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When we started this journey together, we all hoped for a happier ending. Sadly that was not to be, but due to the tenacity and determination of Chief Longo, Hannah is coming home to us and we will be eternally grateful to him for this.

JOHN AND SUE GRAHAM ON THE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF HANNAH'S REMAINS



It just leaves that feeling that you wish you could have taken it further. But it doesn't take away — when all the dust settles — what was accomplished, and we give thanks for that, but will certainly learn from what took place.

TONY BENNETT,
MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

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The real goal is for people to realize that Ferguson isn't an isolated event. Police brutality and stereotyping African Americans takes place all across the country — even in Charlottesville.

ARYN FRAZIER, BSA PRESIDENT



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Corrections

In the Thursday, April 23 edition of The Cavalier Daily, one article and the accompanying graphic incorrectly stated that Virginia Alumni Mentoring received \$250,000 from College Council. Virginia Alumni Mentoring received \$25,000.

In addition, the same article also stated that Shakespeare on the Lawn received a total of \$2,000. The correct figure is \$3,960.

Cavalier Daily News Staff

Ferguson/related BSA rallies (Sep. 7 - Rally), (Dec. 2 - Vigil)

18-year-old Michael Brown, a reportedly unarmed African-American man of Ferguson, Missouri, was fatally shot Aug. 9 by police officer Darren Wilson. The event thrust the topic of policy brutality and racial prejudice into the national spotlight.

Members of the Charlottesville community responded to the event by holding protests and forums hosted by the police



"This is an evil world, and evil things happen — and when they do, I need to call upon certain equipment and resources to keep us safe. But when it's used, ask why."

**— CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE CHIEF
TIMOTHY LONGO**

department such as "Can Ferguson Happen Here?"

BSA also held a Rally Against Police Brutality and Media Misrepresentation in early September in which attendees walked the Lawn starting at Old Cabell Hall and stopped at various loca-

tions to hear speakers and members of the BSA talk about police brutality and racism generally and in Charlottesville.

The University NAACP chapter and the Black Student Alliance engaged in a variety of initiatives including a "Hands Up Don't Shoot" photo campaign to a candlelight vigil and solidarity march on the Downtown Mall.

Hannah Graham disappearance (Sept. 13)

Second-year College student Hannah Graham was reported missing Sept. 14 to the Charlottesville Police Department after friends and family had not heard from her since 1:20 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 13. A long investigation by the Charlottesville Police Department and local search and rescue efforts led to the discovery and identification of her body Oct. 24. Albemarle County resident Jesse Matthew was arrested in relation to the disappearance Sept. 24, with charges of abduction with intent to defile. Matthew has since been charged with first degree murder, to be prosecuted by Albemarle Commonwealth's Attorney Denise Lunsford.

Matthew is currently awaiting a June 8 trial in Fairfax for charges regarding a 2005 sexual assault. Matthew's case in the disappearance of Graham will be scheduled for trial in a hearing on May 5. Matthew has pleaded not guilty in the Fairfax case.

Matthew is currently being held at the Albemarle - Charlottesville Regional Jail.

Rolling Stone (Nov. 19)

Rolling Stone released "A Rape on Campus" Nov. 19, an article by Sabrina Erdely detailing the violent sexual assault of a University student, Jackie, by brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in September 2012. The article also depicted Jackie's experiences with friends, family and faculty after the incident and criticized the University's handling of sexual assault cases. After its release, the article prompted protests, vandalism of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house and considerable national media attention.

President Sullivan suspended all fraternal organizations and associated social activities on Nov. 22. The ban was lifted at the start of the new semester, on Jan. 6, and the University released a new fraternal organization agreement. The new FOA was developed in consultation with student groups including the Inter-Fraternity Council, Inter-Sorority Council, Multicultural Greek Council and National Panhellenic Greek Council. The University community continued to respond throughout the end of the fall semester.

By December, discrepancies and questions about the contents of the article arose, and

Rolling Stone retracted part of the story. The Charlottesville Police Department launched investigations into the allegations at the request of the University, which concluded when police found no evidence in regards to the alleged rape incident and suspended the investigation on Mar. 23. Following a period for student and community feedback, the University released a new interim Sexual Misconduct Policy on Mar. 30 outlining resources available and procedures for students and employees.

Honor referenda (Feb. 28)

All three referenda of a controversial amendment proposed earlier this year to the University's Honor System passed after winning a majority of votes in this spring's University-wide elections. The three parts of the amendment were spearheaded by third-year College students Ian Robertson and Jaeyoon Park, who both ran for College Honor representative.

The first referendum requires the Honor Committee to convene on popular assembly every two years. The second referendum holds the Committee accountable to non-binding resolution on questions of student body opinion. The third ref-

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erendum opens the door for the implementation of a multi-sanction Honor system, requiring the Committee to consider a vote next year.

Opponents to the amendment claimed all three referenda, while using unique wording, all sought to lay the groundwork for a multi-sanction system to replace the current single-sanction system in the near future.

Basketball

Though capturing neither the ACC Championship nor a spot in the Sweet Sixteen this year, the University's men's basketball team played one of the greatest seasons in program history. With a 30-4 win record — all four losses against Sweet Sixteen teams — the Cavaliers garnered considerable national attention, enough to bring College GameDay to Charlottesville for the first time as the players geared up to face Duke. The season included a 19-game win streak, a months-long hold on the second ranked national spot and a defense that repeatedly held teams down to under 30 points.

Two-time USBWA National Coach of the Year Tony Bennett and his pack-line defense tied the 1981-82 and 2013-14 school records for most wins and saw the best season start since 1981. Throughout the season Bennett and his players received count-

less accolades from the ACC, AP, USBWA and NABC. While the team was lauded for its ability to work as a seamless unit and play arguably the best defensive game in the nation, this in no way stopped individuals from shining. After junior Justin Anderson was sidelined due to injury, senior Darion Atkins and junior Malcolm Brogdon rose to the occasion and led their team, Atkins earning recognition as the National Defensive Player of the Year and Brogdon breaking the 1000 point benchmark. Anderson will be heading to the NBA draft this year.

Martese Johnson Arrest (Mar. 18)

Third-year College student Martese Johnson was arrested in the early hours of March 18 in front of Trinity Irish Pub on the Corner. Johnson was arrested by Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control officer J. Miller and charged with obstruction of justice and public intoxication. Johnson sustained a head injury during the encounter that required 10 stitches.

Johnson was held at \$1,500 bail with the specification he be released on an unsecured bond when sober. He was released at 6:01 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Johnson's initial hearing occurred March 26 at the Charlottesville General District Court. The prosecution asked for a continuance in the case as the state investigation into the

use of force during the arrest continues. The defense agreed to the continuance.

Following brief statements from Johnson's lawyer, Dan-



"Today, as U.Va. students, faculty, and staff who share a set of deeply held values, we stand unified in our commitment to seeking the truth about this incident, and we stand united in our belief that equal treatment and equal justice are among our fundamental rights under the law."

- UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TERESA SULLIVAN IN AN EMAIL TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

iel Watkins, and the presiding judge, Hon. Robert H. Downer Jr., the court set a control date of May 28 to reconvene on the case. The date is subject to change pending the conclusion of an ongoing criminal investigation conducted by the Virginia State Police.

Due to the continuation of the state investigation, Johnson did not enter a formal plea.

Affordable Excellence (Mar. 24 & 25)

This year the University Board of Visitors introduced and approved Affordable Excellence — a multifaceted high-tuition high-aid financial model that aims to make the University more accessible to lower-income in-state students. The Board also increased funding for classroom technology and faculty salaries. The proposal passed in Board meetings on Mar. 24 and 25.

Starting in the 2015-16 academic year all in-state students



"The University is affordable if people leave with the smallest amount of debt, so they defined affordability in terms of minimizing the amount of debt you have when you leave."

- UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TERESA SULLIVAN

will pay a 3.9 percent increase in tuition and all out-of-state students will pay an increase of 3.7 percent. All incoming in-state students also face a \$1,000 step increase for the 2015-16 academic school year, and 2016-17 incoming students will be subject to an additional \$1,000 step increase.

The plan initially was met with student opposition, including protests outside the Special Collections Library during a Board of Visitors session. In an effort to increase understanding about the model groups such as U.Va. Students United and United for Undergraduate Socioeconomic Diversity hosted "teach-ins" to push for transparency.

CJS Review Recap (Apr. 5)

The Columbia School of Journalism announced an audit of Rolling Stone's now-infamous article "A Rape on Campus" in late December, commissioned by Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner. CJS released their findings on April 5. The review detailed numerous errors both in Erdely's reporting and the magazine's editing chain. Erdely and her editors "frequently made concessions and failed to reach out to key sources," according to the report.

With the release of CJS's report Rolling Stone fully retracted the article and Managing Editor Will Dana apologized to readers, "including members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and UVA administrators and students."

The magazine has stated that they will not terminate employment of those involved in the incident. Phi Kappa Psi released a statement Apr. 6 declaring its intentions to move forward with a defamation lawsuit against Rolling Stone.

Virginia legislation changes: 2014-15

Summary of Commonwealth's most significant legal developments

Juliana Radovanovich Senior Writer

The new year has ushered in a number of new bills from the Virginia General Assembly pertaining to students and other members of the University community. These include a bill addressing the reporting of sexual assault cases, mental health assistance and barring discrimination of the LGBTQ community.

The two bills concerning mental health and sexual assault have come in the wake of the nation- and University-wide discussion on

the respective topics.

The sexual assault bill, introduced in late February, would require University employees to report acts of sexual violence to the Title IX coordinator, who will then determine, alongside a committee, whether to report the incident to law enforcement.

The mental health bill also addresses issues of reporting — the legislation mandates that universities notify parents of any mental health issues known about their child and also requires Resident Advisors to make mental health evaluations on students who ap-

pear to self-harm.

Both bills have received criticism from advocacy groups and the public. Many people have expressed concern the mental health bill may have the unintended consequence of actually increasing suicide. The sexual assault bill, which originally required employees to report the incident immediately, was later altered due to public concern, and now requires an incident to be reported "as soon as practicable." Emily Renda, University Sexual Assault Awareness project coordinator, described the original bill as "paternalistic and patroniz-

ing."

Gov. Terry McAuliffe has also attempted to pass a bill which seeks to protect LGBTQ employees of the state from discrimination in the workplace. The bill was not passed but Brian Coy, the communications director for the Governor, said the bill would be brought forward again. He explained the bill was a "high priority" for McAuliffe.

"He was also the first governor to include transgender in the definition of those protections, and he certainly supports legislative efforts to take that executive order and turn it into law and expand

those protections to more Virginians," Coy said.

This year, the Virginia legislature also rejected proposals to decriminalize marijuana, increase the minimum wage and grant greater public funds to disabled children. It passed bills allowing public breastfeeding, licensing transportation companies such as Uber and easing college affordability. Looking forward, every member of the General Assembly will be up for reelection this November, likely impacting which bills will be able to move through the legislature this fall.

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University policy changes in past two semesters

Examining Interim Sexual Assault Policy, FOA Agreement, other preventative, reactionary measures

Sara Rourke
Focus Editor

Throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, the University has undergone several major policy transformations, most notably in areas such as Sexual Assault protocols, Greek Life, and safety on Grounds.

Interim sexual assault policy

In March, the University adopted a newly revised set of policies and procedures for dealing with sexual assault in the University community. Among the revisions to the University's procedures for cases of sexual assault, the reforms provide for greater confidentiality required during the Sexual Misconduct Board's hearing process, a differentiation between sexual assault and sexual misconduct, a clearly defined role of effective consent, and more severe consequences for sexual assault assailants, SMB Chair Shamim Sisson said.

"The new procedures spell out more clearly the way in which confidentiality needs to be maintained in the process," Sisson said. "[they] are a clear response to the student concern that the required confidentiality may have been overbroad and an abridgement of their right."

The new policy also draws a distinction between "sexual assault" and a slightly less severe offence, "sexual misconduct." Claire Kaplan, director of Sexual and Domestic Violence services said theoretically this differentiation will encourage more victims to come forward and seek help.

"This will open the door for some people who don't think their situation rises to the severity of sexual assault," Kaplan said.

Under the new policy, the SMB has more clearly defined the term

"effective consent." According to the revised definition, any sexual encounter in which there is an absence of effective consent constitutes sexual assault.

The revised policy will make sanctions against convicted sexual assailants more severe, Sisson said. If an SMB panel finds a student guilty of sexual assault after a hearing, the panel will immediately consider suspension or expulsion, and will be held responsible for a written explanation for the decision.

A separate document released with the newly-revised procedures contains a set of operating principles, which includes the suggestion to create a permanent sexual assault advisory committee, composed of faculty and staff, as well as students. The spirit of the committee is to provide the University with an avenue for ongoing, proactive change in sexual assault prevention.

FOA agreement

In an attempt to create a safer environment within Greek life, the University required all fraternities to sign a new Fraternal Organization Agreement in order to lift the suspension on Greek social activities that was first enacted on November 22. The suspension was a response to the gang rape accusations made by a November 19 Rolling Stone article, which was later retracted.

The agreement stipulates each fraternity and sorority organization must sign the FOA addenda, which seeks to establish a "baseline of safety." Although each of the four Greek organizations — the Inter-Fraternity Council, Inter-Sorority Council, Multicultural Greek Council and National Panhellenic Greek Council — designed their own regulations, which Sullivan reviewed and approved, the most extensive changes were made to policies for fraterni-

ties governed by the Inter-Fraternity Council.

The IFC FOA addendum includes a host of new regulations for all fraternity functions — including mandated sober brothers at each drink station, a sober brother positioned at the stairs with key access to upstairs rooms, regulations on the types of alcohol offered and the manner in which it is served, and requiring guest lists for all functions. Additionally, each function must now provide access to bottled water and food. The addendum explicitly forbids "pre-mixed drinks and punches."

"We seek to achieve a safe environment at fraternity events by addressing high-risk drinking, sexual misconduct, and unhealthy power structures," the IFC addenda reads. "These changes are not comprehensive — nor do they claim to be. Instead, we submit these reforms as the next step in the IFC's commitment to guaranteeing a baseline of safety for fraternity members and our guests."

Although some fraternities initially expressed a sense of reservation in signing the agreement, namely Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Alpha Order, all members of the Inter-Fraternity Council agreed to sign the addendum.

The Inter-Sorority Council FOA addendum calls for chapter presidents to discuss risk management strategies and be trained in bystander intervention, survivor support and alcohol safety.

"We have reviewed the Fraternal Organization Agreement and identified areas that need improvement and clearer definition specifically for the ISC, and we acknowledge the importance of effective risk management and education, especially for New Members," the ISC addendum reads.

Additionally, all ISC sororities

must unofficially register mixers with the Vice President of Judiciary, in order to receive support and guidance. Failure to register will result in non-punitive actions, and "the VPJ cannot guarantee that a violation will not be reported or investigated."

Because MGC chapters lack official houses off Grounds, all events are held at third-party vendors or on-Grounds venues, which intrinsically include increased security. As such, the greatest changes made by the MGC addendum is to the new member education process, rather than social events.

Moving forward, chapters will be required to provide both the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Multicultural Greek Council president an outline of goals for new member education processes. The memorandum also states that the Council will provide each chapter resources for educating all prospective members on hazing, and will require all to sign a written statement of understanding after reading the materials.

Before new member education processes can begin, new member educators must have attended at least one hazing educational program, and new member educators and respective chapter presidents must meet with the OFSL Council coordinator to discuss safety recommendations, the memorandum states.

In conjunction with the FOA addendums, The University's National Panhellenic Council released a Regulations and Policy Guidance Manual, detailing official regulations and governing policy guidelines with regard to alcohol, hazing and risk management.

"We didn't want to solely base our reform on sexual assault," fourth-year Batten student and NPHC president Julian Jackson said. "What we wanted to address was the entire is-

sue of student safety and how we can better the [entire] Greek system, as well as provide a safer environment for University students."

Safety initiatives

As a response to increasing doubts about nighttime safety at the University, on the Corner, and in surrounding areas, the University initiated a variety of new safety initiatives throughout the 2015-2016 academic year, including the implementation of the new Ambassadors Program.

In January, the University contracted with international security firm G4S to provide a more prevalent security presence in neighborhoods frequented by students. G4S initiated their duties at the University in early February.

Among other duties, representatives of the Ambassador Program are intended to act as a resource to student students who appear to be vulnerable. All representatives of the Ambassadors program are unarmed.

Additionally, a new police substation on the Corner opened Thursday in an effort to increase law enforcement presence in the area. The temporary substation, housed in a grey pod building, is located across from the Corner and next to the University Women's Center.

Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said the substation will provide increased visibility and a greater concentration of resources to help keep the Corner safe.

"The primary objective is to create and sustain a safe environment," Longo said. "There are no specific issues or problems that we are seeking to impact other than to reduce the likelihood of criminal activity and disorderly behavior that oftentimes results from alcohol consumption and poor judgment."

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Let's make a happy earth.

In Memoriam: Hannah, Connor, Peter and Hunter

Honoring University students lost in past academic year

**Caitlyn Seed and
Katie Grimesey**
Associate Editors

The past year has been one of extraordinary grief for the University and Charlottesville communities. As the academic year comes to a close, the student body honors the students we have lost — Hannah Graham, Peter D'Agostino, Connor Cormier and Hunter Smith. They will be fondly remembered.

Second-year College student Hannah Graham went missing Sept. 13. Her remains were discovered Oct. 18 in Albemarle County by searchers from the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office. Graham was 18 years old when she passed away and is survived by her parents John and Sue Graham, her brother James, extended family and friends.

Graham was a member of the Virginia Alpine Ski and Snowboard Team, as well as an active participant in community service, both in the local area and beyond.

Fourth-year College student Lani Galloway said she got to know Hannah during their Alternative Spring Break trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 2014, when they became fast friends while building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

"We got to know each other over spring break, and she was just a hilarious, fun person to be around at all times," Galloway said. "She just always made you laugh."

In her honor, Galloway and

fourth-year College student John Neumann established an endowment to fully fund a single participant in ASB working for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that Hannah felt passionately about.

"She was sassy and fun, and that's what I miss about her most — she could always turn something into a fun situation," Galloway said.

The community was deeply impacted by Graham's disappearance death, and she remains in our hearts.

Second-year Engineering student Connor Cormier passed away Oct. 14. Cormier was 19-years-old and is survived by his parents, Mark and Heidi Cormier, as well as extended family and friends.

Third-year Engineering student Himanshu Ojha worked with Connor at the April 2014 Hack-a-thon, an event where hundreds of students compete and collaborate in small groups to create programming applications.

"I didn't really know what I was doing, and he was somewhat of a mentor to me," Ojha said. "He was really nice about the fact that we didn't know what we were doing and walked us through all the steps."

To honor his memory, several students put together "Coding in Honor of Connor," an event in November similar to the Hack-a-thon earlier last year, to celebrate the kinds of competition Cormier participated in and excelled at.

"He was no doubt very talented, but he was very humble about it," Ojha said.

Second-year College student Peter D'Agostino passed away Nov. 20 at the age of 20. D'Agostino is survived by his parents, Mary Beth and Walter D'Agostino, as well as sisters Alexandra, Jane and Polly, of Greenwich, Connecticut. He also leaves behind his grandparents, aunts, uncles, extended family and friends both from his home and here in Charlottesville.

Second-year College student Vijay Menon, a close friend, said D'Agostino was a generous person, always sporting a cheerful attitude.

"I met Peter first through my Association Council in Gooch/Dillard, and one of the things that shocked me most about him, and I guess in general, was that he was always positive and enthusiastic about other people," Menon said. "It really showed through his work in the Association Council."

D'Agostino was pursuing an American Studies major at the University and enjoyed spending his time writing fiction and studying literature. He is also fondly remembered for his work in The Whethermen, a University improvisational comedy group.

"He was a really funny guy," Menon said. "He would crack jokes all the time, and he could lighten up a room really quick. But when we were supposed to be working he could bring us back down to earth. He was a really amazing guy."

Fourth-year College student Art Kulatti, a fellow member of The Whethermen, said D'Agostino was one of the brightest indi-

viduals he had met, though they did not know each other for long.

"It was such a short period of time we got to know him, but his personality and part in the group were hilarious," Kulatti said. "We became best friends with him."

To honor his memory, close friends and family began Peter Projects — who promotes personal acts of kindness and generosity, however small.

"One of his teachers from his high school that spoke [at the funeral] wanted to start this concept, Peter Projects, which could be anything from doing something for an individual person or bettering yourself — anything to advance the welfare because that's how Peter approached life," Menon said.

Fourth-year College student Hunter Smith passed away Dec. 17 at age 21. Smith was on track to graduate from the University May 2015 as a Mathematics major and an Environmental Sciences minor.

Carol Crawford Smith, Hunter's mother, said Hunter was very excited to be a member of the University community, and the University was his first choice of college upon graduating from Blacksburg High School in 2011.

Carol Smith said he had been looking forward to a trip to California in January, where he hoped to find inspiration for his future career.

"He always was a planner, and once he planned his life and put his mind to achieving it, there's no doubt he would," she said.

Smith also possessed an affinity for learning foreign languages.

"During his first semester he

studied Chinese — it was a language he always had a fascination for and wanted to learn more about," his mother said. "The second summer of his being at U.Va. he studied Hebrew, and then he went on to study Hindi in his final semester, which was last fall. So he had a knack for learning languages, and he always had an interest in foreign cultures and other peoples' cultures."

Smith was also a member of the University Gymnastics club and had participated in both gymnastics and diving while in high school.

"His ability was very natural," his mother said. "He had a natural ability to flip, and a natural ability to twist and jump, and his love of gymnastics led him to start doing diving."

In the 2010-11 school year, Hunter placed second in the state of Virginia in the AA division for diving.

"Hunter was an extremely loving human being — he loved life, he loved his family and he loved his friends," his mother said. "Sadly, his death was an accident...that should not have happened, and we will always have the memory of our beloved Hunter and the great person that he was."

The community mourns the loss of these wonderful students. The Cavalier Daily would like to express its deepest condolences to the friends and families of Hannah, Peter, Connor and Hunter.

—compiled by Kayla Eanes

McAuliffe announces appointments to ABC expert review panel

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe announced appointments to the newly-created Alcoholic Beverage Control Expert Review Panel, established on March 25 under Executive Order 40 for the purpose of improving ABC law enforcement.

The panel is chaired by Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and con-

sists of 20 members total. Among them are Ryant Washington, Special Policy Advisor on Law Enforcement for the ABC, Steven Flaherty, Superintendent of the Virginia State Police and University Student Council President Abraham Axler.

Axler, a second-year in the College, said that based on two

incidents involving both ABC law enforcement and University students, students have a unique perspective for the panel.

"I asked for there to be Student and BSA representation on the expert review panel," Axler said. "Based on two incidents with Martese Johnson and Elizabeth Daly — both U.Va. students — we have

a perspective that would be helpful."

Axler said he had been discussing student representation within a review panel with Moran immediately after the executive order was released.

"About a week after that, the governor came to Charlottesville and talked to BSA and me," Ax-

ler said. "My understanding of it is that the purpose of this panel is to make a recommendation to the legislature about the degree to which ABC should have law enforcement powers."

The first meeting of the panel will be held May 4 in the Virginia State Capitol.

—compiled by Kayla Eanes

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Seven arrested at Foxfield

Numbers show substantial decrease from past two years

Anna Higgins
Associate Editor

The number of arrests at the 37th annual Foxfield Races on Saturday decreased substantially from last year. The Albemarle Police Department arrested six people and the Albemarle County Sheriff's Office arrested one, totalling seven arrests. There were there 18 arrests in 2014, 33 in 2013 and 61 in 2012.

According to a press release from the Albemarle County Police Department, 200 safety personnel were monitoring the event. Sergeant Darrell R. Byers said that roughly 70 of these 200 personnel were Albemarle County police officers.

The event, notorious for its many alcohol- and drug-related offenses, saw all seven of this year's arrests for alcohol-related

charges, including public drunkenness and underage possession of alcohol.

The police department said the number of University students arrested is unknown this year. Last year, however, eight of the 18 arrested were University students, while another six were students from Cornell University, Georgetown University, University of Richmond, James Madison University and Lynchburg College.

"I know in years past we broke [those numbers] down," Byers said. "We weren't able to capture that information as we were able to capture it last year."

Student Council may have contributed to the year-over-year declines in the number of arrests by providing bussing to and from the event, possibly preventing charges related to driving while intoxicated. This may have also

contributed to a decrease in the number of traffic violations.

"There were 32 traffic summonses issued," Byers said in a press release. "In 2014, a total of 54 traffic summonses were issued. In 2013, 61 traffic summonses were issued."

In preparation for Foxfield, the Albemarle County Police Department led significant public education efforts, which included talks with student groups on Grounds on what the safety personnel would be looking for at the races.

"We were encouraging participants — particularly the students — to buddy up and to watch out

for one another, not to leave that person alone and to make sure that if someone was getting sick, that they would take them to the medical center to get some help," Byers said.

The press release said the department believes these safety

initiatives are the driving factor for the decrease in arrests. Byers said these initiatives also helped attendees practice safer drinking.

"There were 43 calls for service at Foxfield where people received medical assistance," Byers said.

Student groups on Grounds also contributed to safety initiatives, such as the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team's Savvy Fox Pledge. By signing, students pledged to practice safe drinking habits for both themselves and others and to avoid drinking and driving.



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Two student financial advisory committees formed

Groups will engage University community in future Board of Visitors tuition decisions

Kathleen Smith
Associate Editor

The University announced the formation of the Student Tuition Advisory Committee and the Student Fee Advisory Committee last week in response to student concern regarding the level of transparency surrounding the recent decision to increase tuition for the next academic year. Both committees seek to increase student involvement, and students can serve on the committees by application. Students also will be asked to participate in a Board of Visitors meeting in June.

Third-year College student Daniel Judge, the student representative of the Board of Visitors, said these committees will be key to expanding the student input to the Board.

"These Committees are important because they further student voice," Judge said. "We talk about self-governance all the time, but it doesn't accomplish much if we aren't working to expand our rep-

resentation."

The Student Tuition Advisory Committee will serve as a forum where students can have open dialogue with the Office of Management and Budget concerning tuition formulation. Students will have the opportunity to communicate directly with Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Pat Hogan, and Vice President for Management and Budget Colette Sheehy.

The Student Fee Advisory Committee will be responsible for reviewing proposed student fees and the budgets of units, obtaining revenue from such fees. When reviewing student fee increases, the Committee will consider whether fee increases will benefit the entire student body, whether the unit requesting the fee increase has demonstrated need for said increase or whether there are possible alternatives to fee increases and whether the financial burden imposed upon students due to the fee increase outweighs the proposed benefits.

The Committee will also over-

see that the University serves as a responsible user of student fees. Members of the committee will work with Hogan and Sheehy to make recommendations on student fees in advance of the Board of Visitors' first full meeting of the spring semester, and as often as deemed necessary on other occasions.

Hogan said she saw this as a great opportunity for students to have a greater say in future financial decisions.

"This is a really wonderful opportunity for students to have more engagement on these issues and is another example of the exceptional student leadership at U.Va.," Hogan said.

In an email to the student body released Friday, Student Council President and second-year College student Abraham Axler and Judge said Student Council has been working with the Board of Visitors member John Griffin, co-chair of the Advancement and Communications Committee, to increase student involvement in University financial decisions affecting students.

Griffin, who was involved in proposing the most recent tuition changes, said he was happy to see an increase in student involvement at all levels of University decision making.

"U.Va. prides itself on student involvement at all levels, and I am happy to see our students identify an opportunity and bring forward a creative approach," Griffin said. "I appreciate the chance to improve the board's engagement with them, and I'm eager to learn which issues the students select for discussion."

Board of Visitors member John Nau, a committee co-chair with Griffin, said he felt similarly, in that the new student committees will increase the degree of student involvement with his financial committee.

"Our student board member does an excellent job of representing student views, and this new effort will help broaden the discussion and decision-making process even more," Nau said.

Three University students will be present at the Committee on Advancement and Communica-

tions meeting on June 11. Griffin said any concerns will then be relayed to the entire Board.

Students are invited to submit a 150-word video description of what they would like to be brought to the meeting. Selected students will be asked to make videos, and the University community will then be able to vote on the top 15 videos. The two students with the most votes will present their concerns at the June 11 meeting with a third, independently-selected student.

The application for both the Student Tuition Advisory Committee and the Student Fee Advisory Committee are currently available online. Judge encouraged students to apply, saying the committees will only be effective if they are made use of.

"These Committees are going to increase the student voice on issues regarding tuition and mandatory fees," he said. "However, it will be necessary for the committee members to use this position to truly engage the community, if we want to actually remedy any concerns."

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Baseball drops 2 of 3 at NC State

No. 19 Virginia baseball dropped two out of three games in a crucial road series at NC State. The Cavaliers (27-17, 10-14 ACC) appeared to be in top form during Friday's win, but a pair of walk-off homers propelled the Wolfpack (23-12, 11-12 ACC) to victory in Sunday's doubleheader.

Virginia turned in a complete effort in their 8-3 victory in the opener.

Sophomore Connor Jones posted his second consecutive gem on the hill. The righty worked seven innings of five-hit ball, surrendered three runs and fanned 11, which matches a career high in strikeouts. Friday's outing marked the second double-digit strikeout effort in as many games.

Jones' teammates provided him plenty of support. The Cav-

alier bats scored eight runs and racked up 12 hits. Sophomore first baseman Matt Thaiss led all players with four runs batted in. He and freshman outfielder Pavin Smith accrued three hits apiece.

NC State won the first game of Sunday's doubleheader 4-3.

Junior Brandon Waddell started and ran into trouble early. The lefty allowed three runs with two outs in the bottom of the first. From there, Waddell settled down, working seven innings and allowing only the three runs on four hits and three walks.

Virginia tied the game in the top of the seventh when sophomore Daniel Pinero scored on a single by senior Kenny Towns.

NC State's senior outfielder Bubby Riley won the game in the ninth with a two-out solo blast.

The Wolfpack required a walk-off home run to take the series finale as well. This time it came in the 10th inning and off the bat of freshman Joe Dunand.

Junior Josh Sborz started the third game. He allowed two runs over six innings in his first start of 2015.

The Cavaliers scored all three of their runs in the fifth inning. Freshman Ernie Clement and Thaiss both had RBIs.

NC State tied the game in the eighth inning when sophomore Alec Bettinger hit a batter with the bases loaded. Dunand ended the game with two outs in the bottom of the tenth.

Virginia will travel to Old Dominion for a Tuesday contest.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzbarger



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Sophomore first baseman Matt Thaiss led all players with four RBI's in Friday's 8-3 victory.

Men's lacrosse dominates Penn, 12-6



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Junior attackman scored four goals and added four assists against the Quakers to help No. 8 Virginia finish its season strong.

After a solid first two months of the season back in 2011, the Virginia men's lacrosse team used a dominating victory against Pennsylvania to conclude the regular season and kick-start a national championship run. While the NCAA victor will take another month to be decided, Saturday night provided an eerily similar ending to the Cavaliers' 2015 slate.

No. 8 Virginia (10-4, 0-4 ACC) used a 9-0 run that stretched for 43:53 to deliver a 12-6 shellacking of Pennsylvania (6-7, 3-3 Ivy) in the Cavaliers' final regular season contest of the year.

After the Quakers hopped on the board early, taking a 1-0 lead at the 12:00 mark, Virginia junior attackman Greg Coholan began the 9-0 stretch with his first of four goals of the night. He added four more assists to lead all scorers with eight points.

Senior midfielder Ryan Tuck-

er, who was 0-19 shooting since a March 28 victory against Richmond, netted the second goal of the game, giving Virginia a 2-1 first quarter lead.

The Cavaliers blanked Pennsylvania over the next two quarters, scoring four and two goals, respectively. Sophomore attackman Ryan Lukacovic and senior midfielder Tyler German, each of whom totaled four points, both added two goals each in the stretch.

Virginia won the ground ball battle, 39-23, while also scooping up 13 of 22 faceoffs. Sophomore goalie Matt Barrett finished with 11 saves.

The Cavaliers, a likely seventh or eighth seed in the NCAA tournament, will await the announcement of their postseason fate May 3. All top-eight seeds host their first-round playoff game.

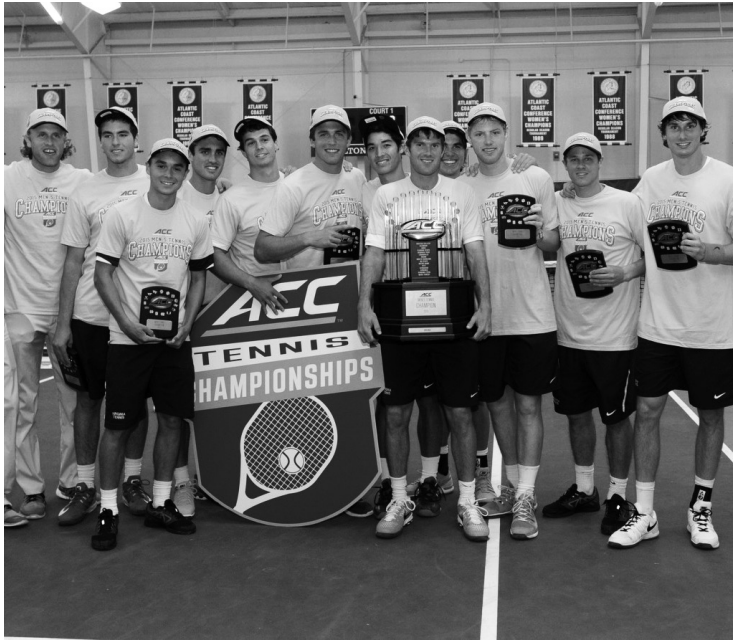
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Chill Out!

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Men's tennis claims ninth consecutive ACC tourney title



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The No. 5 Virginia men's tennis team earned its 139th straight conference win in Sunday's ACC title.

The Virginia men's tennis team won its ninth consecutive ACC Championship Sunday at the Sheffield Indoor Tennis Center in Durham, North Carolina. The No. 5 Cavaliers (23-3, 12-0 ACC) dispatched Wake Forest by a 4-2 final score in the title match for their 11th conference tourney title in 12 years.

"Winning the ACC Championship never gets old," Virginia coach Brian Boland said. "Other than the success my former players have had in life after leaving U.Va., the thing I am most proud of is the consistency we have had year after year. It says a lot about the hard work that our players have put into the program and their ability to be ready to play every single day."

Virginia matched North Carolina's record nine consecutive

ACC tournament crowns — the Tar Heels took home the trophy every season from 1970-78 — while equaling Duke's conference-high 11 titles in the team-tournament era. The Cavaliers — winners of three tourney matches in three days — also pushed their ACC winning streak to 139 matches, the longest winning streak in any sport in conference history.

After a 4-1 win against Florida State in the quarterfinals Friday in Cary, North Carolina and a 4-0 victory against No. 16 North Carolina Saturday in Durham, Virginia gained the advantage against the No. 12 Demon Deacons (22-7, 9-3 ACC) with wins at Nos. 1 and 2 doubles. No. 63 junior Mac Styslinger and sophomore Thai-Son Kwiatkowski posted an 8-5 decision at No. 2 before No. 2 sophomore

Luca Corinteli and junior Ryan Shane locked up the doubles point at No. 1.

Competing without No. 21 senior Mitchell Frank — the two-time ITA All-American sat out after experiencing back pain following the win against the Tar Heels — the Cavaliers claimed straight-set wins at Nos. 3 and 5 singles. No. 13 freshman Noah Rubin and No. 15 junior Romain Bogaerts put Wake Forest back in contention with wins at Nos. 1 and 2 singles before Virginia freshman Alexander Ritschard closed out the match at No. 4.

Virginia earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament and will learn its fate Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Tournament action begins May 8.

—compiled by Matthew Morris

No. 4 Virginia captures ACC Title

The No. 4 seed Virginia women's tennis team won its second consecutive ACC Championship Sunday after defeating No. 6 seed Georgia Tech 4-0 at North Carolina's Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

The Cavaliers (21-5, 11-3) opened the ACC Women's Tennis Championship Friday with a 4-1 win over No. 5 seed Clemson in the quarterfinals. The following day Virginia beat top-seeded, top-ranked and then-undefeated North Carolina 4-1 in the semifinals. The Tar Heels (27-1, 14-0)

dropped the doubles point to the Cavaliers, and the Cavaliers dominated from there winning three of the next four singles points to secure the team win.

Against Georgia Tech (16-9, 9-5) in the finals Sunday, Virginia jumped out to an early lead by claiming the doubles point for the third consecutive match. From there, juniors No. 19 Danielle Collins, Stephanie Nauta, and Skylar Morton — who was named the ACC Championship Most Valuable Player — recorded wins in singles to bring home the

Championship.

The win marked the second straight ACC Championship for the Cavaliers and their second ACC Championship ever. Virginia will compete in the NCAA Tournament beginning May 9-10 and is expected to host both the first and second rounds at the Snyder Tennis Center. The team will learn who its first round opponent is Tuesday during the NCAA Women's Tennis Selection Show on NCAA.com.

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Junior Skylar Morton clinched the deciding point to give Virginia its second consecutive ACC crown.

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Men's golf finishes fourth at ACC's

The No. 28 Virginia men's golf team shot 11-under 853 to place fourth at this weekend's ACC Championships. Georgia Tech won the competition, with No. 37 Clemson, No. 1 Florida State and North Carolina rounding out the top five.

Senior All-American Denny McCarthy paced the Cavaliers, shooting 2-under 70 Sunday to finish seventh overall. The performance marks the third time in McCarthy's four years that he has earned a top-10 finish at the conference tournament. The Rockville, Maryland native shot 209 in all

three of these performances.

Following McCarthy, senior Ji Soo Park shot 2-under 214 to place 14th, and junior Kyle Kochevar finished 20th with a 1-under 215. Sophomore Derek Bard posted his best single-round score of the tournament Sunday to finish at 1-over 217, good for 25th.

The Cavaliers are off indefinitely, as the NCAA selection announcements take place May 4. If Virginia is chosen, it will be its eighth consecutive appearance at the NCAA Tournament.

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Senior All-American Denny McCarthy posted his third top-10 finish at a conference tournament with a 7-under 209, good for seventh place overall.

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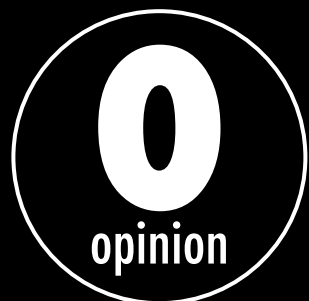
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Comment of the day

"...The root cause of this issue, if you are willing to consider, is a profound decline in social trust across American society. There is no question that there has been a very clear and sharp decline in social trust, the question is why? While the matter may be up for debate, even the bastions of marxist-progressive thought policing (Harvard) have admitted that diversity actually produces a sharp decline in social trust and community engagement... This is a kind of 'Nixon to China' moment."

"Sasquatch10" in response to Bobby Doyle's Apr. 21 article, "A community in name only."

LEAD EDITORIAL

Yes to gender-neutral bathrooms

The University should install gender-neutral bathrooms in dorms

Recently, two first-year College students started a petition to install gender-neutral bathrooms in all first-year residence halls, which has garnered 221 signatures as of publication. The installation of these bathrooms would be a smart move for the University if it truly wants to be a progressive institution that is welcoming to a wide range of students.

Issues facing LGBTQ students can be complex, but one issue that almost uniquely plagues transgender and gender non-conforming students is the issue of invisibility. When spaces demarcate between just two genders — male and female — and force all students into one of these two categories, transgender and gender

non-conforming students are rendered invisible to existing structures. Checking off a box with just two options pushes students who don't fit inside that mold into a space of ambiguity that can cause undue stress and even depression.

Currently, there are 20 gender-neutral bathrooms on Grounds. But forcing students who identify with genders outside the confines of male and female to seek out those bathrooms requires extra effort on the part of students who, in reality, need extra support. Making bathrooms in first-year residence halls gender-neutral — and eventually in residential colleges and upperclassmen housing — would be a sign of that support, and would mark-

edly improve the living experience here for affected students.

Additionally, from the University's perspective, such a change could also enhance recruitment possibilities for transgender and gender non-conforming students. As of last July, there were more than 150 schools across the United States that had gender-neutral bathrooms, and that list is only growing. We are being preempted by peer institutions like Northwestern University and University of California schools — but why shouldn't we be the University leading the charge?

As LGBTQ Center Coordinator Scott Rheinheimer said to The Cavalier Daily, "This can be a very controversial topic

that does not have to be controversial — this is about people being able to go to the bathroom in a safe environment."

In short, there is no real downside to this change, but there will be positive effects for students who are often marginalized by the use of and erroneous belief in the gender binary. Imagine what it feels like to see spaces that are divided into two categories and not know which category is yours — this is a daily struggle for transgender and gender non-conforming students. Where we can alleviate students' burdens, we should. To make our University a welcoming space, implementing gender-neutral bathrooms would be an easy and productive change.

Braving the storm

Despite a difficult year, The Cavalier Daily has persevered

Each week when I sit down to collect my notes and write this column, I take another digital trip through The Cavalier Daily website. Occasionally I read something I missed when it was first published or that strikes me enough a second or third time through to set the notes aside for some future column and tackle whatever issues are raised in that piece. This week it's the Parting Shot from Rebecca Lim, the outgoing editor-in-chief of The Cavalier Daily.

I encourage you to read it. Indeed, I encourage you to read all of the parting shots written by outgoing Managing Board members and editors.

In Lim's piece I was reminded what the outgoing Managing Board and editors thought they were getting into when this past school year began and

what actually unfolded. A group that thought they were going to tackle the digital-first effort and forge a new business model instead ended up, very often, close to the center of what Lim very accurately

described as a storm. The search for Hannah Graham and learning of her murder and the tragic suicides of Connor Cormier, Peter D'Agostino and Hunter Smith brought grief and pain to so many in our community. The Rolling Stone debacle seemed to shatter some parts of the community. Lim wrote grippingly about what it felt like to run the paper through all of the difficult stories and chaos surrounding them. Proximity to the story threatened to overwhelm telling the stories well. Lim wonders whether that effort was, in fact, overwhelmed. Despite many (most of them effectively anon-

ymous) commenters' claims of bias, I didn't see it. The news pieces, especially, I thought were dispassionate and informative. Yes, I had criticisms, but not on a systemic level and not about bias in news coverage.



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I have written frequently about what The Cavalier Daily, and any collegiate paper, should be. The students who create The Cavalier Daily have worked to be

a source of information, a place for our community to learn what it needs to begin a conversation and a place to have that conversation. Again, I have criticisms about some of the specifics. The website still needs to be cleaned

up: the search tool is ineffective, and it's difficult to find articles or columns more than about 10 days or two weeks old. News articles need more sources more often than I'd like. I still think making comments not anonymous would benefit the conversation more than harm it. The

paper is, though, successful in reporting and editorializing on important issues in our community. I think The Cavalier Daily is a fine example of a good pa-

per.

The Cavalier Daily is comprised of students, without the benefit of a school of journalism, without any infrastructure provided and without any budget they don't figure out for themselves via ad sales or donations. Despite these limitations, they outpaced national news organizations at times during some of the biggest and most wrenching stories of this past year. They're doing good work and I applaud their efforts in the past year.

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Rand Paul's whirlwind of dangerous ideas

Paul might be able to raise important issues, but he is not fit to lead this country

Rand Paul has gotten a lot of attention this last year as the possible GOP candidate who can bring a breath of fresh air to the party. He has also been described as a transformative figure in the GOP, akin to Reagan. I agree Rand Paul is vital in exposing a different narrative for the GOP. However, people should not overlook Paul's more radical and dangerous ideas. Rand Paul might be a transformative figure but his views on vaccines, economics and education make him a terrible candidate for leader of our country.

First off is his view of vaccines: in a recent interview, Paul said he had heard of vaccines leading to "profound mental disorders." He said this statement in his support of voluntary vaccination, arguing vaccinations had been voluntary historically and the government doesn't have the right to take the choice away from the American people. It is scary to think someone who could be the leader of our country, or the exemplary figure for a party, is willing to ignore overwhelming evidence that vaccines do not cause mental disorders. Ad-

ditionally, the impacts of choosing to vaccinate a child are not as confined as Paul paints it — failing to vaccinate can be dangerous to others.

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Opinion Columnist

Paul's "Audit the Fed" bill, which he has pushed hard, is also dangerously flawed. In principle the idea of auditing the Federal Reserve seems good, as more transparency and oversight hardly seems like a bad thing. However, the Federal Reserve does get audited by public and private sources. Additionally, Paul's proposal would make the Comptroller General, the head of the GAO, which audits the Fed, recommend legislative actions for Congress. This makes Paul's bill less about transparency and more about subjecting the Fed to daily interventions by Congress. Politicizing monetary policy to this extent could distract the Fed from pursuing effective economic policy due to political pressure by congressmen.

Even more dangerous than his "Audit the Fed" bill, Paul supports the gold standard. The gold standard makes each dollar worth a certain amount of gold, backing up our

money with something tangible. As of now the dollar is only worth something because it is backed by the government. Paul argues the lack of real value behind a dollar leads to price fluctuations and returning to the gold standard would stabilize prices. Economists almost universally agree returning to the gold standard is a terrible idea. On top of that, the gold standard does not actually ensure more stable prices. It's scary knowing someone who wants to control American monetary policy is so economically

illiterate as to propose returning to the gold standard. Paul has claimed that if he's elected he will eliminate the U.S. Department of Education. He said this in a discussion of Common Core, a recently adopted national standard of education, which Paul opposes. No matter how you feel about the Common Core, threatening to eliminate the DOE is a gross overreaction by Paul that would do more harm than good. Eliminating the DOE would significantly cut student financial aid and end a crucial loan forgiveness program which many students desperately need. Where would all these responsibilities go with the DOE gone? Presumably the states. This would further split up the responsibility for these programs, unnecessarily making the government more complicated as different standards would be followed in different states. Additionally, there are some programs that need to be federally ensured, like guaranteeing civil rights of students and collecting data to give to the public about education.

Paul also has a myriad of other questionable positions: he has historically opposed federally funded

birth control, although his position has changed recently as he begins to campaign for president; he is also calling for tax cuts during a period of unprecedented inequality in the United States. Many people might be willing to overlook some of Paul's more problematic positions in favor of his views on issues like term limits and surveillance. An argument could be made that any dubious ideas Paul might have could be checked by the other powers in government if he became president. However, the duties of a president go far past the position he holds; presidents are constantly making judgement calls. In light of Paul's views, I find it hard to trust his judgment. We need someone to bring up issues other candidates won't talk about — to push the envelope of discussion in this country. Rand Paul is the perfect candidate for that. But in light of all his views, Rand Paul is not the right candidate for president.

Bobby's column runs Mondays. He can be reached at b.doyle@cavalierdaily.com.



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Abandon first-year dining requirements

The University's dining services should allow more freedom for first years

It's the end of the semester, and our first year meal plans are soon to expire. The incoming first year class, though, is already locked into one of two mandatory, full-access dining plans. This succession isn't new — each year, all first-year students are required to pay top dollar for either the \$2,360 (per semester) All Access 7 dining plan or the \$2,470 (again, per semester) Ultimate Access plan. Factoring out holidays, as well as the cost of guest meal swipes and plus dollars, this amounts to around \$20 per day. After paying these steep prices, it's safe to say that my meal plan, in addition to those of my peers, has not been worth it. With such a disparity between price and value, first-years should not be required to buy the most expensive meal plans.

Here, it's useful to further break down what an All Access 7 meal plan — the cheapest available to first years — entails. Though I estimated six and a half dollars per meal above (generously assuming each first year eats three dining hall meals per day), other meal plans available to upperclassman also fall into the same range of price-per-meal. The issue lies in the fact that

the All Access 7 meal plan simply isn't worth the money (relative to other plans) if the student does not eat at least three dining hall meals per day. There is no discretion left: a student spends around \$20 per day, regardless of whether he steps foot into a dining hall.

So why, then, must we over-pay? After all, the University's Undergraduate Record for 2014-15 does not address which meal plans first years must purchase. Instead, it says, "first year students are required to purchase a meal plan for the entire year." For more insight, it's useful to turn to the University's relationship with Aramark, its dining partner. Earlier this school year, the University added 20 more years to its agreement with Aramark. Throughout this time, Aramark is to invest around \$20 million upgrading facilities and expanding meal options. It seems, then, that the University must make a certain amount of money off of dining plans each year to match Aramark's investment. This apparent dining quota lands on the head of each incoming class.

Of course, expansion isn't where all the money ends up. Anyone

walking around Grounds has seen the new "Happy" dining campaign. As a student, it's frustrating to see how much money is poured into advertising UVA Dining. It seems reasonable that, instead of spending money to coerce students into continued meal plans, UVA Dining should focus on food quality and lowered prices. Surely, above cheerful advertising campaigns, such improvements must encourage students to renew their plans. None of this is to say that UVA dining does not provide enough options for students — in fact, we're met with many culinary options, as well as

ance required to make full-access meal plan worth it.

Here, we've reached the cyclical nature of the problem. Aramark and the University spend countless dollars and manpower upgrading and expanding dining facilities, conducting dining events and advertising UVA Dining. In order to fund such costs, a certain number of students must buy a meal plan. Clearly, there isn't enough interest among upperclassman to fill this need, so first-years are required to purchase full-access meal plans. Though Aramark and the University are pumping money into UVA Dining, the disparity lies in the fact that not enough upperclassman purchase meal plans.

If it's not dining options or advertising causing this lack of interest in meal plans, then what is it? Personally, and based off of the general feeling around Grounds, I'd be willing to label dining hall food as subpar. It's reasonable to assert that this stands out as a reason that students might spend less on meal plans. After all, there's really no other reason students would avoid expensive meal plans.

Dining locations are abundant and extremely convenient, and there are meal options for most hours of the day. It must be the case that students simply don't enjoy dining hall food.

Instead of placing the burden of dining costs on students, UVA Dining should allocate more money into making its food more attractive. That's really the heart of the issue. If the students loved the food, there would be no deficit of meal plan purchases. If there were no deficit of meal plan purchases, the University would have no reason to require that first-year students buy expensive meal plans. Throughout the year, I'll admit, I found myself avoiding dining hall food. Of course, I paid dearly for doing so. As a student, I'd argue I shouldn't have to pay for a service I simply don't want. Especially in the case of students in financial need, the first-year dining requirements are an unnecessary financial burden. The University should, thus, relax the first-year dining requirements and stick to no more than what's written in the Undergraduate Records: first-years must simply have a meal plan.

Gage DeZoort is a Viewpoint writer.



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The misguided bureaucratization of higher education

The growth of administrative positions threatens to undermine the core mission of universities

Once, when a parent wrote a tuition check for his child he could be confident that though large, that check was going toward providing crucial elements for his child's education. This is no longer the case. Instead, a large chunk of a check made out for tens of thousands of dollars is feeding the burgeoning administrative staff on college campuses. Though an effective bureaucracy is essential for the running of any university, college administrations seem to be no longer doing their jobs with the efficiency they once did. Tuition money should be spent on professors and other items essential for a student's education, not a bureaucracy that drags down the efficiency of an institution.

Between 1993 and 2009, administrative positions at colleges swelled by 60 percent, a rate of growth 10 times that of the growth in tenured faculty positions. In addition, a study done on 198 research universities by an education professor at

the University of Arkansas found that spending on administration has been rising faster than funding for research and instruction. The proponents of this slate of new hiring would argue the complexity of a modern college campus demands positions dedicated to such actions as fundraising and student care. They might also add that not all the blame be laid at the feet of universities, who have had to increase hiring to deal with new government regulations and student demands.

For most administrative positions, which include jobs essential for the operation of a college, these arguments are true. However, it is important to remember the purpose of college is to educate students, and therein its institutional focus should lie. This cannot be done as effectively when money that should be spent on faculty members is instead be-

ing spent on the people managing those members. This trade off has been demonstrated by the hiring of more part-time professors that has accompanied the growth in administrative staffs, a disturbing trend that can be seen here on Grounds as well as across the nation. These adjunct faculty members, who are paid less with fewer benefits, currently make up half of instructors at colleges, a large increase from a third in 1987. At the University alone, the

school year to 290 in 2014-15. Taken together, these trends suggest universities currently place a higher value on the addition of administrative positions than faculty ones.

The danger of an increased administrative presence on Grounds is greater than just the additional cost. Administrators might become disconnected from the faculty and students they are meant to serve. Though many administrators such as guidance and Counseling and Psychological Services counselors see students on a daily basis, others lack direct communication with students. This divide can leave those administrators unaware of the problems and issues present in an everyday student's life, and they can quickly drift out of touch with the wants and needs of the student body. An administration unaware of the concerns of the student body will be unable to make the changes students need.

Though a majority of administrators serve functions that are absolutely necessary for the operation

of colleges, the rapid growth of these positions in a time of rising college costs means a closer look should be taken at their effectiveness and efficiency. The administrative body of any University should be a streamlined entity helping to provide a positive educational environment to students while allowing professors to accomplish the task of teaching students. Instead, the bureaucracy we see today has outsized the faculty it was meant to serve. The diversion of such a large amount of resources to administrative staff rather than faculty is a detriment to the educational quality of the University, misusing money that would be better spent on more full time professors or educational resources for students. This shift toward administrators instead of faculty should be stopped to ensure colleges remain focused education.

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Tuition money should be spent on professors and other items essential for a student's education, not a bureaucracy that drags down the efficiency of an institution."

number of non-tenure track faculty increased from 162 in the 2012-13

Clinton should move a little left

We shouldn't ignore Clinton's challengers

Barring any extraordinary developments, Hillary Clinton will win the Democratic nomination for president in 2016. Her fundraising dominance, colossal stature in the national party and faultless credentials — she has been a Secretary of State, senator and active first lady — preclude any credible path to victory emerging for any of her likely primary opponents. Though progressives have tried to refute this claim by pointing to 2008 when her alleged inevitability yielded to President Obama's grassroots support, this comparison quickly breaks down. There is no candidate in the field with anything close to the youthful dynamism, historic appeal and soaring oratory skills Obama possessed as a candidate eight years ago. Moreover, Clinton's commanding edge in the polls (60 percent support among Democratic voters) far surpasses the 40 percent she held last time around.

There is cause for hope among progressives as they look to 2016. It is very possible that if Clinton's competitors for the nomination all level concerted, persistent policy criticisms her way then she could be forced to adopt a more liberal, populist platform in several key areas. Clinton's challengers can successfully push her to the left if they focus on

issues that play well with the Democratic base, like income inequality, a cautious foreign policy and climate change.

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The prospective candidates most likely to challenge Clinton for the Democratic nomination are former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, former Virginia Senator Jim Webb, Independent Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and Republican-turned-Independent-turned-Democrat Lincoln Chafee who has served Rhode Island as both a senator and a governor. While none of them can individually pull ahead of Clinton, each of them can create compelling contrasts between their records and Clinton's which, if harnessed collectively, could pressure Clinton leftwards in several key areas.

The most potent criticisms of Clinton, though indirect for now, have come from O'Malley. O'Malley's data-driven, pragmatic executive leadership in Maryland yielded a strong record of liberal accomplishments: he signed into law a bill legalizing same-sex marriage, another repealing the death penalty and coupled economic growth with modest tax increases to cut the state's deficit from \$1.7 billion to \$750 million. This progressive legacy together with Clinton's close ties to Wall

Street sharpen his narrative that he is the candidate most likely to tackle income inequality — an issue of central importance to liberal and conservative voters alike. Sen. Bernie Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, is also well-positioned to make vociferous and powerful arguments about the extent to which the economic system works for the extremely rich at the expense of the working and middle classes. In a recent interview with Fox News, he asserted that "99 percent of all new income today [is] going to the top one percent, and the top one tenth of one percent of America owning almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent." The clarity of his message, defined by facts and figures, not platitudes, can, in alliance with O'Malley's economic narrative, compel Clinton to take on big banks and economic elites with more than just rhetoric.

Liberals must therefore hope O'Malley and Sanders can use their candidacies to direct Clinton's general election platform to the left. Ideally, they could push her to advocate for tax reform that would close loopholes that corporations and the extremely wealthy routinely exploit, to take a stand against the provisions of the recent fast-track trade agreement that profit corporations but hurt workers and the environment,

and to promote jobs, housing and educational programs that work toward equal opportunity and promote upward mobility.

A recent Vox article argued that "If Hillary Clinton wins her party's nomination, she'll be the most hawkish Democratic nominee since the Iraq War began." This contention, and her still toxic vote in favor of the Iraq War, will undoubtedly feature prominently in foreign policy debates over the next year. Jim Webb, a former senator and Secretary of the Navy, is best positioned, as a decorated Vietnam War veteran and long-standing critic of reckless interventionism, to criticize the more hawkish elements of Clinton's foreign policy philosophy. At the very least, more dovish candidates, particularly Webb, should use the foreign policy portions of the televised primary debates to appeal to the war-weary liberal base by highlighting the contrasts between their positions and Clinton's.

Lincoln Chafee has a long record of support for environmental regulations from his time in the Senate — something he will use as a pivot to attract support among the greener wing of the Democratic Party. As Democratic voters become increasingly concerned about climate change, the issue should feature prominently in the primary debates.

If voters think Clinton's positions reflect a blase attitude towards climate change, then she might need to take a stand against the Keystone pipeline while also pushing for more stringent fossil fuel regulations in order to shore up support among more environmentally-conscious Democrats and independents.

For liberals, the 2016 forecast is still bright. Though Clinton doesn't excite progressives as much as Sen. Elizabeth Warren does, there is still time for her challengers to push her left on important issues. A vibrant and impactful, if still noncompetitive, primary season is the best those on the left can hope for. The Democratic Party's best chance of holding onto the White House is with Clinton as its nominee; in head-to-head polls with the Republican frontrunners, Clinton leads with consistent and considerable margins. Voltaire's adage that the perfect can be the enemy of the good resonates here: the left should test, but ultimately embrace Clinton as the Democratic Party's nominee. The nation needs its first female president and there is no one better positioned or more qualified than Hillary Clinton to take up this mantle.

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TOP 10 REASONS IT WAS GREAT TO BE A HOO THIS YEAR

Annie Mester
Life Columnist



1. Our basketball team

Could I write this Top 10 without mentioning our stellar basketball team? To address it quickly: Tony Bennett, you rock and I have faith that your fame will eventually eclipse that of the older and less cool singer-songwriter Tony Bennett. Joe Harris, your good looks continue to astound all of us, even from Cleveland. More generally, this goes out to our team for giving us something to cheer about in the midst of a seriously hard few months here on Grounds. Hoos, you kept our spirits up, our drinks flowing, our morale kicking and pride afloat. You showed us how to gracefully be the underdog, even when we shouldn't have been. We'll get 'em next year.



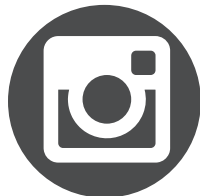
2. Resilience in the face of adversity

On a more serious note, it's hard to overlook the tough year we've had. It's been a tumultuous number of months, and every day I admire how we've stuck together as a community through it all. Admittedly, there's tension, and there always will be with such polarizing events taking place. But, when asking my brother — a senior in high school — for advice about what to include in this article, he said one thing: "Hoo wouldn't want to be a Hoo?" Preach, little one.



3. Darting hard in the face of adversity

On a less serious note, adversity, rain, snow, figures of authority, our tests, our parents, our better judgment and our sanity have not stopped us from appreciating the art of day-drinking. Last weekend, I told myself I was going to study and then ended up riding a slip-n-slide down Mad Bowl. My clothes were soaked and my essay remained unwritten, but people cheered for me when I made it to the bottom, and I got to feel like I truly accomplished something for a few seconds. Considering no one is cheering for me when I finish a problem set, I think I'll choose darting.



4. Finding things to Instagram

Now that the Rotunda is under construction, we've been hard-pressed to find that always-appropriate, guaranteed-to-get-a-million-likes subject to Instagram. Homer is a homie, but he pales in comparison to the Rotunda's great columns. Nevertheless, us Hoos have found adequately scenic places to slap filters onto. Take Duck Donuts, for example — a newcomer this spring, the place's sprinkles have taken the U.Va. 'gram scene by storm. Are there ducks involved in the making of the donuts? What do ducks have to do with donuts in the first place? Who knows, but it doesn't seem like anyone gives a duck.



5. Snapchat fame

With two Snapchat geotags and our own Campus Story, it's easy to forget the less important things we're known for, like our strong academic rankings. But, to the mysterious people who run our Campus Story, I have a few points of contention. One, who are you? Two, what do you want? Three, why won't you post any of the hilarious things I offer, including my friend doing a flabongo (a flamingo beer bong?) Four, why couldn't you call it a Grounds Story? Seriously, if you don't post anything of mine soon, I am going to find you.



6. The Snow Day

Now, one can be a cynic and argue we should have had three snow days, or that the snow day we did have should have been on a different, potentially snowier day. According to Yik Yak, Teresa Sullivan cancelled school upwards of 10 times. Shoutout to my mother for teaching me not to believe everything I read, or I would've participated in ten false snow days and would be even further back in my readings than I already am. Another shoutout to my mother for teaching me that it's okay to self-cancel classes and take a mental health day, even if it's not snowing and the real purpose is to go on a barbeque tour of Charlottesville. Regardless, the snow day was euphoric for most and I'm proud to be a part of fighting the misconception that Southern schools don't get any snow.



7. Free food

We all complain about the tablers on the Lawn, but I know it, you know it, and they know it: it's hard to say no to a free cupcake. If there's one thing I've learned in my three years at U.Va., it's how to avoid eye contact with someone tabling and still successfully grab that homemade brownie. Yes, tablers are supporting definitely worthy causes, but my stomach is also worthy of a candy bar. No offense, EMPSU, but your candy bar isn't as free as the ones on the Lawn considering I have to spend thousands just to qualify.



8. People we've brought to Grounds

I obviously can't speak for everyone, but considering that even my professor went to the Snoop Dogg (Snoop Lion? Snoop Puppy?) concert, I would say Charlottesville's done a pretty great job with its events this year. Though I'll admit I may have peaked running down the Lawn in pursuit of Britney Spears my second year (she wasn't here... oops). Kevin Spacey and Ed Helms aren't too shabby either. We've gotten high quality comedians, celebrities, political figures, musical acts and inspiring speakers — all of whom have made Grounds a more interesting place.



9. Tolerance of clothing choices

Yesterday, I wore a t-shirt that was longer than my shorts. Some thought it was a seriously fashionable dress, others thought I forgot to put on pants and many thought I had lost my mind. Though the latter party may be 87 percent correct (personal upkeep is hard during finals), no one judged me. The great thing about it? I passed girls in dresses and heels, men in suits, people in gym clothing and some much more fashionable. Sure, sometimes I clash enough to physically strain eyes, but I haven't been kicked out of U.Va. or any classes for it yet. Of course, I'm not clueless — the hunter green of the ever-prevalent Barbour is just that: ever-prevalent. But I am proud that we do a good job being so tolerant of whatever anyone wants to wear, Barbour or no Barbour.



10. Academics

Where else but this great University can you sign up for a humanities class guaranteed by your engineering friend — who has no experience outside Thornton Hall — to be an easy A, and then end up with a B-? Did you do the readings? Probably not. Did you think the snow day meant all subsequent classes were cancelled? Probably. Is it your fault that you got a bad grade? Up for interpretation. If this doesn't speak to the quality of our academics and our students' dedication to enrich their lives across many disciplines, I don't know what does.

University community responds to

Students, faculty share diverse reactions to school year trauma

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Students and faculty faced a number of traumatic events this academic year, repeatedly putting the University at the forefront of national news. Shortly after school started, the community faced the disappearance of second-year College student Hannah Graham. A couple months later, Rolling Stone magazine published a graphic story titled “A Rape on Campus” which detailed an alleged gang rape by a University fraternity and called the University’s overall social and administrative culture into question. By the close of the fall semester, the community had been shaken by four student deaths. After a fresh start in the spring, third-year College student Martese Johnson sustained a head injury while being arrested by ABC officers on the Corner, sparking student protests and more national attention.

While students and faculty experienced the same events, the degree to which they were emotionally and intellectually engaged varied. Some students continued to fulfill their responsibilities, while others found daily tasks challenging. Both parents and students expressed concerns about safety, and individuals inside and outside the University questioned the administration. However, the year’s obstacles also offered new opportunities for dialogue in the classroom and new ways for students to support one another.

Impact on everyday life

Some University students, aside from their presence on Grounds, were not directly impacted by this year’s events. First-year College student Ady Sethi said the events did not interfere with his ability to complete school work.

However, for student leaders and friends of Martese Johnson and Hannah Graham, such as fourth-year College student Joy Omenyi, the outgoing President of Black Student Alliance, and third-year College student Hallie Pence, the vice president of skiing for the Virginia Alpine Ski and Snowboard Team, it was difficult to fulfill daily responsibilities in the midst of trauma.

“It’s a lot to have to consume,” Omenyi said. “You fear every time your email pings whether it’s a new incident. Every time you get an email from President Sullivan, you don’t know what the next ordeal is.”

Omenyi said she did not sleep after Johnson was arrested, and she struggled to escape thoughts of what was happening outside the classroom.

“I think [the arrest] affected everyone’s school work in the sense that you can’t forget what’s going on or what you read this morning,” Omenyi said. “You can’t forget all the texts you got in class. You can’t forget any of that while trying to find the derivative of an equation — that is still in the back of your mind.”

In the midst of these distractions, work and responsibilities did not disappear. While professors checked in with students who were deeply affected, students continued to move forward.

“I think my friend group, in particular, learned the value of resiliency,” Pence said. “We had to keep going every day, regardless of whether it was a good day or a bad day.”

Many students who were not directly involved in responding to the incidents of the year still found themselves deeply affected. Second-year College student Mary Collin said her grades suffered this semester as a result of the year’s challenges.

“Largely, I tried to block it out and I did a really good job of that through first semester in trying not to let it affect schoolwork and my relationship with friends and how I go out and be social,” Collin said. “Then, second semester when I got back, it all caught up with me when I was out and saw something ugly and after that, honestly, it was really tough — even though nothing particularly bad was happening.”

Concerns about safety

As the year progressed, many parents expressed fear about the safety of their children.

“I think it was traumatizing — not just as a student, but as a female student — because your mom is calling you everyday like, ‘Don’t go outside!’” Omenyi said. “We [didn’t] know where [was] safe for us. Can we stay at home? Can we go to the Corner? Can we

go downtown? We had absolutely no idea.”

Although some students did not feel like their personal safety was threatened, they felt an increased responsibility for the safety of their peers.

“I don’t feel in danger in anyway, but I feel like I understand how it might affect others... and because of that, I feel like I should be there to support them,” Sethi said.

Students also learned the importance of looking out for one another.

“[I think we learned to] look out for each other more,” first-year Engineering student Stephen Pancrazio said. “If somebody [has] to be walked home, you can’t let them take care of themselves — you’ve got to actually be there for them, you’ve got to make sure they get home safe.”

Perceptions of administration, University

As the University administration took action to address different issues, some students, like fourth-year Engineering student Daniel Harelson — a fraternity member — expressed dissatisfaction.

“I was upset that the administration decided to react so quickly to point fingers at fraternities [after Rolling Stone],” Harelson said. “I think there is a problem — I don’t think it’s unique to U.Va, I don’t think it’s unique to fraternities. The fact that sororities and fraternities were shut down so quickly just kind of pigeonholed the investigation and the blame in people’s eyes. The Rolling Stone article affected the school practically in that the IFC had to institute all these different changes when they redid their [Fraternal Organization Agreements]. Those are actual, physical differences that we see at our parties.”

For Pence, though, the administration effectively provided support throughout the Graham investigation and in its wake.

“Administration was just really phenomenal,” Pence said. “We’re really thankful for the deans [who] were there for us and continue to be there for us.”

While students were confronted with outsiders’ negative reactions to the University’s events, some, like Collin, continued to feel



unwavering loyalty. Collin said her positive experiences last year contrast starkly with this year’s challenges, but her admiration for the University remains.

“I don’t see [the school] any differently,” Collin said. “I still love it just as much.”

New opportunities for dialogue

Both inside and outside the classroom, students were given the opportunity to discuss issues they might not have discussed otherwise.

“These types of serious events provide people [with] an opportunity to express how they feel more seriously,” Pancrazio said. “[As opposed to] just joking around starting to know your friends...you can actually get to know somebody on a deeper level.”

Whether or not events happening outside of the classroom were addressed in an academic setting varied by the professor and the course topic. For professors, such as Women Gender Studies Prof. Corrine Field, the classroom acted as a forum for discussion.

“As a historian, I see the ways in which issues today, playing out on campus, are deeply structured by the history that we study in my class... so giving students a forum where they can connect that history to the struggles they are facing today, I think, has been very productive and it’s helped people see why this history still matters,” Field said.

Other professors chose not to discuss what was happening outside the classroom, and others still decided to take a middle ground.

“We never had [a] discussion [on these events], but normally [professors took] a moment to talk about it and reassure us they were here for us,” Collin said.

Some discussions allowed students the opportunity to understand different perspectives, Field said.

“[I noticed] a very mature, thoughtful ability [of students] to talk to each other about quite diffi-

cult topics and really wrestle with ways that students disagree and understand their experiences here differently, but, at least in my classes, were willing to hear each other out and learn from each other,” Field said. “And I learned a lot from them as well.”

Finding strength, camaraderie

Students faced with the challenges and traumas this year has presented found new ways to act as support networks for those who were deeply impacted.

“We could really feel how much the community cared and was affected by everything,” Pence said. “They were confused and upset by everything that happened. It felt like the community at large was going through it with us. People were really wonderful about reaching out and sending care packages over to the house for us. Secret societies would leave notes and have dinners for us.”

Although students differed in their experiences of the past year, Omenyi said the community came together in a way she had never seen before.

“I think one thing that kept me going and one thing that kept a lot of students going was that camaraderie you found in other students, that ability to be able to reach out to your fellow student because we were all going through it at the same time — maybe different levels of it, but I think that’s something that at least kept me going, especially with Martese,” Omenyi said. “Just the way that the community came together in ways that I have never seen in my four years.”

American Studies Prof. Lisa Goff said this year has been a pivotal one for the University as a whole.

“When a crisis happens — or two or three — we see difficult truths that have been there all along: murder, sexual violence, police brutality,” Goff said in an email. “We either look away or face it. I think this year might have been a turning point for U.Va., from looking away to facing crises.”

LOVE CONNECTION: CHASE & ISELA



Courtesy Chase

CHASE

Year: First
Major: Pre-Commerce
U.Va. Involvement: Water Polo, Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, Beta Theta Pi
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Ideal Date: Looks like a young Helen Mirren. Even today's Helen Mirren is pretty attractive, so I'll just say Helen Mirren.
Ideal Date Personality: Helen Mirren's sharp wit.
Ideal Date Activity: Something kind of quirky, but also fun. [Something that] involves food.
Describe a typical weekend: Maybe go hang out with friends, hopefully do something interesting like go to a basketball game.
Hobbies: Swimming, basketball, reading The Economist while drinking hot chocolate.
What makes you a good catch? People — exclusively me — say I have a good sense of humor.
What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I have high standards and can only tie my shoes with two loops.
What's your favorite pick-up line? Are you an inflamed tonsil? Because I want to take you out [and] have ice cream afterwards.
Describe yourself in one sentence: A nice guy who enjoys meeting new people and reads The Cavalier Daily.

Dinner date gets average review after one party seems to have other plans

Margaret Mason
Love Guru

Chase and Isela met at the Rotunda at 7 p.m. and went to Café Caturra on the Corner.

Chase: A few of my friends had done [Love Connection] and I thought it sounded interesting and funny, so I filled out an application.

Isela: A bunch of my friends and I signed up for Love Connection last semester during finals. It was the first night of finals and none of us had any tests until the very end, so we all filled out [the survey].

Chase: I was excited [when I was chosen]. I'd never really been on a blind date before.

Isela: When I found out I was chosen, I was just like "Alright, well this is happening."

Chase: Going into the date, I didn't have any expectations. I was excited to see what it would be like.

Isela: [I'd] never been on a blind date before. I maintained the idea that I should have zero expectations. If you go in with really high expectations, that's not good, but you don't want to assume [the person is] awful. I went in open-minded.

Chase: When I first got to the Rotunda, I saw her sitting down. I approached her and said, "Hello." It was a normal greeting.

Isela: I got to the Rotunda a few minutes early. I was hanging out for a minute or two and he walked up kind of behind me. Then we walked to the Corner.

Chase: My first impression was she seemed cute and nice.

Isela: My first impression was, "This guy is tall." He's pretty tall — he's like six feet.

Chase: We went to Café Caturra. I heard the food was good and another friend of mine who did Love Connection went there, so I thought, "Let's just be a follower on this one."

Isela: It was cool to get to try the [new restaurant]. It was weird the way we decided [to go there], because he was like, "Oh I know two people who have done this and they went to Café Caturra, so that's where we should go." It was slightly off-putting.

Chase: The conversation was pretty balanced. It was just like getting to know you — nothing deep, just a nice, friendly conversation. It was awkward, but we both recognized that it was awkward, which made it less awkward.

Isela: The conversation wasn't awkward — it was pretty much just standard conversation. We're not best friends [now], but I'll say "Hi" to him when I see him. I feel like he probably learned nothing about me, so [the conversation] leaned more towards him. [It was] very surface level, standard conversation.

U.Va. Involvement: Phi Sigma Pi, Cavalier Marching Band, research, UTS
Hometown: Glendale, Arizona

Ideal Date: Despite my stature, I prefer my men to be at least 5'8". [I like] curly hair, strong eyebrows and a beard. [I prefer] type O/O+ blood — you never know what could go wrong.

Ideal Date Personality: Engaging, not afraid to be made fun of, not afraid to make fun of me. Likes bikes, good books and dogs.

Ideal Date Activity: Maybe [see] a local show somewhere downtown or check out a little hole-in-the-wall somewhere in Cville.

Deal breakers: Doesn't like dogs.

Describe a typical weekend: Saturday breakfast, all day at a coffee shop, dinner and shenanigans with friends. Sunday maybe go back to a coffee shop, maybe just chill in a library or at a friend's house/apartment.

Hobbies: Reading outside, hiking, watching conspiracy documentaries on Netflix.

What makes you a good catch? I'm easy-going for the most part, but electric when the situation calls for a spark, and I give the warmest hugs.

What makes you a less-than-perfect catch? I'm the worst at texting and [I] go MIA more often than I should.

What's your favorite pick-up line? If you were a vegetable, you'd be a cute-cumber.

Describe yourself in one sentence: Enigmatic bike-rider fueled by Americanos.

Year: Second
Major: Biology

Hometown: Glendale, Arizona

ISELA



Courtesy Isela

Chase: We talked about where [we're] from, [our] majors, [what we're] involved with, stuff like that.

Isela: We're both out of state, so that [is] kind of cool. Other than that, we [don't] have anything in common, but that's not a bad thing.

Chase: We both have a good sense of humor, which is nice.

Isela: The date was 45 minutes tops. He definitely had somewhere else to be and kept checking his phone. I think he was just trying to hurry up [and] get to [another event].

Chase: I paid for dinner, because I'm a gentleman. We walked out and were going separate ways, so I just gave her a hug. I didn't walk her home, which is not chivalrous, but I paid, so I had a get-out-of-jail-free card.

Isela: I could see that there's potential in a friendship. I definitely smiled 300 percent more than he did [during the date].

Chase: [Overall] I thought [the date] was more of a friend vibe. I'd be interested [in being] friends with her and [hanging] out again,

but nothing romantic.

Isela: [We had] no romantic connection. He was funny and I could tell he was a cool guy, but given the circumstances, he had somewhere else to be. I wouldn't make a concerted effort to try to hang out with him again.

Chase: She had a good sense of humor and was nice — a very sweet girl. We'd be cool friends.

Isela: If I could think of the most standard date you could ever go on, [this was] probably it. I would give it a 6 because I could tell that he's cool but clearly preoccupied.

Chase: I'd rate the date a 7. I like meeting new people and it was very nice getting to know her.

Isela: [The date] was definitely an experience and I would go on a blind date again.

Chase: I'd like to hang out with her again as friends. It was a little forced and we both recognized that — it was just funny with the circumstances being a blind date. I had a good time.



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