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## GOP pushes redistricting

Senate passes controversial plan with rare majority on Inauguration Day

By Andrew D'Amato  
Cavalier Daily Senior Writer

Virginia Senate Republicans pushed through a controversial redistricting measure Monday during the presidential inauguration, which would create a district in the Richmond area of primarily African American voters. The change will be implemented in 2015.

This redistricting moves Democratic Sen. Creigh Deeds' district, including the University, to a Richmond area that leans conservative, likely posing a reelection threat for Deeds.

The move sparked outrage from state Democrats, because Sen. Henry Marsh (D-16), a Civil Rights leader, was attending the Inaugural proceedings in Washington, D.C. The Senate holds a 20-20 gridlock, but Marsh's absence allowed for a Republican majority.

"There have been no hearings on this plan," said Sen. Donald McEachin, D-Henrico, in a statement. "To do this by surprise, to rush it through in a day ... this is sneaking,

underhanded, and beneath the dignity of the Senate."

Virginia Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, both Democrats, issued a joint statement Tuesday about the redistricting.

"We are encouraged by [Gov. Bob] McDonnell's statements today expressing disapproval of the tactics that were used," according to the statement. "We urge legislative leaders and other elected officials to do the right thing to correct this disappointing and disruptive partisan action."

The Senate took the vote on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday — a fact Democratic consultant Kenton Ngo criticized for its likely conservative ramifications. The redistricting makes the surrounding districts less diverse, and accordingly more likely to vote Republican, Ngo said.

"Republicans waited until a Civil Rights Leader [Sen. Marsh] went away to ram a redistricting bill through when no one was expecting," he said. "This is a particular problem in southern states, particularly after 2000. If you

take a black voter out of one district, that district becomes whiter."

Politics Prof. Larry Sabato said in an email Tuesday the bill was passed because Virginia Republicans in the Senate see an opportunity to expand their numbers quickly by 2015 and stop the 20-20 tie from being broken by increasingly independent Lieut. Gov. Bill Bolling. If the Republicans do not redraw district lines now, new lines cannot be drawn until 2021, and will not take effect until the 2023 election cycle, he added. "Additional Republicans are very likely to be elected by 2015," Sabato said.

Current redistricting plans could have far-reaching implications, Ngo said.

"It happens every 10 years according to the Virginia State Constitution," Ngo said. "Every year they pass technical adjustments, and they normally have very little impact. It sets a precedent that mid-decade redistricting is fair game."

Some propose that this

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Courtesy Richmond Times Dispatch

Del. Joseph Morrissey, D-Henrico, brought an unloaded AK-47 to the House floor last week when he spoke about gun control regulations.

## Gun regulations unlikely to pass

Va. House blocks proposals despite Morrissey's objections; Senate may close 'gun show loophole'

By Erik Payne and  
Abby Meredith  
Cavalier Daily Senior Writers

Several pieces of gun ownership legislation were met with mostly negative reviews in Virginia's House of Delegates and State Senate last week. But an attempt to close the so-called "gun show loophole" did meet with limited success in the Senate's Courts of Justice Committee.

The committee Friday voted 8-6 in favor of legislation that would require individuals purchasing weapons at gun shows to buy from licensed dealers, who are required to conduct background checks on buyers through the Virginia State Police. Non-licensed dealers may still attend gun shows, but they cannot sell firearms unless licensed dealers verify background checks of buyers.

Later that afternoon the committee reconvened and reconsidered the earlier vote, tabling the bill for consideration later this week.

Gun-control advocates saw the Republican-controlled Senate committee kill several Democrat-backed pieces of legislation, including a bill banning the sale of ammunition magazines holding more than 10 rounds.

"Gun control is toast in Vir-

ginia," said Philip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, a pro-gun rights organization. "We have all kinds of gun restrictions already."

In the wake of a mass shooting this past December in Newtown, Conn., mental-health legislation received bipartisan support. Sen. Adam Ebbin, D-Alexandria, sponsored a bill banning the sale of guns to those found legally incompetent or mentally incapacitated. It passed unanimously.

Del. Joseph Morrissey, D-Henrico, has been outspoken in support of additional gun-control measures.

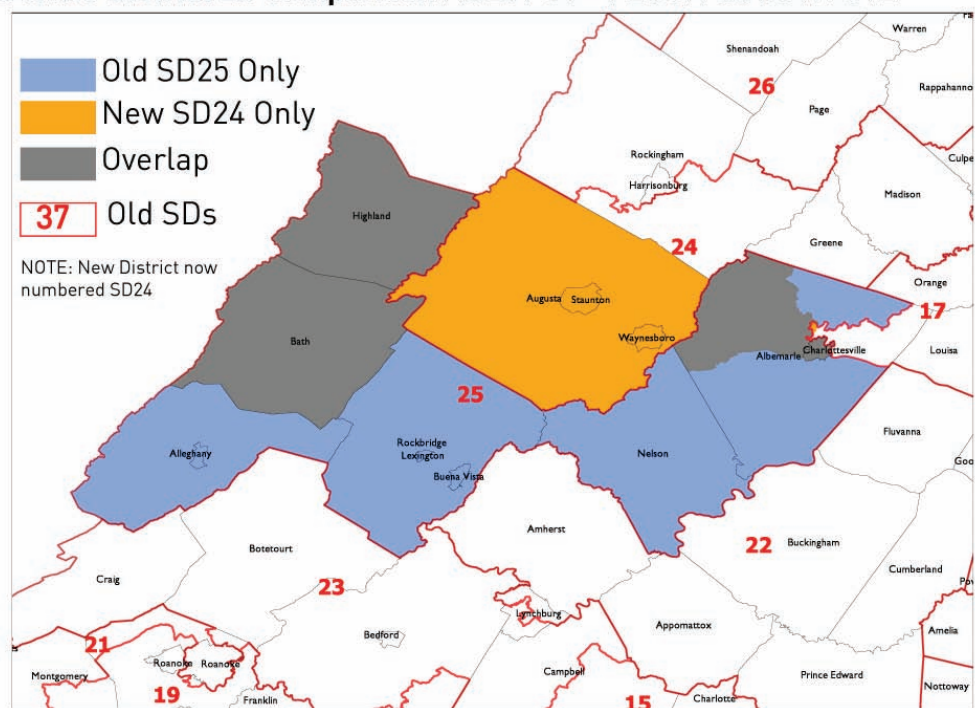
"First off I want to make people aware of what exactly these assault weapons are and what their capacity for danger is," he said. "I also want to ban public possession of these assault weapons with high capacity magazines."

Morrissey brandished an unloaded AK-47 on the House floor Thursday to make his point. Morrissey's bill, which would have banned assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, failed in a House subcommittee before the start of the weekend.

"Right now law in Virginia is

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### Senate District 25 Comparison HB259 S3 - FLOOR SUBSTITUTE



Under the proposed redistricting plan passed Monday, State Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-Bath), who represents the old 25th District, will be drawn into the new 24th District with State Sen. Emmett Hanger (R-Weyers Cave).

## FOOTBALL

## Cavs introduce new hires

Coaches O'Brien, Tenuta, Lewis bring combined 102 years of experience

By Ian Rappaport  
Cavalier Daily Sports Editor

Just as perennial roster turnover typifies college sports, overhauled coaching staffs are predictable when teams fail to meet expectations. After the Virginia football team won four fewer games in 2012 than the year before, change on coach Mike London's staff inevitably followed. The Cavaliers retooled its staff after London's third year at the helm, headlined by the hires of Tom O'Brien as associate head coach for offense and tight ends coach and Jon Tenuta as associate head coach for defense/defensive coordinator.

In total, London added three coaches — O'Brien, Tenuta and new running backs coach and special teams coordinator Larry Lewis. He also promoted Marques Hagans from a graduate assistant to wide receivers and designated cornerbacks coach Chip West as the new recruiting coordinator. The staff's chemistry remains untested, but its experience is undeniable. The three newcomers bring 102 years of combined coaching wisdom.

### Tom O'Brien

By hiring O'Brien, London adds one of his own mentors to his staff. London was an assistant under O'Brien for four years when the two coached at Boston College.

"There is an understanding that I am

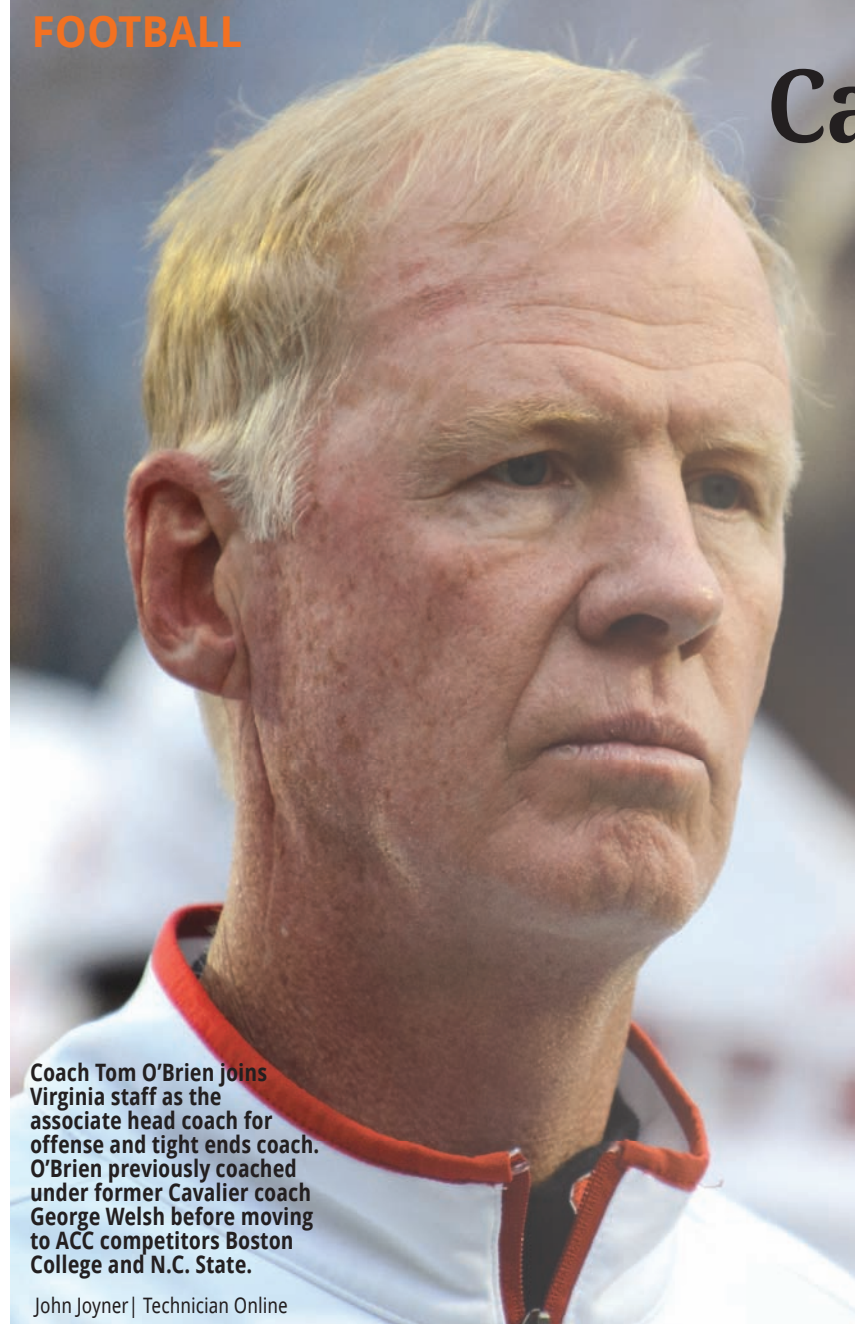
the head football coach of this team," London said. "But there's also an understanding that with the experience you surround yourself with, and the people you surround yourself with, there are opportunities to gain some insight that otherwise you wouldn't have."

After leading N.C. State to a 40-35 record since 2006 and taking the Wolfpack to three straight bowl games, O'Brien was fired following a 7-5 season in 2012. Perhaps O'Brien's most important shortcoming was an 11-19 record against ACC Atlantic division opponents, including a dismal 1-14 mark on the road. After inheriting a mediocre program, O'Brien believed he moved the Wolfpack in the right direction both athletically and academically, but he failed to meet the less patient ambitions of athletic director Debbie Yow.

"I went there with the goals of being champions in the classroom, champions in the community and champions on the football field," O'Brien said. "There's a lot of good things we did... Forbes magazine came out with this article in December that for bang for buck, Kansas State, Stanford and N.C. State did a better job of winning games for the money invested in the programs."

Despite disappointment at leaving his work in Raleigh unfinished, O'Brien relishes his return to Virginia, where he coached under George Welsh during the

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Coach Tom O'Brien joins Virginia staff as the associate head coach for offense and tight ends coach. O'Brien previously coached under former Cavalier coach George Welsh before moving to ACC competitors Boston College and N.C. State.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN

By **ELISSA TRIEU**  
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Climate Change. Global warming. Greenhouse effect. These are the buzzwords on everyone's mind after President Barack Obama discussed environmental policy in his second inaugural speech on Monday — and for good reason too. 2012 was the warmest year ever recorded in the United States—3,527 monthly weather records across the country were broken.

There are many mechanisms — both anthropogenic and natural — driving climate change, a complex web of interactions in which little changes can have dra-

matic effects.

One of the most well-known pathways dictating global temperatures is the carbon dioxide cycle. CO<sub>2</sub> is a greenhouse gas, and its capacity to absorb large quantities of heat energy affects global energy levels and therefore climate. The vegetation in forests — especially large, long-standing trees — act as carbon sponges, capturing carbon from the environment and then storing it. Burning these trees as fuel not only releases the stored carbon but also inhibits the future uptake of carbon from the atmosphere.

Deforestation is occurring at a rapid rate across the world, especially in Third World countries where wood is the only available source of fuel. In Asia and Latin America, tree removal occurs at a rate of about 2 percent per year.

Environmental Sciences Prof. Deborah Lawrence is involved with LEAF — Lowering Emissions in Asia's Forests — a USAID-funded program dedicated to improving forest management and support-

ing funding for the protection of forests. Lawrence went to Vietnam and Thailand last year to help increase awareness. "The effort supports a direct exchange of ideas between universities on climate change science, lesson planning and teaching techniques," Lawrence said in a University press release.

Increasing awareness, whether that be through non-profit work, academic research or speeches by public figures, is key to the world's ability to respond to its environmental challenges, said third-year College student Sang Mee Ko, an Environmental Sciences major.

"There are many other things going on here than just higher temperatures," Ko said. "It's not a question of whether or not global warming is occurring. It is happening. [But] how quickly is the change approaching?"

## University doctors explain Cervical Awareness Month

By **MONIKA FALLON**  
CAVALIER DAILY HEALTH & SCIENCE EDITOR

January marks Cervical Health Awareness Month in the United States, an effort by the National Cervical Cancer Coalition to promote early cancer screenings and spread information about the Human Papillomavirus.

In the past 40 years, cervical cancer has dropped from being the leading cause of death among American women, largely thanks to the increased number of women getting Pap tests. In 2009, the most recent year for which data is available, just fewer than 4,000 women died from cervical cancer, marking a 2 percent decline since 2000. Cervical cancer can be caused by HPV, which infects skin cells. There are more than 200 known types of the virus, some of which are low risk and may only cause discomfort through genital warts, and some of which are higher-risk and can lead to precancerous symptoms and eventually cancer.

HPV infection is very common — sexually active individuals have at least a 50 percent chance of contracting the virus in their lifetime according to the Centers for Disease Control — but normally the body is able to fight off and clear out the infection just as it does with any other virus. But in some cases, the infection persists and precancerous lesions occur.

It is still not clear what makes the precancerous cells form in

some people, but there are some things, such as smoking, which can increase the chances, said Dr. Susan Modesitt, associate professor and Director of the Gynecologic Oncology Division in the department of obstetrics and gynecology.

"Smoking won't cause the cancer," Modesitt said. "But if you're exposed [to HPV] and you smoke, you essentially double or triple your risk [of contracting it]."

HPV-caused cervical cancer is preventable if the correct screening and prevention measures are taken, said Dr. Linda Duska, associate professor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology.

"Pap smears and HPV testing are the most effective way to prevent the infection from progressing," Modesitt said. "Women between the ages of 21 and 30 should be tested every two to three years and if both [tests] are negative, we recommend tests every three to five years in women over 30."

Both Duska and Modesitt emphasized prevention is key, and that the best method of prevention is the HPV vaccine, which is covered by most insurance plans. More women are vaccinated than men, but that isn't necessarily how it should be, Modesitt said. "Men are carriers and should be vac-



“Prevention is key”

inated as well,” she said. “Not only does it protect the women, but it also helps prevent [the men] from getting genital warts and certain other types of cancer.”



# Three-Day Weather Forecast

Provided by the Cavalier Weather Service

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## Broken community of trust



Jenna Truong | Cavalier Daily

University Police responded to a call around 8:30 p.m. Monday when an unidentified male attacked a female walking by Wilson Hall. According to an email sent by University Police Chief Michael Gibson, after "putting an arm around her neck and fondling her breast and genitalia with the other hand," the suspect fled north toward Varsity Hall. No other information about the incident or suspect is available at this time.

# System favors Americans

Professors' work shows certification standards inhibit qualified physicians

By Kelly Kaler  
Cavalier Daily Associate Editor

Politics Profs. David Leblang and Sonal Pandya, along with doctoral student Brenton Peterson, released a study this week that examined the political and economic aspects of different processes for obtaining medical certification in the United States for the international community.

For an international student to be eligible for medical residency in the United States, he must pass three sections of the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam. Medical education standards are highly specific and these qualifications often prevent qualified physicians from practicing in the United States based on technicalities.

"We are by no means proposing a plan for policy change ... rather, we are drawing attention to an aspect of immigration and regulatory policy that is interesting from a political economy perspective: the fact that unelected state regulators are deciding the international mobility of critical skills," Pandya said Tuesday in an email.

These policies exacerbate physician shortages and therefore have an affect on the overall health of a nation, Pandya added.

Only 42.6 percent of international medical graduates in 2008 passed all three components of the test on their first try, and only 73 percent of those who passed all necessary exams eventually found a residency, according to the study. Some of the states with the worst physician shortages in the United States are New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and North Dakota. These same states are also some of the most stringent in their policies for allowing international doctors to practice medicine.

Immigration policy debates often center around issues of skilled versus unskilled labor and the competition each group provides to American employees, but the study attempts to take a more nuanced view, Pandya said. "Our innovation is to highlight that 'skilled' is not a monolithic category," she said. "Rather, skills are typically highly specialized to certain professions so the employment

threat that skilled migrants pose is limited to those Americans with the same skill sets."

One of the largest barriers to allowing doctors to practice medicine in the United States was competition for employment, as more doctors means a smaller success rate for American-educated physicians seeking jobs, Pandya said.

According to the study, international students' qualifications are equivalent to those American medical graduates receive prior to residency training.

Finances also play a role in how strict the stipulations are for international physicians. The study explains how states with a medical board dependent on the state government are likely to require less residency training for the international students, whereas states with self-financing medical boards often require much longer residencies, up to 36 months.

The study's authors estimate that changing the standards for international doctors would lower health care costs. State-by-state estimates of annual cost reductions range from \$615,669 to \$1.28 billion.

## Senate | Measure sparks outcry

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measure is unconstitutional because it is in effect instituting a redistricting change, rather than merely a technical adjustment.

"The Virginia Constitution says redistricting should take place 'in the year 2011 and every ten years thereafter,'" Sen. George L. Barker, D-Alexandria, said. "This type of action is not permissible under the Constitution."

Sabato predicts that if this

bill passes both houses and is signed by the Governor, there will "almost certainly" be a court challenge.

"The Virginia Constitution says redistricting should be done in the year after the Census (2011)," Sabato said. "Of course, the courts may rule that the legislature is not precluded from engineering redistricting more frequently."

Virginia Democrats' "fury" about the districting change will likely hurt McDonnell's

chances of getting his legislative goals through the General Assembly, Sabato said.

"Despite what the Governor says, most Democrats do not believe the governor was unaware of what his party was up to in the Senate," he said.

Sen. John Watkins (R-10), the bill's sponsor, did not return a request for comment for this article, but told the Associated Press he had proposed the redistricting to ensure Virginia stayed in accordance with the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

## Guns | Assembly continues debating further regulation

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that in most of our cities anybody can walk down [the] middle of [the] street with 50 rounds of ammunition," he said. "Further, you can walk in front of a high school, a middle school or an elementary school in front of [the school] with loaded weapons and I think that's despicable and the law ought to change."

Van Cleave said he thought gun-control legislation was not an effective way of reducing crime.

"It's just a matter of understanding what will affect crime, and gun control doesn't do it,"

Van Cleave said. "If you look at Chicago, they have the most stringent gun control laws, but they have a huge crime rate. If gun control actually worked, Chicago would be Nirvana."

Morrissey called criticisms that gun control is ineffective in preventing tragedy "utter nonsense."

"I have the greatest empathy for those with mental illness but because they can carry, they can repeatedly fire [a gun] which causes mass carnage and loss of large numbers," he said. "It's definitely without a doubt the gun."

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## The Cavalier Daily

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—Thomas Jefferson

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## Dying on the vine

A new report highlights a disturbing trend for higher education funding

The Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University released an official survey Tuesday documenting how 41 states are increasing funding for higher education. The survey also shows, however, that state-level funding of higher education has decreased in the past decade. Since Virginia is one of the states that has been appropriating less for higher education, the general trends project possible concerns on the horizon. Although circumstances differ throughout the states, decreases were more prevalent than increases, with nationwide funding for higher education declining 7.6 percent from fiscal year 2010-2011 to fiscal year 2011-2012.

The survey, called "The Grapevine Report," uses data collected by Andy Carlson of the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO). The data is drawn from a three-part questionnaire that includes a section about funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009, a section on state tax appropriations for higher education, and a section asking for data on non-tax state support for higher education.

The Grapevine Report revealed that 31 states have increased state appropriations on higher education for the 2013 fiscal year. In addition, although there was an overall decrease in funding of 0.4 percent compared to last year, this is a considerable improvement from the 7.5 percent decrease the year before.

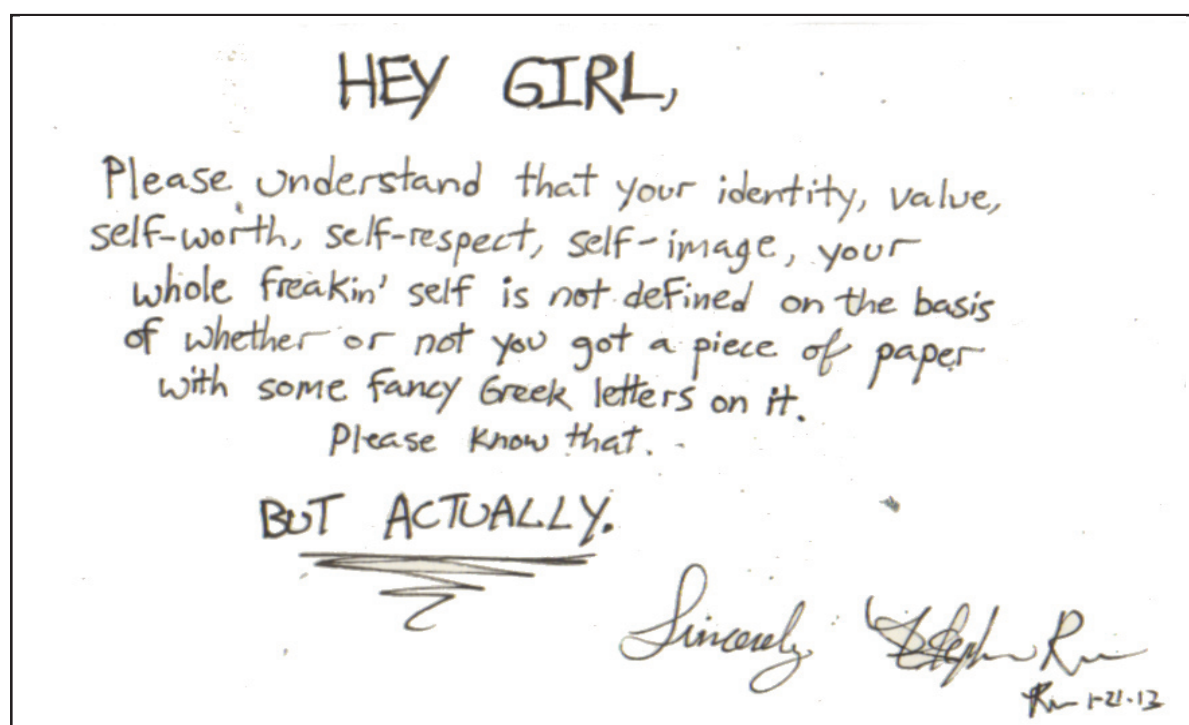
As one of the nation's top public institutions for higher education, the University relies on state

appropriations for more than 10 percent of its funding. As illustrated by the Grapevine Survey, the decline of these appropriations, however small, has great effects on the University community, tuition costs and general preservation of our esteemed rankings.

Examples abound. Faculty salaries have stagnated in the past two years, as University President Sullivan pointed out last month. "Supplementing faculty salaries through endowments and raises must now become the highest priority for the Board of Visitors," she said. Tuition increased 3.7 percent for in-state students in 2012 after a decade of even more significant increases that were as high as 19 percent in 2004. And in spite of these cuts, the University's high 86.3 percent on-time graduation rate signifies that a rise in state appropriations is not only necessary, but a good use of the taxpayers' money. Although this year there was a 4.9 percent increase in state appropriations for the University — up from a 14.7 percent drop last year — it is crucial that legislative officials continue to restore funds in the years to come.

Attracting the attention of legislative officials is not easy, but there is no doubt that the results of the Grapevine Survey must be taken into account for the University to maintain its outstanding student programs and academic reputation. A strong endorsement from the state and its legislators is a pivotal component of maintaining the legacy of the University, its founder and its cherished students.

Editorial Cartoon by Stephen Rowe



## Staying aloof

The ombudsman explains why he is not involved in the editorial process

Someone sent an email asking why I do what I do the way I do it. The writer made it clear the email was a private communication so I won't reprint it here. But if one person is curious enough to write with such questions, it's likely many people who haven't written have similar questions.

It may seem cruel to some readers — and to some writers who get mentioned in this column — to call people out publicly as this column often does. But newspapers are constantly publishing things some people would rather not see in print. As George Orwell put it, "Journalism is printing what someone else does not want printed. Everything else is public relations." If reporters and columnists and editors are willing to do that, they should be willing to have the same thing done to them. It's not just that turnabout is fair play. It's not simply schadenfreude. Once you've been the subject of an article that doesn't put you in the best possible light, you're likely to be more careful about how you treat other people in print.

Hunter Thompson wrote, "... when you work as a journalist and sign your name in black ink on white paper above everything you write, that is the business you're in, good or bad. Buy the ticket, take the ride. ... That is a thing you want to remember if you work in either journalism or politics — or both, like I do — and there is no way to duck it. You will be flogged for being right and flogged for being wrong, and it hurts both ways — but it doesn't hurt as much when you're right."

Some might think it would be better to keep errors and question-

able decisions out of the paper rather than write about them after they've happened. In a perfect world, that would be the way to go. But editors and reporters

— contrary to what some people say — are, in fact, human beings, and humans

are fallible. So we'll never get an errorless newspaper. Newspapers have long published corrections and clarifications, but some issues require more space and thought than that format allows, so many papers and other news organizations have ombudsmen. Ombudsmen — and public editors and the other names such positions go by — aim to do more than say we got it wrong and here's what the story should have said. Ombudsmen try to figure out where things went wrong and explain to readers — or listeners or viewers — what happened. These columns also give the folks making decisions a chance to explain why they thought at the time they were doing right — or to admit their error and explain how they plan to avoid such mistakes in the future. The ombudsman usually issues some kind of pronouncement about the work and the process. Sometimes the ombudsman's job isn't to chastise or correct journalists, but to explain the process to people who aren't journalists. That gets us back to the question of why, if the ombudsman is so danged smart, he doesn't fix things before they get into print.

Ombudsmen aren't editors. They don't see things before they get into print. They're not part of the newsroom. They're supposed to be separated from the process so they don't have a personal stake in newsroom decisions. With that detachment, it's easier to offer

disinterested judgment on the process and what it turned out. At The Cavalier Daily, the detachment is close to complete.

I am not a University staffer. I am not a member of the University faculty. I do not have a desk in The Cavalier Daily newsroom. I experience the paper as any other reader does. I see it when it's published.

The difference between me and most readers is that I've written for and edited newspapers and magazines. I've worked for alternative publications, mainstream dailies and public radio. I've seen how the process works and how it falls apart in many newsrooms in communities ranging from small mountain towns to large coastal cities. I've made and seen all sorts of boneheaded mistakes, and I've produced and seen produced good, solid journalism and award-winning work. I can bring a good deal of experience and at least some insight to the discussion.

The most important reason I couldn't be involved with The Cavalier Daily's stories before they're published is I am not a University student. The Cavalier Daily is a student-run paper. Those students are wise enough to seek counsel from outside their circle, but they rightly and jealously guard student control over the paper. That gives the University of Virginia something that's increasingly rare — a publication focused on this community that is controlled by members of this community. This paper's ombudsman is simply someone who thinks that's a valuable thing and is happy to try to help make it stronger.

Tim Thornton is the ombudsman for The Cavalier Daily. He can be reached at [ombud@cavalierdaily.com](mailto:ombud@cavalierdaily.com).

## Featured online reader comment

"What? Didn't the Student Council get the call from Governor McDonnell or Senator Mark Warner outlining what a great friend Dragas was and how much she contributed to their campaigns? Well, well, well, students, you should be getting that call shortly, you can't question big campaign donors and friends of the politburo, now matter how unethical their actions are. Get in line now or Dragas will call you to another meeting to coordinate with her PR firm Hill & Knowlton to draft your retraction. After all, the General Assembly did tell Dragas 'not to do it again' so she's been properly admonished and she's really sorry and she really loves the University - now that's what the honor code is all about. Wait for the call, students, wait for the call."

"What?" responding to Emily Hutt and Greg Lewis' Jan. 18 article "StudCo passes resolution urging General Assembly to deny Dragas confirmation"

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# One unethical step for mankind

*Cloning a subspecies of human, though an interesting project, would be fraught with moral issues*

**A**S SOME SCIENTISTS are preparing for the future of mankind by exploring space, fighting climate change or trying to cure disease, one man is taking a much different approach

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—bringing back an ancient humanlike species. Dr. George Church, a professor at Harvard Medical School, has recently claimed that he will be able to recreate Neanderthal DNA. If Church is correct, his research could potentially lead to the creation of the first Neanderthal since that species went extinct tens of thousands of years ago. Church says that all he needs is an “adventurous female human” to gestate and birth the Neanderthal.

Church’s plan does not seem too ambitious. Given scientists’ present knowledge of genomes and cloning, being able to implant Neanderthal DNA into an embryo that will grow into a Neanderthal seems entirely possible. And from a purely scientific standpoint, Church’s work, if successful, would result in one of the most interesting projects imaginable. Who would not want to study the closest human ancestor in the flesh and catch a glimpse of how the world was hundreds of thousands of years

ago? Even so, Church’s plans are fraught with ethical issues, and his ultimate reasoning for creating a Neanderthal may not be enough to see his goals come to fruition.

Church’s work derives its purpose mostly from Neanderthal anatomy. Evidence strongly indicates that Neanderthals had a similar anatomical structure to humans. There were some differences, though. They were shorter than the average human, yet appeared to be more muscular. And, as Church has duly noted, Neanderthals appear to have had a brain that was at least as large as a human’s. The cranial cavities found in many Neanderthal skulls are actually larger than in humans, and it is thus conceivable that Neanderthal brains could have been larger as well. Church is interested in the possibility that Neanderthals could have been more intelligent than humans. That intelligence, he argues, could be useful for humans in the future.

On the surface, Church’s reasoning seems valid. It is true that in today’s society, the Neanderthal species has been portrayed in an unfortunate and misleading manner. In reality, it is not accurate to characterize Nean-

derthals as of lesser intelligence or inferior evolutionary fitness than Homo sapiens. Neanderthals also developed the use of tools, lived in complex social

structures and exhibited other humanlike traits. Moreover, Neanderthals existed for longer than humans and inhabited harsher environments, as they lived for thousands of years in glaciated environments. If they were actually more intelligent than humans, it could be argued that we could benefit from that intelligence.

There have been compelling arguments that human beings have been getting less intelligent over time. Stanford University geneticists claim that humans have slowly been accumulating more deleterious genetic mutations over generations, which may have ultimately resulted in less intelligent humans. Those mutations, coupled with the fact that humans have allowed natural selection to act less strongly on intelligence, mean that Neanderthals and early humans could have indeed possessed greater intellectual capabilities.

That being said, cloning Neanderthals for potential use in solving human problems is not sufficient for Church’s goals to overcome the ethical bound-

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aries they face. Cloning, as of now, is widely condemned as an ethical and legal violation. Though Neanderthals are technically a different subspecies than humans, their humanlike qualities and the fact that they may have been just as intelligent as humans should place them under the same ethical protection. Scientific evidence that Homo sapiens and Neanderthals could have mated with each other reinforces this idea. Genetic analysis has shown that many ethnicities have trace amounts of Neanderthal DNA. This is especially relevant because of how many people would not doubt view Neanderthals as a lesser species. Cloned Neanderthals would be viewed as either scientific property or as inferior, even though they may well be cognizant of that discrimination against them.

Furthermore, there is no telling how a Neanderthal’s intelligence

would manifest itself if that species were raised in today’s society. Just because a Neanderthal’s brain may be larger does not mean that it would develop superior intelligence on a level that would quickly advance mankind. Or at least the evidence for Neanderthals having greater intelligence is not strong enough to warrant the cloning of Neanderthals for the purpose of benefitting humans. There is no reason to suspect that Neanderthals would even thrive in the modern world. Diseases or the difference in modern day habitats could have severely negative effects on Neanderthals living in the present.

Church says he has the best interest of the human race in mind, and our investigations into the DNA and genome of the species could yield information about the Neanderthals that may be useful to humans. We do not, however, want to risk creating zoo exhibits or science projects out of organisms that are essentially humans. Cloning Neanderthals seems like too much of an ethical quandary to become a reality in the near future.

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# Lawyer’s fees

*A New York law school reform claims to be beneficial, but may not be as successful as hoped*

**R**ECENTLY, MEMBERS of the law community in New York proposed making the legal reform necessary to allow law students to take the bar exam after

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two years of law school, rather than the usual three. In this proposed change, students would have the option to attend their third year; if students passed the bar exam after their second year, then they may forgo their third year and seek a job. Proponents of the legislation have offered many arguments in favor of this reform.

One of the foremost reasons is financial. According to the National Law Journal, tuition at private law school currently averages \$40,585, while public law school averages about \$23,590. In 2011, the average debt at a private law school was \$125,000, while at a public school, the debt was \$75,700, according to the American Bar Association. With such daunting figures, the objective of this

proposition is to reduce student debt and encourage more low-income students to pursue law by allowing them to complete only two years, and saving them

the cost for that third year. The proposition, then, would decrease their financial burden, according to the New York Times.

Another rationale, according to the New York Times, is that students can learn all the necessary information their first two years of law, and, therefore, the third year become unnecessary. In general, there has been debate for years about the true benefit for the third year of law school. Proponents of this legislation argue that now law schools would have an incentive to make the last year of school compelling to encourage students to attend their third year.

While at first glance the idea seemed quite appealing, I cannot support the reform for a number of reasons. In a debate published in the New

York Law Journal, one of the main concerns with this reform idea is employment prospects — whether or not employers would look down upon a student who

has completed two rather than three years of law school. It is great that students would be done with law school earlier, but if their job prospects are lower — especially in a profession that is not as stable as it once was — then the proposition would not ultimately be effective in helping students deal with loans. As noted in the New York Law Journal, law students who graduate in two years might find employment but not positions at high paid large law firms, limiting the opportunities provided for these students. For example, if a firm has to choose between three-year versus two-year law students, chances are that the three-year law students

will be preferred. Furthermore, if one of the objectives for this proposition is to encourage low-income students to pursue law, then if these students do graduate in two years, they still would not have access to high-paying jobs. There is significant chance that these students would be paid less. Such circumstances would hinder the two-year law students’ abilities to pay back their law school loans. As a result, there would still be an economic disparity, despite the intention to reduce it. All of this is highlighted by the fact that students would not receive their J.D. if they chose to forgo their third year of school.

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The intention behind this proposition is good, but I do question the effectiveness in how popular it will actually be and in its ability to achieve its objectives. There needs to be greater research conducted to really measure out the pros and cons of this idea. I like the proposal’s idealism, but its possible drawbacks keep me from supporting it.

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# Unsportsmanlike conduct

*The town of Steubenville, Ohio should not rid itself of integrity by defending the actions of its football players*

**W**E AS A CULTURE believe that sports is a pillar of the community. Acknowledge the fact that NFL games air on Sunday right after church, and it becomes clear that sports is a

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kind of secular religion for a consumerist society. A “hero culture” naturally grows out of our love for sports; we see coaches and athletes as people whom we should admire. It takes guts and determination to play the game, and from that we infer that other virtues off the field must follow.

For the most part, hero culture is a net good, and more often than not sports is indeed a unifying force for many communities. The Penn State scandal last year, however, showed the dark side of hero culture. Jerry Sandusky and Joe Paterno definitely had guts and determination to lead the Nittany Lions against brutal competition; their actions off the field, however, reflect moral corruption rather than virtue. Sandusky destroyed the lives of his victims to satiate his perverted desires.

Paterno and company are equally culpable as Sandusky for giving him a free pass to commit unspeakable crimes, as they hid the injustices done to Sandusky’s victims to preserve the immaculate image of a foot-

ball program. What is supposed to be recreation and a community bonding experience somehow became the most important thing, above even the welfare of children. Sandusky virtually has no defenders outside of his family, yet Paterno still has a base of loyalists willing to defend him even in light of all the damning evidence. Even after the scandal has all but dissipated, one State College resident still describes Paterno as “first and most of all a great coach and a great person.” Do they perhaps see Paterno’s silence as a noble act, that the Nittany Lions are such an intrinsic good for the community that its honor must be kept intact, regardless of how many skeletons must be hidden? This is a broken sense of morality, where the image of virtue is more important than virtue itself. A person

who knowingly hid child abuse cannot in any conventional use of the word be called great.

Less than a year after the Sandusky case, the ongoing scandal in Steubenville, Ohio again reminds us that, when given primacy above all else, the hero culture of sports is a corrosive force. The story is sadly familiar to many of us: a girl parties, drinks too much; boys, star football players in this case, allegedly take advantage of her and post the gory details on the Internet.

Perhaps I’ve been too desensitized to accounts of sexual assault, but I found the fact that the community is defending the actions of the football players more distasteful than the assault itself. The head coach, Reno Saccoccia, delayed benching the players involved because he did not think they did anything wrong. Compare this to some choice quotes

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from a former Steubenville player describing the actions of those accused: “They peed on her. That’s how you know she’s dead, because someone

pissed on her ... They raped her quicker than Mike Tyson raped that one girl.” Perhaps we should remind Coach Saccoccia that urinating on unconscious girls, whether it actually happened or it is just a boast, is not behavior to which upstanding members of the community subscribe.

The Big Red football team of Steubenville, like the Nittany Lions of Penn State, is a storied and feared program, winning nine state championships since 1990 and accumulating an 85 percent winning rate under Coach Saccoccia. It is perhaps the brightest gleam of hope for a decaying Rust Belt town. Tarnishing Big Red might then be tantamount to extinguishing hope in Steubenville. Seen in this light,

it is then understandable why so many in the community are so ready to defend the actions of the football players. It is still no excuse, however. Besides, attempts to preserve the integrity of the football program in this way are now for naught, with the case becoming a national media frenzy. The best thing to do in this case is a simple bloodletting: the community should not try to protect the players; it should aid the police investigation. Hold the players accountable for their actions, and the matter will be more of their moral failure rather than the corruption of a community willing to neglect justice for the sake of preserving the image of a football team.

To put it in more familiar parlance, Steubenville needs to make a sacrifice play, the sacrifice being its football hero culture. Does it have the guts to do it? We shall find out soon enough.

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## State of the Hoo-nion

This year's Virginia men's basketball team shares some undeniable similarities with last year's NCAA tournament squad, as the midpoint in college basketball season approaches.

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Through Jan. 22, 2011, the Mike Scott-led Cavaliers held an identical 2-2 ACC record to this season's team.

The 2011 team also had a signature win in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge — shutting down Michigan in Charlottesville, whereas the 2012 squad knocked off the Wisconsin Buzzcuts on the road. Both teams also suffered at least one puzzling non-conference loss.

But the comparison diverges there. Last year's team boasted a 15-3 record, with losses against Texas Christian University, Duke and Virginia Tech at this point in the season. The TCU game, though not a pretty outcome, may have merely reflected the players' distraction from competing in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Duke barely escaped with its win despite hosting Virginia at its notoriously hostile home court.

The Cavalier's most disappointing loss was a two-point home defeat against Virginia Tech that saw Virginia shoot just 32.6 percent from the field and fail to score 50 points. One very respectable loss, one so-so loss and one ugly one.

This year? All five losses have been ugly. Virginia dropped two of its first three to George Mason and Delaware, then inexplicably lost during winter break to an Old Dominion team that has won just one other game all season. Then, after opening ACC play with a win against the always vaunted Tar Heels, Virginia shot a combined 35.9 percent en route to dropping consecutive games at Wake Forest and Clemson.

The two-game ACC skid undoubtedly hurts the most — not only were both winnable games, but they hurt Virginia's chances of achieving a high seed in the ACC Tournament and squandered nearly every drop of the momentum gained by beating North Carolina to open conference play. The unavoidable fact is that Virginia could be 17-0

and getting national love, just as last year's team could have been 17-1, or even 18-0.

A Sporting News article published Jan. 8, the day before the Wake Forest loss, recognized the Cavaliers as in the hunt for the No. 2 seed in the ACC Tournament. That seems an untenable position now. Not only has Miami risen in the conference to challenge Duke for supremacy, but Virginia has failed to capitalize on the article's basic premise — that a favorable conference schedule would help propel the Cavaliers to a top seed.

As Sporting News' Ryan Fagan said, "The opening of the Cavaliers' ACC slate set up perfectly. Of their first nine games, they play the three best teams at home — UNC, Florida State and N.C. State... and have road contests against teams picked in the bottom half of the league — Wake Forest, Clemson, Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech."

Oops. Virginia burned most or all of its ACC wiggle room with N.C. State, Duke, Miami and a double dose of Maryland still left on the

schedule. The Cavaliers also once again face a front court injury that has left the them dangerously thin in the post.

Last year, 7-foot center Assane Sene fractured his ankle; this year, Darion Atkins is the post player lost to injury, as a "stress reaction" in his leg has led coach Tony Bennett to shut down the sophomore indefinitely. Atkins' injury has pulled freshman Evan Nolte — who was already a slight bit of a tweener — out of his role as an excellent bench contributor and thrust him into the starting lineup. Virginia now features a three-man post rotation for the second-straight season.

This year, freshman Mike Tobey fills the role that Atkins filled last year. The newcomer from New York has had flashes of talent but is clearly still adjusting to the college game, and Cavalier fans only hope the switch flicks on sooner rather than later.

Tobey isn't the only freshman who needs to acclimate quickly, though. The loss of sophomore Malcolm Brogdon for the season could prove to be a major stumbling point for Virginia this season unless freshman Justin

Anderson continues to improve. The wing is struggling to find his shooting stroke but has displayed athleticism in bunches while contributing on the glass and defensively. If Anderson's shots start to fall, he could be the bench scorer that Bennett has been searching for the last two years.

Ultimately, this year's young Virginia team may be similar to last year's NCAA one — but in the wrong way. The injuries and the losses to beatable teams seemingly predict a similar result to last season's: a disappointing exit from the ACC Tournament and a tenuous wait to see if the Cavaliers will join the Big Dance. As of Tuesday, ESPN's resident "bracketologist," Joe Lunardi, projected a field that did not include the Cavaliers.

Making the NCAA Tournament isn't an impossible goal this season — which is a mini-victory for a team many preseason pundits billed as rebuilding. But with the toughest stretch of schedule still to come, Virginia needs to get over the injury bug and stop dropping winnable games if it wants to punch a dance card come March.

## Unsportsmanlike Conduct

The word "humble" has been casually thrown around during recent NFL playoff press conferences, but because it rarely made sense in context, I compulsively re-checked the definition.

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**H u m b l e :** "Having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's own importance; not proud or haughty, not arrogant or assertive," according to the Oxford English Dictionaries and Merriam-Webster respectively.

Turns out I did have the definition right, but NFL players apparently don't. The Ravens' two most prominent team leaders — Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs — particularly need to visit dictionary.com.

In a roller-coaster season, Ray Lewis, one of the greatest linebackers of all time, not only returned from a seemingly season-ending triceps injury, but also sits one game away from a second Super Bowl ring in his final NFL season. His renaissance is no small feat, but his postgame pressers have grown increasingly stale in recent weeks.

Throughout the playoffs, Lewis has frequently used "humble" to describe himself and his team. Yet a humble man does not constantly highlight his humility. A humble man deflects praise onto his teammates, like Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III and Colts rookie quarterback Andrew Luck regularly do. Griffin, one of the most electrifying young players in the league, admittedly stretched the defini-

tion with his "Work Hard, Stay Humble" Adidas socks line, but he also said he would vote for fellow Redskins rookie Alfred Morris for Rookie of the Year rather than himself. To me, that's a humble teammate.

In an on-field interview with ESPN's Sal Paolantonio immediately following the Ravens' defeat of the Patriots, Lewis mentioned his team twice, and both were about what he did for it. His interview was all about himself and how much he sacrificed as a leader. He repeatedly mentioned how it was God's will for him to make it back to the Super Bowl, as if any supreme being would be concerned with an NFL game not involving Tim Tebow.

Even in his official postgame press conference, Ray spared no praise for Ray — although he did share a little bit with Joe Flacco, the rest of his defense, and the Patriots.

I accept these larger than life personalities in the NFL and am not condemning their excitement about the game. It frustrates me, however, when these same self-promoting athletes also insist that they try to "stay humble." As the old saying goes, you can't have your cake and eat it too. When you repeatedly refer to yourself as humble, that adjective is no longer fit to describe you.

Maybe the day of the humble athlete is on the decline. Lewis' own teammate committed a far greater offense after the Ravens'

win. Terrell Suggs, a humble graduate of "Ball So Hard University," yelled that the Patriots should "have fun at the Pro Bowl," and that they are "arrogant f-----!"

I doubt T-Sizzle cares about anything I have to say, but to call an entire team arrogant is absolutely ridiculous. Maybe some of the Patriots are arrogant, but to stereotype an entire organization is absurdly hypocritical. Guys like Tom Brady, Wes Welker and Vince Wilfork are considered consummate professionals — Welker's wife, not so much — and it's almost amazing that Suggs could be so ignorant to insult arguably the most successful NFL franchise of the last decade.

Maybe Suggs meant Bill Belichick or some particular Patriot was arrogant, but he should have saved his comments for the locker room if he absolutely had to share his feelings. True champions win with class. Suggs and the Ravens know how much it hurts to lose in the AFC Championship — see: 2012, Billy Cundiff wide left — so his comments showed especially poor sportsmanship.

Just like Suggs must learn to win with class, the Patriots should lose with class, which most of them did. But Belichick declined CBS for an on-field postgame interview, a move that led Hall of Fame tight end Shannon Sharpe to lay into Belichick for his lack of humility.

I agree with Sharpe that Belichick should have given a quick interview with CBS, a

network that paid the AFC more than \$600 million for television rights this season. The coach did give his contractually obligated postgame interview later and sought out John Harbaugh after the game for a handshake. Maybe I'm grasping at straws, but after such a crushing defeat I empathize with Belichick's behavior far more than Suggs'.

This NFL postseason is swimming with story lines, but I'll most remember poor sportsman-

ship overshadowing the majority of players' graciousness.

Unsportsmanlike conduct is certainly nothing new in sports, but as it rises within the NFL's older corps, I hope young athletes take after Luck and Griffin — players I could never imagine calling another organization "arrogant f-----." Hopefully this younger crop of athletes will prove to be better role models than some of their older teammates.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"I knew I had never beaten them. I told the guys today they owe us one. They stole one from us last year at the buzzer... Now, I've beaten everyone in the ACC but Duke, and this is our year."**

—Senior guard Jontel Evans on beating Florida State

## SPORTS

# AROUND THE ACC

ACC players were the focus of the recent professional soccer drafts, including two former Virginia standouts. The Cavaliers' star forward Caroline Miller joined 10 other ACC players among the 32 selected in the inaugural National Women's Soccer League Draft. The Washington Spirit selected Miller,

the reigning ACC Offensive Player of the Year, 10th overall. Virginia senior forward Will Bates also received the professional nod this week, as the Seattle Sounders selected him fifth overall in Tuesday's Major League Soccer Supplemental Draft... Nineteen former ACC players will compete on football's

biggest stage — Super Bowl XLVII — many of whom were instrumental to their teams' success. Former Miami tailback Frank Gore tallied 90 yards and 2 touchdowns in the San Francisco 49ers' NFC Championship win, while two former Terrapins torched NFL secondaries Sunday. Maryland tight

end Vernon Davis put up 106 yards and a touchdown against the Falcons, and wideout Torrey Smith added 69 yards for the Ravens. The Hurricanes will send seven players overall to the Super Bowl, including notorious Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis.

—compiled by Ashley Robertson

# Football | London seeks cohesive staff despite upheaval

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program's heyday in the '80s and '90s. Since leaving the University in 1996, O'Brien has led two other ACC teams, N.C. State and Boston College — which transitioned to the conference from the Big East behind O'Brien's leadership — to a total of 115 wins, including eight in bowl games.

O'Brien could play a pivotal role in the development of the tight ends, with whom he will work closely as their position coach. With rising junior All-ACC honorable mention Jake McGee in the fold at tight end, O'Brien could make the team's strength even more formidable.

Perhaps the most intriguing part of the O'Brien package, however, is his ability to help rising redshirt junior Phillip Sims and the other quarterbacks. O'Brien's résumé includes developing two current NFL Pro Bowl quarterbacks. The Seattle Seahawks' Russell Wilson played

at N.C. State before transferring to Wisconsin for his final year of eligibility in 2011, and the Atlanta Falcons' Matt Ryan played for O'Brien at Boston College.

### Jon Tenuta

Just as O'Brien is a familiar face in Charlottesville, Tenuta is no stranger to the University, where he played college ball and earned his degree in 1982. Tenuta has spent 16 of his 32 years in college coaching as a defensive coordinator and built a reputation for preaching an aggressive style of play.

"My philosophy is play fast, play physical, play smart — [it] always has been," Tenuta said. "You have to keep it simple, stupid, and the stupid part's not for the players. It's for the coach."

Following a season in which Virginia forced only 12 turnovers, Tenuta faces a difficult task in changing Virginia's

defensive mindset. But he is accustomed to installing his scheme at numerous prior schools and London believes he can produce a much-needed turnover turnaround.

"It is important to get sacks; it is important to get turnovers; it's important to limit teams scoring points," London said. "I think those are the things Jon has done a great job of in his career."

Tenuta's last landing spot was under O'Brien at N.C. State, but he has also been the defensive coordinator at Notre Dame, Georgia Tech, North Carolina, Ohio State and Kansas State. His recent protégés include Wolfpack cornerback David Amerson and Fighting Irish linebacker Manti Te'o, both projected as high picks in the upcoming NFL draft. After coaching nationally prominent teams such as the Fighting Irish and Buckeyes, Tenuta has inside experience with the type of pro-

gram London strives to build.

### Larry Lewis

The arrival of Larry Lewis is the pleasant conclusion to an unexpected twist in finding a special teams coordinator and running backs coach. The Cavaliers first hired Jeff Banks, but just days later Banks bolted for the same position at Texas A&M.

"On the other end of [Jeff Banks reneging], Jeff had to learn his schemes and system from somebody," London said. "We're very fortunate that the guy who taught him those schemes and systems is Larry Lewis... Although we lost the pupil, we gained the teacher."

Lewis is charged with re-energizing a special teams unit that appeared out of sync at times last year and produced little explosiveness. After spending much of his career coaching further west, Lewis believes he can also bring a new perspective to a running back group which under-performed last season after breaking out in 2011.

### Coming Together

Questions about the coaching changes will likely linger until September. O'Brien and offensive coordinator Bill Lazor could mesh well or the offense may struggle with too many voices in players' ears. Virginia's defensive personnel may fit Tenuta's defensive wizardry or over-aggression might result in more big plays for opposing teams.

For Virginia to rebound, all the parts must work well together. With National Signing Day drawing near, West will have the first opportunity to prove himself, while the trio of newcomers must immediately help snag a strong recruiting class. London, who will work more with the defensive line under the new arrangement, must keep the coaching hierarchy in smooth operation. London just added a wealth of coaching experience, but he also knows helping these moving parts coalesce will make or break the 2013 season.



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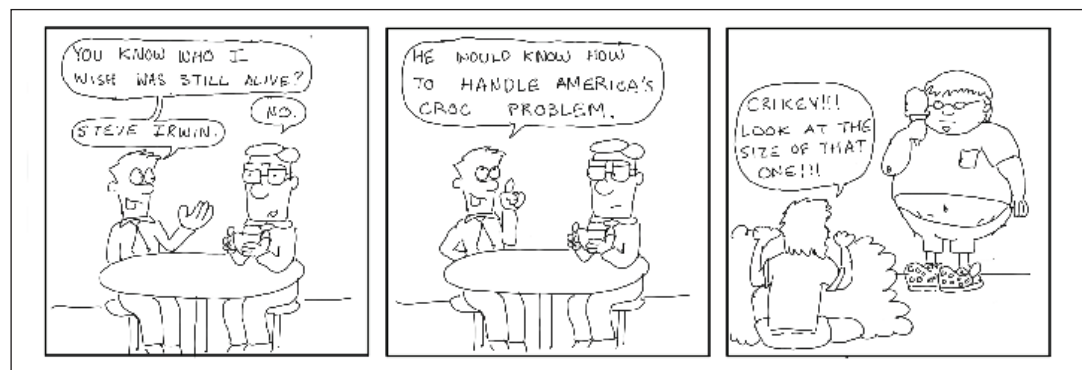
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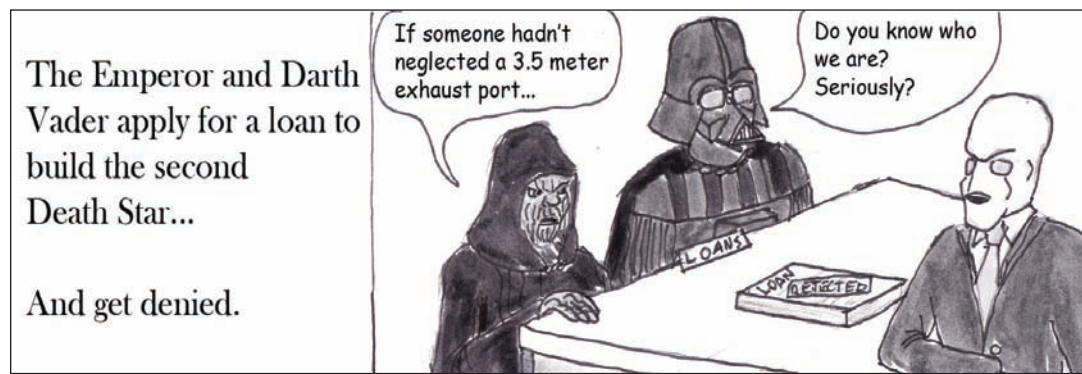
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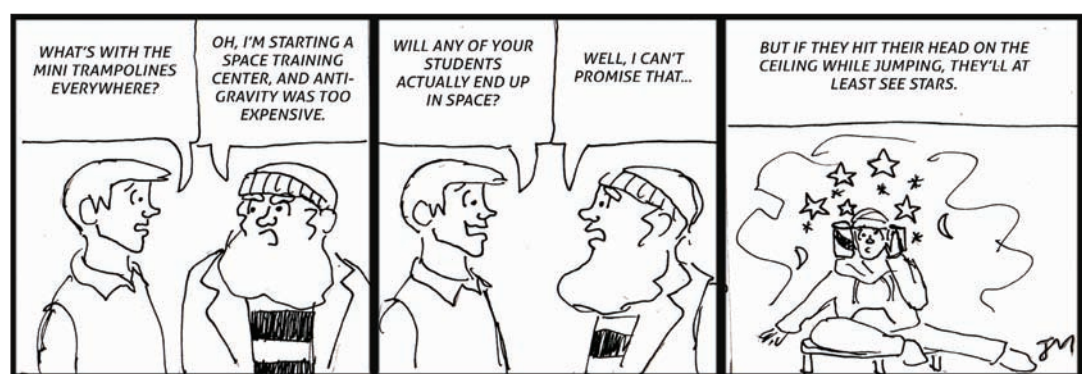
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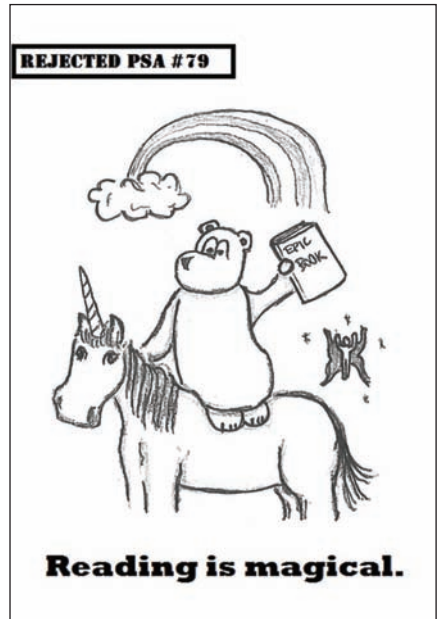
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## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're looking for a thrill. It's in the little things, like the curiosity and fun of playing a new game. Singles, be on the lookout: You'll know your love by the ease in which he or she makes you laugh.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're the go-to person today. Everyone seems to think that you have the answers -- because you do. If only you could cover more ground by cloning yourself. Saying no is just as effective.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). An unusual mood strikes, and it feels best to act in an unusual way. You may find that you prefer to do things backward, upside down or any other way than normal.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Mix and mingle with the fun people. It seems there's not a problem in your heart that can't be overshadowed, if not overcome, by the right music, fine food and jovial company.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you apply criticism well, you are a star. Your work is a thousand times better than it was when you began. Pat yourself on the back, or wait for others to do it -- either way, back pats are forthcoming.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Authenticity is always attractive, and unlike other here-today-gone-tomorrow attributes, authenticity never goes out of style. Someone worthwhile will fall for your subtle yet lasting charms.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The stars return you to school days. Be ready to answer for yourself. In the classroom of life, sometimes you are called on when your hand is raised, and sometimes you are called on when it's not.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Where help is needed, pitch in -- especially if it's outside the boundaries of "your job." It's when you're doing what is not required of you that you feel most satisfied.

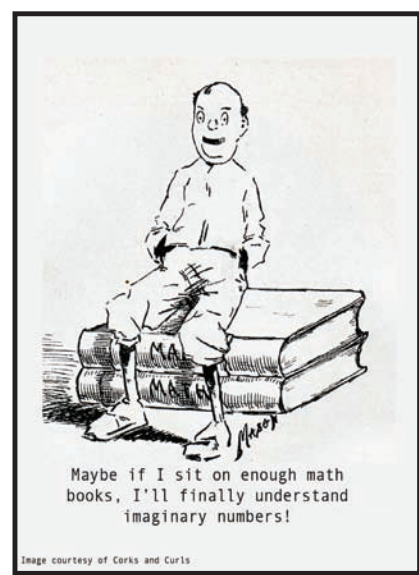
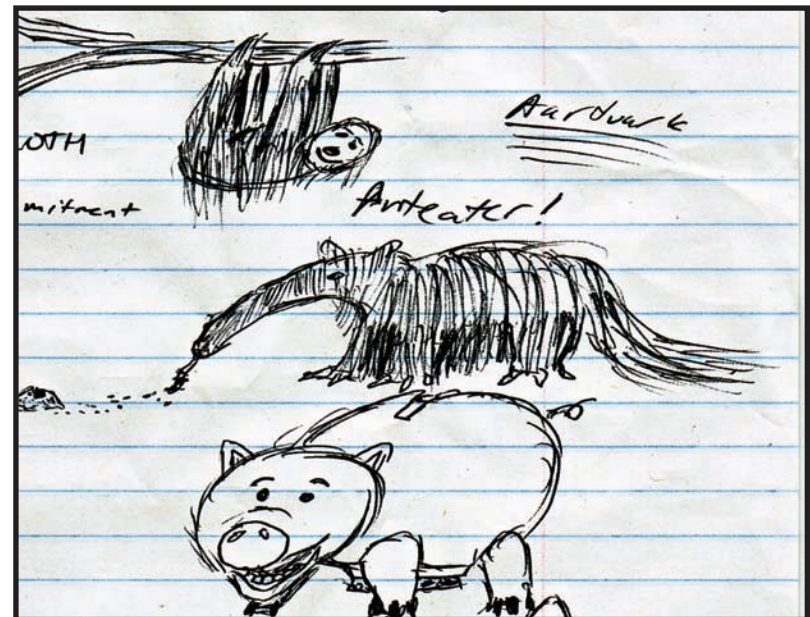
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even if you don't see progress, work your plan. Your efforts are effective on many levels, some of them unknown to you for weeks to come. Friends in high places support you when you ask them to.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Usually you take a conservative approach to dishing news, keeping personal details on a need-to-know basis. Today it seems that everyone needs to know just what's making you so happy. Share!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a Spanish proverb that states, "Since I wronged you, I have never liked you." Don't assume you've done something to create waves in a relationship. It could very well be the other person.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your luck is tied into good PR. Your family, friends and acquaintances are talking you up to the right people. Your reputation is more important than money in the bank.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 23). You've set your sights on a different kind of life this year, and the improved version is quickly coming into view. The closer you get to your goal, the more there is to do. This is the pathway to greatness, and you're willing to do what it takes. Supportive team members come into your life in February. May brings money. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 17, 7 and 12.



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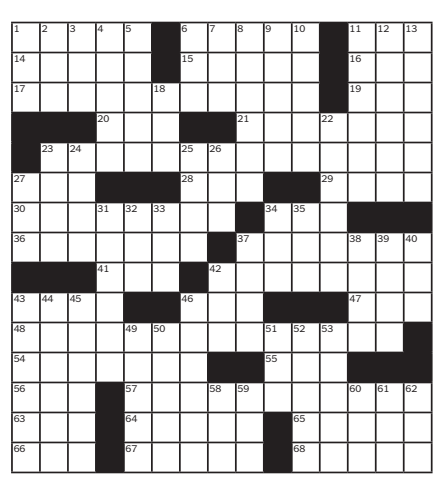
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## The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bamboo muncher
  - 6 Paparazzo's target
  - 11 "Very Funny" network
  - 14 Like radon
  - 15 Scout pack leader
  - 16 Spink's opponent in two little fights
  - 17 Start of a thought by British journalist Miles Kingdon
  - 19 CD
  - 20 Falstaff's princely friend
  - 21 Flower-shaped decoration
  - 23 Thought, part 2
  - 27 Hardly a win-win situation?
  - 28 Album track
  - 29 A Monopoly token
  - 30 Thought, part 3
  - 34 Salon supply
  - 36 Places for mills, once
  - 37 Some varsity players
  - 41 "The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the" (Thomas Gray line)
  - 42 Thought, part 4
  - 43 Morales of "Caprica"
  - 46 One of a deadly seven
  - 47 Pull down
  - 48 Thought, part 5
  - 54 Anonymous one, in court
  - 55 Ingested
  - 56 Conquistador's booty
  - 57 End of the thought
  - 63 O. J. Simpson trial judge
  - 64 "When thou down, thou shalt not be afraid": Proverbs
  - 65 Where Sanyo is headquartered
  - 66 Alternative to "smoking"
  - 67 Brown ermine
  - 68 Skewered fare
- DOWN**
- 1 Water \_\_\_\_, Inc.
  - 2 New England's Cape
  - 3 "The Matrix" role
  - 4 BBC time-traveling series
  - 5 Counselor
  - 6 Insensitive sort
  - 7 Heart chart, briefly
  - 8 Eye lustfully
  - 9 Poet whose work inspired "Cats"
  - 10 Low man on stage
  - 11 Calculus, familiarly
  - 12 Pie-eyes
  - 13 San \_\_\_\_ (Hearst Castle site)
  - 18 Country music's \_\_\_\_ Young Band
  - 22 Actor Estevez
  - 23 Commercial ending for Sun or Star
  - 24 Warm, so to speak
  - 25 "JAG" spinoff with Mark Harmon
  - 26 \_\_\_\_ reaction
  - 27 Frank McCourt memoir
  - 31 One of baseball's Alogus Bros. (Sally Field film)
  - 33 "The Avengers" gloomy guy?
  - 35 Wind down



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37 Spirit of Islamic myth

38 Onetime Dodge

39 Nanette's "nothing"

40 Mach 1 breaker

42 Super Smash Bros. Brawl console

43 Prohibit by judicial order

44 Reach an attitude of

45 When some do lunch

46 Den system

49 Eurasian range

50 Tailored (customized)

51 Old gang heater

52 "Things could be worse"

53 Pick on

58 G8 member

59 Cousin of TV's Gomez

60 "CSI" setting

61 Rap sheet entry

62 Amount of cream

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# EAT YOUR HEART OUT

By Love Jonson  
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Are you eager to try out one of the eateries in the city that supposedly boasts the highest number of restaurants per capita in the country? Charlottesville Restaurant Week offers the chance to do so without emptying your wallet, while also supporting local restaurants and a local charity.

From Jan. 21 to Jan. 27, 13 participating Charlottesville restaurants will offer three-course menus including an appetizer, entrée and dessert for \$29 or \$36. One dollar from each meal goes to the Local Food Hub, a nonprofit organization that links local farmers to Charlottesville consumers. Many of the locations participating in Restaurant Week feature Local Food Hub produce.

"The Local Food Hub works hard

to provide fresh, locally sourced foods to many great local organizations, ensuring that everyone in our community has access to nutritious and delicious fruits and vegetables," Restaurant Week Coordinator Anna Harrison said. The organization supplies produce to public schools, U.Va. dining halls, the University Hospital, restaurants and retailers.

In addition to benefitting local charities, Restaurant Week gives diners the chance "to try some restaurants that may be out of their price range or comfort zone," Harrison said.

When few students seek to explore their culinary options beyond the Corner, the reduced price dining options will expand their options for dining out, said third-year Commerce student Lina Ly.

"The restaurants we're thinking of [going to] are a bit higher-end, and



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## RESTAURANT WEEK PROVIDES AFFORDABLE FINE DINING, SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES

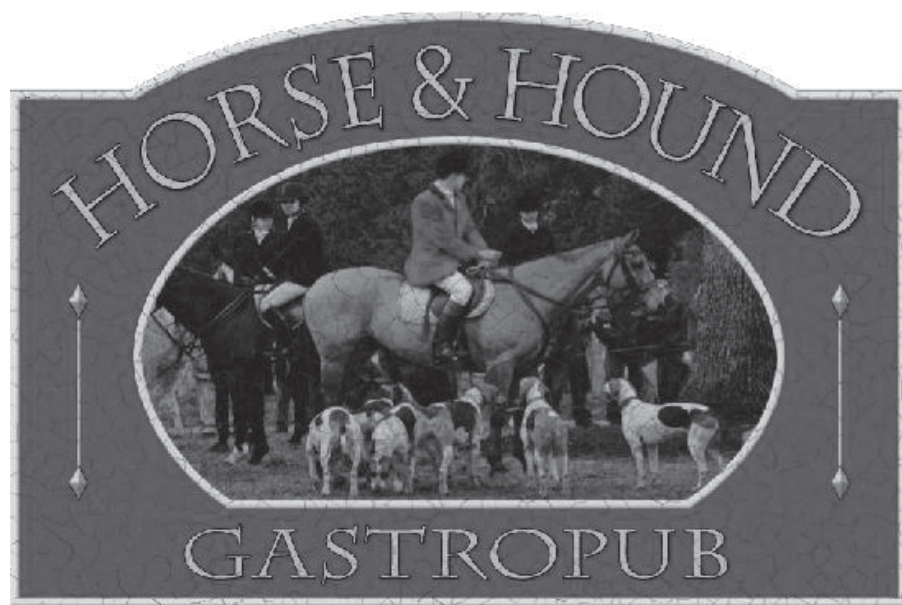
I think we should take advantage of the opportunity to go without breaking the bank," Ly said.

The offer is also perfect for students on a tight budget looking for new restaurants for special occasions or family visits, third-year Batten student Mai Le said.

Ten restaurants are providing \$29 three-course menus: Orzo, Ristorante al Dente, Horse & Hound Gastropub, The Bavarian Chef Madison, bang!, Balkan Bistro & Bar, The Melting Pot, Da Luca Café & Wine Bar, Burton's Grill and Old Mill Room at The Boar's Head. C&O Restaurant, L'etoile and Caffe Bocce will offer \$36 menus.

Restaurant Week diners have a chance to profit from their affinity for food photography. By uploading a picture of their meal to Instagram and Twitter with the hashtag #cvilleyum and their location @ (restaurantname), diners will be entered

into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to bang! restaurant.



### The stranger in my home

Standing in the middle of my living room on a Saturday morning, I realized that I had just lost something very important.

Somewhere between midnight and 2 a.m., an unknown person walked through my back parking lot, past my unlocked Jeep, past my roommates' nicer — but locked — vehicles, into the unlocked back door of my unoccupied house, continuing on past the two espresso machines in the kitchen, past the large speaker in the living room, past my sister's computer sitting on the dining table, and straight into my sister's well-lit and open bedroom. Once in my sister's tiny and disheveled room, the stranger in my home cast his — or her — eyes about, past Ray-Bans and diamonds and dollar bills, until his attention landed on two items: my sister's favorite beaten up leather purse and my uncharged, crack-in-the-screen iPad. And that's what he took.

My sister and I felt silly, at first, looking up and down our house for these two items. "They were on my futon, and now I can't find them anywhere," my sister explained to me, my mother and our roommates. "Are you sure, positive?" The question reverberated against the walls, reminding us that this did not make any sense, surely we were forgetting something. But after checking my dresser drawers and the floorboards of my car, I managed to convince myself that someone had in fact entered our home and taken only two items, two items with far less monetary value than others lying unprotected in the house.

We called the police, and a friendly forensics detective arrived, taking pictures of the unfamiliar footprints we had found in the mud outside, trying to get fingerprints off the doorknob, walking through the house with us as we explained what we thought had happened. "I know it sounds weird..." I muttered, still uncertain whether the police needed to be involved. "Oh no, it happens, just a crime of opportu-

#### Trial and Error



MARY SCOTT HARDAWAY

nity," he replied, handing me a "victim's pamphlet" with our case number scrawled at the bottom. "Call me if you need anything," he said as he left. And I knew then that what I lost had been stolen from me, and that there was very little chance I would ever get it back.

I've always felt safe at home. In Gloucester, growing up, I never had a house key; I wouldn't know what to do with one. Even if my mother wasn't home when we returned from school, there would always be a dog or several cats standing sentry at the front door. No foreign body would enter these doors, no

unfamiliar footstep would cross our beloved threshold. The only time my house was violated by an outside force was in 2003, when Hurricane Isabel flooded our first floor, creek water and gasoline from the neighboring marina creeping a foot up and over the floorboards. We stayed in my house the whole time the storm was raging. The walls shook and my lab Wally whimpered in fear on the couch, but my 12-year-old self did not for a second think that my home would fail me.

But my home in Charlottesville is not my home in Gloucester. My friend's car was broken into during the summer and quite a bit of money which she'd been saving from work was stolen. I know someone who had things taken from his bedroom in the middle of the day. We've received the emails, we've been warned, reminded, time and time again. Lock your doors, be vigilant. And I've tried to remember the "it can happen to anyone" line, but I think, given recent events in my life, that I must be the kind of person who needs to be taught unwelcome life lessons firsthand.

"And what was the value of those?" the detective asked us, referring to the monetary value of my sister's purse, of my iPad. We gave him some numbers, and I felt emptied of everything for a moment, defeated. Dollars? What about the valuable documents, books, articles? What about the pictures, the video of Henry when he was a five-week-old puppy stumbling around my apartment? What about the private notes I'd

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### The road goes ever on...

I recently read a quote by the intrepid explorer Richard Francis Burton that struck me: "One of the gladder moments of human life, methinks, is the departure upon a distant journey into unknown lands. Shaking off with one mighty effort the fetters of Habit, the leaden weight of Routine, the cloak of many Cares and the slavery of Hope, man feels once more happy."

Now, certainly Burton was speaking of far more exotic things than I am used to — searching for the source of the Nile or sneaking into Mecca, for example. The words don't lose their power, however, even when applied to a short jaunt. There is something magical about adventure. It starts with a slight tingle in your toes and makes its way up to your heart, which dances a giddy two-step.

Though I have always loved traveling, it seems like now more than ever I'm experiencing wanderlust. Where it was once a fun pastime for summer breaks, now it has become an overwhelming drive, a near obsession. Mindless hours spent comparing airfares and researching hostels have now replaced my passing obsession with cat videos.

But travel isn't a solely personal endeavor — it seems to be a common interest. I need only mention a possible trip somewhere, and suddenly everyone chips in, asking where I'm going and if they can come along in my suitcase.

Trips near and far — from a biscuits-n-gravy run to the neighboring state to a historical tour

of South Korea — suddenly seem obtainable. The world is opening, beckoning for us to shrug off our sleepy towns, replace our "cloaks of Cares" with lighter ones that are suited for adventure.

I admit to being a homebody, despite my penchant for travel. If

there is anyone more like a hobbit, I'd like to meet them — and then invite them in for tea. Truly, I love nothing more in life than a warm fire and a kettle, with a loaf of bread, a hunk of cheese and a good book on the side. Perhaps, however, as the reputable Mistresses Baggins have shown us, a little bit

of adventure is the best thing for this sort of person.

The moment you go "out your door," it's as if nothing can hold you back. Any problem or obstacle that you reach is just a learning experience, an opportunity in waiting. Living in the same place, experiencing the same people day after day, can only foster a feeling of sinking, stagnation and fatigue.

As another one of my heroes, Oscar Wilde, once said: "Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative." I truly believe that there can be nothing better for a person than, once in a while, getting up off the couch, shaking off a few layers, packing a bag with just the essentials, and discovering the world as it was meant to be discovered. To be spontaneous, to be imaginative, to surprise everyone, including yourself. What could be better?

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#### Reality Check



EMILY CHURCHILL



# Hardaway | Burglar steals iPad, purse, sense of security

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written to myself, reminders on how to live, what to do? I racked my brain; what had I not saved, what had I not preserved via email, what was that one-sentence document I had kept that I wanted to somehow include in my thesis? What was the value of that?

That night, someone committed a "crime of opportunity." And

I hope that it was just a random, unlucky, one-time thing. I know it could have been worse; what if my sister had been sleeping in her bed? Would this person have still walked into her room? What would have happened then?

But, sitting here, typing on the laptop I borrowed from my sister, what happened doesn't feel random. When I came into my house Saturday evening, rushing upstairs to get ready

for the night's activities, I heard my sister's muffled sobs coming from her tiny disheveled room. She was talking on the phone with my mother, "I don't understand why, why?" she cried, attempting to hold the phone and straighten her hair and keep it all together because we were running late and she wanted to look nice and feel normal, but I knew she was starting to crack. She wanted to know why of all

things someone had taken her favorite purse, the one that traveled with her to London and back, the one that held only \$10 and some receipts.


I want to reclaim my home, I don't want to have to share my twin bed with my sister, lying awake until five in the morning, because we heard the screen door slam. I've lost that feeling I had when I was 12, that feeling of invincibility, of total faith in

what a home can do, what it's supposed to do. And even when I neurotically start to lock my front door and my back door and my bedroom door and every window in my house, I'm not sure if I'm going to get that feeling back.


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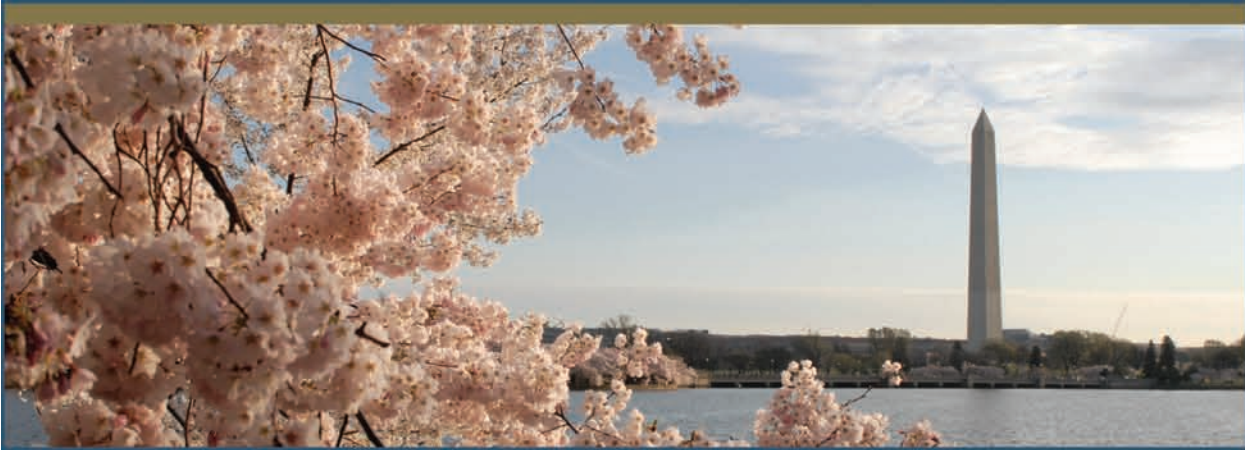
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