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In Brief

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Cockburn, Riggleman to debate at U.Va. later this month

Virginia Fifth Congressional District candidates, Republican nominee Denver Riggleman and Democratic nominee Leslie Cockburn, will debate Friday, Sept. 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Polls indicate the open VA-05 seat leans Republican and is one of the state's most competitive races in the 2018 midterm elections.

The Center for Effective Lawmaking, University Democrats, College Republicans and the Batten School of Leadership and Public

Policy will co-host the non-partisan debate. The candidates will receive questions from debate moderators, Batten Profs. Craig Volden and Gerald Warburg, as well as from audience members and those who submit questions in advanced through an online form.

The Batten School has hosted election debates since 2010, most recently holding a debate for Republican senatorial candidates in March.



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The debate will be hosted at at 6 p.m. Sept. 28 in Garrett Hall.



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The University paid \$200,000 to former administrator Betsy Ackerson to settle a lawsuit.

U.Va. paid former administrator \$200,000 in discrimination suit settlement

U.Va. paid \$200,000 to settle a discrimination lawsuit brought by former University administrator Betsy Ackerson, according to information obtained in an open records request by The Cavalier Daily. The suit was dismissed with prejudice from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia last month, meaning both parties had agreed that the matter is resolved.

While disbursements to employees are available

under the Freedom of Information Act, the terms of a settlement agreement are exempt from public information requests. The University declined to disclose any further details about its settlement with Ackerson.

The lawsuit — filed in February 2017 — accused the University of violating four federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender, race or disability status.

Student Council appoints chair of rules and ethics committee, recording secretary

Student Council confirmed the appointments of third-year College student Mary Alice Kukoski as the chair of the rules and ethics committee and third-year College student Shannon Mooney as the recording secretary during its general body meeting Sept. 18.

Kukoski's position is a year-long appointment. She was previously appointed by Sarah Kenny, the Student Council president last year.

The measures to confirm the appointments of Kukoski and Mooney passed unanimously with two abstentions by proxy.



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In its session Sept. 18, Student Council unanimously approved two new appointments.



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The City of Charlottesville solicited feedback on its plans for Emmet St. in Lambeth Commons.

City presents designs for Emmet Street infrastructure, receives student input

The City of Charlottesville solicited feedback on designs for Emmet Street infrastructure development during a student input session at Lambeth Commons Sept. 17.

The presentation of preliminary designs is just one step in a six-year, \$12 million project funded by the Virginia Department of Transportation's Smart Scale program. In February, the City commissioned architecture and engineering firm

Clark Nexsen to take on the project.

The project aims to add bike lanes, improved bus stops and shared-use pathways to the stretch of Emmet Street between the Ivy Road intersection and Barracks shopping center.

At the informational open house, students and community members surveyed plans on display and expressed some dissatisfaction with the current function and aesthetics of the street.

Honor approves Contributory Mental Disorder reform

The change is expected to take effect in October

Riley Walsh | Senior Writer

The Honor Committee voted unanimously Sunday to remove the Admission of Act from the Contributory Mental Disorder, or CMD, process. The changes will not take effect until Oct. 29, allowing the Committee time to make possible amendments to the measure.

The change will remove the requirement that an accused student admit an Act, or admit guilt to an Honor offense, before being assessed for a CMD.

The CMD is a procedure that allows students to request a psychological evaluation prior to moving through Honor proceedings to determine if a mental health condition contributed to the commission of the offense,

which is typically overseen by the Office of the Dean of Students and conducted by Student Health or the University's Counseling and Psychological Services.

This change is one part of a push to reform the CMD process within the Committee. Two other substantial changes are expected to be voted on in the next few weeks, according to an email from Ory Streeter, the Honor Committee's chair and a Medical student. One will set a timeline for deadline which students in the CMD process must complete ODOS requirements by. The other will move the start of the CMD process until after the investigation into the student's case is complete and an

accusation is filed.

The requirement has been "a sticking point for the existence of the CMD process," said Derrick Wang, a third-year College student and vice chair for community relations. "We want to remove the burden it puts on a student when they are taking the CMD. If there are going to be parallel processes, it doesn't make sense that what happens in one process follows you back to the other."

Peyton Sandroni, a fourth-year Engineering student and the Committee's vice chair for investigations, said making sure every clause is perfect should be a priority for the Committee by the time it takes effect.

"This is something we have to have done before students use it," Sandroni said. "If it's not completely tied up with a bow, we open it up to problems procedurally."

The change, along with any other changes approved in the next few weeks, has a "sunset clause" attached. This requires that the Committee take another vote on March 3, 2019 to re-approve or potentially revoke the changes. If this second vote fails, all of the changes will be removed and the bylaws will revert back to their original version.

The Committee also heard a report Sunday from the Selections working group, which has been conducting interviews for

new support officers. "Support officers help process and investigate cases, advise accused students and reporters, and conduct education and outreach," according to the Honor Committee's website.

The first phase of Honor selections has been completed, with the second phase of interviews to begin soon. Meghan Wingert, support officer member atLarge and a fourth-year College student, said the selections team has interviewed between 130 and 140 candidates so far. Wingert added that around 100 students will be interviewed for the second round and said the Committee expects to accept about 40 to 50 support officers in total.

Student group to advocate LGBTQ-inclusive sexual education

Hoos for Inclusive Sexual Education will focus on promoting awareness on local, state and federal levels

Kara Peters | Associate News Editor

A new organization on Grounds is pushing for inclusive sexual education inclusive of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer. Hoos for Inclusive Sexual Education, created by second-year College student Hunter Wagenaar, will advocate for more comprehensive sexual education on the local, state and federal levels.

Wagenaar founded Hoos for Inclusive Sexual Education, or HISE, this summer and said he based his aspirations for the organization off a final project he completed on the lack of sexual education in public schools for his English Writing class last year called, "In the Life: Living, Writing and Representing Black LGBTQ." Wagenaar said the organization will address the lack of many LGBTQ students obtaining sufficient information on sexual education in high school, an issue that affected him personally.

"I've had personal experience with the issue of being gay and in high school with my [sexual education] courses ... LGBTQ inclusive sexual education wasn't something that I was accustomed to, and I felt like I was really damaged by that," Wagenaar said. "It's an issue that almost every LGBTQ person has had experience with, because most individuals have not had inclusive sexual education in their upbringing."

Dates are still being finalized for future general body meetings, and Wagenaar says he hopes to gain CIO status by second semes-

ter. A CIO, or Contracted Independent Organization, receives benefits such as reserved space on Grounds for meetings, promotions for activities fairs and the potential to receive funding from the University Student Council.

To apply for CIO status, an organization has to submit a thorough application to the Student Council Recognition Committee for review before the application is passed to the Vice President for Organizations, who makes a recommendation for or against approval to the Representative Body, who then votes on the organization's CIO status.

Wagenaar and his team hope the organization can advocate for sexual education, specifically with regards to the high percentages of sexually transmitted diseases within marginalized communities, as well as act as a way to recognize those with LGBTQ+ identities.

As of now, Wagenaar and his team are comprised of four chair members and 14 general body members. The group is in the process of recruiting new members and has so far received applications from students representing various years at the University and sexual orientation.

Wagenaar said he is happy to see those identifying as straight also applying to join the organization.

"I think it shouldn't just be something that the people who are affected by it are advocating for but also people within society,"

Wagenaar said.

Within the organization, HISE is divided into four committees — internal advocacy, external advocacy, outreach and curriculum. Each committee is specifically geared toward promoting awareness for the organization as well as advancing the topic of sexual education.

The Curriculum committee, chaired by fourth-year Curry student Sydney Hainsworth, works toward building curriculum that can be obtained for school districts to promote more sexual education. The goal of this committee is to find curriculum for school districts that can not only remain effective, but also run align with HISE's purpose and mission statement of addressing the various topics of health and social awareness with sexual education.

The External Advocacy committee is chaired by second-year College student Eva Petersen and focuses on advocating for sexual education within local communities. This includes contacting lawmakers and policymakers to promote further awareness.

Petersen said that although her committee is focused on lobbying for sexual education, their main mission is to continuously grow the organization and bringing in dedicated members.

"Our ultimate goal once the club is up and running is to eventually lobby for such policy to be installed," Peterson said. "We are thinking first local then state then

federal, obviously we are dreaming big. It's fulfilling a need and I am excited about that."

The Internal Advocacy committee is chaired by second-year Nursing student Hunter Pyron and is geared toward advocating and promoting sexual education on Grounds. This includes tabling and hosting events and presentations.

Pyron reiterated the need for sexual education awareness, especially pertaining to many Virginia schools not teaching this information.

"I didn't receive substantial sexual education in high school ... and considering we have a large LGBTQ+ population and we have a majority of in-state students, we need to raise awareness for inclusive sexual education," Pyron said.

The Outreach Committee, chaired by second-year College student Hannah Lee, works on collaborating with other organizations on Grounds. This includes using social media, and other tactics of communication to continuously promote the organization.

The organization has reached out to several other LGBTQ+ organizations on Grounds to seek further membership, including Queer Student Union, Athletes for Equality and qRN — an LGBTQ+ organization for students in the Nursing School. Among the many goals and plans set for the upcoming year, Wagenaar and his team are hoping to have a speaker series next semester featuring speakers

to talk about various topics surrounding sexual education.

"My organization is focusing on erasure of sexuality and gender — it's sort of the stifling of marginalized voices within education," Wagenaar said. "We are attempting to do a speaker series next semester and I've been in contact with a lot of those organizations."

While the speaker series is in the works for the spring semester, HISE plans to further promote their organization and the conversation of sexual education through tabling and establishing a letter writing campaign, in which students can write letters to their state politicians asking for more inclusive sexual education. Hoos for Inclusive Sexual Education also will be specifically focusing on advocacy for LGBTQ+ sexual education within Charlottesville's public schools this semester, then on the state level later on.

Wagenaar said this organization is both confronting the issue of a lack of sexual education as it pertains to health issues of STD rates and also addressing the issue of cultural and social awareness. He said he believes that if students, including those of heterosexual orientation, are exposed to LGBTQ+ sexual education, students will be more capable of normalizing and understanding this information.

"In making this organization it's not only allowing for the issue to be advocated on but it's also starting that conversation," Wagenaar said.

Student rent driven by proximity to Grounds, experts say

U.Va. professors say demand for areas around U.Va. force students to sign leases earlier

Caroline Stoerker | Associate News Editor



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Housing options closer to Grounds are often higher-priced than rentals further from the University. The competitive housing market also leads to earlier signing dates for leases.

As first-year students begin to find their rhythm in dorms and upper-classmen learn how to adjust to the responsibilities that come with a house or apartment, the pressures of finding housing for the next academic year have slowly started to seep into those already novel and complex routines.

Many students begin to search for housing options for their next school year as early as the beginning of September of their current school year. Edgar Olsen, an economics professor and housing specialist, said he believes this trend is due to the fact that students are on a one-year cycle that consistently repeats, whereas non-student renters are often unsure of the longevity of their time in a certain place, giving lessors more power to set a competitive lease-signing schedule.

“There is a difference between student demand and most people’s demand for housing that may account for the earliness of all of this,” Olsen said. “By and large, students know that they will be here the next year, and they want to get the most desirable units location wise and in other respects ... That may be a little bit different from most people on the housing markets who are not on this one-year cycle.”

Charlottesville is the second most

expensive metropolitan housing market in the state of Virginia with a median rent for a two-bedroom apartment of \$1,250 — more expensive than Atlanta, Dallas and Phoenix, according to a rent report by ApartmentList. Meanwhile, rents in several apartment complexes closer to the Corner — for example, Lark on Main and Greenhouse, both near West Main Street — are approximately \$1,000 per person.

Olsen told The Cavalier Daily that he believes that the cost of student apartments in Charlottesville has to do with very high demand for housing within walking distance of the University among both students and faculty members.

“I think a lot of the perceived expense may have to do with where students want to live, which is relatively close to the University,” Olsen said. “You’ve got this one location that a lot of people come to, and they would like to be very convenient to that location. There is a lot of demand for housing right around the University.”

Suzanne Moomaw, an associate professor of urban and environmental planning in the School of Architecture, also emphasized the significance that proximity of housing to Grounds plays in driving up demand for student housing.

“In the case of students, the opportunity to live in multi-family or multi-unit housing structures close to the University was a real boost for them and an opportunity,” Moomaw said in an interview. “Otherwise, they were living in places far away from the Grounds.”

Olsen and Moomaw’s analyses can be corroborated by looking at property values near the University compared to other parts of the city. The property valuation in the heatmap above was obtained from the City of Charlottesville’s open data portal.

For second-year College student Julie Weiss, location has played a substantial role in contributing to her positive housing experience so far this academic year.

“This year, I live at GrandMarc, where typically second-year students live, and its proximity to the Corner and my classes makes living here a great experience,” Weiss said in an email to The Cavalier Daily.

The concentration of high-density, multi-unit apartment complexes near the Corner and Grounds — including GrandMarc and apartments on Wertland Street — is due to Charlottesville zoning regulations that were changed about a decade ago to allow more students to live within walking distance

of the University, where the City had formerly disallowed high density housing.

“Around 14th Street where there are now a lot of apartments — that wasn’t true 10 or 15 years ago,” Olsen said. “The City changed its zoning in order to enable people to live close to the University ... I think it was partly a response to the traffic congestion that was developing with students living further away.”

Second-year College student Cameron Veach said he has a different perspective.

“I’ve heard people say it’s pretty competitive and a bit stressful, because it’s hard to find a deal really early on,” Veach said. “But I never really got into that perspective. I’m in a house with seven other people, so some of them obviously did more work than I did ... It’s a bit expensive, but I think what matters is that you try to figure it out and find the right people to live with.”

Moomaw added that while the change in zoning was important in bringing University community members closer to Grounds, the zoning “usually doesn’t make any difference” in rental costs due to the fact that demand for a limited amount of housing is already so high and housing “is at such a premium.”

However, the high demand for rental housing among students has a noticeable ripple effect on the general housing market in Charlottesville, as the high demand decreases the availability of affordable rental housing in the area, Moomaw said.

The lack of low-cost and medium-cost housing in the Charlottesville area has been a cause of concern for City officials and residents for an extended period of time.

“The housing is in high demand and those that can pay the prices that are offered are the ones that get the housing,” Moomaw said. “It lessens the availability of rental housing in the City of Charlottesville.”

Ultimately, both Olsen and Moomaw stressed that high demand for housing close to Grounds was the key driving factor in Charlottesville’s student housing market, with Moomaw summarizing the complexity of the existing market in two primary issues.

“There are two problems here,” Moomaw said. “One is just the physical lack of enough housing for the people who want it at certain [places], and then the high rent.”

COUNTING DOWN TO MOVE IN

What you need to know before you sign

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NOW:

Determine if you want to live in on-Grounds housing. Dorms are often easier to live in and offer better pricing, but off-Grounds apartments offer more flexibility and variety.

Find your future roommates. You might meet them in your dorm or at a student organization.

Brainstorm places of where you might want to live, weighing each of your roommates' preferences for location, amenities and cost.

Planning to study abroad? Start thinking about finding someone studying abroad in the opposite semester next year — you could give them your lease. If you're living on-Grounds, this will be done automatically through the University.



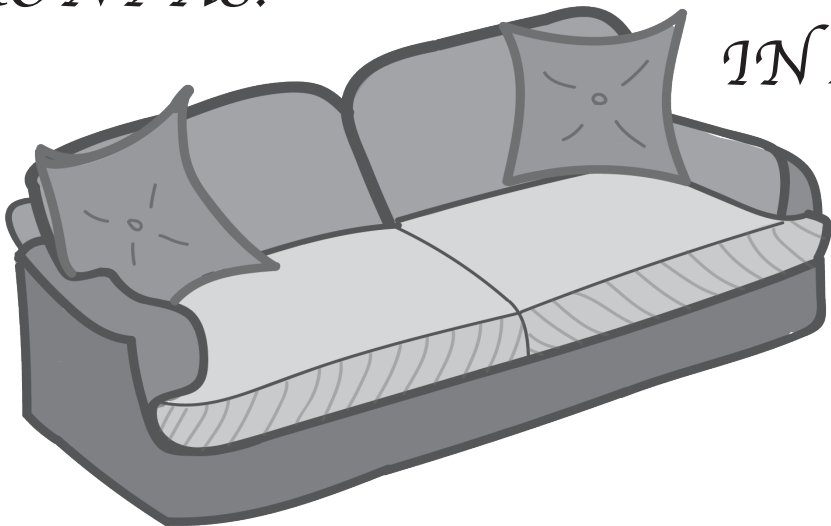
IN ONE MONTH:

If you're looking for off-Grounds housing, reach out to rental agencies and landlords to get price estimates and availability.

If you're looking for on-Grounds housing, explore your options and determine if any extra materials are required. Some — including Brown College, Hereford College, the International Residential College, the language houses and the Lawn — require an application.

IN THREE MONTHS:

You're probably signed a lease. If you haven't, don't sweat it: there are still options. Check Facebook pages, like Free & For Sale or your class' page. Plenty of people will be looking for roommates up until move-in.



IN EIGHT MONTHS:

Start looking for furniture and decor on Facebook and Craigslist. It's probably a good time to talk with your roommates about your living aesthetic.

Even if your apartment is furnished, you'll still need to bring a lot. Start a shared Google Doc with your roommates to sign up for purchases, and try to split the costs evenly.

IN NINE MONTHS:

Living off-Grounds often means paying separately for utilities such as electricity, water and gas. Set up a plan in advance for how you want to pay for required utilities.

Set your calendar for when bills are due — with a fast-paced U.Va. schedule, it's easy to fall behind.

IN 10 MONTHS:

Many off-Grounds apartments and housing options require the first rental installment be paid one month prior to move in — make sure to be prepared for this in advance.

IN 11 MONTHS (MOVE-IN):

Time to move in to your new home.

Take pictures of the living spaces prior to fully moving in so you can document any potential damage. Bring any concerns or issues to your landlord at the start so you aren't charged when it's time to move out.

Divide chores and bill responsibilities between your roommates.

If you're on Grounds and aren't enjoying your living situation, you can apply to transfer somewhere else.



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Developments on West Main creates concerns

Some fear recent development on West Main could engender gentrification, displacement

Spencer Philps | Staff Writer

West Main Street, the avenue that connects the University to the Downtown Mall, has undergone rapid development in recent years, with an influx of luxury student housing, hotels and dining establishments transposing themselves on top of one of Charlottesville's most historic corridors.

In 2014, the Flats at West Village, a 622-bedroom luxury apartment complex, opened its doors, and was quickly followed by two similar projects, Lark on Main (formerly Uncommon) in 2016, and The Standard in 2018. In addition, a Residence Inn by Marriott Hotel opened in 2016 and the Draftsman Hotel was completed in 2018, both along West Main.

The City of Charlottesville has plans of its own for redevelopment on West Main Street. In 2017, the city approved a \$31 million plan for a new streetscape development project, with plans to construct new sidewalks, light fixtures and bike lanes, among other modern design alterations.

While some see these changes to be an aesthetic upgrade to what was once there just a decade ago, others are concerned that the development is worsening the affordable housing crisis that has plagued Charlottesville for years, and could possibly engender negative consequences such as gentrification, which occurs when lower-income residents are displaced by upper and middle class tenants when they can no longer afford their neighborhood's increased costs of living.

Lower-income Charlottesville residents pay a disproportionately large percentage of their earnings on housing in the area already, and the city needs roughly 3,300 affordable housing units to meet current unmet demand, according to a 2018 report by Partners for Economic Solutions.

To some, the city is caught in an untenable situation. While attempting to develop itself into a trendy, contemporary "urban neighborhood," it runs the risk of pricing out existing residents, exacerbating the housing affordability crisis and stripping away the city's diversity.

The University's role

Laura Goldblatt, a postdoctoral fellow in the global studies department who also works with the Charlottesville Low Income Housing Coalition, said the University acts as a driver of low-income housing instability in the area.

The University is exempt from virtually all property taxes, and pays just small service fees on several smaller properties. Goldblatt said this is lost revenue for the area that the University could be paying to offset the ways in which it affects the housing market. She suggested a pilot-program payment in-lieu of taxes through which the University could assess its land, find out what they would be paying

in taxes, and donate that amount to the City every year for its affordable housing.

In addition, Goldblatt said that because the school has insufficient on-Grounds housing for all of the students at the University, it causes the private market to have to step in to fill that gap.

In an email, Deputy University Spokesperson Wesley Hester noted the University plays a positive economic role in the Charlottesville community.

"Through its local spending, as well as direct and indirect support of jobs, the presence of UVa. stabilizes and strengthens the local and statewide tax base," Hester said. "UVa. is an integral part of the state's economy, generating government revenue, jobs, and spending."

Hester provided an information sheet that indicated that the University made a \$42,321 payment in lieu of taxes to the City of Charlottesville in FY 2017. However, this amount is far less than the amount that the University would be paying if it paid normal property taxes, which would be about \$4.5 million according to some estimates.

The effect of University students and new off-Grounds housing complexes

Some say that University students are equally culpable in driving up housing costs in the area. Upperclassmen at the the University tend to start moving off-Grounds after their first year — a 2016 consultant's report to the Board of Visitors noted that 43 percent of second-year, 14 percent of third-year and 8 percent of fourth-year students decided to remain on-Grounds for their studies.

Hester said the University has plans to construct at least 600 on-Grounds beds before the fall of 2022, 300 of which will be accounted for in the current construction of an upperclassmen housing complex on Brandon Avenue.

Last school year, fourth-year College student Brian Cameron and two other students compiled a report detailing the negative effects that West Main Street's private student housing complexes have on the surrounding community — a phenomenon they refer to as "studentification."

Cameron said the University has seen a rapid increase in enrollment in the past few decades, but without a commensurate increase in the number of beds — allowing the private market to swoop in to meet this demand. Over the past 25 years, the University has only added 700 beds while enrollment has increased by about 4,700, meaning that 85 percent of this growth has been adding people to the private housing market.

"Developers see students as a captive market, and accordingly, price their developments at whatever stu-



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The Flats at West Village was the first of three luxury student housing complexes to be built on West Main.

dents are going to pay," Cameron said. "You go on these apartment's websites, they are advertised to and designed exclusively for students, like this is the market that they are explicitly trying to target, and not ... the 3,300 people who are in need of more affordable housing in Charlottesville."

Goldblatt sees how the construction of these apartments could be a concern for the community as a whole as property values rise.

"A lot of people who are homeowners in the area cannot afford the increased taxes that come with the heightened property values, and so they end up being pushed out of the communities that they've lived in for a really long time," Goldblatt said.

Brandon Collins, lead organizer of the Charlottesville Public Housing Association of Residents, also noted how the construction of these apartments on West Main Street could introduce negative consequences for the surrounding community.

"The cost of this student housing and housing for others is going up and up and up, and so affordability for others in the private market is also going up, which has the double impact of people who are succeeding in public housing and thriving have nowhere to go," Collins said. "What that does is stagnate our waiting list for public housing."

The effects of this development on less affluent residents of Charlottesville are often more than material, Collins added.

"I think that with these huge, huge buildings, the impact is felt by the residents in an extremely psychological way ... they look up, they see these things built for everyone but them, whereas, you know, 50 years of public housing at Westhaven hasn't seen any renovation and redevelopment ever," Collins said.

Westhaven, the public housing site that was constructed to relocate resi-

dents displaced by the destruction of Vinegar Hill in the 1960s, is situated closely to The Standard apartments.

The City's response

The City of Charlottesville is aware of the private development that has been occurring along West Main Street for the past few years. However, Alexander Ikefuna, the director of Charlottesville Neighborhood Development Services, said that he does not consider the recent developments on West Main to be gentrification, as so far, they largely have not been agents of physical displacement. For example, Lark on Main was built on top of what once was a vacant lot and a defunct post office, and The Standard took the place of an aging office plaza.

However, physical displacement and relocation are not the only ways in which gentrification occurs. Construction of luxury apartments and City spending projects on streetscape redevelopment may make the entire area more expensive. When property is reassessed in the surrounding areas, property valuations and taxes could increase, in turn displacing people with lower incomes and allowing higher income residents to move in.

Ikefuna is aware of the spillover-type effect that these new luxury apartments could have on increasing property valuations in the area. However, he said that the City has several programs with the goal of curbing these effects, including a tax abatement program called Real Estate Tax Relief. This program allows residents 65 years and older, the disabled, those making a yearly income less than \$50,000 or those who possess net worth less than \$125,000 to qualify for tax relief on real estate.

The City has several other measures designed to curb the negative side effects of this new development. One program, the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund, requires a developer who applies for a special use permit to

increase the number of units in their project to either construct a certain number of affordable housing units in the development or elsewhere in the City, or make a large cash contribution to the fund itself. The money in the fund is subsequently used by the city to fund affordable housing projects.

Essentially all of the developers of the West Main Street apartments — like Lark on Main and The Standard — have opted to make contributions to the fund, rather than construct affordable housing units. Uncommon and The Standard contributed \$331,450 and \$664,776, respectively.

This has led some in the community to criticize the program for not going far enough to encourage the construction of more affordable housing units in the area, citing that the money in the fund is no replacement for actual units. According to the report provided by Ikefuna, 19 affordable dwelling units had been constructed by mid-March 2018.

Collins believed that these programs are still insufficient in meeting the City's housing needs.

"They are tools that could be greatly expanded ...those are helpful tools, they're not enough. A lot more could be done in terms of tax abatement to protect neighborhoods and the Affordable Housing Fund is growing, we'd love to see a greater City contribution to that fund," he said. The City is currently contributing \$2.5 million, drawn from its Capital Improvement Fund.

Construction and development continues on West Main, with several projects currently underway. Quirk Charlottesville LLC gained approval in December 2017 to build a 75-room boutique hotel along West Main, and ground was broken in April 2018 for the new 600 West Main, another luxury apartment offering 57 units.



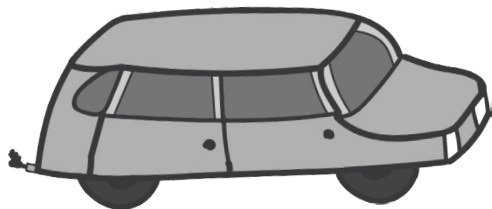
Top 10 things to know about on-Grounds

So many questions, so much construction

Grace Breiner | Top 10 Writer

1 Parking is nonexistent

One of the things I was most looking forward to for second year was finally being able to have my car. Well, it's here, but not anywhere nearby. I hear that parking at Lambeth is not as bad, but at Bice, I know approximately zero people with a parking spot — probably because there is a giant pit of construction where the parking lot once was. I'm not super bitter, however, since almost everything is a reasonable walking distance from Bice and if I'm really craving Panera or am in need of groceries, my car is a 20-minute walk away. That's not very close, but it's also not three hours away in Chesapeake.



2 RAs are still a thing

Shout out to the poor RAs that have to stay up all night on coverage. I understood coverage when we were first-years and a bit incapable of taking care of ourselves, but now I think it's mostly an opportunity to give us free food. Either way, it's an A-plus idea. Speaking of free food, on-Grounds apartments apparently still do Dome Room Dinner, which almost makes the whole experience worth it because the food is always so good. Besides, who wouldn't want to spend a night in Tundy?



3 Fire drills happen nonstop

Maybe nonstop is an exaggeration, but also maybe not. We've had three fire alarms so far, and it's only the third week of school. Two of them were drills — I think we all know how to walk down stairs at this point — and one of them was set off by steam from the shower. One of the fire alarms was set off on a Sunday night and couldn't be turned off for an hour. I know a couple people with conspiracy theories that there was some other reason we couldn't go back into the building. I don't know if I buy it though, since it does seem so quintessentially Bice to mess up a fire drill to that extent — said endearingly of course.

4 Living with multiple people is like a real-life sitcom

My roommate Ashley was making quesadillas one night and the smoke set off the fire alarm in our apartment. Keep in mind that we live in a building that houses 300 people who would not have been ecstatic to have to leave their apartments for a fourth fire alarm (but who's even keeping count at this point). Plus it was raining, hard. Ashley did all the things a normal person would do in this situation, which is freak out, cry, open all the windows and weepingly fan the smoke sensor — all to no avail. The alarm was as persistent as Ashley's need for Mexican food that night. She later showed up sopping wet and very shaken at Starbucks, clenching a Tupperware with a crispy quesadilla she swore would be her last, ready to recount the whole tale to her disbelieving roommates.

This is just one of many crazy things that has happened in apartment 305 this semester, and I'm chalking it up to four girls living in very close quarters. Sending much love to my roommates, but to everyone living with six people in your apartment — how?

5 You will definitely know people living in your building

Bice houses 300 people and Lambeth houses 800, as far as I know. With that quantity of people, and with most of them in your year at school, odds are you'll see some familiar faces. I believe my current tally is 10 people that I know living in Bice, which is, to be honest, more people than I even thought I knew at this school.

6 Dealing with construction is a possibility

Okay, so I know this probably isn't happening at other apartment buildings, but Bice is a hot mess right now. Literally almost every day I receive a new email from housing about something that may inconvenience Bice residents. They closed one of two ways out of the apartment building, meaning you're pretty much leaving Bice through Nau or you're not leaving. They cut off internet access for a day, they do construction at 6 a.m. and they're installing a horn nearby. I feel like we're all being pranked right now. I can assure you that we all hear the fire alarm every time it goes off and that a horn is just not necessary.



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7 The convenience is so real

Finding off-Grounds housing at UVa. is like winning the lottery. Unless you start looking in August or early September, you're pretty much not going to find anything. Luckily, on-Grounds housing exists for those of us who cannot plan things that far in advance. Also, the location — at least at Bice — is so prime. I feel like if it were advertised on "House Hunters" they would really emphasize how short the walking distance to class and other localities is. Since I'm not big on walking and have grown weary of the bus, I'm ecstatic about the proximity to everything, specifically to all three Starbucks.

8 Having a kitchen is everything

Our kitchen may be small, but convenience-wise, it's really doing the most. During our brief brush with hurricane-induced insanity and the possibility of being stuck inside with no power on all of our minds, it was nice to know that at least we had access to Cheerios and wouldn't have to hike or swim to a nearby eatery that would probably end up being closed, leaving us both wet and hungry. Also, this semester I ended up having to leave my apartment by 8 a.m. almost every day so grabbing something from the fridge and eating it on the walk to the science-side of Grounds has really saved me from being extra bitter in the early-morning hours.

9 Sharing a bathroom is an experience

Since all of us lived in dorms first-year, we're all very familiar with sharing a bathroom with probably a dozen people. However, being the one responsible for cleaning it is really a game-changer — especially for girls since hair gets everywhere. I would much rather be the one cleaning than go back to walking down the hall of a dorm, dripping wet and in a towel. Besides, sharing a bathroom with four people instead of a whole hall means more privacy and, therefore, more face masks.

10 I wouldn't change a thing

Given the opportunity to move into a nicer, less humid apartment with fewer fire alarms and no construction — would I? I think no, but don't tempt me. Living on-Grounds definitely has its ups and downs, but I would say that the net-direction is up. My roommates are amazing, the view out of my window is all green and trees — amen that I'm not looking at construction — and I finally have a place that is 1/4 mine and 4/4 adorable. All the fire alarms and construction are not going to stop me from thriving in the very first apartment I've ever lived in — can I get a big round of applause for adulthood?



Graduate students share stories of living on the Range

The Range provides housing for graduate students fostering academic growth and camaraderie

Madison Masloff and Natalie Seo | Feature Writer and Life Editor

When Thomas Jefferson founded the University, he envisioned an academic village where students, professors and the like could interact with each other outside of a classroom. Although the University has received many renovations and modifications throughout the years, this “Jeffersonian” ideal still exists thanks to the Lawn, the Range and the Pavilions.

The Range consists of the 52 outward-facing rooms on the Lawn. It houses graduate students from the University such those at the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the McIntire School of Commerce, the School of Architecture and the University’s School of Medicine. The diversity of residents and cross-over of graduate programs ultimately spawns many thoughtful academic conversations that would unlikely occur elsewhere.

“Oftentimes when you’re in graduate school you spend a lot of time with the people in your specific programs,” said John Costello, second-year Medical student and chair of the Range Selection Committee. “So it’s really unique to have the opportunity to live next to someone studying something completely different and being able to share with them why you’re studying what you are.”

The Range residents also have a formal time to share topics that they are passionate about during their forums that take place on Sundays.

“I learned about anatomy and vitamins and body, because John who’s the president, is a medical student, so he’ll explain your entire body to you in like 15 minutes,” said Ucha Abbah, a second-year Architecture masters student and Range resident. “There’s another guy, who just gets up and explains defense strategy and our relationship with Russia in one afternoon.”

The richness of the conversations that takes place on the Range is just one of the characteristics that define it.

Second-year Batten student Jack DiMatteo, a former Range resident, noted the sense of community that forms on the Range.

His move-in weekend as a first-year graduate student coincided with the torchlit white supremacist march on Aug. 11, 2017. The group marched through Grounds to the Thomas Jefferson statue north of the Rotunda, not too far from his room on the Range. DiMatteo was shocked by the events, but was immediately comforted by his newfound Range community.

“It was actually a couple neighbors who I’d met on the Range who were the ones checking in, making sure that I had a place to go, that I was safe,” DiMatteo said. “So in the midst of this really dark and horrible chapter in Charlottesville history, it was the Range community that was really essential for me feeling like I belonged here.”

Abbah also appreciates the open-mindedness of the Range resi-

dents to engage in conversation with others.

“Even as an introvert, I still enjoy the environment,” Abbah said. “It’s not necessarily something that is hyper-social in the sense that you feel the need to always talk to someone ... but I think it is understood that it’s okay for you to go to up to somebody’s door and say, ‘Hi, my name is so and so and I live 10 doors down from you’ — that’s not weird.”

Although the Lawn and Range rooms are notoriously known for having neither air conditioning nor personal bathrooms, residents say the honor to live in these rooms outweighs all cons.

“You know our bathrooms are at each end of the Range, so you have to walk outside in your robe to go to the bathroom,” DiMatteo said. “Which, you know, if it’s snowing let’s say in the winter, it can be less than ideal. But I always say, these are really minor inconveniences because overall, it’s a really remarkable privilege.”

Each Range room has a list on a cabinet door inside that goes through all of its residents dating back to the 19th century.

“Getting to see where you fit in this really long history of people who have lived in these rooms and gone out to do impressive things is pretty unique,” DiMatteo said.

While DiMatteo saw living on the Range as an opportunity to immerse



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Ucha Abbah, a second-year Architecture masters student, poses outside her Range room door.

himself in the University’s history and interact with other students, Abbah initially saw the Range simply as affordable on-Grounds housing. However, her view quickly changed once she arrived.

“I’ve had several people come up to me when I’m just coming out of my room ... alumni or people just touring and say ‘Oh my god, it’s so cool that you live here. Isn’t it so cool that you live here?’” Abbah said. “And like, I just needed a place to stay — I had no idea.”

Historically the Range has kept to itself in regards to community outreach. Costello, however, as chair of the selection committee hopes to do a lot more programming in order to make the Range more community oriented.

“The biggest thing is starting to work with the Lawn to host events and make the most of the incredible opportunity we’ve been given,” Costello said.

Some things to know about bringing your own movie snacks

Contraband food elevates any movie theater experience

Hildy Maxwell | Food Columnist

I love going to the movies. Ever since I was a little kid, the movie theater was my family’s go-to rainy day activity. It’s like taking a step outside the world for a couple of hours — just you, your friends and a giant tub of popcorn.

It wasn’t until I got to college that I realized how expensive a movie trip could be. One fun Sunday night could cost you up to \$40, most of which is spent on snacks. As college kids on a budget, any way to help money go further is key. Save a few bucks and make your movie theater experience even better by bringing your own food!

I know, I know, we’re not technically supposed to sneak food into movie theaters — but it’s the best way to go in my opinion, and honestly, I always do it. The benefits of skirting the system are great — from having endless snack choices to saving money

and much more!

On the budget side of things, bringing your own food will save you the most money. Theater popcorn can cost around \$7, but you can buy a box of microwave popcorn at the store for much cheaper. I usually pop some before I leave home and throw it in a Ziploc bag. This way I save cash for food later in the week and I can also season it however I want. Movie theater butter is kind of a must-have, but I would argue there are things you can make at home that rival the greasy goodness. Some of my favorites are fresh parmesan cheese, a little bit of cinnamon sugar or just plain old melted salted butter. Toss any of these or your seasoning of choice on a bag of plain microwave popcorn and you’re all set!

Drinks and candy at theaters can also be pretty costly. Save the planet

and your wallet by bringing your own reusable bottle. I usually stop at the supermarket on my way to the theater to peruse the candy aisle as well. When you aren’t in the mood for M&M’s, Sour Patch Kids or other movie theater staples, try a trip to Kroger, or even just raid your pantry before you leave. Grocery stores have much more extensive choices than theaters, so you can pick and choose exactly what you want.

There are definitely a few rules of the game when it comes to sneaking movie snacks in. Don’t be that guy — I know I have been — who opens a loud, smelly and delicious bag of Doritos in the middle of a packed theater. Anything noisy — like chips or veggie sticks — that will disturb the people sitting around you is definitely a no-go. Same goes for the smell.

We’ve all been in the library when

someone nearby opens up a Chick-fil-A bag and immediately makes the whole floor smell like fried chicken. While I have yet to find someone who doesn’t enjoy the smell of deep-fried food, we can probably agree it tends to distract from the textbook you’re reading and makes focusing on anything other than your rumbling stomach nearly impossible. The movie theater is like the library in this case. Save the garlic bread and leftover Chinese take-out for a movie night on your couch.

Whenever I sneak snacks into the movies — which is every time I go — I always bring a big furry blanket and wear a huge sweatshirt. This way, nobody notices the extra stuff you are carrying. Big purses also come in handy for stashing goodies while remaining discrete. Essentially, I try to draw as little attention as possible to the fact that I am blatantly ignoring a

universal movie theater rule.

In terms of nutrition, bringing your own snacks helps anyone resist the temptation to indulge in a huge Icee or box of nachos. If the unhealthy snacks aren’t your thing, but you still want something to nibble on, you can pack anything from freshly-cut fruit to pretzels and peanut butter. Also, if you bring your own stuff, you can pack smaller portions — just be aware it might all be gone by the end of the previews!

Whether you’re trying out a new diet, like an eclectic mix of candies or love movie theater popcorn but not the price tag, sneaking snacks into the movies will change your theater experience for good. This will also save you a few precious dollars. With the help of your biggest blanket and a puffy sweatshirt, you’ll be flying under the radar in no time.

New restaurant Wahoo Nori opens in Pav XI

Wahoo Nori opens its doors with new flavors and old favorites.

Faith Schweikert | Features Writer

In addition to a new Starbucks opening in Newcomb Hall, University Dining has opened a sushi location called Wahoo Nori.

New fast casual dining option comes to Newcomb Hall. The fast-casual dining spot will join other favorites including Five Guys, Subway and Chick-fil-A in Pavilion XI in an attempt to diversify the available food options for students.

“We are always looking for ways to enhance the dining program,” Aramark Marketing Manager Scott Aebersold said in an email. “We heard loud and clear from our Student Dining Advisory Board that keeping a sushi restaurant on Grounds was important.”

With the closing of the University’s sushi haven, In the Nood, students would have been left with just the pre-packaged sushi in the cafes to satisfy their desire for the Asian dish. While Wahoo Nori is not a replacement of In the Nood, it will serve several of In the Nood’s most popular dishes. Other menu items will include rolled sushi, sashimi, poke bowls and a variety of teas and kombuchas, all available in the fast casual setting.

“I was never completely impressed with In the Nood in terms of quality,

if I’m being honest,” said third-year College student April Corwin. “But at least it was there to offer something different.”

With a name that combines the beloved fish used as a nickname for University students with “nori,” the Japanese word for seafood, Wahoo Nori has set the stage for being the place where students, faculty and staff get their sushi and other Asian-inspired dishes.

“By adding options like Wahoo Nori we create a dynamic environment on Grounds that serves different options to try and meet different taste preferences,” Aebersold said.

Despite Aramark’s publicity of Wahoo Nori via social media, the dining program and in the Pav, its opening has paled in comparison to that of the new Starbucks in Newcomb Dining Hall.

“We kept hearing that Starbucks was opening ... but we didn’t realize there would be a new restaurant,” Corwin said.

With the news of another Starbucks opening on Grounds, Corwin believed another replacement for In the Nood would have been better.

“I love coffee, don’t get me wrong, but even I can see that if you really

wanted Starbucks, you could walk five minutes to the Corner,” Corwin said. “I would enjoy a variety of regional foods just to mix things up.”

Though first-year College student Helen Bechler appreciates the fast service of Wahoo Nori and its acceptance of Plus Dollars, she does not see Wahoo Nori as being her first stop for sushi.

“I don’t come to Newcomb that often so I probably wouldn’t go out of my way if they have [sushi] at Clark,” Bechler said. “I’d probably just go [to Clark] instead because it’s more convenient.”

Mostly, however, students are just looking for something different than their everyday meals and routines at the dining halls. Corwin sees the other restaurants as additions to an otherwise same-as-usual menu.

“I personally would like to see more diversity in terms of types of food,” Corwin said. “So I think there’s an increasing frustration about having the same food options every single day — you go here and get pizza, you go here and get some sort of meat and vegetable side and I just think the other dining options outside the cafeteria are looked at as an alternative to that.”

Wahoo Nori opened in the Pav



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Wahoo Nori serves pre-packaged sushi, as well as poke bowls, teas and kombuchas.

when classes started and is open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. They take cash, credit, Cav Advantage and Plus Dollars.

Preparing for Florence as a clueless Californian

I’d never experienced a hurricane before, but I was determined to be prepared

Katherine Firsching | Life Columnist

I first knew something was wrong when I received a text from my childhood babysitter on Sep. 9, reading, “You’re like, 200 miles from the coast, right?”

It had been a sunny beginning of the school year in Charlottesville with high heat and humidity. Each morning on my way to classes, I’d opt for the bus over the 15-minute walk in hopes of avoiding looking like a melting Wicked Witch of the West upon arrival. Although I love the summertime, I began to wonder when temperatures would drop — little did I know, the climate would soon change drastically, but not in the way I’d hoped.

I quickly learned that a massive hurricane, dubbed Florence, would be hitting the East Coast with a direct path towards Charlottesville. I assumed we were so far inland that we’d be unaffected, but as soon as my phone started blowing up with text messages and emails, I learned otherwise.

As a Californian, I’d never experienced a hurricane before. I can tell you what a serious earthquake and aftershock feels like, and I can describe

waking up to a sky of charcoal black and getting evacuated due to a nearby wildfire. The Pacific Ocean is relatively calm, however, and hurricanes were something I’d only heard about or seen on TV.

As soon as I realized I might need to prepare for a natural disaster, I started asking questions.

Immediately, everyone I talked to warned me to buy water before it was too late.

“But isn’t an excess of water the issue in a hurricane?” I asked. Boy, I had a lot to learn.

Multiple family members and friends from home contacted me asking what my emergency plan was, if I had non-perishable food, if I had a flashlight with extra batteries, etc. As it turned out, I wasn’t the only one reading up on emergency preparedness.

Though the University had sent out multiple emails briefing us on the safety measures we should be taking, the world as I knew it seemed pretty normal — the sun was shining, people were going to class in shorts and

t-shirts, nobody was panicking. It wasn’t until I overheard someone in my Tuesday morning class say Costco was out of water that I started to worry — Costco was my backup-backup plan for survival goods.

I immediately called my friend and told her we needed to go shopping after class. She picked me up outside of Wilson Hall, and we strategically — or so we thought — plugged in the address of a Kroger further away. To our dismay, the parking lot was like an outlet mall on Black Friday — navigating the cars and crowds was the most complicated part of the outing.

As we browsed the aisles for non-perishable goods, I tried to remember the types of snacks I’d buy for dorms my first year — soup, peanut butter, pretzels, pickles, granola. To say the least, my diet would be a bit wacky in the upcoming days if Florence struck.

We may as well have entered a ghost town when we got to the water aisle, except there were a few other baffled college students staring at the shelves too. It seemed that many peo-

ple had given up on the thought of finding water, as one woman in the checkout line had her entire cart filled with Diet Pepsi. Luckily, we found a 5-gallon jug of water made for a water dispenser near the shopping carts.

After grabbing the last few flashlights and batteries from Lowe’s, we made our way back to our house, where we lugged all the groceries — and the 5-gallon water jug — to our room in the attic. I plugged in all my devices, got out my frain jacket and found my umbrella. I was ready for Florence.

By the time we found out classes weren’t cancelled, I began to question what was up. Each night, I wondered if a massive storm would hit, and each morning, I looked out the window to see a pretty typical rainy day in Charlottesville. Keeping up with the weather channel, I learned that the path of the hurricane had shifted a bit, and we wouldn’t be hit as hard. Still, I waited. Nothing.

Although Charlottesville wasn’t really affected by Florence, I learned a lot about emergency preparedness,

and it was valuable to understand the necessary steps to take in the event of a hurricane. If we had experienced flooding or a power outage, it’s nice to know I would have been prepared. I’m thankful that we’re okay at the University, and my thoughts and prayers go out to places, such as Wilmington N.C., that haven’t been so fortunate. I’m confident we’ll come together as a nation to help provide support and relief like we usually do.

Even though I love California and may return home at some point in my life, I’m sure this won’t be the last hurricane during my stint on the East Coast. Though we now have a bunch of unnecessary food and water in our room in the attic, I know it’s better safe than sorry — and at least for a few weeks, we won’t have to go down four flights of stairs to get a snack.

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Virginia quarterback Bryce Perkins



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Perkins looks to sustain his passing momentum against Louisville.

After a performance in which Perkins threw for a career-high 379 yards on 25-of-30 passing, the Virginia quarterback truly showcased his passing game. Adding this to his consistently solid running game, Perkins has the ability to really make a difference in Virginia's first conference game of the season against the Cardinals. When a team has been able to establish a consistent passing game against Louisville, they've either been able to take away the win — as Alabama did after getting 297 passing yards — or keep the game very close — as Western Kentucky did with 260 passing yards in their three-point loss to Louisville. However, against Indiana State, which is the only game the Cardinals won by a comfortable margin, Louisville shut down its opponent's passing game, holding Indiana State to 37 passing yards. So, Perkins will have a lot of responsibility to replicate his performance against Ohio and give Virginia the strong passing game they need.

Virginia cornerback Bryce Hall



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Hall could replicate his big performance against Ohio this Saturday.

"Our secondary is not playing consistently, but Bryce [Hall] and Darrius Bratton are," Coach Bronco Mendenhall said after the Ohio game. "Our safety play is inconsistent. Our corner play is actually consistent." While Virginia shut down Ohio quarterback junior Nathan Rourke for much of the game, on the Bobcats' 21-3 run in the middle of the game, the secondary was porous. It was Hall who ended that run with a pass breakup at the end of the third quarter, one of a team-high four on the day. Hall has been dominant throughout this year. Against Indiana, he also led the team in pass breakups, with three, and posted four tackles. In the Richmond game, Hall led the Cavaliers with six tackles and had a strip sack. Particularly against a Louisville team with a shaky quarterback situation — it now looks like dual-threat redshirt freshman Malik Cunningham will start — Hall can create the havoc needed to make the young quarterback uncomfortable.

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THE KEYS TO FOOTBALL

Virginia vs. Louisville — a breakdown

CD Sports Staff

Looking at the Cavaliers' first ACC showdown against the struggling but dangerous Cardinals.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Exploit Louisville's offensive struggles



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Senior outside linebacker Chris Peace can put pressure on Louisville.

When Louisville was dominated by Alabama 51-14, the Cardinals were only able to pick up 16 rushing yards. Granted, Alabama is the best team in the country, the Cardinals showed struggles on offense against Western Kentucky as well — only getting 88 passing yards in the narrow 20-17 win for Louisville. If Virginia's defense comes out strong and puts good pressure on the Cardinals, the Cavaliers should be able to force Louisville to continue to struggle offensively, thus keeping the Cardinals off the scoreboard. This means that Virginia's defense will have to perform a little sharper and more consistently than they did against Ohio, when they allowed 246 passing yards and 364 total yards.

Balanced attack on offense



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Expect another prolific performance from Virginia's three-headed monster.

Virginia possesses the capability to be a very dangerous offensive team, even in ACC play. Saturday's game against Ohio showed this, with Perkins, senior running back Jordan Ellis and senior receiver Olamide Zaccheaus all posting career-highs in yards. Virginia's offense succeeded because of big-chunk, explosive plays — three of their scores came on plays of 75+ yards — but more broadly because of the Cavaliers' balanced attack. Virginia started out exploiting the Bobcats' defense with dive plays, one of which Ellis took 75 yards to the house. Then, when Ohio focused on shutting down the middle of the field, the Cavaliers shifted their plan, activating the aerial attack and runs outside. With the passing game going and the rush going, Virginia will be difficult to stop, especially with a quarterback that is always capable of breaking away for a long touchdown run. Against Louisville, the Cavaliers must continue to spread out their attack and not get too reliant on one part of it.



LEAD EDITORIAL

Ignore the mad dash to sign a lease

Students should not let the pressure to find an apartment get in the way of choosing compatible roommates

Every year, students clamor to find housing as early as September and October. In the competitive Charlottesville housing market, there's an underlying pressure to find and sign a lease as soon as possible. However, in this scramble to sign leases, it's easy to prioritize securing housing early over choosing compatible roommates. We encourage students, especially first-years, to pump the brakes when it comes to securing leases. Your roommates will impact your college years much more than the places you live.

This advice might seem frustrating given the constraints on the housing search. It is already difficult to secure affordable housing, a concern for many students as rents continue to rise. This anxiety is only compounded for students with particular disabili-

ties, who may need ramp accessibility for wheelchairs or animal friendly housing for service animals.

Yet, regardless of where you choose to live, your overall experience will be significantly affected by your roommates. As young people, we often take advantage of how we live in a time of our peak health. Data suggests that roommates have a profound impact on any student's physical and emotional wellbeing. There is considerable evidence to indicate that your proximity to roommates who binge drink can influence your chance of exhibiting similar drinking habits. Other habits, such as dieting or exercising, held by one roommate, can influence the whole apartment. On the whole, the values and habits your roommates hold will affect you, influencing the nature of your home for the entire year.

For first-years, you've been living at the University for approximately one month. While the bonds you've forged with your roommates or suite-mates may range on a spectrum, it's often too soon to tell who will make the right apartment mates for the next year. There's a significant difference between choosing friends and choosing living partners. The expectations for friendships vary wildly from those of future roommates — great friends might not make great roommates and vice-versa.

With that said, we understand that taking the time to think carefully about roommates does not eliminate the pressure to secure a lease. Anxieties may push people to sign quickly around Grounds, but the opportunity to sign leases does not evaporate after October — for on-Grounds housing, some applications become

available until December. As for off-Grounds housing, leases still exist after early autumn. While the mad dash to sign leases seems rampant among University students, it does not need to remain that way. Taking the time to make an informed choice about your living arrangements — especially your roommates — matters.

While you attend the University, you're going to hear a lot about mental health and wellness. When it comes to your living situation and your roommates, it's vital that you cultivate a home where you feel comfortable and safe for an entire year. Your home connects to your health. The moment it fails, you immediately feel it in the impact in every aspect of your life — from your private life to your schoolwork. Choose the people who will help you live your healthiest life and the ones you would want

to help you when you're not. Roommates seem at times both transient and ultra-important. They will be there — or not there — when you need them most.

Due to the significant impact roommates will have on their personal well-being, students should take the time to think carefully about their future living arrangements before signing a lease. When it comes time to pick people to cultivate your home for next year, meditate on who will help you succeed during your college years.

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UNIVERSITY HOUSING SHOULD BE CHEAPER FOR STUDENTS

The University should reduce the financial burden of student housing by lowering prices

The University is currently experiencing a housing crisis in which students are faced with extremely overpriced housing options both on- and off-Grounds. Students are forced to compete with one another for affordable housing and are often thrown into overpriced lease agreements at the beginning of the school-year before they are able to weigh the costs and benefits of that financial decision. As a public institution dedicated to the educational, physical and financial well-being of its students, the University should seek to reduce the economic burden of student life as much as possible by lowering prices for University housing.

According to the University's Housing and Residence Life website, the perks of living in University housing include geographical proximity to classes and dining halls, affordability, "a commitment for the nine-month academic year only," "the ability to live with friends while choosing among a range of housing styles" and "opportunities to make substantial contributions to your area and the University." While the nine-month lease commitment is often hard to find in off-Grounds housing options that often baits students into 10-12 month lease agreements, this appears to be the only benefit of University housing that cannot easily be found in off-Grounds

housing options. Aside from Brown College, which is located in the middle of Central Grounds, the geographical proximity to Grounds and affordability of University housing is generally comparable to off-Grounds housing options on Jefferson Park Avenue, Rugby Road, or the Corner.

Additionally, the University upperclassmen housing options are nowhere near as affordable as they should be. On-Grounds housing rates for upperclassmen range from \$6,260 to \$7,580 per academic year, rivaling many often significantly cheaper and geographically closer off Grounds housing options. A single bedroom in Copeley, Faulkner or one of the Language Houses costs \$7,580 per academic school year, which can be broken down to an average of \$842.22 per month.

The price of on-Grounds housing is absolutely ridiculous, especially when considering some housing locations that are a similar distance away from the University are far more expensive than some off-Grounds housing options. For example, Oxford Hill — an off-Grounds apartment complex located about a 20 minute walk from Central Grounds — costs \$578 per person per month for a 12 month lease, adding up to \$6,369. This is much less expensive than living in a two bedroom floor-plan at the University-affiliated Copeley Apartments

during the academic year for \$7,580, even though they are essentially the same distance from Grounds and tenants only have a lease in Copeley for 9 months.

The University does, however, give students the opportunity to apply to

from this program is very limited.

Unfortunately, considering the extremely competitive nature of this program and the very limited number of spots available, the option to become a resident advisor is not a realistic alternative for the high number of students

price of on-Grounds housing.

Not only do I believe that the University should lessen the financial burden of student housing — it also has the financial capability to do so. Considering the recent increase in tuition, it is clear that the University can afford to further subsidize living options for upperclassmen students who are unable to afford expensive residence options both on- and off-Grounds.

Because there are so many wealthier students at the University who can afford to live in overpriced housing options both on- and off-Grounds, many do end up living in existing on-Grounds housing. However, the University should make more of an effort to cater to students at every income level.

Ultimately, the University should not just be a money-making machine. Considering the school's extensive endowment and Alumni Association, the University should subsidize its housing options more so that students who struggle to afford the financial burdens of tuition and student life may be reduced.

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the school's resident advisor program, which serves as a free housing option for students who are unable to bear the financial burden of expensive housing either on or off-Grounds. During the terms of their employment, resident advisors are held responsible with overseeing the safety and well-being of dorm residents, in exchange for free housing in a furnished single bedroom in addition to 80 meal swipes and 130 plus dollars per semester. Although this program has the potential to significantly benefit economically disenfranchised students who need free housing in order to afford attending the University in the first place, the number of people who actually benefit

who struggle to afford other housing options. The administration should seek to expand beyond this program to create more affordable University affiliated housing options for students.

Additionally, there are many students at the University who receive financial aid, which is used in part to pay for their housing. By providing financial aid towards housing, the University is helping those with the most need continue to receive their education. Still, there are students who may not qualify for financial aid, yet for whom the high price of on-Grounds housing presents a roadblock in their University experience. With these students in mind, the University should reduce the

SMEARING LESLIE COCKBURN IN VIRGINIA

From the start of her campaign, Cockburn has been unfairly maligned by her detractors

In October 2017, The Wall Street Journal published an editorial lambasting the treatment of then gubernatorial candidate Ed Gillespie entitled "Smearing Ed Gillespie in Virginia." In the article the Editorial Board lambasted the treatment of Gillespie during the campaign, stating he had been unfairly attacked by the Democrats. While I certainly disagree with The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board's assessment of the gubernatorial campaign, this framework applies well in this election cycle, where there is a candidate being unfairly attacked — the Democratic candidate for the fifth congressional district of Virginia, Leslie Cockburn.

After she clinched the Democratic nomination, Cockburn was almost immediately attacked by the Virginia GOP for being anti-Semitic due to her publication of a book with her husband, Andrew Cockburn, entitled "Dangerous Liaison," about the supposedly secret ties between the U.S. and Israel.

Though these attacks have been unfair — and should be called out as such — I will be the first to admit that Cockburn should not escape criticism for this book, as much of

it is well-deserved. In a New York Times review of the book, the critic states it was dedicated to "Israel-bashing for its own sake" and was characterized by its use of "selective documentation and unattributed interviews." I strongly disagree with Cockburn's characterization of Israel in these terms and believe she should be subject to intense scrutiny over her past work on Israel — how-

It is ironic that the Republican Party is criticizing Cockburn, considering their party's own issues with anti-Semitism.

ever, this criticism does not automatically amount to anti-Semitism.

One only needs to visit her website and compare her platform on Israel with the working definition of anti-Semitism on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance website to see that these claims of anti-Semitism hold no water. In fact, she has been endorsed

by JStreetPAC, which "organizes and mobilizes pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who want Israel to be secure, democratic and the national home of the Jewish people." It would be hard to believe that this organization would endorse her, unless she explicitly believed Israel to be the rightful homeland of the Jewish people, a view that by definition is not held by anti-Semites. Also if she was

ti-Semites running under its party banner for Congress and state legislatures. Specifically in Virginia, Republican senatorial candidate Corey Stewart was caught on tape calling avowed anti-Semite Paul Nehlen his hero and appearing with Jason Kessler, a white supremacist and "Unite the Right" rally organizer.

These candidates and incidents are troubling, and the Republican Party should undergo a thorough self-examination to understand why these individuals have chosen to associate with their party. More importantly, it becomes clear that, especially when compared to them, Cockburn is not an anti-Semite — she's not even in the same ballpark.

That reality is likely why members of the Jewish community in Charlottesville seem unconvinced by these accusations of anti-Semitism with Daniel Alexander, the rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Israel, even stating many in the community did not take these charges seriously.

In writing this, I am not saying that Cockburn should be beyond criticism. I myself have several points of disagreement with the Democratic nominee and believe that any can-

didate or elected official should be subject to scrutiny. Cockburn especially should be subject to this scrutiny given the issues with her book pointed out in The New York Times. I am also not arguing that criticism of Israel is not often motivated by anti-Semitic sentiments — which are unfortunately becoming ever more present in our society. However, it is important in a campaign to ensure accusations of anti-Semitism are not thrown around lightly.

After examining the evidence, it becomes more and more apparent that these inflammatory statements dispersed by the Republican Party of Virginia are not grounded in reality and distract from legitimate criticism of Cockburn's work and record that should be normal in any democratic society.

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H HUMOR

If, by chance, you happen into a conversation about philosophy with a philosophy major, often times the conversation will forcibly shift towards how they see their studies as criminally undervalued by the rest of academia and that philosophy is the most useful degree in existence. From experience, I feel that I can say definitively that the only concept held to be universal among all philosophers is the belief that everyone needs to take them more seriously. Given that these ideas are backed by many brilliant thinkers whom I need not question, I've decided to use my prestigious platform as a humor writer for a school newspaper to provide a public service—to enlighten the layman and the dilettante so that they might better appreciate the brilliance of the philosophical mind. To do that, we shall start our journey in the birth-

place of philosophy: the genius of Ancient Greece.

Now, there were men before Greek civilization who dabbled in this subject, but the schools of thought devised in the empires of China and India are paltry compared to the works of minds reared in the intellectually stimulating environment of constantly warring city-states with economies built solely upon slavery and alcohol. It was from this scintillating environment that one of the first notable philosophers of our story arose, a humble Ionian named Pythagoras.

Pythagoras was a brilliant mathematician, to such an extent that geometry teachers have used the theorem that bears his name to antagonize seventh graders for over 2,000 years. That was not all, though: Pythagoras also devised the Theory of Proportions, the Five Regular Solids, proofs using pure mathematics, and Pythagorean Tuning. That said, like all great men, Pythagoras' brilliance was tainted by some rather minor character flaws. For starters, he

was a brutal totalitarian cult leader who based his doctrines upon a bizarre combination of mathematics and esotericism—for instance, his followers threw a man off a boat for telling the world about the dodecahedron, which was their equivalent of the Ark of the Covenant. Secondly, Pythagoras was a strict vegetarian who strongly believed in metempsychosis (the Greek version of reincarnation). To top all of this off, he had an inexplicable hatred for beans and wouldn't let any of his followers eat them. In other words, Pythagoras was a pretty much a fascist yogi and quite possibly the only vegetarian to have ever hated tofu. As is to be expected with the fatal flaws of great men, these traits led to Pythagoras' demise. Once the locals' love of legumes got the better of them, they turned against Pythagoras and his followers. Legend has it that as the Pythagoreans were being purged, an angry mob chased Pythagoras to a bean field. Pythagoras refused to enter it, ending the chase and leading to his death by the hands of the crowd.

He abhorred beans, and this hatred was the hill he chose to die on.

Pythagoras' reasoning behind all of this is actually rather simple, but to explain it, we have to understand how Pythagoras thought about mathematics. To do this, act as pretentious as possible so that you can ponder abstract nonsense without a hint of irony. Once you've done that, consider the differences between a sphere and a ball. The formula for a sphere models a perfect sphere, which won't have any imperfections invalidating its sphericity, but every ball, the closest analogue to a mathematically perfect sphere, will have some small imperfections. That said, if you needed to predict how a ball might move, it would be best to model it as a sphere rather than attempting to model it as it actually is. This is why Pythagoras came to believe that exact reasoning could only be done by using the idealized versions of objects depicted in mathematics rather than their real counterparts. From there, one might conclude that it is better to think about how an

ideal object might behave rather than observing the behavior of the real thing, and that the 'eternal' ideal object is more real than the temporary real object. Such eternal objects can then be thought of as the thoughts of God, which, by this reasoning, must exist in a perfect form since humans have an 'imperfect' understanding of the divine. Furthermore, by that logic, this God must be an arithmetic junkie because Pythagoras' numerical theory hinges on the ability of the deity's perfect objects to demonstrate themselves to the imperfect world via mathematics. That's why Pythagoras founded a crazy math cult.

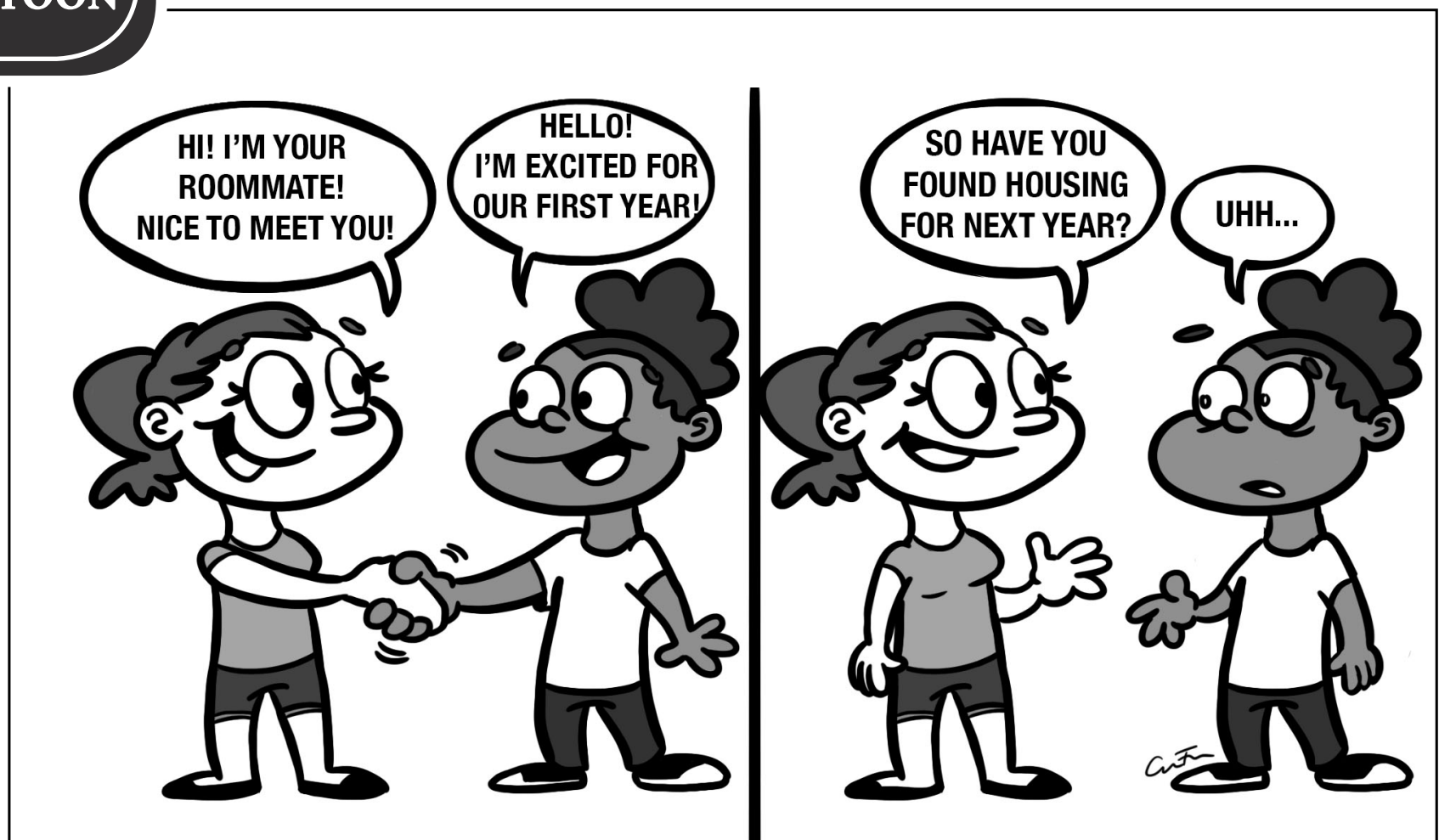
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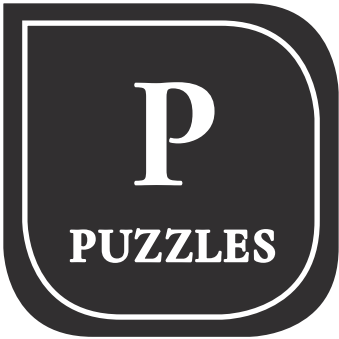
Philosophy for plebeians and commoners

C CARTOON

UVA Housing: Start Planning Now

Gabby Fuller | Cartoonist





WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Dan Goff | Arts and Entertainment Editor

*THE SOLUTION TO THIS PUZZLE CAN BE FOUND IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Across

- 1. This stadium is usually used for 33-down, but around this time last year, it hosted the Concert for Charlottesville
- 6. Amounts to be paid
- 11. Type of lava
- 12. Payment for a job
- 13. Gratify, indulge
- 14. Illegal actions
- 15. Dressed
- 17. Order of carnivorous insects, in which dragonflies are included
- 19. Knock into a dazed state
- 20. Small ornamental case
- 22. Slang for a relationship — "Are they an ___?"
- 23. Flat-topped hills
- 25. A.M.
- 26. Employee who gets a job through an agency
- 27. India's capital territory
- 29. Those who browse the Cavalier Daily
- 31. Members of AARP
- 33. One who pushes an oar through water
- 36. Burns with intense heat
- 40. Gambling items
- 41. Husker Dü sings about books about these things, and Zecharia

- Setchin wrote books about them
- 43. Small member of the weasel family
- 45. Senses of self-esteem
- 46. Korean War dramedy starring Alan Alda
- 47. Some tooth-pastes use baking ---
- 48. Relating to a religion whose god is Allah
- 50. Set of software tools that enable an unauthorized user to gain control of a computer system
- 53. Picturesque drive in the area
- 54. Lift to a higher level
- 55. Tiny amounts — no one uses this word, but it was too fun not to include
- 56. ___ball is played in JPJ
- 57. Households where the children have moved out are known as empty ---
- 58. Yellow-gray sediment

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Down

- 1. Louis Armstrong did this a lot in songs
- 2. Bruise a part of the body
- 3. Relating to a thing's position in a series
- 4. Towers are made of this structure
- 5. Plant also known as a vetch
- 6. This Louisville team will perform 33-down in one-across on Saturday
- 7. Aglio e ---
- 8. Ancient Italic people
- 9. Middle school was probably the last time you were a trick-or----
- 10. Sets of connected things
- 11. Involuntary movement
- 12. A maid is probably a good ---, especially if he or she has a Scrub Daddy
- 16. Abbreviation for a political party — and, after "Got," an Erin and the Wildfire song
- 18. Tool to make a guitar louder
- 21. Another word for toreadors
- 24. Snakes do this with their skin

- 28. Brightens up
- 30. Used to color Easter eggs or hair
- 32. Ruins, as a book
- 33. Most people who congregate in one-across like to toss the --- around
- 34. Religious attendant
- 35. Removes saline from seawater
- 37. "There's a lot --- --- here" — two words
- 38. Inexperienced players in baseball
- 39. Those who enjoy hurting others
- 40. Thomas Jefferson was more or less an early type of this religious person
- 42. The Knights Who Say, "Ni!" enjoy this type of bush
- 44. Psychotic "American Horror Story" character romanticized by many
- 49. Semen of male fish — or if you prefer something less disgusting, the first four letters of the "Paradise Lost" poet's last name
- 51. Gemstone of next month
- 52. More or less, inexact — two words

* SOLUTION FROM LAST ISSUE

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To call any work of literature “epic” is to invoke a highly-loaded category — it’s a description that seems largely reserved for discussing the great deeds and anguish of exalted men. Yet it’d be difficult to describe Crystal Hana Kim’s sweeping, multigenerational debut “If You Leave Me” as anything but. The story opens on Haemi Lee, a 16-year-old girl coming of age in a refugee camp during the Korean War, and ultimately follows her life as she becomes caught between her childhood friend Kyunghwan and the overtures of his older, richer cousin Jisoo.

“If You Leave Me” is a novel of ambitious scope, spanning five narrators and 16 years, but remains grounded by a deep sense of empathy and emotional attention. It feels utterly bracing to read a refugee woman living on the outskirts of

war as a fully-realized protagonist, and Kim characterizes Haemi with unmistakable force and humanity. It’s a lyrical, absorbing work that wields the genres of historical fiction and family saga to investigate several still-resonant themes — among them the aftermath of war, the choice between passion and safety and the pursuit of female autonomy within a world that does not value it. The Cavalier Daily’s Arts and Entertainment section recently got the chance to talk with Kim about how she crafted the novel.

Arts & Entertainment: While Haemi might be the beating heart of this novel, Kyunghwan’s and Jisoo’s perspectives are crucial and the story itself spans 16 years during and after the war. When you were initially planning how “If You Leave Me” would take shape, did her emotional arc come first or did you already have that multi-narrative scope in mind?

Crystal Hana Kim: As a reader, I’ve always been drawn to epic narratives with multiple perspectives. When I began writing “If You Leave Me,” I very quickly decided to write from multiple perspectives. I love what happens when you layer voices, how it allows the reader more freedom to fit the story together. “If You Leave Me” begins during the Korean War, when the three main characters — Haemi, Kyunghwan and Jisoo — are teenage refugees. They are living in a time of extreme poverty, hunger and violence. I knew I wanted to explore the aftermath of this war, particularly regarding how trauma can manifest years later. So, I knew the novel would span a large swath of time, but I didn’t decide on exactly how many years. I followed Haemi, Kyunghwan and Jisoo’s emotional, intellectual and personal developments to figure out the novel’s final shape.

AE: For female writers of

color, there’s often this very frustrating presumption that our work is inherently biographical, that it somehow lacks the refinement and imagination of craft because we’re told we can only write “what we know.” There’s a line in your The Paris Review article, “Like You Know Your Own Bones,” that I think speaks to this particularly well — “What I know” and “who you are,” I realize, are code for my Koreanness. I resent this teacher. I am more than what I look like. I write to figure out what I don’t know, I think.” So I’m interested in that last part. In the process of writing “If You Leave Me,” what did you figure out and/or discover?

CHK: This is such a great question! I discovered so much from writing “If You Leave Me.” This is my first novel, so on a practical level, I learned about craft, structure and story. There’s this assumption that writers know exactly what they’re

doing when they write a book, but we’re always learning. At least, I am. I want to always push myself to stretch new literary muscles.

In terms of content, I did a lot of research into Korea’s history, particularly regarding the Korean War. I grew up visiting Korea every summer and hearing stories about the country’s past from my family, but all of the research I conducted deepened my understanding of my own history. I hope that I’ve been able to construct a compelling narrative for readers, so that they can learn while following Haemi, Kyunghwan and Jisoo’s lives as they make their way through 1950s-60s Korea.

Crystal Hana Kim will be reading at New Dominion Bookshop on Sept. 21 alongside poet Kyle Dargan. For the uncut version of this interview, visit our website at www.cavalierdaily.com.

In good company: An interview with Kendall Street Co.

The guys of Kendall Street Company give a glimpse of their conviviality on and off stage

Joe DiConsiglio | Senior Writer

They say that people are always in good company when they are doing what they truly enjoy with the folks who they truly enjoy. Whether it’s with friends, family or strangers, good company encourages you to bounce thoughts off of each other and turn those thoughts into reality. Good company leads to good inspiration.

For the last five years, there has been no better company at the University than the six young men of Kendall Street Company. They hardly need an introduction — KSC has become a household name in the University community. Whether it’s a Saturday afternoon over by Mad Bowl or a Friday night at The Jefferson, a time spent with these guys is time well-spent.

Wanting to know more about the personalities behind the tunes, I set out to meet the band. It wasn’t very hard — they live about two minutes from me. I met them outside a coffee shop with no place to sit inside and the looming prospects of Hurricane Florence outside. We thought Florence was an easier bet.

From my left to right was lead guitarist Ben Laderberg, saxophonist and current third-year College student Jake Vanaman, bass guitarist Brian Roy and frontman Louis Smith. All four of them brought unique personalities and experiences that flowed together and enhanced their ability to finish each other’s thoughts. Smith,

whose looks reflect his humor, laughed off every question I asked like I was taking this way too seriously.

“The first [goal] was to get a gig at Dirty Nelly’s,” Smith said, referencing a Charlottesville pub and deli. He also said they wanted to get a sandwich while they were at it. “We got a sandwich at Dirty Nelly’s. It was a damn good sandwich.”

Roy described how difficult the transition from local shows to national relevance can be.

“We now know that we can take this outside of Charlottesville and do really well,” he said. “Then we’ll go to other places and there’ll be four people at the show. We played some shows on the summer tour and there were single digit numbers of people there.”

This made the guys crack up. They all managed to have a positive spin on the memory of playing a show that nobody showed up to. Maybe it’s something they can now look back on and laugh about, but isn’t that what young bands need to do? Pay your dues. How can you appreciate success when you’ve never endured humility?

Roy had a lot to say on the subject. “You just have to keep yourself going,” he explained. “If you’re playing for a crowd that’s really small, you just want to play for yourselves and have fun. If the crowd is really big, it’s just as important to play for ourselves and have fun with it. It doesn’t make too much of a difference whether there’s

more or less people. You do breathe a lot of energy from the crowd, but you breathe even more from yourself.”

How very Jerry Garcia of Roy to say that there isn’t much more to playing music than having fun — some would go so far as to say there isn’t much more to life than having fun. Roy clearly has a lot of fun. That afternoon, the fashionista who regularly wears a plentiful configuration of dashikis on stage donned a staggering green blazer with so many blended colors and swirls that created quite the visually stimulating composition. I found myself completely lost in it.

In a fun moment of irony, Roy described his interaction with their crowds the same way I was looking at his jacket.

“If the energy is really high, I like to see people, but I get distracted by the crowd,” he said. “I’ll see someone and be like, ‘That’s a cool shirt.’ And then all of a sudden I’m missing a note.”

Laderberg, on the other hand, loves looking deep into his audiences.

“I like to find one person in the audience and play off them,” he said. “Just lock eyes, all creepily, for the whole show and feed off them.”

Being awfully young and not nearly having their adult lives figured out, KSC is way ahead of the curve for in terms of success. Having achieved fame — albeit a small proportion to what they’re bound to appreciate — bands tend to seek out representation.

For the time being, Kendall Street is pursuing a different but equally successful route.

“We run it like a business, so there’s no point not to consider an offer if we were to get one,” said Roy. “In the past, you needed a label to put your stuff out there. Now you just need the internet. It’s easier to get your music out there with Spotify and iTunes and internet radio stations.”

Plenty of modern bands and artists are taking this innovative approach to making music as a career. By no means is there a clear and concise map to success in the music business.

“We aren’t hiding our music,” Roy continued. “You can listen to it for free on the internet. You can go to our website and listen to it ... We have live recordings online that can be listened to and downloaded for free. So when someone comes to a show and buys a CD for \$10, it’s them saying, ‘I appreciate what you do and want to support it,’ and that helps us keep gas in the van. We love those people.”

Unmistakably, the guys are ambitious about getting their music in front of listeners to appreciate, whether or not they make a lot of money from it. But where does that music come from? What is it about creative processes that makes them eager to make more?

Laderberg had a response locked and loaded.

“The most concise form I can think

of is an outlet to express the ups and downs of life that fills all of our experiences,” he said. “We’re more metaphorical than literal.” A collective, “whoa, that was deep” came from his friends.

Vanaman chimed in that their music is “individual and communal. We spend a lot of time together. Every time I get in that van, I know I’m going to see something I’ve never seen before.”

“A lot of our songs can be pretty silly,” Roy said. “Because we’re silly people, and when you hang out with each other all the time, you just make funny jokes that aren’t even that funny — but they’re funny to us.”

Laughing his buddy’s answer off like usual, Smith added, “And then those jokes find their way into songs.”

Next time you see the guys on the steps of a fraternity party or on stage in New York, look for the psyche behind the instruments. Think of the individuality and the camaraderie. Try to lock eyes with Laderberg while he’s shredding his guitar solos. Look at Smith not taking himself too seriously. You may be a stranger in the crowd, but you’re already a friend to the music. Give a child a toy and he’ll tear up while playing. Give him a companion, and he’ll give you art.



How do on- and off-Grounds recycling differ?

Off-Grounds recycling is more efficient for recyclers, but on-Grounds recycling is more efficient for recycling process

Caitlin Abramson | Staff Writer

What is single-stream recycling? When should plastics and paper be separated from trash? Differing rules governing recycling on- and off-Grounds can make recycling confusing for students. The City of Charlottesville follows a single-stream recycling process, allowing all recyclable materials to be collected together in one bin, whereas the University follows a multi-stream process, requiring recyclers to sort items into separate bins prior to collection.

Recycling at the University is run by Facilities Management. Victor Martin, the University's recycling supervisor, said their 19-employee department covers over 460 buildings, totaling to over 14 million square feet of building space.

"We put containers in every building in common areas so that everyone can recycle plastics-metal-glass, paper to include confidential and broken down cardboard," Martin said.

The separation of plastics, metals and glass from paper and from cardboard is what defines multi-stream recycling. While Facilities Management is in charge of how, when and what is recycled at the University, they try to keep students involved.

Third-year College student Abby Heher, chair of Student Council's Sustainability Committee, said she and Facilities Management work together through the Council's Zero Waste program. She said this initiative revolves around spreading knowledge and proper recycling materials to various events on Grounds.

"We listen to the voices of our students who also employ to help spread the message of green environmental living and practices to include recycling processes as well," Martin said.

Martin said it's common for recycling programs at other universities to be single-stream, and they are often student-run. Martin said the University's Recycling Program is unique because their system is labor-intensive, with source-separated collection and processing departments.

According to Waste Management — the leading provider of waste management systems in North America — single-stream recycling increases recycling rates by an average of 30 percent. Waste Management says single-stream makes it easier to be an active recycler, increases landfill diversion and decreases collection costs.

However, the University's Facilities Management chooses not to follow this "easier" process.



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The separation of plastics, metals and glass from paper and from cardboard is what defines multi-stream recycling at the University.

Martin said despite the benefits of single-stream recycling, there are some concerns with it.

"We see the contamination as a big drawback with also prices built-into the single-stream as too costly to incur," Martin said.

In an NPR report, Susan Collins, director of the Container Recycling Institute, explained the problem of single-stream contamination with the phrase "you can't unscramble an egg." She said that single-stream recycling yields more collected items, but they are of lower quality, making single-stream one of the worst recycling options.

"U.Va.'s multi-stream recycling system requires people to separate their recyclables upon disposal, but that simplifies the rest of the recycling process," Heher said.

Since the University is an institution of higher education and not a municipality of Charlottesville, the two can have their own recycling systems, creating different

recycling experiences for students depending whether they're on or off Grounds.

"I lived off Grounds my second year, and my apartment complex did not offer recycling services," Heher said. "Any student that lives off Grounds is able to sign up for the City of Charlottesville free recycling program, but unfortunately limited curb space for recycling bins can make that difficult."

Heher said that she finds recycling on Grounds to be simple and accessible; however, she also said some students have complained that recycling is not easily accessible at all locations.

For example, third-year College student McKenna Savoca said in an email that she wishes the University would provide more bins at popular locations, such as the Rotunda or Madison Bowl.

In addition, Savoca said she noticed a discrepancy between the University's waste disposal system and the system within other Char-

lottesville locations. In order to address this, as a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she is leading an initiative to establish a better system for recycling within all the off-Grounds Greek Housing.

"I asked our house cook where the recycling bin was," Savoca said. "She responded with a confused face, 'Honey, the trash can's right there. We don't do that here.'"

According to Savoca, many of the houses did have single-stream recycling, using van der Linde Recycling, which was the local trash collection service Time Disposal's sole recycling plant in the area. Savoca said her plans included establishing a multi-bin system within the Greek Houses, despite the single-stream collection that many of them used.

"By making students actively think about having to wash and separate their materials, this will likely increase the chance that they will do this outside the sorority or

fraternity house," Savoca said.

However, Savoca said her initiative was briefly put on hold after the shut-down of VDL Recycling in February. She said for the past few months, any building who had previously used VDL had to put any recyclable materials in the trash, which was brought directly to landfills.

Martin explained that many off-Grounds apartment complexes and residences were using VDL, a company that accepted waste and recycling in one container. Martin said he credits their collapse to the costly built-in prices of single-stream recycling. Until buildings are re-assigned to a new recycling company, residents can choose to bring their recyclables to either the McIntire Recycling Center or the Ivy Material Utilization Center.

Savoca hopes that once Greek Housing is re-assigned to a new recycling plant, her initiative can be enacted.

Gonorrhea research provides pipeline for therapeutics

Researchers in Alison Criss's laboratory identified two different inhibitors that show direct resistance to lysozyme

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In the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Cancer Biology, Assoc. Prof. Alison Criss' laboratory studies *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, a bacterium that can lead to the sexually transmitted infection gonorrhea. Criss and Biomedical Sciences graduate student Stephanie Ragland, along with two collaborators from the U.K., found that two of *N. gonorrhoeae*'s proteins allow the bacteria to resist a human anti-microbial enzyme, opening the way for new therapies to treat drug-resistant gonorrhea infection.

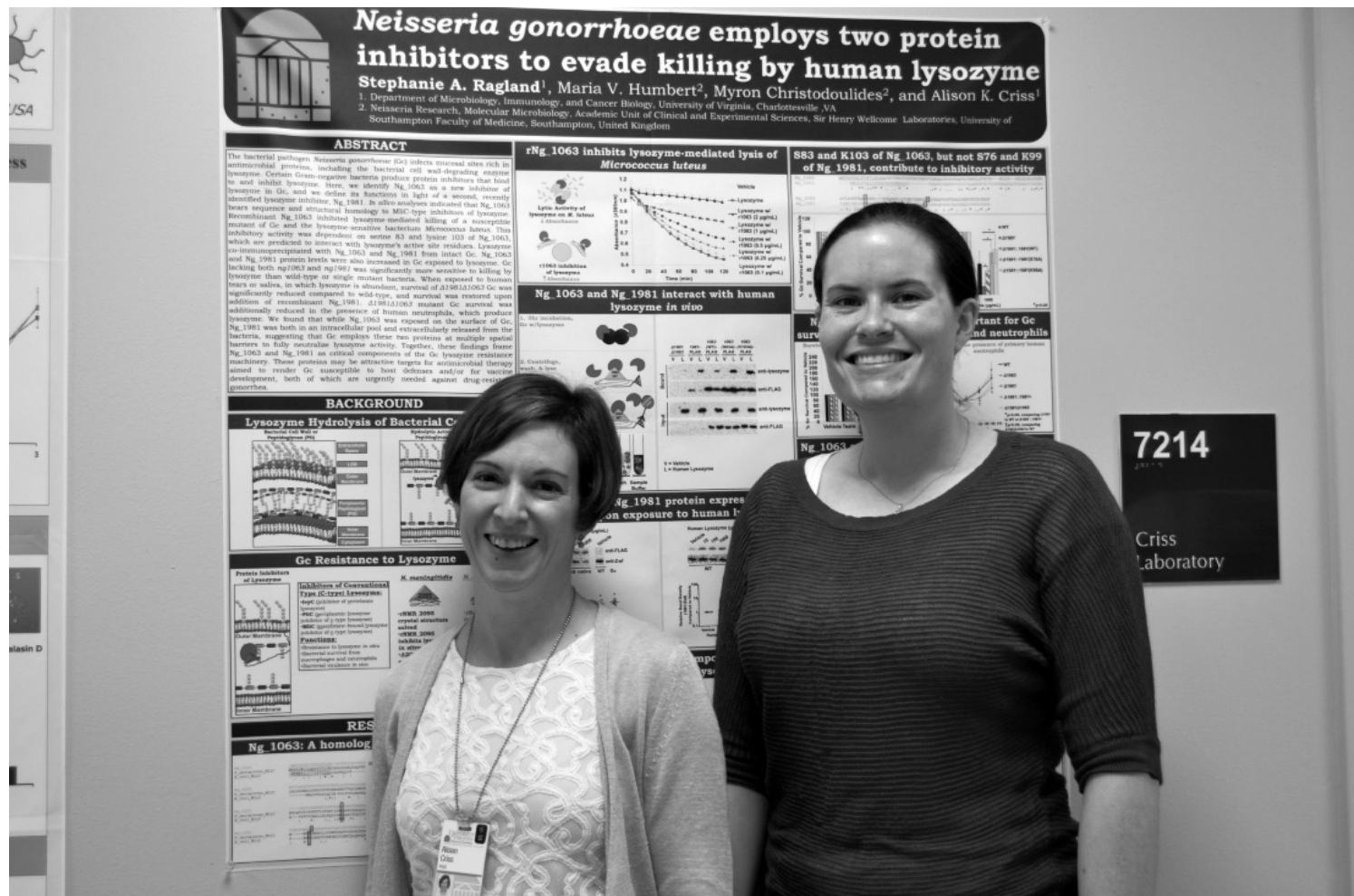
"*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is the second most commonly reported bacterial sexually transmitted infection in the United States," Ragland said. "It causes over 800,000 cases each year in the United States alone, and over 78 million cases worldwide."

While Criss' laboratory does not have specific statistics about the rates of gonorrhea in Charlottesville, Criss says that the caseload in this area is low compared to other cities such as Richmond, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.

According to Criss, gonorrhea can be more common in rural areas where healthcare facilities are often not as accessible. While the rate might be low in Charlottesville, outbreaks can occur easily.

Gonorrhea spreads through sexual contact or childbirth. While it can be cured with antibiotics, an increasing proportion of gonorrhea cases are resistant to antibiotics, making the infection difficult to combat. Of the over 800,000 cases in U.S. in the past year, around 246,000 were resistant to at least one antibiotic. According to Ragland, the lack of treatment options for drug-resistant gonorrhea makes it a global health problem.

N. gonorrhoeae can infect mucosal surfaces, which are rich in anti-microbial proteins. However, the bacterium is able to resist these anti-microbial proteins,



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Assoc. Prof. Alison Criss and Biomedical Sciences graduate student Stephanie Ragland, along with two collaborators from the U.K., published a paper in July identifying novel bacterial proteins that allowed *N. gonorrhoeae* to resist human lysozyme.

one of which is lysozyme, Ragland said. Lysozyme is an enzyme that degrades — or lyses — bacterial cell walls, and is present in saliva, tears and other mucosal surfaces.

"We knew that *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is resistant to this anti-microbial lysozyme, [but] we just didn't know how," Ragland said.

In their study, the researchers found two inhibitor proteins that were both expressed by *N. gonorrhoeae*, which allowed the bacteria to survive while in the presence of lysozyme, providing

direct resistance to this enzyme.

"We didn't know that the bacteria actually had this particular type of defense, so it's really fascinating because this opens up a whole new line of understanding about another facet of how these bacteria manage to thrive inside the human body," Criss said.

According to Ragland, the existence of not one, but two of these inhibitors indicates that resisting lysozyme is key to the bacteria's avoidance of the body's defense systems. Since these inhibitors are located outside the

bacterial cell, it gives researchers a potential target when trying to circumvent the bacterial resistance through drugs or a vaccine. In the past, it has been challenging for researchers to develop a vaccine against *N. gonorrhoeae* because its surface antigens are constantly changing — the lysozyme inhibitors present a new, stable target for therapeutics.

According to Criss, if researchers were able to develop a potential drug that could sensitize the bacteria to lysozyme,

then this drug could be given as a possible therapy for treating gonorrhea. This drug would be administered with other drugs to make the bacteria more susceptible to being eliminated by the immune system.

"This [drug] would then allow for better clearance of the infection without leading to developing drug resistance," Criss said.



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