court beside school and teach them how to play lacrosse."

According to Cataldo, his students underwent a complete transformation and ended the year with the highest state exam scores on record for special education students at the school. With such tangible results, Cataldo decided to expand the program further in the following years.

"It's easy to say sports help kids with school, but how do you know unless you're in school with them?" Cataldo said. "Making sure that you're holding them accountable on the field and in the classroom. It's important for us to have both."

The organization has seen increases in participating students' GPAs and in the past three years, students in the Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership program have earned more than \$5.5 million dollars in academic scholarship offers, Cataldo said.

"They need an opportunity to form a new identity that they get to choose, instead of the identity that's thrust upon them by their surroundings, which a lot of the times can be negative," he said.

"Lacrosse is traditionally an affluent sport that's played in white suburbs, so this is an opportunity

for kids to start. There are some racial harmony benefits."



Courtesy Virginia Athletics

The Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership organization hosted 35 students at the University this weekend to play during halftime of the Men's Lacrosse game against Syracuse.

during halftime at Saturday's Men's Lacrosse game against Syracuse.

Program director Wyatt Melzer, University alumni and former long stick midfielder for the varsity lacrosse team, has high hopes for the impact of the weekend.

"At the end of the day, what I want to do is give a kid a lacrosse stick and let them form their own ideas of their dreams," Melzer said. "We always say lacrosse opens doors, especially for a kid from [the] inner-city."

"I want them to leave with a different perception of the future," Melzer said. "A lot of kids our age, when asked what they wanted to do, at least had a general idea. These kids have no idea because they were never told they could work hard and get anywhere."

Third-year Law student and Advisory Board member Tunji Williams led the Black Law Students Association component of the visit. Williams attributed the program's success to its founder.

"Simon's been able to find a way to measure the impact of lacrosse on these kids' lives," Williams said. "He has the X-factor with these kids. These kids really respect and love him because they see the passion he has. He's an incredible leader."

Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership plans to expand to five cities with five host school sites in the next 10 years.

LOVE CONNECTION:

MATT & GRACE

Two third-years get a friendly vibe
on their first blind date

Alex Stock
Love Guru

Matt and Grace met at 7:30 p.m. at the Rotunda and went to The Virginian.

Grace: I just thought [Love Connection] would be funny. I'm the kind of person who thought "I'll just do it for the hell of it." I think meeting new people is fun.

Matt: My friend, Colin, did the Bachelor Edition [Love Connection] and I thought it was hilarious. I'm all about meeting new people and having a good time, so I figured why not?

Grace: I had not been on a blind date before. I was hoping that it would be someone like me who thought they'd just have fun with it, so my expectations were hoping that it would be chill and fun.

Matt: I've been set up by friends and stuff, but usually you preclude it with a little Facebook stalking. I've never done a true blind date before, so this was an interesting experience. I didn't expect anything; I just wanted to have a good time and get dinner with someone cool. It turned out to be a lot of fun.

Grace: I got there, and basically right after someone walked up and said, "You looking for someone?" and I asked, "Love Connection?" and he said, "Yup!" We both walked toward the Corner, asked about majors and other stuff. I don't need to know everything about you; I'd rather just have interesting conversations.

Matt: I had this weird fear of there being two other people there and I'd be awkwardly asking around, but luckily she was the only one there and I thought, "Hey, this is pretty easy!"

Grace: My first impression was that this seems like an actual normal person. I can see girls wanting to go on a blind date, but I'm not sure what kind of guy would want to fill out a survey.

Matt: She was mad chill. I had a good time talking to her; the conversation flowed really easily. I was worried she'd be really shy and introverted.

Grace: I think the conversation was very easy. There weren't really any pauses. I don't think either of us really talked more than the other person. He told me about how when he was in Tanzania he got run at by a giraffe, which intrigued me because I like giraffes.

Matt: We shared stories about places we'd traveled, interests and stuff. Not your typical first date conversation — much more relaxed.



MATT

Year: Third

School: College

Major: Environmental Science

Hometown: Richmond

Ideal Date: Ideally athletic, somewhere around 5'8", blonde or brunette doesn't matter. A pretty face is the first thing I look for.

Ideal Date Activity: An afternoon of fishing on the water, coming home to cook the fresh catch, dinner with wine and a few beers, then putting on a shirt and tie to try out a classy local bar.

Deal breakers? Not much. I overlook a lot if she's a great person all the way through.

Hobbies: Exercising, pickup basketball, hiking, fishing, music, cooking and grilling

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? We'll spend so much time talking that we miss our dinner reservations.

Describe yourself in one sentence: I am the most easygoing guy you've met — trying something new every day and still only scratching the surface.

GRACE

Year: Third

School: College and Curry

Major: Elementary Education and Anthropology

Hometown: Great Falls

Ideal Date: Taller than me, in a tie-dye shirt with a mouth in a smile shape. Someone who's unapologetically themselves, easygoing with a purpose, enjoys thinking about how society can be pretty hysterical.

Deal Breakers? Patriarchy, recreational hunters

Describe a typical weekend: Getting my free Friday slurpee, being told I can't touch the pregame playlist, asking people if they want to get tased.

What makes you a good catch? I mean, I can make a mean sandwich, so yeah, I'll make you a sandwich.

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I may be too easily amused by puns and I am too willing to tell you why I dislike Buzzfeed and Subway.



brought up that it was \$2 beers at Boylan, but I had my leftovers from the Virginian, which I didn't want to bring to Boylan. I asked him if he could come by my apartment so I could put the leftovers in the fridge, and when he came by, my roommates bombarded him.

Matt: We had a few drinks at Boylan, and I told her I was going to meet up with a couple friends later so we just parted ways there. I'm sure we'll definitely hang out together sometime in the future.

Grace: Considering it was a blind date, I think it worked out pretty well, so I'd say a seven.

Matt: I would definitely rate the date a nine out of 10. I had a really good time and it was great getting to know her.

Grace: We paid for our own stuff. I put patriarchy as one of my deal breakers, so I'm not going to judge him for not paying for my food.

Matt: Anybody would flirt with someone on a first date. I don't see that kind of connection really; it was just two really chill people having a good time and meeting somebody new.

Grace: I can't really tell if there was flirting. I'm not really an overt flirter; I just talk to people and enjoy it various amounts. We were getting along, but since I just met him it was hard to tell if it was just friendly or flirty.

Matt: We had a lot in common, actually. We had seen a lot of similar movies, which is exciting because I'm a movie buff. She definitely followed along with all of that.

Grace: After the Virginian, he

TOP 10 SPRING BREAK DESTINATIONS

Annie Mester
Life Columnist

3 Some exotic beach somewhere

If this is you, I envy you. Nothing like a tan (burn) and some beach time to get your mind off school and convert your skin to the color of something darker than a snowman. It's a scientific fact that the warmer the weather, the better your liver works, so feel free to channel your inner Snooki and live life like beach week came early. Though the amount of pictures you post of your super fun trip is directly proportional to the amount of actual fun you're having, be careful not to post anything too incriminating. It's all fun and games until that fake Facebook your big made you puts those pictures on everyone's News Feed — you won't *"omg love your big sooooo much"* anymore.

6 Staying in Charlottesville

Bold yet surprisingly common, the Charlottesville Spring-Breaker is often the one who appreciates the scene at Trinity at around 9:30 at night. As in, the entire Corner being empty save for a few middle-aged men and a group of five-foot-tall grad students who are about to go back to working on their really important theses.

9 Visiting friends at another school

For whatever reason, it seems like none of my friends from home ever have the same breaks as I do. As glad as I am to see my friends, it's pretty obvious that no school will ever compare to the University. Things I take for granted here: everything is in walking distance, the abundance of food available past 2 a.m. (new Basil delivery menu, anyone?), an overall high level of intelligence across the student body and the assumption that we will always be better than anyone at everything.

1 I'm going home (NoVa edition)

Most often accompanied by a resigned sigh, then the sudden realization that no one has responded to any of your 10 posts in the "Hoo's Driving? Hoo's Riding?" Facebook group. As is the case with most trips home, Spring Break will probably be filled with some puppy-cuddling and deep contemplation about how to attend to all obligations from the comfort of your childhood bed. Common activities also include convincing your parents to take you out to every restaurant within a 20-mile radius of your house because you're just so tired of "cooking for yourself." Though "cooking for yourself" can include ordering from various takeout spots on the Corner, what your parents don't know won't kill them.

4 Europe

Europe: the site of the peak of Lizzie McGuire's love life, the place of plentiful food Instagram opportunities and a glorious continent on Earth where it's encouraged to incorporate naptime into an adult's day. If visiting Europe is in your plans for Spring Break, consider this column an open plea to fit me in your suitcase and drag me around with you. I promise I don't bite and am a generally good time when I'm not hungry.

7 Going skiing

The operative word in "Spring Break" for me is spring. To those who clearly don't share my sentiments, the beginning of March is generally the last time to enjoy some natural snow on the slopes. I can't say I really relate to any of you, but I've heard real powder will always be better than any man-made snow. Take advantage of the last few weeks of quality skiing, or as I'd put it, an athletic rationale to drink hot chocolate.

2 I'm going home (out-of-state edition)

This is very similar to the "I'm going home (NoVa edition)," with two key distinctions. Replace the frantic "Hoo's Driving?" post with the frantic, "I'm going to personally find a plane and fly it from the Charlottesville airport because there are never any flights to anywhere ever" sentiments. Three days later and with about one-fifth of your sanity left, you've made it home and are reconsidering ever leaving your bed again. Next, replace the "cooking for yourself" rationale with the rationale that nothing in Charlottesville could ever compare to the New York bagel or the Idaho potato or the California kale smoothie or the Texas barbeque.

5 ROAAAADTRIPPPP!

This can never be said at a normal volume. It must be yelled with each and every syllable drawn out. This option requires having a friend willing to tolerate sitting next to you for upwards of 12 hours a day. There's no company but each other, some off-key singing and empty Chick-Fil-A boxes. If I were this friend, I'd find a book on how to be less enthusiastic and to stop screaming all the time and gift it to the enthused roadtripper. But I'm from New York and don't tolerate happiness very well.

8 Service trip

Whether staying domestic or going abroad, it seems like a very large amount of University students are forgoing a more traditional Spring Break for the chance to participate in giving back and helping communities in need. But this is just my judging based off the sheer number of "Alternative Spring Break Bar Night" Facebook event invites I've received. But hey, flights are expensive and I see no downside to helping support my classmates in giving back. The Alternative Spring Break-er will always come back with two things: an irreversible farmer's tan and a profile picture with a small child.

10 "I have no idea, stop talking to me, I have three tests this week"

Arguably the most common answer. Because who can plan a real vacation when the only plausible vacation you can take at this point is leaving the Alderman Stacks to get a coffee from Greenberry's? Snow days are fun until all your tests and papers are due on the same day and you realize the closest you're ever going to get to swimming at the beach is bathing in the rapidly growing puddle of your salty tears.