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Helen Dragas, above, survived a confirmation hearing before the Virginia Senate Privileges and Elections Committee Tuesday.

Dragas fight continues

Senate Committee approves contested nomination; House, Senate still to vote

By Monika Fallon Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Gov. Bob McDonnell's reappointment of Rector Helen Dragas came one step closer to approval Tuesday when the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee voted 12-3 in support of her nomination. The bill was opposed by Sens. Janet Howell, D- Fairfax, Creigh Deeds, D-Albemarle and Ralph Northam, D-Norfolk.

Tuesday's vote by the Senate committee upholds McDonnell's appointment made in June last year. Dragas' appointment and several others still need to be approved by the full Senate and the House of Delegates. Dragas was on the docket to serve another

30, 2016, along with current Board members Frank Atkinson, Victoria Harker, Bobbie Kilberg and Edward Miller. Board member Linwood Rose was appointed to serve until June 30, 2014 as successor for Mark Kington.

Third-year College student Peter Finocchio tweeted from the Senate committee room that both sides — both supporters and critics of Dragas and her attempted ouster of President Teresa Sullivan — were represented at the meeting. "There were some frustrated folks," Finocchio tweeted. "I was surprised there were some who showed up to support #Dragas."

Although Dragas has passed

four-year term, until June this step of the reappointment process, several more votes still stand between her and confirmation. Minority Leader Del. David Toscano, D-Charlottesville, and Del. Stephen Landes, R-Weyers Cave, have both spoken against Dragas' reappointment. Their voices were joined by an online petition to the Virginia General Assembly and the disapproval of many outspoken University

> Faculty Senate Chair George Cohen said his organization has made a decision not to take a public opinion on Dragas' reappointment, but will focus its energy on working with the outcome, whatever it may be.

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Council delays decision

StudCo considers special session this week to reconsider Dragas resolution

By Julia Horowitz Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Student Council's representative body voted Tuesday evening to table tentatively a resolution on Rector Helen Dragas' reappointment, citing a lack of appropriate representation and a wish to check in with constituents before taking action.

The body voted 6-7, with four abstentions, not to vote on the resolution at this time. The resolution, sponsored by Neil Branch, Council's Vice President for Orga-

nizations and a third-year College and Batten student, would petition the Virginia General Assembly to reject Dragas' reappointment to the University's Board of Visitors.

"I think [the body] voted in good conscience," Branch said. "The vote wasn't a tactic to delay legislative procedure — everyone honestly wanted to [better] gauge the people they represented."

Many representatives also were hesitant to take action without representation from certain schools. The Law School and the Darden School have not yet reconvened for the spring semester. Most members of the body indicated they would look favorably upon a decision by Council President Johnny Vroom to call a special session later this week.

"We did so much work over the summer [to address the leadership crisis], it would be a shame to not address issues stemming from the summer that are taking place right now," Vroom said. "It's ultimately our responsibility to improve the student experience,

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Neil Branch, Vice President for Organizations, commended Virginia Senator Janet Howell for opposing Rector Helen Dragas' reappointment.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cavaliers' injuries start piling up



Thomas Bynum | Cavalier Daily

Senior point guard Jontel Evans has played more extensive minutes in the past two games but has largely struggled to recover from a broken right foot.

IN BRIEF

Mitchell, Atkins, Evans cope with lower-extremity ailments as squad looks to snap two-game slide

By Fritz Metzinger Cavalier Daily Senior Associate Editor

Although many words could aptly describe Virginia's performance in back-to-back road defeats last week, "healthy" is not among them. In dropping games to Wake Forest and Clemson the Cavaliers managed just 96 total points, reached the foul line just 20 times and generally fell short of the lofty standard coach Tony Bennett's players set with

Carolina Jan. 6. To further add insult to injury — or in this case, further injury to injury — a slew of physical ailments are currently afflicting the Cavaliers, continuing an alarming trend that has plagued Bennett and his team since last season. As the Cavaliers prepare to play Florida State this Saturday and vault

a gutsy 61-52 win against North

themselves back toward the top of the ACC standings, Bennett hopes a week reprieve will help cure the on-court woes and stop the injuries of three significant contributors – junior forward Akil Mitchell, sophomore forward Darion Atkins and senior point guard Jontel Evans — from derailing another promising campaign.

"We just have to use this week to try and improve in the areas that have been hurting us in the last couple of games that we've dropped on the road," Bennett said. "So we'll try to use it well and get the guys fresh and healthy as possible."

The squad's injury issues this season, perhaps, pale in comparison to those of 2011-12. Last season defensive stalwart center Assane Sene broke his

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Lying and living strong **ZACK BARTEE**

Lance Armstrong has reportedly admitted in an interview with Oprah Winfrey that he used performance-enhancing drugs during his career, finally conceding the grand deception that much of the sporting world saw through long ago.

Though the interview is due to be broadcast Thursday on the Oprah Winfrey Network, most viewers will already know by then about Armstrong's admission of guilt. But spoiler alert aside, I — as well as many others — will watch to see how an American sports hero discusses falling so far from grace.

It isn't about whether he did or didn't cheat. Armstrong participated in a sport rife with drug abuse, similar to baseball's steroid era. The "everyone was doing it" excuse rarely flies, however. Moreover, Lance lied for

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School to honor Perdue

ginia women's basketball relay. She holds school and ACC team's home game against Georgia Tech, the school will

and 2012 London Olympics gold medalist Lauren Perdue as part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day on Sunday, Feb. 3.

A native of Greenville, N.C., Perdue made headlines in Charlottesville last summer when she returned from the London Olympics with gold from the United States women's victory

During halftime of the Vir- in the 4x200 meter freestyle records in the 50, 100 and 200 meter freestyle events and was honor star senior swimmer named the 2011 ACC Swimmer

of the Year. In each of Perdue's first three years, the Cavalier women have claimed the ACC title.

Perdue joined Matt McLean, Ed Moses and Melanie Valerio as the only Virginia swimmers to ever win Olympic gold.

"Lauren Perdue is a deserving honoree for this year's 'National Girls and Women in Sports Day," Athletics Director Craig Littlepage said in a press release. "In addition to being a world-class athlete, she is a dedicated student and a wonderful representative of the University."

Perdue follows 2011 Pan-American Games field hockey gold medalists Paige Selenski and Michelle Vittese as an honoree. The Virginia Athletics Department and University Women's Center are cosponsoring the event, which is being held for the 27th time. -compiled by Fritz

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Senior swimmer Lauren Perdue is the first Virginia female swimmer since Melanie Valerio in 1996 to earn Olympic

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Understanding an **Epidemic**

Student discusses book outlining AIDS in India

By Kamala Ganesh Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

I recently finished the book "AIDS Sutra," a compilation of stories about AIDS-susceptible demographics in India. From roadside sex workers to crosscountry bus drivers, the essays painted a rich, complex mosaic of the AIDS epidemic in India, examining the root causes. Using the case studies, the writers demonstrate that high migrancy rates, wealth disparity and historically low social mobility combine with a religiously-based sense of sexuality to create the misrepresented epidemic of AIDS in India. The book was personal without adopting bias, empirical but also emotional.

Sex work is inarguably preva-lent in India — Human Rights Watch estimates there are more than 20 million sex workers in the country. This is not surprising considering India hosts some of the world's poorest populations and the abolished caste system still has lingering effects preventing social mobility.

But, in what has created a moral quandary for the Indian government, sex workers are beginning to fight for their rights and representation. One of the most famous red-light districts in India recently made waves by forming a workers union and advocating for the protection of its sex work-

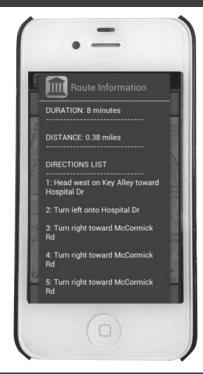
By merely using the term "sex worker" instead of "prostitute" to refer to themselves, sex workers seek to add legitimacy and dignity to their line of work.

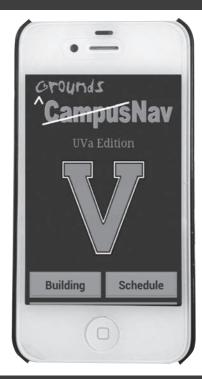
Prostitution is not illegal in India but continues to be unofficially prosecuted, largely by police officers. State officials use The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act of 1956 to curb prostitution. The act illegalizes "solicitation in a 'public place," said Sonia Faleiro in her contribution to "AIDS Sutra."

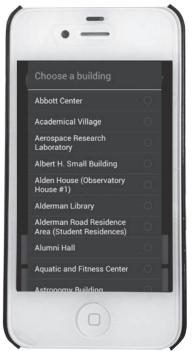
Faleiro describes being humiliated by policewomen in public and recounts stories of women being verbally abused and made to drink their own urine. It seems contradictory and even corrupt that a government should crack down on sex workers while also allowing them to form unions and petition for workplace rights.

Many measures have been put in place to remove the danger surrounding sex work including holding abusive clients accountable and mandating client condom use. These are major steps toward ending the AIDS epidemic in India and have all been achieved by sex workers' unions. Perhaps, for sex workers, taking ownership of their profession is only the first among many steps toward reclaiming their identities and livelihoods, securing work-place rights, and creating a safer, cleaner work environment.









Courtesy Dan Nizri

Student creates app for navigation on Grounds



Courtesy Dan Nizri

By Monika Fallon Cavalier Daily Health & Science

A new set of navigation apps, created by third-year Engineering student Daniel Nizri, has already been downloaded more than 500 times. The 'CampusNav' apps provide detailed directions around eight university campuses to help students find their

way from class to class. The inspiration came from a brainstorming session with a friend, Nizri said. Nizri then spent the first few weeks of last semester working on the project, publishing it to the Google Play market last September.

The app's GPS system allows students to pinpoint their location or manually specify it and search for easy routes. In addition to step-by-step directions, the app also has street and sat-

ellite view options so the user can ensure he or she is in the

right place. The version of the app for the University is called Grounds-Nav, a name Nizri thought was more University-appropriate. "Then I decided to do the same thing for the other schools in the app as well," Nizri said. "For instance, the Northeastern University version is called

HuskyNav." The app also organizes buildings into categories such as "academic and libraries" or "administrative" and then lists all of the buildings within that category alphabetically.

Students can upload their class schedules into the app and then, rather than having to search for the building every time, simply click on the icon for that particular class and receive directions automatically. "I think the schedule view is helpful because it defaults to the current day when is craving and the time of day.

you open it and you can navigate from one class to another," Nizri

When creating an app, it's important to visualize the big picture before coding to prevent

"I tried to make it as easy to use as possible, which to me means simple and intuitive."

holes in the final product, Nizri

"I tried to make it as easy to use as possible, which to me means simple and intuitive," he said.

Nizri has two other apps available for download on Google Play. "WWYD", short for "What Would You Do", provides the user with a slew of odd situations so that he or she can be prepared for anything, and "What Am I Craving?" tells the user what type of food he or she should eat depending on the textures and flavors the user

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Zelikow launches MOOC

History Prof. places lecture online, uses class time for student discussion

By Andrew D'Amato Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

History Prof. Philip Zelikow began teaching one of the first Massive Open Online Courses at the University Tuesday after-

The University partnered with the online education program Coursera to broadcast HIST 2002, "The Modern World: Global History since 1760," to more than 40,000 students worldwide and two 60 student sections here at the University.

"It's a pretty radical design," said Zelikow. "You can't use your standard lecture and do this. I'm creating 91 distinct video presentations ... It builds on my own classroom material."

Brandon Kist, recent University graduate and lead course

assistant for the course, helped Zelikow create the class. For the program, Zelikow began planning last semester and recorded the first video presentations in the beginning of October. He had to pre-record lectures, editing them to create a polished online lecture series.

"It's a really extended process," Kist said.

The online classes are currently offered for free and do not count for any credit.

The ability to use MOOCs created new teaching avenues for Zelikow. Since the lectures have been pre-recorded, Zelikow uses the assigned lecture time to instead have a prolonged discussion with University students. Students, both in and out of the University, will watch the lectures online, but the University students will get the benefit of an in-person interaction with the professor.

"The time in the classroom is with a different vibe," Zelikow said. "Instead of having the discussion with the graduate student, [University students] get the discussion with the highprice professor."

University students also enjoy another component in addition to the online lecture and professor-led discussion: graduatestudent-led history labs. During these labs, students review primary source documents from a specific era and region of the world, then delve deeper into the topics with the graduate student instructors.

"I'm leveraging the MOOC to do something here which is really interesting," Zelikow said.



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History Prof. Philip Zelikow had the first day of his Massive Open Online Course Tuesday. Lectures will be available free online through Coursera.

House subcommittee rejects McDonnell bill

Republican-dominated group stonewalls measure amending constitution for non-violent offenders' automatic re-enfranchisement

By Kelly Kaler Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

A subcommittee in the Virginia House of Delegates Monday rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that would have allowed nonviolent felons to automatically have their right to vote restored after serving their sentences. Under current state law, all requests must be approved by the governor personally.

Members of the Constitutional Amendments Subcommittee of the Privileges and Elections Committee voted six to one to indefinitely "pass by" the measure effectively stonewalling

the bill from getting to the floor of the House. Five Republicans and one Democrat voted to stall the bill, and only House Speaker William Howell voted against the blocking maneu-

In a statement, Gov. Bob McDonnell expressed disappointment in the decision and reaffirmed his commitment to place an automatic restoration of voting rights for nonviolent

"A person convicted of a nonviolent offense, who has served their time, and paid all their fines and costs, should be able to then regain the right to vote and begin their life again as a

fully engaged member of our democracy," he said. "A constitutional right deserves a constitutional amendment so that all applicants are treated equally across administrations."

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli proposed releasing a list of nonviolent felonies for which restorations of rights would be available in the code of Virginia.

"Many lower-level offenses should not result in the permanent loss of civil rights for individuals," Cuccinelli said. "That's why we ought to make it easier for those who have committed certain nonviolent offenses ... to regain their place

in society."

Although Cuccinelli said he is disappointed by the outcome of the vote he said he would gladly testify in front of the Senate to push the issue further. A similar bill was passed in Senate subcommitee Tuesday and will be heard in the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee.

McDonnell's support of the amendment follows his historical support of re-enfranchising nonviolent offenders. Earlier in his term, he put in place an initiative to expedite the process of requesting a restoration of voting rights, including an unofficial 60-day deadline for processing requests.

Virginia has more than 350,000 disenfranchised felons and is among the states with the harshest laws related to regaining voting rights after being released from prison, according to a 2010 report by the Sentencing Project.

Studies show disenfranchisement affects African-Americans at a substantially higher rate than whites. Virginia is one of three states — other than Florida and Kentucky — where more than 20 percent of adult, voting-age African-Americans in the state are disenfranchised, according to a study conducted by the Sentencing Project.

Dragas | Cohen hopes for improvements

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"I think we're focused on the long term," Cohen said. "We want to improve the faculty relationship with the board and improve accountability." Cohen said the publicity and attention this reappointment is attracting could be put to better

"I think what would be great comment.

is if the energy that people have for this case could be channeled into other things that can actually move the University forward," Cohen said.
"I'm hopeful that faculty, staff and students will continue to be involved in trying to improve University governance."

University spokesperson McGregor McCance declined to

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and I think this is an extension

of that." The postponement of a vote came as a disappointment to many members, who viewed Council as having a limited window to voice an opinion on the matter. A Virginia State Senate committee voted Tuesday to continue Dragas' reappointment process, deciding 12-3 to move the nomination to the

Senate floor. "I think we failed to represent the sentiment of the student body today," third-year College representative Eric McDaniel said. "The concern for not taking a vote tonight was that not all constituencies were present, but I feel very comfortable that a majority of students [within the University community] would prefer someone new to take her

seat." Graduate Arts & Science representative Adam Lees saw the body's decision to table discussion as evidence of the organiza-

tion's weakness. "This is the unfortunate side of deliberations," said Lees, who is also Co-Chairman of the Bylaws Reform Committee. "They often lead to nothing, instead of a stance for or against. Student Council has had its voice drowned out [on the Dragas issue] by those who have voiced their opinions

through other means." A special session of the representative body could be called as soon as Thursday.

The resolution would commend state legislators, such as Sen. Janet Howell, D-Fairfax, who voiced opposition to Dragas'

licly stated she doesn't believe Dragas fully understands the implications of her past actions.

The resolution also cites Dragas as the catalyst for many University issues, mentioning the Faculty Senate's June 17 resolution of no confidence in the Board of Visitors and the University's jeopardized academic accreditation.

"We are at a University that prides itself on trust, on openness, on honesty," Branch said during the meeting. "No one can stand up here and say the events of this summer abided by these values."

Branch was confident the resolution will pass should the body be called to a special session.

"We are trying to restore trust between the community and the Board of Visitors, and to do that we need a Board that doesn't include Helen Dragas," he said.

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Empty chairs and empty tables

Student Council failed its constituents by missing an opportunity to take a stand against Helen Dragas

It was a weak-willed showing for the cause against Rector Helen Dragas Tuesday in Richmond. The Senate Privileges and Elections Committee proceeded by a 12-3 vote to pass Dragas' name on to the Senate floor, where she awaits — along with the entire class of 2012 gubernatorial appointments — confirmation from the General Assembly. The resolvedly neutral Representative Body of our Student Council also faced the Dragas question at its meeting Tuesday night — and tabled it. These students, and by extension, procrastinators, decided to re-examine a resolution against Dragas at their meeting next Tuesday, an excuse that could have been avoided by more awareness and logistical planning.

Council met at Ern Commons after having failed to book its typical space in Newcomb. After leaving its members — and eventually, all students — out in the cold while the door remained locked, Council finally shepherded itself in for a meeting that barely met quorum. The incompetency was only beginning.

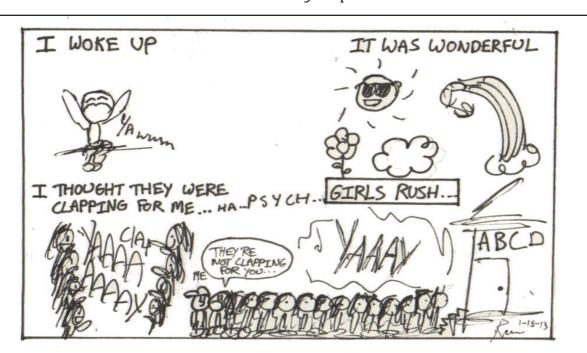
Neil Branch, the vice president for organizations, sponsored the primary item on the agenda: a "Resolution Petitioning the General Assembly to Reject the Reappointment of Helen Dragas to the Board of Visitors." Branch's document condemned Dragas and asked state legislators to do likewise by denying her re-appointment. Though Branch repeatedly urged Council to decide on this matter this week, with 6 yeas, 7 nays and four abstentions, Council voted: to not vote. The bill was tabled a week.

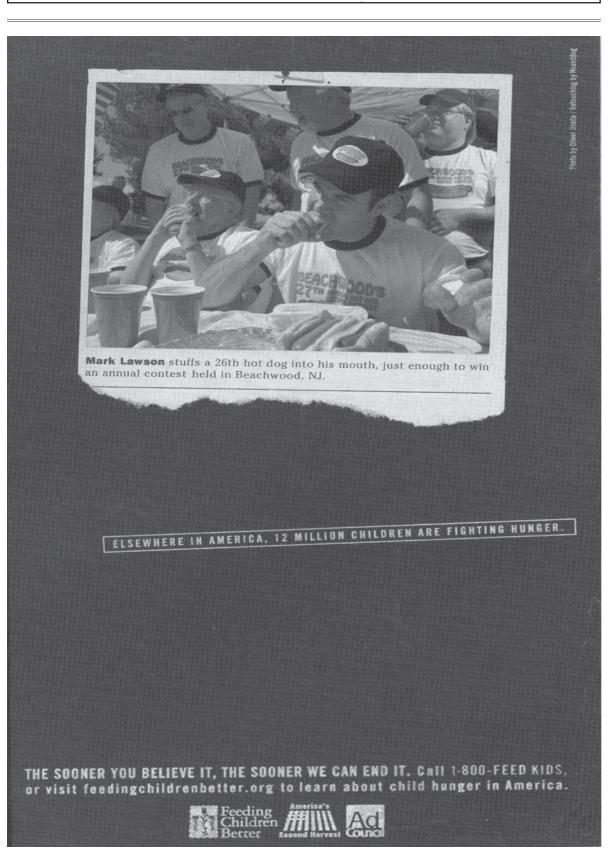
The core grievance asserted for why Council should wait was that the representatives were not ready. Not all graduate students were back. Constituents had to be polled; more people had to be present. These defenses were all cited as if they were something natural, unavoidable, serious. Yet, since June — when Dragas was first reappointed — every person had known that Dragas would face confirmation in Richmond come January. Council's inability to plan for this is what is at fault here.

Word about Council's Dragas resolution was only spread Tuesday. All through the fall, and before then, representatives could have been organizing to determine the student opinion on the reappointment of Dragas. A resolution could have been drafted with advance notice to members that the matter would be voted on Tuesday. Instead, because of its own negligence, Council missed an opportunity to show the community — or better, the media — what we students think of our rector. We haven't forgotten her deeds or our sense of integrity.

Yet another week passes; and with it, most likely, the passage of Dragas through the General Assembly and back to the Board. Despite the protests of some of its members, Council acted too slowly. Even if it does come to a decision next week, it will have been rushed. What it could not do in a semester it won't do in a week: its job, to represent students accordingly.

Editorial Cartoon by Stephen Rowe





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"You could not be further from the point regarding Dragas. It's not that she fired Sullivan that is the problem - philosophical differences are not a good reason to withhold confirmation - it's how it was done. It was done by LYING (in violation of one of the University's core values) to Ms. Sullivan about the votes Dragas had lined up, and subsequently encouraging her to 'save face' and resign, all done behind closed doors on the whims of two donors. It's not her policies that make her bad for the University - it's how she goes about implementing them."

"Bob," responding to the Managing Board's Jan. 8 lead editorial, "It's over: Dragas will most likely be confirmed"



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The good book

Both believers and nonbelievers can learn from a newly released Humanist Bible

ERE AT THE University, reminders of Thomas Jefferson are ubiquitous, and students are welleducated about many of the former president's

political and intellectual endeavors. Perhaps a less well known endeavor,

however, is Jefferson's creation of his own version of the Bible. "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth," as Jefferson titled it or the Jefferson Bible, as it has also come to be known — was the result of Jefferson's manipulation of the first four books of the New Testament, in which he removed all traces of divine occurrences and left only Jesus' teachings. Jefferson's Bible was for his personal use and was an attempt to better understand the morality presented in the New Testament while excluding the religious preachings of which Jefferson was skeptical.

In the spirit of Jefferson, the American Humanist Association has released a similar work, calling it "A Jefferson Bible for the 21st Century." This book, in addition to including the original Jefferson Bible, presents passages from sacred texts of many other religions that do not describe events that were caused by dei-

ties. The Humanist Association desires that their publication be read by all members of Congress as a way to increase tolerance of opposing viewpoints. But while

seeking to improve tolerance in Congress is a worthy cause, hopefully the 21st Century

Jefferson Bible will be marketed heavily to Americans outside of Congress. There is much that may be gained by looking at the teachings espoused by various religions, especially when supernatural claims are left out. It would be a universally beneficial initiative to make the 21st Century Jefferson Bible available to as many people as possible and ultimately may benefit both believers and non-believers.

Though the nonreligious demographic is steadily becoming larger, the United States is still a fairly religious society. And when it comes to seriously respecting nonbelievers, we can benefit from what the Jefferson Bible offers. There is still an often-expressed sentiment that one's religious beliefs are fundamentally intertwined with his or her morality. Often you may hear someone refer to himself or another person as a "good"

Christian" or "good Muslim" as if that somehow makes him more morally righteous than someone who is not religious. Jefferson's Bible is beneficial because

it attempts to debunk the idea that belief in an intervening deity leads to superior morality. Take away the supernatural events giving authority to a

holy text's claims — the "artificial scaffolding" as Jefferson called it in reference to Jesus' miracles — and what remains are moral lessons that can be concluded via secular reasoning

The end of the 21st Century Jefferson Bible is a plug from humanists titled the "Humanist Manifesto," which stresses the importance of rationally observing the world. With any luck, critics of nonbelievers who read that chapter will come away with a greater respect for how moral holdings are reached via debate, political and ethical theory or life experience. Through this, they can see that nonbelievers are not necessarily disregarding a crucial source of

morality because they deny religion; rather, nonbelievers likely base their moral foundation on the observations they have collected

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"There is much that may be gained by looking at the teachings espoused by various religions, especially when supernatural claims are left out."

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religious dogma can also benefit from the 21st Century Jefferson Bible. It is all too easy for one to dismiss a particular religion because it promotes happenings that cannot be proven and seem outside the realm of reality. Jesus resurrecting the dead or walking on water come immediately to mind. But, when just the moral lessons are exposed, even secularists can see that many religious teachings are not entirely filled with disagreeable subject matter. Indeed, the authors of the 21st Century Jefferson Bible took the passages selected for the book and placed them into one of two designations. There are "best" and "worst" labels that can be applied to the passages, indicating whether the authors believe the passages to be beneficial tenets of that religion, or harmful ones. By looking at the passages under "best," nonbelievers can see where they agree with religious teachings, making often-scrutinized religions like Mormonism seem less ridiculous. One may not believe the story of Joseph Smith and his seeing stones but will probably agree with Mormon sentiments such as "Woe onto them that call evil good, and good evil."

By focusing mainly on morals instead of improvable events, a more reasonable connection can be made between believers and nonbelievers. Through the widespread distribution of the humanist Bible, the conflict between the two sides could become less polarized. Both factions have supporters that view opposing factions as entirely right or entirely wrong. If nothing else, the 21st Century Jefferson Bible has the ability to increase tolerance by teaching ordinary Americans more about potentially unknown religious

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Domestic issues

Congress should renew the Violence Against Women Act in order to uphold the protections it offered to women

ASES SUCH as the gang rape incident in India, the offenses of Jimmy Savile in Britain and the rape of a 16-year-old in Steubenville, Ohio

have again brought the issue of rape and sexual assault to the forefront of

society. One would assume that the increased attention to this issue would increase legislative attention. On the contrary, Congress failed to renew one of the main pieces of legislation implemented to protect women, the Violence Against Women Act. The legislation was meant to enforce and implement policies — by providing funding — to prevent violence against women while also providing services for those who were raped, sexually assaulted or abused.

Provisions in the act included expanding protection orders to be upheld in all states, and

providing training for officers, prosecutors, judges and others involved in such situations to better respond and handle violence against women. In addition, the act

established

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Domestic Violence Hotline, which is a helpful resource for mitigating domestic violence. According to the White House, the Act, since implemented in 1994, has shown to have contributed to a decline in domestic violence: domestic violence declined 67 percent between 1993 and 2010. Homicide of female partners declined 35 percent between 1993 and 2007. Furthermore, the Act renewed focus on the severity of domestic violence among states, resulting in states taking greater action to protect women. For example, now, in all states, stalking is considered a crime. Yet, despite all the success

of the Violence Against Women Act and its positive influence in ensuring that states take greater responsibility in protecting women, Congress failed

to renew the legislation in 2012.

According to NPR, the legislation was passed by the Senate with

bipartisan support, but opposed by the House because of the certain new provisions. These provisions would have increased protection for LGBTQ individuals as well as illegal immigrants and Native American women. One of the crucial points for the opposition was the expansion of authority to tribal courts, which would now be able to hear the cases of those who commit rape on reservations but are not part of the reservation itself.. Despite the Senate approving the legis-

lation back in April, the House failed to reach a compromise in 8 months.

I can understand the concern with expanding the authority of

rape are often

"Without this or similar legislation in place, there is the danger of hindering further progress on the issue." tribal courts. But, at the same time, the non-reservation men who commit

free of any punishment for their crimes because federal and state courts fail to adequately address the situation, according to the Huffington Post. Considering that 86 percent of the women raped on tribal grounds are violated by men who are not part of the community, expanding authority for tribal courts is perhaps one of the more effective means of addressing this issue.

In addition, this legislation provided federal funding for organizations that gave assis-

tance to victims of rape. While funding was not a matter of contention in the House, funding will nevertheless get cut because the bill didn't pass. Without this funding, prominent state organizations like the Ohio Domestic Violence Network cannot effectively function, limiting the help victimized women can get.

This legislation has often been credited for bringing focus to the issue of violence against women and has contributed to a decline in domestic violence, as stated earlier. Without this or similar legislation in place, there is the danger of hindering further progress on the issue. As a result, I advocate reintroducing this legislation this year.

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Bball | Broken foot hinders Evans' play time, performance

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right ankle 17 games through the season, top perimeter threat Joe Harris played the season's final eight contests with a massive cast on his broken left hand and Bennett had just seven scholarship players total at his disposal by season's end. Still, this year's crop may be wielding enough of an impact to hinder Virginia at a juncture in the season when maximum firepower is almost vital.

Amidst early-season concerns about who would fill the sizable shoes of graduated forward Mike Scott, Mitchell's growth into a viable offensive option and formidable lowpost defender stands out as one of the highlights of the Virginia season so far. His 9.3 rebounds per game and six double-doubles lead the Cavaliers, and his defensive rating an advanced estimation of how many points he allows per 100 defensive possessions —

ranks first in the ACC. But after severely spraining his ankle in practice before the North Carolina game, Mitchell admits that the injury has hampered his mobility and disrupted his

"I'm not at 100 percent; I can't explode like I really want to, but other than that I feel fine," Mitchell said. "It's just getting back in a rhythm because I can't really practice."

Mitchell has gamely played 31 minutes in each of the three games since incurring the injury, averaging a respectable eight points and 10 boards a game. Nevertheless, when Virginia's perimeter offense struggled on the road against Wake Forest and Clemson, Mitchell was unable to generate the slump-busting offensive punch in the post that powered the Cavaliers during the first two months of the season.

"When I get inside touches and when I can score around the basket, it makes jump shots easier; it just gets the offense

said. "I feel like I've been in a little bit of a slump offensively the last two or three games, a little bit out of rhythm, and I take some of that accountability on my shoulders."

Whereas Mitchell's ankle sprain has certainly affected his play, Atkins' balky right shin has utterly ravaged his. After playing stingy defense, averaging 8.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest and complementing Mitchell nicely on the block in his first 12 games, Atkins has mustered just 1.5 points and 1.5 rebounds in his last four since his shin splints began. In Saturday's loss to Clemson, he had two points and a rebound in 15 ineffective minutes.

"When you watch it on tape and just seeing him, he's certainly favoring his leg, and he's not the same as he was earlier." Bennett said.

Bennett confirmed on his radio show Monday that an MRI revealed a "stress reac-

flowing a little better," Mitchell tion" in the shin and that Atkins is doubtful to appear Saturday, leaving Bennett without one of his team's defensive lynchpins.

"I feel it's unfortunate for him," Bennett said. "When he's not able to get out and show on screens as much or be as active, it affects him and probably affects our defense when he's on the floor more than most guys."

Virginia's injury woes, of course, are not limited to the front court alone. Widely expected to provide veteran savvy and defensive prowess at the point entering this year, Evans has never quite recaptured his 2011-12 form since breaking his right foot in late September. After playing all 94 games the Cavaliers played and starting 70 in his first three years, Evans has appeared in only eight this season, twice missing extended periods of action after attempting to return — including all but one game in December. Even when on the court, the

floor general and 2012 All-ACC defensive team selection has sputtered. He is averaging nearly as many turnovers as he did last season, despite playing 10 fewer minutes per contest, and only half as many steals as he finally starts to round into full health.

"He's got to work on taking care of the ball, making good decisions, but it's been good for him and good to see him out there and not have any setbacks," Bennett said.

With injuries beginning to deplete the Cavaliers this season as they did in 2012, Mitchell hopes he and his teammates can stay healthy during the season's homestretch and replenish the intensity which spurred Virginia to an 11-3 start.

"You've got some guys banged up, myself included," Mitchell said. "[It's important] just knowing that you've got to take care of your body and then be able to bring the same inten-

Bartee | Cheating undermines Armstrong's philanthropy

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years about his guilt. After the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency banned him for life earlier this vear, he still claimed innocence but stated that he no longer wished to spend his time and resources fighting doping allegations. So why admit it now?

For a long time it seemed as if Lance wanted to preserve his athletic legacy as one of the greatest cyclists and American athletes of all time. Armstrong fiercely fought allegations of failed drug tests and cover-ups, and even while his former teammates confessed to doping and turned on him, Lance remained steadfast in his denial.

Maybe the lies finally came to weigh too much on his conscience. Or maybe, up until this point, he truly believed he hadn't done anything wrong. But when the public has already drawn its conclusions about Armstrong's guilt and the USADA has stripped his seven Tour titles, what's in it for

Maybe Lance is admitting to doping allegations in hopes of earning some forgiveness and setting himself apart from athletes such as Barry Bonds or other high-profile steroid users who refuse to come clean.

But maybe he is coming clean for a different purpose: to preserve his own legacy as a philanthropist and humanitarian.

Lance not only made cycling relevant in America and around the world, but he has also made a significant contribution to fighting cancer through the Livestrong Foundation, formerly known as the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

I cannot stomach cheaters in sports, or in life for that matter, but it is undeniable that Armstrong inspired a generation of cancer patients through his survival and subsequent success on the cycling circuit. He utilized his celebrity status to create one of the world's foremost cancer awareness organizations. Livestrong reports

that it has raised more than \$470 million since its inception in 1997, and 81 percent of that money has gone directly to cancer awareness programs and services.

Donations to the Foundation have suffered lately, and Forbes recently reported that some Livestrong supporters asked for their donations back last fall. There appears to be a strong negative correlation between bad publicity for Lance and Livestrong donations.

Last fall, Armstrong stepped down as the chairman of the foundation and later resigned his position on the board of directors. Shortly after, the Lance Armstrong Foundation changed its name to the Livestrong Foundation, presumably in an attempt to separate itself from the negative publicity swirling around Armstrong

Regardless of how he tries to distance himself, Lance will always be the face of Livestrong for those of us who saw him

race, wore the yellow bracelets and believed in him. Maybe Lance's interview with Oprah is a selfless attempt to preserve and restore faith in Livestrong by rebuilding his own reputa-

Armstrong has been called a narcissist, a cheater and a bully. He undoubtedly has many character flaws, and he scammed his way into the hearts of American sports fans. For that he will never be forgiven; Lance the athlete will forever live in infamy. But do those he inspired to fight cancer really care if he doped? Maybe some do, but I'm sure others are thankful to have had that figure to stand with while they faced the greatest challenge in their lives.

When it comes down to it, there's no way to accurately compare the good Lance has done for cancer awareness with the fraud he committed and the extent to which he benefitted, financially and otherwise, from his deception. His philanthropic work cannot redeem his athletic fraud, and his doping admission cannot dilute the impact of his charitable work.

Although we already know the conclusion, I'm interested in seeing how Lance himself frames his transgressions. Ultimately, I hope that the former hero and inspiration to millions is sincere in his admission. Maybe he won't offer an apology, but I hope this is at least more than a lame and artificial PR ploy.

Maybe the interview won't change anyone's perception of Lance. There will always be those that despise him for the way he played us for fools. But there will also be those who are forever grateful for the impact he has had on cancer awareness. I lie somewhere in the middle, hoping that this interview will convince me to forgive a man whose success and celebrity was merely a magnificent facade — even if he used that facade to champion a noble cause.

THE WEEK

"Ultimately, the opportunity to coach in the SEC with a friend was

—Jeff Banks on leaving the Virginia football program nine days after head coach Mike London hired him.

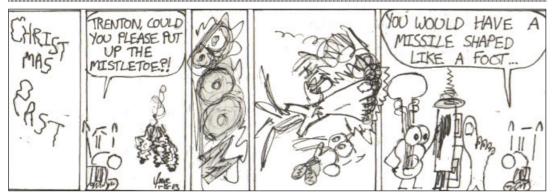




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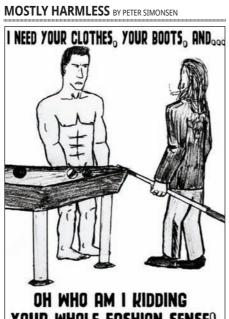
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YOUR WHOLE FASHION SENSER YOU'RE FABULOUS



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An associate may accidentally bump you from the spotlight. OK, maybe it was intentional. Either way, be the classier person. If you wrestle a pig, you both get dirty. And the pig

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Private concerns and responsibilities could compromise your work objectives. Get organized and you'll avoid making a costly mistake. To err is human; to forgive may or may not be company policy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Opportunities at work are brewing. In spite of any mistreatment from your superiors, this is a time to forgive, forget and remain open. To utilize upcoming events you'll need everyone on your side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your toil will be justly rewarded. Keep your eyes open to recognize the reward because it won't arrive in the expected form. By day's end you will feel a great sense of satisfaction from a job well

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Recent disruptions have been a good thing for you and as the dust settles you start to see why. You really didn't plan to benefit from this mixed up situation, and yet when you keep the right attitude you can't help but win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Recently you were forced by your sense of self-preservation to

speak up. And you did so just in time. Now everybody knows you will stand up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have everything you want, and yet, from time to time, you may be inundated with feelings of longing. When gratitude becomes the loudest voice of your inner monologue good fortune is the immediate result

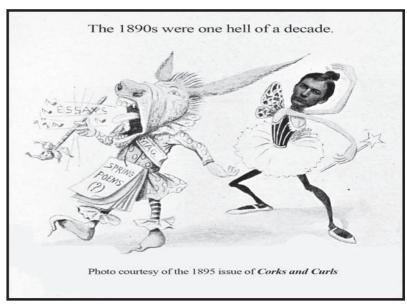
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may have been oblivious to some novel, highly beneficial ideas that came your way recently. Leave your comfort zone and stretch your creative muscle with some edgy, innovative sensory delights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19), A special someone helps you discover a newfound independence. Let nothing stop your development. The validation you get from an authority figure will reaffirm notions of who you are and who you are becoming.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will communicate with people from days gone by. Even though none of you travel in the same circles together as you once did, treat all as friends. This is a new chapter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Avoid the stale, nearsighted visions of others that will only paint your ideas as unreasonable or outlandish. Brimming with passion and self-assertiveness, you'll take steps towards some idealistic -- but not impossible -- goals.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 16). This month you connect with like minds and sharpen your vision. There's romance in working together. Share your secret wishes in February and they just might blossom into a lucrative and creative endeavor. Someone is mad about you. Really really mad. Shucks.







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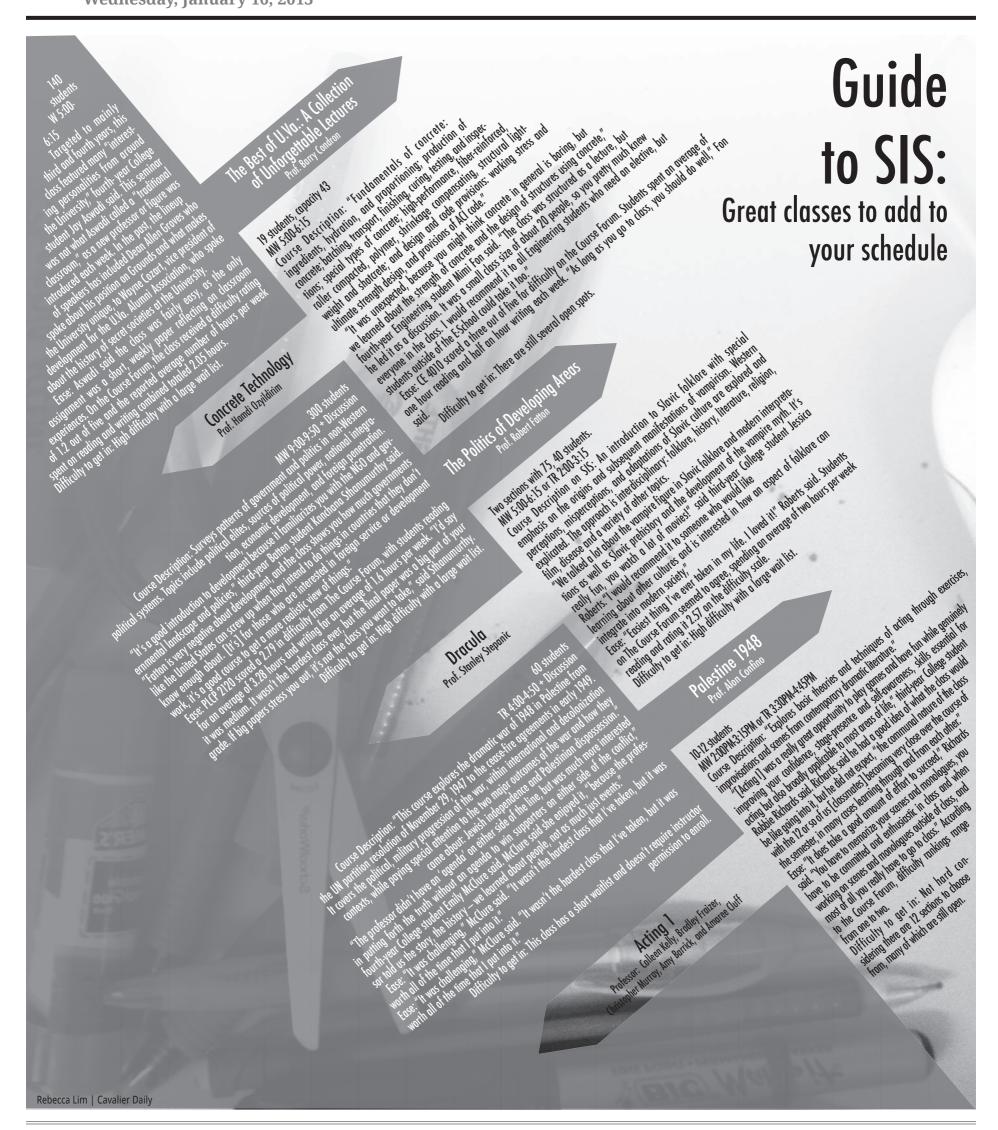
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A s I was sitting on my Amtrak train back down to Charlottesville this weekend, I started thinking about how quickly the fall went by. I spent a great many nights staying up late finishing readings I had procrastinated on, going out to Mellow Mushroom for Pint Night — and having one too many — and then walking dejectedly from Alderman to Clemons at midnight during finals week. After all that, I was

glad winter break had come.

I had no plans. I wasn't going anywhere. I just had time to myself.

Now, don't feel sorry for me, because I had one of the best breaks that I have had in years. Old friends and family surrounded me; it was heaven. I didn't need an "Eat, Pray, Love" type of journey traveling halfway around the world to find meaning in my life through food, spirituality and love. I feel

Looking Back



AL-HASSAN KOROMA

that in the 22 years of my life, I have come to know myself very

What made my break even more special was the fact that all these people brought back so many memories for me.

Christmas may be designed to remember the birth of Jesus, but my Christmas season was filled with parties overflowing with eggnog, bourbon and mulled wine. The adults drank too much, the kids were merry

and carols were sung. We talked about the good ol' days of high school — idyllic times when we would take turns having parties at our houses while our parents were away. We reminisced about the trips that we went on for our chorale — that's the private schools' pretentious version of a chorus — to sing our hearts out for parents who didn't really want to go to the

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Never Too Old

Things I Don't Know

For Sure

Late that most people have a moral compass. Priests have gods. Cops have laws. Protesters have passions. I have my parents.

When my sister and I were born, our mother and father became our North, South, East and West. For three and a half years the four of us formed

our own little world; each day our parents taught us something small or big, and in this way, we learned the difference between right a n d wrong. When my younger brother was born, we were encouraged to include him. Again and again

Again and again we learned that it was "wrong" to hit your brother. Or push him. After about a decade, that lesson Homer,

finally stuck.
My parents have always

believed in the power of words, hoping beyond hope that their three children are listening. For years they have implemented the "do as we say, not as we do" speech. When my father orders another Heineken at dinner, my mother jokes, "Don't drink like Daddy." When my mother drives us home, my father rolls

his eyes and says,
"Don't drive like

your mother."

Words alone have not been the guiding instructional tools of my life, I also watch my parents' actions and take my cues from what I observe. I see my father curl up with my cats and dogs — all six of them — even after grumpily denouncing the

constant flurry of paws under his feet. He could complain and argue and throw Homer, Henry, Bo, Buster, Morris, and Sammy to the

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School is Cool

guess you could say a lot has changed in four short years. I went to a relatively small high school, where all of my teachers knew everything about me. They knew what community service I was involved in, who my closest friends were, if I was doing poorly in another class and the type of academic work I was capable of. If I didn't produce this quality of work, it was obvious, and they would certainly call me out on it, pushing for me to do better the next time. In high school, my teachers never asked for

more than I was capable of.
Fast forward those three summer months that made such a difference. My first semester here, I was overwhelmed by the sheer size of the student body. The number of people in my dorm was more than in my entire graduating class.

I obviously hadn't expected things to stay the same. I didn't want them to, but having huge classes with professors who didn't know, or really seem to care, about even my name was a total shift from my high

school experience. I began to feel like a face in the crowd and slowly but surely, I became less engaged in my course load. More and more, I only did what was needed to get by. I was "learning" about subjects I had no interest in, to fulfill graduation requirements that I would later end up satisfying with more interesting courses anyway. Like most of my peers,

Dear Abbi



ABBI SIGLER

I was doing more work than I ever had before while simultaneously earning lower grades, which was even more discouraging.

I ended up focusing more on the University environment than I did on the curriculum. I spent time exploring extracurricular activities, hanging with friends or experiencing Mr. Jefferson's University without the key component of actually caring about learning. Classes were something I did only to maintain my status as a University student and reap all the benefits. I was generally apathetic to my academics. After all, C's get degrees too, right?

To be clear, I don't blame the professors or really any part of the University, because I don't think it's feasible for professors to be able to get to know all of their students at such a large school. Those who do so should certainly be commended.

If anything, it's my own fault. I was used to having teachers make the first move to get to know me, and I didn't know how to react when they didn't. I didn't feel comfortable going to office hours. I was a first year, or even a third year, so who was I to argue with John

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Fourth-year students cherish final moments Koroma

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performance in the first place. Breaks give you a chance to look back on where you have been and where you are going. Everything was so much more relaxed in high school, and I had so much more time to myself. I wasn't swamped with meetings, work, volunteering or writing — my typical dayto-day grind as of late. And you know what? I was happier back then.

We just had our first day of school, meaning I and the rest of the class of 2013 have reached a milestone: our final first day of classes. Now, this may be distressing for some, but don't fret too much. I urge you to use some time this week to think back on our time here

at U.Va. The good, the bad, the ups and the downs.

Remember the good times we used to have at football games, even if we weren't always — or ever — winning. Remember the first time we were all congregated on the Lawn for Convocation and were graced by the presence of John T. Casteen, III and his words of encouragement as we began our time here

at the University. Remember those we have lost and keep their memories alive with you every single day.

I know this is super cliché, but honestly, fourth years, don't let this semester pass you by. If you're not careful, this semester may go by even faster than

If you could make another New Year's resolution, I would suggest you start seeing those whom you hold dear more and more and reach out to those you have lost touch with. Many of us will be far from each other starting next year. Cherish this time. You won't have another chance, so live it up!

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Parents offer crucial moral compass, support Hardaway |

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street. Instead he embraces them; he shows me that sometimes it's okay to admit that something's good, even when you're inclined to believe that it's just expensive, messy and a whole lot of work.

I walk into a room and start talking to my mother; she stops me, holds my elbows, and pulls me in for a hug. She's been doing this for years, and when I'm home from school she does it at least once a day. I watch her embrace my sister, and my brother who towers over her, his long arms patting her shoulders as he laughs. We all pretend that these moments are silly. But we all know that these hugs are an innate response to us, her three children, her most beloved creations.

In youth, I think that most of our moral compasses, no matter their origin, steer us all in the same general direction. It's when we grow older that the grey areas appear. If I know that something is wrong but still choose to do it, does that make me immoral? Independent? What happens when I begin to think things that my parents never thought — can I defy their years of life lessons?

I argue with my parents all the time. I have my mother's stubborn self-righteousness, so when she tells me that I'm doing something wrong, I have to convince her that I am right. I hold my father's steadfast belief that some things in life really are as simple as black and white, right and

wrong. Unfortunately, we often diverge on what these "simple" truths may be.

Of course I defy my parents resist them, ignore them. But at the end of the day, my moral compass remains in place, reminding me that my parents love and protect me with a ferocity I only hope to one day show my own children. They have taught me that there's so much more to life than being right, than winning, than stepping over other people so that your "rightness" can shine brighter than the rest.

Four years ago my parents sent me to college. They unloaded boxes in my dorm room, put some cash in my hand, hugged me and drove away. In four years I have packed and unpacked again

and again, put cash in my own hand, learned how to hug new people — and myself. I have a lot of stories from these past four years, which lets me know that I messed up — a lot. From two hours away my moral compass did the best it could, sending care packages and emails and, if absolutely necessary, driving to visit me.

For so long I've wanted to be self-sustaining and independent, proving to my parents that they did all right, that I turned out just fine. Again and again I trip and fall and I have to bite my lip, take three deep breaths and ask for their help. During winter break I sat at my computer two days before Christmas, wondering what gift I could give my parents. I had no money. So, I gave them words. I wrote a letter; in it I detailed my seven semesters in college. I wanted to show them what their money paid for. I wanted to say thank you.

I'm 21 years old, and I'm flawed, and I'm afraid, but I'm also sometimes brave, and sometimes right, and sometimes, I hope, the person my parents have always wanted me to be. It's taken time and scars and healing, but my moral compass has shown me the way to what is "good," to what is important. I don't know many things for certain, but I am certain that with this in mind, I will never be lost.

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Locke or question a professor? I felt like I'd be wasting their time. The only thing worse than being an unknown face would be being known as a dumb girl who wasted the professor's office hour. As time passed, I became even more disengaged, more apathetic. My dad continually reassured me that once I narrowed my choice of study down, and took courses I found genuinely interesting, I would do better.

It wasn't really until I took a summer class after my third year that I got the wake-up call I was in such desperate need of. I ended up in a small class with a professor who challenged hide in the back; I couldn't

avoid his questions. More importantly, I didn't want to. I adjusted the next semester's classes to include courses that would provide the same environment. It was undoubtedly my best semester yet. I had incredible professors who genuinely cared, and, most importantly, I cared.

If you're looking at your schedule thinking you're not interested in this semester's load, fix it. SIS is one huge pain, but as I can personally attest it's never too late to add a class. When you read The Course Forum, look for reviews that evaluate the professor. Find the good ones. Take small classes. You might have to do your homework every night, you might not be able to cower in the back, for three years. I couldn't but it will be worth it. Professors will have a

chance to get to know you in the classroom and that will open doors outside of it. Take classes you care about. As he is sometimes, my dad was right. When you find things you are passionate about, you will do better.

To be fair, that's more difficult than it seems. The University affords us so many opportunities it can be overwhelming, but if you feel yourself slipping away and giving up on learning, fix what you're doing. You can find classes and professors that engage you and encourage you to care about learning. And that will make your time here so much better.

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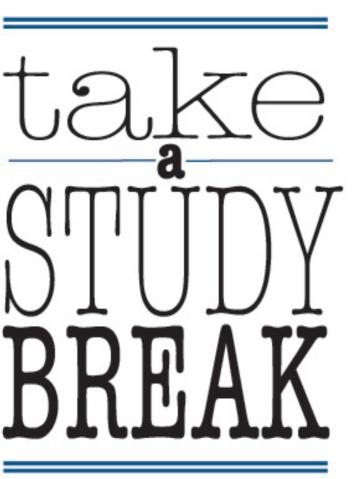






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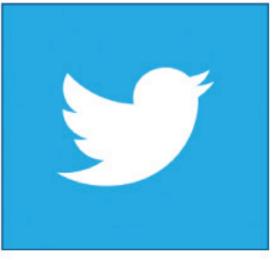
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