

IFC alters 2014 recruitment rules

ODOS, Fraternity Council shortens rush length, changes second-round event days, alters invite process, shortens pledging season

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Senior Writer

Inter-Fraternity Council members will face several new regulations this year for their recruitment process, which officially began last weekend.

There are 1,700 members of the University's IFC chapters, not counting prospective members this semester, and the rushing process includes several rounds including open houses, invitation events, final hours and bid day.

As one among several major changes, the Office of the Dean of Students recently decided to shorten the length of fraternity rush for spring 2014 by three days. Third-year College student Griffin Horter, head of investigations on the IFC Judicial Committee, said the changes were made as safety precautions.

"The reason the school did that is to limit the school's liability and limit the chance that kids will get hurt," Horter said. "[But] every fraternity will have the same amount of events; it's a just condensed amount of time. I'm not really sure if it will be any less of a liability, so that's a concern I have."

Additionally, the second round of rush will fall on a Sunday and a Monday instead of on weekends, limiting the previously frequent process of taking prospective members on trips outside the University.

Regulations regarding the delivery of bid cards have also been created. There can only be one person allowed into a rushee's dorm to deliver the bid card, and it must be delivered during a limited time frame in

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ISC participants, expenses rise

Council pays \$23K to house recruitment counselors, 994 potential new members pay \$85K in fees, 697 girls matched to sororities

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The 2014 Inter-Sorority Council recruitment season ended last week, with 697 of 994 female students entering the bid-matching process — a three percent increase from last year's recruitment process.

The incoming class of sorority women is the largest in University history, despite increased recruitment registration fees. In addition to increased participation, significant changes were made on the administrative side of recruitment.

Panhellenic Counselors, or Pi Chis, represent a group of sorority women who disaffiliate from their respective sororities in the fall in order to advise rush participants through the recruitment process in January.

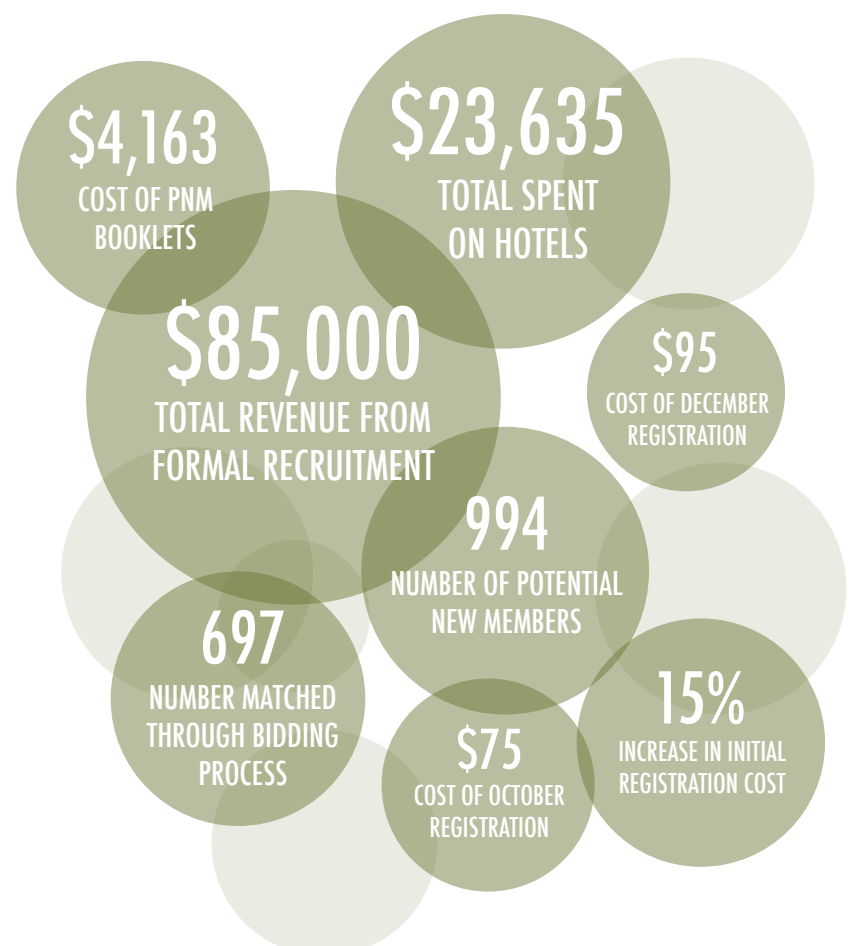
This year, Pi Chis signed a contract to not reside in their normal residences for the duration of their assignment in order to remain neutral as they advised potential new members. The ISC paid for accommodations at the Cavalier Inn for 10 days during recruitment.

Vice President of Recruitment Anna Powell, a fourth-year Commerce student, said the ISC instituted the policy in an effort to ensure Pi Chi sorority affiliations remained unknown.

"Many of our Pi Chis live in their chapter house or with women in their own chapter and we really wanted to have everyone who is on the ISC side of recruitment in the same spot," Powell said.

Powell said knowing Pi Chis's affili-

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Late last week, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring announced he does not intend to defend the state's current ban on same-sex marriage in federal court. Herring is pushing to have the ban declared unconstitutional.

"I swore an oath to both the United States Constitution and the Virginia Constitution," Herring said in a press release. "After thorough legal review, I have now concluded that Virginia's ban on marriage between same sex couples violates the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution."

AG calls VA marriage law unconstitutional

Herring will not defend state same-sex marriage ban in Bostic v. Rainey federal court case, reverses prior stance

Herring has sided with those challenging the constitutionality of Virginia's same-sex marriage ban in the July 2013 court case *Bostic v. Rainey*. In the case, one gay couple and one lesbian couple are requesting the right to get married or have a marriage in another state recognized in Virginia.

Herring Spokesperson Michael Kelly said this decision will not alter any legal rights of gay couples in Virginia immediately.

"The Attorney General's decision will not change the ban," Kelly said. "The ban remains in place and will continue to be enforced until the court rules otherwise."

Fourth year College student Abe Wapner, a Queer Student

Union officer, said Herring's decision reflects Virginia's shifting position on gay marriage and LGBTQ rights, which he hopes others in the University community will recognize.

"The shifting stances of our top lawmakers means that the professional and social discrimination felt by LGBTQ minorities at UVA may soon come to an end," Wapner said in an email. "Herring's decision is another hopeful step forward for supporters of LGBTQ rights at UVA."

Wapner said Herring's decision may encourage gay students at the University to stay in Virginia after graduating.

"Students who would previous-

ly never have considered making a life in Virginia, choosing instead to move to New York, California, or a friendlier environment for LGBTQ minorities, might begin to seek a home in this state after graduation," Wapner said in an email.

Kelly defended the Attorney General's decision and said that his action is not unprecedented.

"Any Attorney General is well within his power to not defend a law that he finds unconstitutional," Kelly said. "When part of a state constitution violates the US Constitution, the Attorney General has a duty to correct the state's violation."

On Friday, Virginia Solicitor

General Stuart Raphael filed electronically with the federal court, affirming Herring's decision to side with those suing Virginia in *Bostic v. Rainey*.

"The Attorney General has notified the court that the Commonwealth's position has changed and has filed a brief that explains why he finds the ban to be unconstitutional," Kelly said. "Now it is up to the judge to make the decision."

In the press release, Herring made the issue about civil liberties and personal rights.

"Virginians should no longer face discrimination and economic hardship based on whom they love and commit their lives to," Herring said in the press release.

The Cavalier Daily elects 125th managing, junior boards

Lim wins editor-in-chief race, Elliott, Provenzano, Ripley, Simonsen round out newly chosen leadership team

Owen Robinson
Senior Writer

The Cavalier Daily elected its 125th staff on Saturday in Hotel C of West Range on Saturday. The elections ran roughly five hours, and candidates focused on improving the newspaper through greater adjustment to the digitization of the paper, more inter-section collaboration and an increased focus on events specific to University that don't appear in other news outlets.

After two hours of speeches, questions endorsements, third-year College student Rebecca Lim, a Production editor for the past two terms, was elected editor-in-chief. Lim sought to improve outreach and collaboration between different sections of the newspaper.

"I think the past two terms we've seen a lot of changes, so in this coming term we'll focus on building foundations," Lim said. She had a particular eye towards continued online development and strengthening the Opinion section of the paper.

Lim ran for editor-in-chief against third-year College student Andrew Elliott, who had served on the 124th staff as assistant managing editor. Lim, who came out of the production and layout side of the paper, sought to increase community outreach and encourage alternative funding sources, emphasizing her work on the Cavalier Daily's recent crowd-funded distribution box campaign. Elliott, building off

his three years on the paper's literary staff, focused on improving staff training and using best practices from other college media outlets.

The staff elected Elliott managing editor, responsible for the literary content of the paper. He would like to see the paper grow in a number of ways in the coming term.

"I want to continue our feature length, investigative reports and explore new opportunities for collaboration both inside and outside the paper," he explained.

First-year College student Lianne Provenzano was elected operations manager and will be responsible for the content delivery, the website and office operations. As a first-year, she will be the youngest member of the Management Board.

"I think it's going to be difficult ... I'm going to have to live up to high standards," Provenzano said.

Third-year College student Katherine Ripley, a former Opinion editor, will step up as the new executive editor, responsible for

overseeing the Opinion section and writing the newspaper's daily editorial.

"First of all I'm looking forward to being the voice of the paper, because I think that is the primary role of the executive editor," Ripley said. "And secondly, but equally importantly, I'm looking forward to

ber as the new chief financial officer. Simonsen will oversee the work of the Cavalier Daily's full-time, professional advertising manager.

"[I am] excited at the possibility of our professionalized manager bringing in new sources of revenue and for expanding our presence around Grounds," Simonsen said.



The Cavalier Daily's incoming and outgoing staff elected Peter Simonsen, Katherine Ripley, Rebecca Lim, Andrew Elliott and Lianne Provenzano (left to right) as the paper's 125th managing board Saturday.

working with the Opinion editors to improve the content of the Opinion section and also working with the other MB members to improve the paper as a whole."

Third-year Engineering student Peter Simonsen, a former Graphics editor and Online editor, will serve as the fifth Managing Board mem-

ber as the new chief financial officer. Simonsen will oversee the work of the Cavalier Daily's full-time, professional advertising manager. "I am] excited at the possibility of our professionalized manager bringing in new sources of revenue and for expanding our presence around Grounds," Simonsen said.

Third-Year College student Kelly Kaler and second-Year College student Julia Horowitz will be the incoming assistant managing editors. Kaler was previously a News editor and Horowitz a Life editor.

Taking on News editor will be third-year College students Joseph Liss and Matthew

Comey. Liss served last term as a senior associate editor for News, and Comey served as an assistant managing editor.

Ashley Spinks and Russell Bogue, both second-years in the College, were elected Opinion editor.

first-year College student Julia

Skorcz and second-year College student James Cassar will take over as Arts and Entertainment editors.

First-years College students Ali Jensen and Victoria Moran will come in as the new Life editors.

Third-year Commerce student Zack Bartee and third-year College student Peter Nance will serve as this term's Sport editors.

First-year College student Meg Thornberry will step in as Health and Science editor, and the position of Focus editor will be filled by first-year College student Michael Drash.

Third-year College students Sylvia Oe and Mary Beth Desrosiers will stay on as Production editors, and second-year College student Sloan Christopher will serve as the third production editor, filling the role Lim had previously occupied.

Third-year Engineering student Jenny Alt will step in as Online Editor, former photo editor and third-year College student Jenna Truong will take over as Social Media editor, and third-year Engineering student Emilio Esteban will join third-year College student Stephen Rowe as Graphics editor.

The staff elected second-year College student Kelsey Grant and second-year Engineering student Marshall Bronfin as photo editors and elected second-year College student Drew Precious Video editor.

The outgoing Managing Board appointed second-year College student Claire Fenichel as business manager.



Courtesy University of Virginia

Former University Rector Joshua Darden, 77, passed away last week. Darden worked extensively on the Campaign for the University of Virginia and was active in student life as an undergraduate.

Josh Darden, former rector, dies

Sandridge, Gilliam praise Darden's University-related, community philanthropy

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Joshua P. Darden Jr., a former member of the Board of Visitors and former Rector of the University, passed away Wednesday at the age of 77.

Darden served eight years as a member of the Board of Visitors from 1982 to 1990, and a three years as the University's rector from 1987 to 1990. He was also chaired the Campaign for the University of Virginia, a massive fundraising effort in the mid-1990s, for its first four years.

Darden was the nephew of Colgate W. Darden, Jr., who served as both governor of Virginia and president of the University, and after whom the University's graduate business school is named.

Leonard Sandridge, senior advisor to the Board of Visitors and former executive vice president of the University, said Darden made all of his projects a team effort and was open to hearing the ideas of everyone with whom he worked.

"He was a collaborative per-

son," Sandridge said. "He did not do it in a commanding style. ... He wanted people to understand why we needed to do something."

Sandridge, who worked with Darden extensively during his tenure at the University, said Darden was focused on his goals but open to new ideas.

"He was concise and precise in what he wanted," Sandridge said. "But if he learned new information, he could accept that and process that." He added that Darden was deeply involved in athletics during his time as an University undergraduate.

Alexander Gilliam, University historian and former Board secretary, said Darden was an influential figure on Grounds even as an undergraduate. Gilliam and Darden attended the College at the same time.

"He was sort of a neat guy to be around," Gilliam said. "Everybody liked him."

Gilliam also worked with Darden on the Campaign for the University, and praised Darden's contributions to the project. Darden helped to compose a script for campaign stops, in

which he would read a "letter" that he composed to Thomas Jefferson assuring him of the progress that the University has made since its early days.

Darden's leadership and contributions to the community extended as far as Norfolk, Va., where Darden carried on his family's tradition of serving the hometown community.

"He was active in all sorts of civic things around Norfolk," Gilliam said. "I can't emphasize [enough] his sense of civic responsibility."

Gilliam and Sandridge both credited Darden's lasting legacy to his commitment to tasks completion and group input.

"He was a very effective person and a very decent person," Gilliam said. "He was clearly competent. You knew that Josh knew what he was talking about when he started talking about these projects."

"We talk a lot about what a U.Va. student is and what a graduate University stands for," Sandridge said. "If there was ever a gold standard on what is that kind of individual is, Josh Darden is that model."

Honor Committee assigns working groups, seeks input

Focus groups to confront disproportionate reporting, faculty engagement, possible changes to bylaws, student input during meetings

Kaelyn Quinn
Associate Editor

The Honor Committee moved forward to create experimental working groups at its weekly Sunday meeting. The move is part of an effort to "work more efficiently towards our goals," said Honor Committee Chair Evan Behrle, a fourth-year College student.

The Committee will now convene once every two weeks and meet in working groups on the intervening Sundays.

Four different working groups will begin next week. The first group, labeled "faculty engagement," will focus on increasing faculty participation in the honor system. Darden Honor Representative Jessica Alvarez said reaching out to faculty remained a difficult issue for Committee members.

"I still don't think we've made headway, and I still don't get re-

sponses to my emails," she said. Alvarez said she is hopeful the new working group will be able to effectively address the issue.

A second group will focus on rewriting bylaws, which govern the appeals process for an honor conviction. "The bylaws are not explicit enough," Behrle said.

The third group will focus on the Committee's recurring problem of disproportionate reporting practices. Certain student groups, including international students, minority students and student athletes, are inordinately reported for honor violations, Behrle said.

Though the working groups are an experiment for the time being, Behrle said he envisions the specific groups becoming long-term, as previous attempts to rectify these recurring problems have been unsuccessful.

"Some of the working groups are working on projects that necessarily outlast our committee," Behrle said.

The fourth working group will consist of focus groups made up of randomly selected University students. Students unaffiliated with Honor will monitor an open dialogue between students and Committee members, Behrle said.

The Committee will provide scripts and questions for the moderators.

The focus groups are an initiative to gain "a qualitative gauge on where students stand," Behrle said. "[Participants will] discuss some of the recurrent frustrations within the system ... or ways to revitalize the system ... amongst your average student."

Behrle said a similar format was used last semester and proved successful.

"It is still an experiment," Behrle said. "It doesn't represent a codified change ... It is an internal shift we've adopted and will continue to evaluate as we come to the end of our term."



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Honor Committee Chair Evan Behrle said the working groups are "still an experiment."

Holder talks marijuana law, prison reform, Snowden case

United States Attorney General says federal authorities to respect state legalization rules, discusses national security, other concerns

Kelly Kaler
Assistant Managing Editor

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder drew a large crowd to the Miller Center Thursday afternoon, as onlookers overflowed the main conference room and satellite locations to hear Holder discuss various national security and domestic policy concerns.

A member of President Barack Obama's cabinet since the start of his first term, Holder expressed enthusiasm for multiple domestic policy reforms including improvements to the federal justice system, support for the legalization of same-sex marriage and efforts to alter banking regulations to accommodate newly legal sales of marijuana in some states.

"You have businesses that are recognized by state governments generating cash as a result of the sale [of marijuana], and you don't

want just huge amounts of cash in these places where they can't use the banking system," Holder said, referring to the illegality of depositing cash in federal banks from the sale of the drug. "We will be issuing some regulations very soon to deal with that issue."

Holder said the new regulations are not an endorsement of the sale of marijuana, but rather an "an attempt to deal with a reality that exists in these states."

Holder also spoke about implementing justice system reforms, which would help alleviate the relationship between crime and lower socioeconomic status.

"The U.S. has in our jail system one-fourth of the world's prison population ... this is way out of line," Holder said. "It's not a coincidence that we see the most violence committed where we see the highest level of social dysfunction. Schools that don't

educate, high levels of unemployment ... We need a system of prevention, rehabilitation ... I'm pretty sure if we implemented [these changes] the number would be a lot less."

Holder also briefly discussed outstanding concerns about Edward Snowden, a former National Security Agency contractor who released classified information about NSA surveillance programs to media organizations last June.

"If Snowden were to come back to the US and enter a plea, we would engage with his lawyers," Holder said. "We are not willing to consider clemency as an option."

Holder emphasized that Snowden still poses a threat to national security, saying his actions in releasing confidential national security information had a "deleterious" effect on the nation.



Courtesy the Miller Center

United States Attorney General, above, spoke at the Miller Center on Thursday afternoon before a large crowd. Holder discussed marijuana laws and national security policy at the event.

IFC | "No alcohol is permitted during recruitment activities," Reid says

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the day. These regulations aim to prevent large groups of people from delivering the bid very late at night or early in the morning.

The use of alcohol at rush-related events will also be highly monitored this year.

"The IFC regulations are, and have always been, that no alcohol

is permitted during recruitment activities," said third-year College student Thomas Reid, IFC vice president of membership. "This is for two reasons: alcohol really distracts from getting to know the younger guys, and because consumption of alcohol is illegal for all of our recruits — they're pretty much all under 21. This is a policy that has been difficult to enforce. We're really

committing ourselves to that policy this year."

The IFC will also heavily focus on making sure members and prospective members have an aligned view of what it means to be in a fraternity, Reid said.

"What we identified as a problem was that the recruitment process was not reflecting what the fraternity actually meant," Reid said. "We're trying to tap

into that philosophical underpinning of rush, which is that there should never be any pressure to participate in anything illegal. It should be about getting to know the guys."

Such regulations are an attempt to make the process safer for those participating in rush. The University also held a Hazing Prevention Summit last fall in hopes of making the semester-

long pledge process safer.

"I think every fraternity on Grounds is changing their pledge process," Horter said. "The pledge process will be much healthier with less liability than before. That being said, it's hard to change something so ingrained in the fraternity tradition. I think it's going to be a gradual process with each fraternity making changes each year."

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ations may influence potential new members to whom their own sororities extended offers.

Inspiration for this change came from this year's Southeastern Panhellenic Conference, Powell said, which ISC executive board members attend every year.

The ISC initially budgeted

\$30,000 for the new expense, and ultimately spent \$23,635 to house approximately 120 sorority sisters at the Cavalier Inn.

"Some women did not stay for their entire term due to medical reasons, which we excused, but for the rest of them, they all signed a contract saying that they would stay there and we expected them to," Powell said in response to rumors that not all Pi Chis stayed at the hotel for the

entire recruitment period.

Internal reviews have been mostly positive, though the ISC does not know if it will keep the changes, Powell said.

"This was really a test," Powell said. "We think it went well and we of course want to take the feedback from everybody else." Another significant change this year was a 15 percent increase in the base registration fee, from \$65 to \$75. Late registrants paid

up to \$20 more.

Powell said sorority rush fees at the University in past years have been low compared to other schools' fees, and maintained that this year's increased fees were still relatively low. The regular recruitment fee is \$120 at Florida State and \$80 at Virginia Tech, while the regular recruitment fee is \$55 at UNC Chapel Hill.

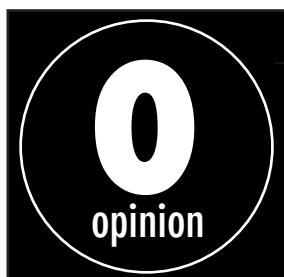
Also in a change from previ-

ous years, sororities were not allowed to serve food during house tours for the first time.

"In the past, all the chapters would provide food for the women," Powell said. "[However, providing food] was not aligned with the concept of a value based recruitment — we found that that was a huge expense on chapters and all the recruitment chairs voted to eliminate that."

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Comment of the day

“Young stunna jellis.”

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Building on building blocks

In its new term, The Cavalier Daily will build upon the changes that were made in the previous year

The Cavalier Daily enters its 125th term this week, with new editors and new visions. A long, arduous day of elections in Jefferson Hall on Saturday resulted in a strong, talented staff dedicated to bringing you — the reader — the best content we can possibly offer.

The past term of The Cavalier Daily involved a lot of change. We decreased our print frequency, redesigned our print format and shifted more focus to digital media. We have made every effort to adapt to the changing tides of student journalism: we launched our mobile app and a new video section just last year.

The 125th term will be about solidifying those foundations of change. We will utilize the new tools we have created to deliver quality reporting, in-depth analysis and intelligent commentary.

Although we have shifted much of our focus to digital media, we remain committed to the foundation of The Cavalier Daily: print journalism. We are well on our way to reaching

our Indiegogo campaign goal, which will triple our current number of distribution points. We want to bring you a print product that you can enjoy and that is easily accessible, because we all still appreciate the value of a morning paper and a good cup of coffee.

Going forward, we plan to increase inter-section collaboration. Each newspaper will not only contain an eclectic mix of stories and columns that has something for everyone to enjoy, but also a complete, unified product in which our various talented writers complement each other’s skills and our adept production and graphics staffs enhance the well-crafted articles that we have to offer. Balanced reporting and diverse commentary, while they remain in distinctly separate spheres, together form two halves of a whole in the realm of the newspaper. Our opinion section will welcome a wide variety of viewpoints from writers of different backgrounds who wish to share their perspectives on the stories that our news section

covers — the stories that affect you.

We also plan to conduct more investigative reporting to bring our readers more in-depth coverage of stories that warrant further exploration. Our news magazine format and twice weekly publication schedule are conducive to longer stories that remain relevant throughout the week, so no matter when you pick up a newspaper from the stands, you can read a story or a column which will interest you and will make relevant conversation during breakfast at Runk, dinner at Newcomb or wherever your preferred dining location happens to be.

We will include in our coverage stories of the greater Charlottesville area and Virginia politics. As students of the University, we are not meant to live in a bubble. We are meant to be informed participants in the political system — even if it is just the local system — and even if that involvement is just reading a story on the city council meeting and sharing an opinion

on the measures passed. As a newspaper, we aim to help our readers be informed citizens of the University community and the world surrounding it.

We will bring you this information using a wide variety of mediums: our print product, our website, our mobile app, our social media accounts and our YouTube channel. We will give you as many ways as possible for you to enjoy our stories, but we will not be extravagant. We will use our resources carefully and present each story in the medium for which it is most fit. We will deliver rapid breaking news and well-considered feature stories, with striking visuals as accompaniment.

And most importantly, we will welcome feedback from you — our lifeblood, our readership.

The Cavalier Daily is dedicated not just to surviving but thriving. We are committed to continuing the momentum spurred by the previous term. We will ride the wave of change into the future — a future full of possibility.

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Finding your place

Opinion columns should offer more commentary on relevant University topics

Christopher Broom
Public Editor

I had thought to write this column only about the efforts and accomplishments of the outgoing managing board, whose work I have followed so closely over the last six months. Then I read former Cavalier Daily Editor-in-Chief (from 2006 to 2007) Mike Slaven's letter to the editor (an actual letter, it seems, giving lie to my earlier column in which I noted that no one really sends such letters anymore) and realized a quick recap to follow up on his thoughts is all that is necessary. Mr. Slaven did a great job summarizing what the outgoing board has managed to do: reimagine how The Cavalier Daily can and should look in a digital age, develop a mobile platform (a website and apps) and still produce a high-quality product day in and day out. Let's also remember that they have done all of this as volunteers making no money and while still responsible for their own classes and other pursuits at school. As Slaven noted, one of the

managing board members, Charlie Tyson, was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in what appears to be his spare time. I have, of course, been critical of some of the steps the board has taken, but their body of work is impressive and The Cavalier Daily is, in my estimation, much better for having had this group at the helm this past year.

There are, however, still things that need work. This week I was struck by several opinion pieces that seemed poorly thought out or simply out of place in The Cavalier Daily. I have written briefly about what we should expect from student journalists. While The Cavalier Daily is a serious newspaper, it is also a training ground. Opinion writers especially seem to be refining their own voices and the writers cast a wide net for their topics. They should also try to make their columns more relevant to their audience, which is, almost entirely, the University community.

Jared Fogel wrote about the Mars One project, an effort to send people to Mars to establish a colony. The entire column was predicated on the idea that it is

unreasonable to send people to Mars without a plan to bring them home. It is an interesting project, but it is also a solid decade away from happening, assuming it ever comes together at all. Further, it

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does not have any real connection to the University community.

Dani Bernstein wrote a piece about New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's displeasure with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan to raise taxes on wealthy

City residents to fund a universal pre-kindergarten program. The only possible connection to the University community is that Cuomo may have presidential aspirations. Otherwise, it is an interesting piece about something that affects virtually no one in this community.

In the case of the previous two columns, the topics are intriguing, if distant. Finding a theme to connect them to the University community or the lives of the people in it would make them more relevant and, therefore, much more likely to have an effect on those reading them.

Other columns I just did not understand at all. Nazar Aljasar, who has written pieces I have praised and who generally does an excellent job keeping even big issues rooted in a local context, missed the mark in his most recent piece, "Feminism is for some people." He essentially set about "mansplaining" feminism. I've written before expressing a wish that opinion writers be aware of and acknowledge the place from which they write and the privi-

lege they enjoy when addressing various issues. For a man at the University of Virginia to explain what's wrong with feminism is tone deaf at best.

Opinion writers clearly have a wide berth when choosing their topics, as they should. I urge them to try and connect their ideas to the University community somehow, and further, to really examine why they are writing their columns in the first place. Aljasar's thoughts on feminism did not seem to me to offer anything helpful. He decried elitism and an excessively academic focus on the part of feminists, but he does so from an elitist, academic perch. More self-examination and more consideration about the point of particular columns would help the opinion pages of The Cavalier Daily be more relevant to its readers.

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Looking close to home

The University should target growing minority populations in the state by offering them more financial aid

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As the University struggles to maintain admission standards and remain financially stable, changing demographics is an issue that cannot be ignored. Both Virginia and many of the states that supply our out-of-state enrollment have seen declines in both black and white populations in younger age groups. The University needs a new recruitment strategy to handle these changes. By focusing now on recruiting Virginia students from rising populations in Hispanic and Asian communities, the University can maintain a diverse student body both racially and socioeconomically while leaving room to bring in higher-income students from both out-of-state and international sources to keep the University afloat.

Out-of-state enrollment has been a controversial topic in Virginia for some time. The University's relatively high percentage of non-Virginians compared to other state colleges and universities has angered some law-

makers in Richmond and some families of denied applicants. The University's response has always been the same: that out-of-state students are necessary to the financial success of the school. In-state tuition, though rising rapidly, is still much less than tuition for out-of-state students, or tuition for most private institutions. I propose that the University focus on making

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assistance.

In-state students are not generating much income for the University through their tuition anyway. So why not focus financial aid on students from Virginia, who are cheaper to pay for, and keep in-state enrollment high? In the next 14 years, there will be a whopping 39 percent increase in Virginian Hispanic students reaching college age, while there will be an approximate 10 percent decrease in the white and black populations of this age group. Why not develop relationships with these growing communities now, making college a realistic goal for students who may not consider it otherwise? By aggressively recruiting these students while making in-state aid easier to acquire, the University could not only enrich its own in-state diversity — an area that has been lacking — but could also enlarge its in-state applicant pool, as well as bring long-term prospects to low-income communities throughout the state. Over decades, this could even increase the number of students from these populations that could pay full tuition.

Many will criticize my sug-

gestion for a lack of consideration for out-of-state students and what they bring to the University. As an out-of-state student myself, I think the way the University brings students from all over the country and the world together is vital to our academic and cultural vitality, so these worries are understandable. But out-of-state and international students are coming to the University not because it is cheap, but because it is a world-class institution with a vibrant student body, a vibrancy that will only increase with more diverse in-state enrollment recruited through increased Virginia financial aid. And while some out-of-state students will probably be forced to look elsewhere, there is already an excess of out-of-state applicants. This year more than twice as many out-of-state students than in-state students applied for early action admissions, though there are only half as many spots for out-of-staters. And the financial aid that out-of-state students will not get can make a much bigger impact on the financial obligations of an in-state student, percentage wise.

Of course, ideally there would be no need for these kinds of decisions. If funding weren't an issue, the University could simply focus on getting the best students regardless of financial means. But unfortunately this isn't possible, and the University must focus on how to achieve this goal within its financial limitations. While diversity shouldn't have a price tag, financially it makes much more sense to focus aid efforts within the state, which would affect more students overall and make the University of Virginia more representative of the state it serves. Adapting to future change is always difficult, but I think by adjusting recruitment and financial aid strategies to increase the diversity of in state enrollment, the University could thrive. I hope that at the very least this becomes a discussion we can have as a school.

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One giant leap of faith

We should not send people to Mars until we create sufficient technology to get them home

Jared Fogel
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Mars: “The Next Giant Leap for Mankind.” The Mars One website, which promotes its mission to colonize Mars through phrases like this, is doing everything it can to get the message out, and so far it has worked.

Less than a month ago, the Mars One project, which received more than 200,00 applicants to go on the mission, narrowed down the applicant pool to 1,058 men and women. Over the course of the next two years the program will narrow down the pool until there are six groups of four individuals remaining. From there, the future inter-planet explorers will undergo around eight years of training until the launch of their seven- to eight-month journey in 2024.

But there’s a catch. The final 24 astronauts will be given only a one-way ticket to Mars. They will never return home.

This is uncharacteristic of any space missions to date. Historically speaking, whenever astronauts have been sent into space or to the moon, the intent has been for them to return home safely. However, this has not always been the case. Think of the Challenger, Columbia, and other space missions that suffered astronaut fatalities. This difference be-

tween the round trip always featured with NASA and the Mars One’s one-way ticket is likely because the Mars project is not funded by NASA or any other country but rather by a Netherlands non-profit organization.

Nevertheless, I don’t think it is in anyone’s power to make the decision to send astronauts to their imminent deaths. I understand that these potential astronauts are signing up and agreeing to take part in this program under their own free will, but the program should not have been created in the first place because of this one-way trip aspect. Additionally, sometimes free will can be misinterpreted. For example, one man from Utah has decided that he would prefer to abandon his wife and four kids for the opportunity to journey to Mars. Thus, the Mars One would not only send people to live on Mars but would also potentially tear up families in the pro-

cess.

Although there appear to be thousands of perfectly willing volunteers that will offer their lives on Earth for the chance to possibly live and die on Mars, this does not mean it is the right thing to do to send them there. Some may argue otherwise, but

I believe an individual human life is more valuable than the knowledge gained from this expedition, especially since we could have the proper technology to bring them home 20 or 30 years down the road.

Even when the United States was first exploring potential moon exploration, the trip did not take place until we had sufficient technology to make a round trip: to the moon and back. I’m sure there were plenty of individuals who would have offered their lives for the eternal fame that comes with exploration, but that doesn’t mean it was right to offer up their lives for the sake of research and advancement. My point is that there was never any publicity involving one-way trips to the moon, and the trip did not take place until

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we knew that we could manage a round trip.

I understand that the moon is different than Mars, largely because Mars, after Earth, is the most habitable planet in the solar system thanks to its thin atmosphere and signs of water. Because there are no such conditions on the moon, there was never any mobilization to colonize there, but that doesn’t change the fact that we decided that human exploration comes before colonization. Mars also lies much farther — a seven- to eight-month journey — away from Earth than the moon. Moreover, much like the moon, to our knowledge there are no signs of current life on Mars. Even with all of the potential research possibilities, the distance and lack of life presents a tough case to consider colonization a worthy trip.

Technological feasibility aside, I believe that the ultimate aim of the Mars One project is to stimulate new research on a planet with which we don’t yet have much familiarity, and this is a very noble cause. On the other hand, it is not worth sacrificing lives, because no non-profit organization or any other organization should have the ability to offer up lives for the sake of research.

Mars One supporters agree that the technological and funding feasibility are there, as well as the potential astronaut interest; however, even

with technology and funding, the non-profit organization in the Netherlands that is running this mission has not yet proven that it can complete a single space mission. Although the organization plans to send out a demonstration mission and satellite in 2018, people are signing up for a mission with an organization with no established credibility. I do not doubt the intelligence of the creators of this mission; rather, I question whether people are being blinded by the fame and glory that will come with exploring Mars. Thus, they cannot assess whether this organization can even complete a satellite mission.

We should not send 24 people to live on Mars until we have first accomplished human contact by way of round trip and proven that it is possible to land on Mars in the first place. Until we are technologically equipped to handle longer journeys through space, we should wait to launch a large-scale Mars colonization mission. Although the prospect of exploring Mars is exciting, I think we need to take small steps to reach the ultimate giant leap for mankind.

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Feminism is for some people

Contemporary American feminism suffers from elitism and a preoccupation with theory

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I’ve found it difficult to talk to my friends about feminism. In late-night conversations with my hallmates, I have learned that few consider themselves feminists, although nearly all are in favor of equality between the sexes. Many reject feminism, rolling their eyes at any mention of the term.

According to a survey conducted last year, more than 80 percent of Americans believe that “men and women should be social, political, and economic equals.” Despite such an overwhelming majority, just 20 percent of those surveyed identified themselves as feminists.

If we accept author bell hooks’ definition of feminism as “a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression,” then it’s surprising — almost paradoxical — that so many Americans profess a belief in gender equality while refusing the feminist label. Part of the problem is a lack of understanding. The notion that feminist ideology

treats men as enemies of women is common, though erroneous.

Another reason for feminism’s unpopularity is the nasty connotations and stereotypes connected to feminism. Demagogues such as radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh have popularized the pejorative “feminazi,” associating feminism with militancy and distancing the average individual from feminism.

In 1992, television evangelist Pat Robertson said, “The feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians.” Such vilifications certainly bear some culpability for the common perception that the feminist movement carries a threatening agenda.

But I contend that members of the feminist movement (I use the word “movement” with care, as feminism is not a monolith) are also responsible, in part, for the average American’s suspicion of feminism.

The average American is put off by the elitism and intellectualism

surrounding feminism and its supporters. Part of the issue lies in the feminist preoccupation with feminist theory. I don’t mean to downplay the importance of feminist theory, as understanding the nature of gender inequality through theoretical or philosophical discourse is meaningful. However, feminist theory does not resonate with the general population. It alienates the average American individual who does not care to understand concepts such as “gender performativity” and “the Other.”

George Orwell describes a similar disconnect between theory and the average person in his book “The Road to Wigan Pier.” The English working class, Orwell writes, is not receptive to socialism — an economic system that Orwell views as the solution to the economic ills of 1930s industrial England. Orwell concludes that socialists themselves are blameworthy

because the average worker cannot relate to the socialist’s discussion of “surplus value” and “the bourgeoisie.” The average worker seeks better working hours and greater bargaining power. Highbrow socialists parroting points about “dialectical materialism” do nothing but alienate the average worker, according to Orwell.

Likewise, many average work-

“The average American is put off by the elitism and intellectualism surrounding feminism and its supporters.”

ing-class women are left cold by abstract, academic ideas such as “the patriarchy.” More relevant issues are the massive gender wage gap or paternal leave in the United States.

A related problem is the feminist movement’s class and racial bias. Contemporary feminists

such as Sheryl Sandberg, the chief operating officer of Facebook, are criticized for their focus on women finding success in a corporate environment, an issue primarily for affluent, white women. Last August, the hashtag “#SolidarityIsForWhiteWomen” trended on Twitter, revealing many individuals’ frustrations with feminism’s intersection with race and class. Non-white women and working-class women are often unable to relate to the ideas of feminists such as Sandberg.

Feminism is for everyone who believes in equality of the sexes. The significant gap between those who affirm a belief in gender equality and those who identify as feminists results partially from a highbrow culture surrounding feminism. Feminists can work to erase negative perceptions of feminism by opposing the elitism that estranges the American individual from feminism.

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A three-panel comic strip. In the first panel, a boy with curly hair and a backpack stands and talks to a boy with spiky hair who is sitting at a desk. The boy standing says, "Alright dude, I'm headed to the library to get some work done." In the second panel, the boy with spiky hair is shown from the chest up, gesturing with his hands and saying, "Why do you always have to go to the library? Isn't it quiet enough here?" In the third panel, the boy with curly hair is shown from the chest up, looking thoughtful with his hand on his chin and saying, "I think it's less about the silence and more about seeing crowds of miserable people stuck doing work like me."

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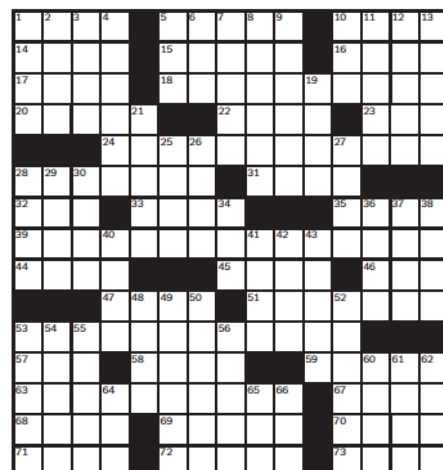
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Virginia tops rival Hokies, 65-45

Brogdon scores 18 as Cavaliers conclude homestand with sixth conference win

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The Virginia men's basketball team is off to a surprisingly successful start in this season's conference play. The last time the Cavaliers were 6-1 in ACC play was in 1983, when Virginia legend Ralph Sampson was in his senior season and the team made the Elite Eight.

The 2014 Cavaliers may not have Sampson, but nothing has stopped them from dominating conference opponents thus far. In Saturday's matchup against Virginia Tech, Virginia cruised to a 65-45 win against its rivals, the team's sixth win in seven games.

"Our guys have played pretty solid basketball in these victories," coach Tony Bennett said. "It hasn't been perfect, but that is what we're going towards ... in terms of how we're playing from where we were — inconsistent, not as solid — to where we've been in these last seven games now."

Bennett said he was happy with the team's performance, but was careful to temper his excitement surrounding the Cavaliers' (15-5, 6-1 ACC) hot start.

"We got to just keep going at it," Bennett said. "Not to take away 6-1 — it means a lot to us — but that's a little more than a third of our conference season. The season always breaks into three parts: your non-conference, your conference, and then your post season, and you keep on trucking with that."

Virginia Tech (8-11, 1-6 ACC) only held a competitive edge early on in Saturday's game, briefly taking the lead at 8-7 in just less than three minutes. The Cavaliers would go back on top thirty seconds later and they would not trail again in the game. Virginia Tech started the season as one of the best 3-point shooting teams in the country, but the Hokies have recently tailed off after freshman Ben Emelogu and sophomore Adam Smith picked up injuries. The two were not effective in play Saturday, going just 3-for-18 from behind the arc.

"It is hard what [Virginia Tech coach James Johnson] is going through, losing those two guys who I think are their second and third leading scorers, so that kind of changes their attack," Bennett said. "It is hard when you lose guys mid-season to all of a sudden change how you're playing. I think that affected them. I think we con-

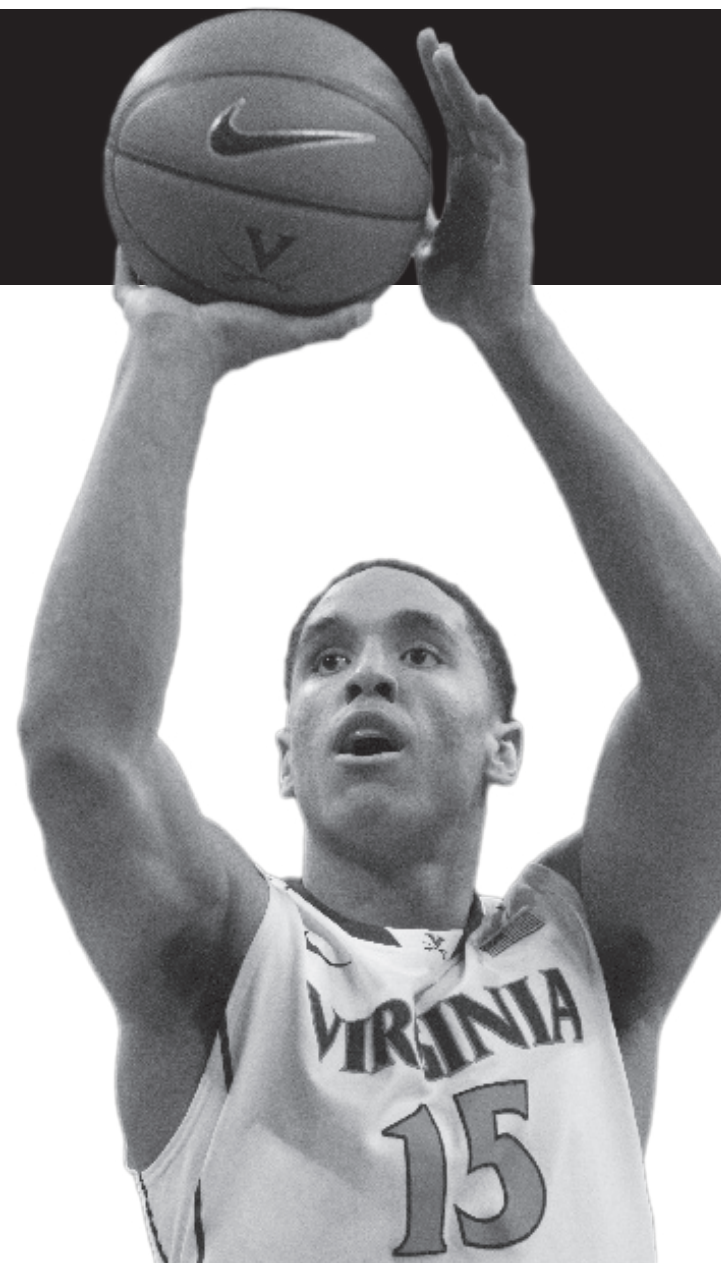
tested, for the most part, a majority of their shots. When you play a good shooting team that is always the key."

Virginia Tech lead scorer Jarrell Eddie gained just three points in the first half, and finished with seven points for the game. Even in single digits, he was second in scoring behind freshman Devin Wilson, who had 12 points.

"We knew that, in the scouting report, [Eddie] is looking to come off screens and shoot with a quick release," senior guard Joe Harris said. "I always tried to be there on the catch and if he tried to take a shot I would be there and contest it and make it difficult."

Virginia went into halftime up 34-17 and were not troubled by the Hokies for the remainder of the game. Virginia Tech was able to close the margin to 12 points early on in the second half, but the Cavaliers would lead by more than 20 points for most of the second half. Virginia has now led by more than 20 points in each of their six ACC wins. Sophomore guard Malcolm Brogdon finished with 18 points and six rebounds, and Harris add-

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Sophomore guard Malcolm Brogdon has scored in double figures in each ACC game and nabbed 18 points in the matchup against Virginia Tech.

Roast Turkey

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Sports Editor

1. The rivalry is alive and well.

After a thoroughly humiliating football season culminating with a home loss to hated in-state rival Virginia Tech — the 10th consecutive loss in the series — Virginia fans were more than ready for revenge. The majority of the 14,215-person sellout crowd — including yours truly — would not be disappointed, as the Cavaliers dominated the Hokies as if they were playing an actual team of gobblers. The 20-point rout was punctuated by a rare Teven Jones one-handed jam.

It was Virginia's fourth consecutive win against Virginia Tech and fifth in six tries. Though the Hokies will have you believe football is the only sport they play, it was a glorious day to be a Virginia fan — if only there was a Commonwealth Cup for basketball too. And while the Hokies have gravi-

tated toward the conference cellar recently, the Cavaliers said they did practice a bit harder last week for the rivalry game.

"Me and [senior guard Joe Harris], this is our last time playing Virginia Tech at home," senior forward Akil Mitchell said. "To feel the energy in the stadium, the energy and the buzz around the town because it's Virginia Tech — no matter their record — it's always exciting."

2. Joe Harris is not the offense.

A lot was made of Harris's low scoring numbers in the early season. The senior guard scored at least 20 points in nine games last season, compared to just one this year in the Cavaliers' blowout of Hampton. Ever since scoring 36 points against Duke last February, he hasn't come close to reaching

that total again.

There are a couple of reasons for this. Harris became the focal point of opposing teams' scouting reports, and it became evident early in the season opposing teams were going out of their way to lock down Harris and force someone else to beat them.

But the main reason? These Cavaliers don't need Harris to score 20 points per game to win in the ACC, unlike last year's squad.

Malcolm Brogdon has proven to be as lethal to opposing defenses as Harris, with his ability to handle the point, penetrate off the dribble or sink it from long range. Brogdon has led the Cavaliers in scoring five times this season — as has Harris — and has scored in double figures in every ACC game thus far.

While he made a living against

Duke by attacking the lane and getting to the line, Brogdon showed just how useful he can be from beyond the arc against Virginia Tech. The Hokies left him open, and he cooked and served them up on Thanksgiving platter in return. Brogdon posted a career-best 18 points and four triples. Even more impressive? His four 3-balls came in just five attempts.

Brogdon averages a team-high 15.0 points per game in ACC play, while Harris contributes 12.6. But on coach Tony Bennett's deepest Virginia team yet, the Cavaliers can compete even when the guard tandem has an off night. Sophomore guard Justin Anderson has also led the team in scoring five games, and is the third Cavalier to average double figures in conference play with 10.3 points, despite coming off the bench.

Mitchell and forwards Mike Tobey and Anthony Gill always threaten to score double digits inside, particularly with heady guards like London Perrantes,

Harris and Brogdon looking to spread the ball and pass up good looks for great looks.

"We were getting so many open shots that there were some that we had to turn down," Brogdon said. "I know I had to turn down a couple even though they were open and easy, but it was too early in the offense and we needed to get more of a rhythm going."

3. Harris is more than his offensive production.

Harris's offensive production may have declined, but he has never been more important to the team. His leadership is unquestioned on the court, and when the Cavaliers are looking to get something started or need a big shot, they usually don't have to look farther than Harris.

On Bennett's teams, everyone is expected to play defense. Harris's defense has never been

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Zack Bartee
Sports Editor



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Junior forward Sarah Imovbioh had 21 points and 13 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to stop a strong Syracuse offense.

Cavaliers falter against Syracuse

The Virginia women's basketball team fell to Syracuse Sunday afternoon with a final score of 84-75. The Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. carried no luck for the Cavaliers, who went cold in their bid to move above .500 in conference play after defeating No. 24 Florida State and No. 6 Maryland last week.

Virginia (10-10, 3-4 ACC) shot 39 percent from the floor and 46.2 percent from the line in its first game against the Orange (15-5, 4-3 ACC) as conference opponents. The Cavaliers' off-target shooting trend started with the team's leading scorers: sophomore guard Faith Randolph went

3-for-6 from the field, and senior guard Ataira Franklin scored 19 points on 23 shots.

Junior forward Sarah Imovbioh helped keep Virginia in the game, scoring a team-high 21 points on 9-for-13 shooting while pulling down 13 rebounds, including 10 on the offensive end. Senior guard Kelsey Wolfe rounded out Virginia's double-digit scorers with 18 points on 7-for-13 shooting and was the only Cavalier besides Imovbioh to score with efficiency.

Syracuse sophomore guards Brittney Sykes and Brianna Butler tore up the Virginia defense, with Sykes pouring in a game-

high 27 points and Butler contributing 16 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds. Senior guard Rachel Coffey added 17 points and six assists against one turnover.

The orange ousted Virginia in both halves, taking a 37-33 lead into the break and outscoring the Cavaliers 47-42 in the second half. Virginia was within four points with a minute to play, but Syracuse put away the game by making all five of its free throws in the final minute.

Virginia next plays at Wake Forest in Winston Salem, N.C. Thursday.

—compiled by Matthew Morris

Opening weekend brings No. 1 Men's Tennis four victories

Domijan returns from injury-plagued season to win four matches, guide Cavaliers to victories against Elon, Indiana, Boston College, Navy

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In their first action of the spring season, the No. 1 Virginia men's tennis team cruised to four victories in four matches this weekend at the Boar's Head Sports Club. The defending NCAA champions defeated Elon and Indiana as part of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend, then went on to beat Boston College and Navy in a pair of regular season matches. Picking up right where they left off last year, the players took every possible point over the weekend.

"There's always a lot of nerves at the beginning of the season," freshman Thai-Son Kwiatkowski said. "I think we came out and handled them pretty well. We all played close to our top abilities, and that's pretty good for the start of the season. Everyone's hitting good, everyone's excited to be on the court, it's just a good atmosphere."

The first two days of matches set out to determine which team would advance to ITA National Indoors. Cavaliers (4-0, 1-0 ACC) certainly made their case for the spot, as they downed Elon (2-1) and Indiana (1-2) in two perfect matches, ending with a score of 40-0.

"I wouldn't say we're expecting to win [ITA Indoors], but we're obviously confident in ourselves and we believe we have the opportunity to win it," senior Justin Shane said. "We have a good shot

at winning it."

The team returned to the courts Sunday for the second two matches of the weekend. Virginia played Boston College (0-2) in each team's first ACC match. The Cavaliers went 2-1 in the double portion to take a 1-0 lead, then won all six singles matches to secure a 7-0 victory. In doing so the team completed their 107th consecutive ACC win, not having dropped a conference match since 2006.

"We came out with a ton of energy and were excited to play," coach Brian Boland said. "What I'm most impressed with is their focus throughout the entire weekend, not only in how we approached things but when we got on the court. They're a team that really believes in one another – very unselfish – and we're off to a great start."

In the weekend's final match, the Cavaliers shut down the visiting Midshipmen (3-2) for another 7-0 victory. Across the 13 sets played, only once was Navy even able to take three games before falling.

The Virginia freshmen came to Charlottesville as the top-ranked recruiting class in the nation according to Tennis Recruiting Network, and while the expectations of them as part of the nation's No. 1 team are quite daunting, the freshmen have made it clear they're ready for the challenge.

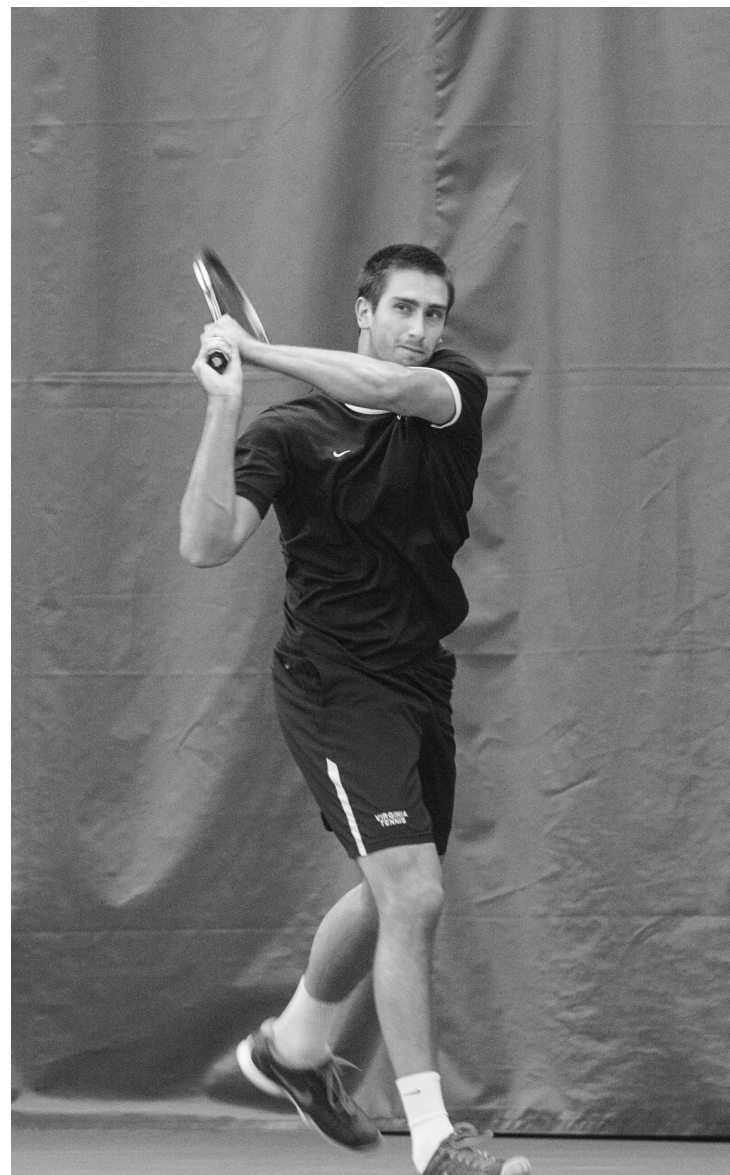
"Of course it's a lot of pressure, but you also have a lot of pride in

what you play for," Kwiatkowski said. "When you put the shirt on and it has the V, then you know people are going to try to play their best against you."

For someone who had not played in a competitive match in months after sitting out the fall season, senior captain Alex Domijan looked right at home on the court. Already a two-time MVP at ITA Indoors, he paired up with fellow captain Justin Shane as Virginia's first doubles team, and played at second singles against Elon and Indiana before moving up to first singles when Frank sat out against Boston College and Navy. Domijan, with his intimidating 6-foot-7 frame and powerful swing, set a strong example for the rest of the team as he won every set he played over the weekend in both singles and doubles.

"The guy is one of the best ball-strikers in the world," Boland said. "He's had one of the most incredible careers of anyone that's ever played the game of collegiate tennis, and I know he's hoping to finish it in the best way possible, most importantly for his team. To Alex, team always comes first and he's one of the most unselfish men I've ever had the opportunity to work with."

The team returns to action on February 14, when the Cavaliers play in the ITA National Indoor Championships in Houston. Regular season action resumes on March 1 against Baylor in Char-



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Senior captain Alex Domijan comes into the season unranked nationally after missing the entire fall season.

No. 13 Wrestling drops first conference matchup against Pitt

ACC newcomer No. 8 Pittsburgh handed No. 13 Virginia its first conference loss of the season Friday. The Cavaliers (13-3, 2-1 ACC) performed much better than the 25-9 score may indicate — five of Virginia's losses were by two points or fewer.

Freshman Anthony Zanetta put the Panthers (10-1, 4-0 ACC) ahead with a 3-2 decision against sophomore Nick Hermann. Redshirt sophomore Joseph Martinez then evened the score with a narrow 1-0 decision.

Pittsburgh took the next two matches and pulled away for good — freshman Edgar Bright earned the decision win against redshirt junior Joe Spisak and freshman Mikey Raccatio pinned sophomore Justin Van Hoose.

The Cavaliers attempted to

counter as redshirt sophomore Blaise Butler and redshirt junior Nick Sulzer won by decision at 157 and 165 pounds, respectively. However, they failed to capitalize on the momentum and lost the match's four closing contests. Redshirt senior Stephen Doty lost by way of major decision, and redshirt senior Jon Fausey, redshirt sophomore Zach Nye and redshirt sophomore Ethan Hayes all lost by decision.

Hayes' match went into a tie breaking period. Redshirt senior P.J. Tasser earned the escape point in the first half of overtime and then rode Hayes throughout the second period for the win.

The Cavaliers take the mat again Friday at 7 p.m. when they face Maryland.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzburger



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Redshirt junior Nick Sulzer won his bout in Virginia's losing effort. The team suffered just its third loss of the season in its matchup against the No. 8 Pittsburgh squad.

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ed 12 points behind him.

The Cavaliers were held at less than 70 points for just the second time in six games, but the offense continued to function effectively. The team shot more than 54 percent in the first half and had 14 assists to just 9 turnovers. Bennett said he thinks this Virginia team

has grasped his system more than any other he has had in his five seasons in Charlottesville.

"They're playing together and they're collective defensively," Bennett said. "A lot of the guys have some years in the system. They're sharing the ball offensively. I think we realized after the Tennessee game how we need to play together and what we're doing and I think that's what has given us a

chance to be competitive and successful."

Bennett said one of his biggest concerns is making sure the players do not rest on their laurels and become complacent after yet another impressive win. They next head on a road trip for matchups against two unfamiliar foes — Tuesday against Notre Dame and Sunday against Pittsburgh.

"Coach always says to keep

finding the crumbs, which is his way of saying find the little things to keep you hungry, keep you motivated," Brogdon said. "We're just trying to find the little things that keep us hungry and motivated and give us that edge that we need."

Bennett described his goals in a slightly more poetic manner.

"I quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson to them, that 'A hero is not fed on sweets,'" he said. "They've

been on the pedestal and they've seen the other side. They got knocked down after they thought how good they'd be at the start of the year with all the projections. We weren't tough enough, sound enough, or playing the kind of ball that gives us a chance. I said, 'You have a tremendous opportunity and you worked hard to get to this spot, you just keep playing your ball and don't give it back.'"

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questioned, but it was on full display against Virginia Tech. Harris locked onto leading scorer Jarell Eddie, holding the senior forward to just seven points on 2-of-10 from the field. Furthermore, Eddie was a dismal 1-of-7 from 3-point range, after coming in making 43.1 percent of his attempts.

The team may be scoring more than last year, but the pack-line defense still reigns supreme under Tony Bennett.

4. The real test is still to come.

Virginia is 6-1 to start ACC play for the first time since the 1982-83 season — Ralph Sampson's senior year — but don't tell that to them.

"I guess it's cool, but it shouldn't mean a whole lot to us," Harris said.

After starting the season ranked for the first time since Feb. 2012, Virginia gradually fell from grace with losses to VCU, Wisconsin and Green Bay. After a 35-point blowout loss to an unranked Tennessee squad, it looked like it was time to start tempering expectations for this year's team.

But the loss proved to be just

what the Cavaliers needed, and the team went on a tear to begin its conference schedule. A single Duke-friendly bounce away from being undefeated in the ACC, expectations are sky-high yet again.

But every game in the ACC is a potential trap game, and Virginia is still six games away from the comforts of JPJ — culminating in the final ACC regular season matchup with outgoing rival Maryland at the Comcast Center in College Park. It is just too early to count on an NCAA bid, despite how well the team is playing.

However, the next week will be very telling in the team's ultimate

fate. The Cavaliers visit South Bend, Ind. Tuesday, where Notre Dame beat then-No. 7 Duke 79-77 and led then-No. 3 Ohio State by eight with a minute left to play before falling 64-61. Though the Irish have their share of losses at 11-9, including a 2-5 conference record, they have proven to be dangerous at home.

Virginia continues its Big East road trip Sunday, visiting No. 20 Pitt and the Oakland Zoo, notorious for being one of the nation's toughest places to play. Pitt and Virginia are currently tied for second in the ACC at 6-1, though the Panthers have played a weaker

ACC slate overall. They led the Orange late on the road before falling 59-54, and are undoubtedly a dangerous, top-tier ACC team capable of playing with anyone in the country.

The Cavaliers have begun to gel as a team, but now is not the time to be content.

"We know what it's like to lose," Mitchell said. "We've lost a couple games, we've gotten blown out and we've been embarrassed. We know what it's like to be up at the top and then to lose that feeling. So we understand what we have to do to win and be successful and that's what we're trying to do."

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HUNGRY for CHALLAH

CIO sells uniquely flavored bread, raises money for local, international hunger relief



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Life Editor

As students flood the sidewalks during their walk to Thursday classes, Challah for Hunger volunteers gather behind their table on the South Lawn to sell fresh-baked Challah to students in flavors ranging from pumpkin chocolate chip to s'mores.

Founded in 2004 at Scripps College, Challah for Hunger is an international organization with more than 62 chapters on three different continents.

The University chapter of Challah for Hunger was founded in 2011 after University alumna Kate Belza learned about the organization during a trip to Israel. The group provides hunger relief both locally and abroad by selling challah, a traditional Jewish bread, to University students. Half of the organization's profits goes to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and the other half goes to refugee support in Darfur.

"[Challah for Hunger] seems like a really good model — you fix problems right here at home, but you're also thinking globally,"

said Education and Advocacy Chair Ana Mendelson, a second-year College student.

Weekly challah sales require multiple days of preparation. On Tuesdays, volunteers make all of the dough and let it rise overnight. Wednesday volunteers are in charge of braiding and baking the bread. On Wednesday night, members drive their first batch of challah to Congregation Beth Israel, a synagogue downtown, and sell some of the freshly baked bread to families attending religious school. On Thursday morning, the challah is packaged and tabling on the Lawn begins at 10 a.m.

"I've always come to volunteer on Wednesday when we do the baking and the braiding," said Vice President of Baking Sara Brodsky, a third-year Commerce student. "That's what's really fun for me. It lets me take my mind off school and relax for a few hours. It's nice to have that scheduled break every week."

The organization makes its weekly batch of challah based on pre-orders, but it typically serves 150 loaves of bread each week, 50 of which are brought to Congregation Beth Israel.

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The group's 10-person executive board, led by third-year College student Olivia Brown, is responsible for planning flavors for upcoming weeks and holding taste tests to try new flavors. Recent additions include cinnamon roll and Mayan hot chocolate.

The board members face unexpected challenges

es like any other CIO, Brown said. Challah's challenges involve forgetting an entire bowl of dough in the freezer or attempting to bake during a power outage.

"It's a lot of logistics," Brown said. "The biggest challenge is making sure all of the small pieces fit together."

Challah for Hunger members aim to expand the group's presence on Grounds in the coming semester and increase their volunteer base.

"My favorite part [of being involved in the CIO] is every time I get to talk to someone new and explain what Challah for Hunger is," Mendelson said. "Everyone I've talked to has had a really positive reaction. There's just no downside to it."



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Mendelson, left, meets with executive board members and volunteers every Tuesday and Wednesday to bake Challah bread, which is sold on the Lawn to benefit hunger relief.

Bludgers, Bruises and Broomsticks

Quidditch players bring imaginary sport, real-life camaraderie to Grounds

Virginia Hart
Feature Writer

An athlete bounds down the field grasping a ball tightly, ready to score. Players about a foot taller than him attempt to strip the ball away with brutal tackles, while two more players trail behind, armed with dodgeballs. They are ready to take aim at any opportunity to upend their opponent from their broomstick. This is Quidditch, and it exists outside of Hogwarts. In fact, it takes place frequently on Grounds.

Second-year College student Pete Hanner said he was shocked by the intensity of the sport when he tried out for the first time.

"It caught me off guard because I didn't realize tackling was part of the rules," he said. "So this six-foot-three guy takes me out at tryouts so I have my back in the mud and I'm thinking 'Oh my god, what have I gotten myself into.'"

The rules for Quidditch are fairly complicated. Each position specified in the original Harry Potter series remains, but instead of a flying ball, bludgers are regular dodgeballs. A person dressed entirely in yellow acts as a tiny golden snitch and runs for the seekers to catch.

"If you see a guy in yellow running down the Rotunda stairs, it's the snitch," first-year Engineering student Bradley Yhudson said.

The University version of Quidditch has a gender rule — at least two members of both genders must be on the field playing at all times.

"We have two teams and they're both co-ed and there's an equal level of respect," University Quidditch founder Kyle Stolcenberg, a third-year College student, said.

The relatively new Quidditch team is a tight-knit community. Because it is somewhat of a fringe sport, Quidditch fosters a special camaraderie, even among ostensible rivals. Stolcenberg re-

called bonding with the University of Richmond's team at the University group's first intercollegiate matchup.

"[After the game], we went to a sub shop in Richmond and had lunch with [the opposing team] and just hung out," Stolcenberg said. "That's something you don't get with other sports. It was crazy on the pitch and they hit really hard but as soon as the game is over, they go up to you and give you a hug."

University Quidditch teams travel to tournaments bi-weekly. At their most recent match against Virginia Tech, University players were awarded a sportsmanship award.

"Now, we have this brick that's painted gold that says 'sportsmanship' on it," Stolcenberg said. "Even though it's just a brick, I'd rather have that than the trophy."

Fellow Quidditch player and third-year College student Anna Leonard said she takes pride in representing the University when the team travels.

"When other teams look at us, they see U.Va., they see Thomas Jefferson's university, and everything that we do is under even more scrutiny because we're from such an elite university," Leonard said.

While Harry Potter fans are sure to be familiar with the sport, the Quidditch team is not limited to J.K. Rowling fans.

"We do have a few people in the system that have never read the Harry Potter books, have never seen the movies, and just came out to play once," Stolcenberg said. "Once you play once, that's it, you love it."

The team hopes to gain more members, more support and even compete in the World Cup. Team members are excitedly preparing for their home tournament on Grounds March 1.

"[The tournament will] be one of those memories of being a U.Va. student that you'll never forget," Leonard said. "When I think about being a student at U.Va., I will always remember playing Quidditch."



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"Once you play once, that's it, you love it," third-year College student Kyle Stolcenberg said of the University's Quidditch program.

LOVE CONNECTION: STEVE & SARAH

A little age difference and a lot of connection

Allie Griswold
Love Guru

Steve and Sarah met at 7:30 p.m. at the Rotunda.

Steve: I applied because when you look like me you have to rely on blind dates mainly... but I read the Cav Daily and the column regularly and a couple of us in the Law School thought it would be funny if a girl law student got matched with an undergrad guy. We couldn't convince anyone to do it, so I volunteered instead.

Sarah: I was actually in the shower and my roommates managed to take my computer and submit the survey before I got out of the shower. After they told me, I thought it would be a fun experience and wanted to see what they had said about me.

Steve: I was pretty excited when I found out I had been chosen. My friends were interested in the comedic value and told me that I should play some super eccentric character or try to be the stereotypical pretentious law student.

Sarah: I had never been on a blind date before. I had pretty low expectations because I thought if my survey was really weird, I would probably get paired with someone weird too. I was excited to see what would happen though.

Steve: I got there about five minutes early, but I had made a sign that said "Sarah?" because I didn't know who else would be there. She got there on time, and I introduced myself. I wanted to make a joke about being her chauffeur, but I couldn't go through with it.

Sarah: My first impression was really good. He was tall, attractive and well dressed. I thought the sign was really sweet.

Steve: On the totally superficial level, I was pretty happy. She was athletic and cute. I kind of hoped I would be matched with a first year undergrad though, so there would be a solid ten-year age difference.

Sarah: He picked Mellow, which was great because I was not about to do the "let's walk around until we find somewhere" thing in the cold. I definitely approved of his decisiveness.

Steve: We ended up staying at Mellow for about three and a half hours and the time flew by. We made small talk for a bit, and I told stories about people I went to college with. She's in elementary education, so she told me about the schools she has taught at.

Sarah: We fell into good conversa-

tion pretty quickly. We're from the same hometown and both like traveling. It was fascinating to talk to him, although at one point he was talking about tax law and all of these impressive things, and I was talking about how I learned to speak Elvish.

Steve: There were a lot of similar connections. We have pretty similar movie tastes and her brother works for a lacrosse store owned by a guy that coached my brother in lacrosse. Occasionally, she would ask me a question when I was chewing but other than that the conversation was easy.

Sarah: We talked a lot about traveling in Europe. I really want to go on a cross-country road trip this summer, and he gave me a lot of good suggestions and told this epic story about his road trip through the Southern states.

Steve: I was certainly trying to flirt during dinner. She was going to a

friend's birthday party after dinner, so I walked her there and we traded numbers. I let her take the leftover pizza, and she kept the sign I made as a memento, which I think was a good sign.

Sarah: I was really impressed. He was definitely a gentleman. He paid for dinner and walked me to my friend's party, which was out of his way and really nice of him. I would give the date a solid 8— it was a really fun blind date and I enjoyed getting to know him. He has a great personality.

Steve: It was as good as I could expect it to go. I would give it an 8.5. I'm excited about the date and hope to see her again.

Sarah: Afterwards he e-mailed me a link about a documentary I should see and a mash-up version of a song his band has played. I'm definitely planning on seeing his band play sometime soon.



STEVE

Year: Second Year (Law School)

U.Va. Involvement: The Justice Jackson 5 (and The Zones of Twilight) – a cover band – and the Libel Show

Hometown: McLean, Va.

What makes you a good catch? I can wiggle my ears better than anyone I've ever seen, and I can do a kick-*** handstand.

Spirit animal: A German shepherd

What's your favorite pick-up line? Do you have any raisins? No? How about a date?



SARAH

Year: Fourth

Major: Latin American Studies and Elementary Education

U.Va. Involvement: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Latina Student Alliance Community Outreach

Hometown: McLean, Va.

What makes you a good catch? I'm the most genuine and easygoing person you'll ever meet, and I can whip up some tasty and unique snacks.

Spirit Animal: A black bear because they spend all of their time sleeping, eating, and snuggling

What's your favorite pick-up line? You smell like trash. Can I take you out?





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