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Michael Drash  
Associate Editor

State Sen. John Edwards, D-Roanoke, submitted a bill to the state legislature in December that would allow University's alumni to elect four of the University's Board of Visitors members. Current law allows the Virginia governor to appoint all 17 members of the Board with legislative confirmation.

In an interview with The Roanoke Times, Edwards said the bill only affects the University, rather than all state universities.

University Alumni Association President Tom Faulders said the bill did not surprise him, as a similar one was sub-

mitted last year. Under the proposed system, low voter turnout could make it possible for a dedicated minority of alumni to secure a position for an otherwise unworkable candidate Faulders said. However, he said, elected alumni would feel a greater responsibility toward their alma mater.

But Faulders said it is "way too early to tell" what the effects of the bill would be at this time. "[The bill] is noticeably lacking in details," Faulders said.

The proposed changes do not include any outline for the implementation of a voting system and the alumni association does not have any plans of its own at this time, Faulders said.

Currently, Virginia law al-

lows the alumni association to submit a list of recommendations for Board appointments to the governor, though the governor is not obligated to adhere to them.

The University administration did not take a firm stance on Edwards' proposal.

"The Code of Virginia assigns to the governor the responsibility to name members of Board of Visitors, and to the General Assembly the responsibility to confirm those selections," University spokesperson McGregor McCance said in an email. "The University's leadership respects this process and neither takes a position nor makes any comment on Sen. Edwards' proposed legislation."



Marshall Bronfin | The Cavalier Daily

A proposal from Sen. John Edwards, D-Roanoke, would make four of the Board of Visitors' 17 positions elected by alumni. The University has taken no firm stance on the bill.

## Johnson arrested on rape charge

Derrick Johnson, Sr., 27, was charged with raping a Charlottesville resident by force earlier this month on the 1200 block of Jefferson Park Avenue, according to a University Police press release.

The victim sustained minor injuries and was treated at the University Medical Center.

The police notified the University community about the assault in an email Jan. 2.

The police arrested Johnson on Jan. 3 "without incident." Johnson appeared in Charlottesville General District Court Jan. 6 and is scheduled for a second court appearance Feb. 20. He is being represented by

the public defenders office.

University Police investigated 11 incidents of forcible sexual assault on Grounds in 2012, the most recent year for which public data is available. The 11 incidents were down from 17 in 2010 and 13 in 2011.

—compiled by Joseph Liss



University Police charged Derrick Johnson, Sr., left, with rape by force earlier this month. Johnson's next court date is Feb. 20.

Courtesy University Police Department

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## SPOTLIGHT



This week's spotlight shines on Isabella Artilles, a fourth year in the College studying Global Development Studies and Environmental Science. Artilles is involved with the Beyond Coal Campaign, has conducted research through a Jefferson Public Citizens grant, and is the co-founder of Hoos Involved. Growing up in Guatemala, Artilles was influenced by her mother from a very young age. While following her mother on project trips, Artilles was exposed to the discrimination, inequalities, and income disparities in Guatemala and was motivated to become involved in public service.

At UVA, Artilles continued to foster her growing interest in public service, especially through obtaining a Jefferson Public Citizens grant. Artilles worked with a team to assess capacity building programs for an all-women's trade union in India. "The whole experience from creating the project, applying for the grant, and actually carrying it out was incredible. It definitely motivated me to keep working towards a career in public service," said Artilles. This year, Artilles is focusing much of her attention on Hoos Involved, a new CIO on grounds that was formed at the end of last semester. Hoos Involved is dedicated to encouraging students to get more involved with public service initiatives. It aims to help students become more aware of the multiple resources UVA has to offer for getting involved in public service. "We want to show students that getting involved in public service should be more than a resume booster. It should be a way to truly engage with the community and be able to build meaningful relationships while working towards a shared goal. We hope that students will be inspired to pursue their aspirations and use UVA resources to achieve them," said Artilles.

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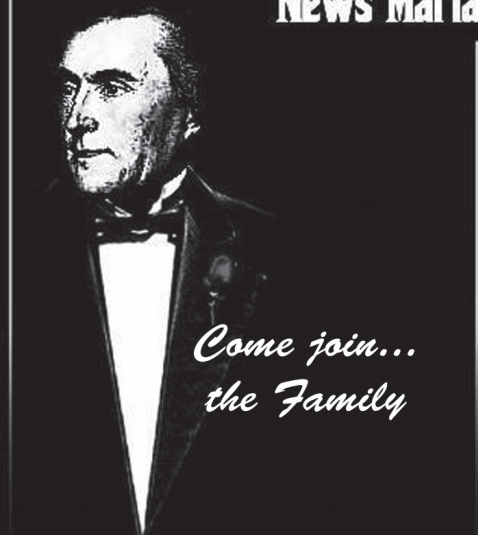


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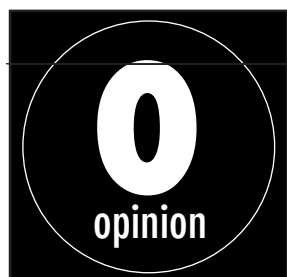
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## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Paper missiles

*Academic boycotts, while nearly always wrongheaded, are particularly risky for public universities*

On Jan. 2 Teresa Sullivan joined the ranks of more than 100 university presidents who have come out against the American Studies Association's mid-December vote to boycott Israeli colleges and universities. The association, a group of more than 4,000 academics devoted to the study of American culture and history, endorsed the boycott to protest Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

The ASA's self-righteous move elicited, in turn, self-righteous anger. Whereas the ASA resolution condemned Israeli institutions for being "party to Israeli state policies that violate human rights," many scholarly organizations—including the American Association of University Professors, the American Council of Education and the Association of American Universities—have jumped to chide the ASA for what they view as an assault on academic freedom. Eight former ASA presidents also signed a letter condemning the boycott.

The flurry of white paper—a frenzy of resolutions and statements and letters volleyed between various academic groups—was as blinding and as icy (in tone, at least) as the polar vortex-induced snowfalls that bombarded the Mid-

west last week. To her credit, the statement Sullivan signed, a letter issued by the executive committee and president of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, was civil and brief.

This scholarly kerfuffle has been drawing headlines in The New York Times and the Washington Post in part because the ASA boycott is an extension of a global campaign called the BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) movement, which calls for various forms of boycott against Israel. So far, the BDS campaign has enjoyed little success in the United States.

We argue that academic boycotts are a wrongheaded tactic; that even if academic boycotts were a good idea, the ASA should apply them consistently; and, importantly for the University of Virginia, that academic boycotts are particularly dangerous for public institutions.

An academic boycott is the scholarly version of "you can't play with us"—a sentiment no more mature in the mouths of professors than in the mouths of third-graders. Boycotting academic institutions entails cutting off collaboration with the colleges and universities the boycott tar-

gets. Some practical consequences would include: Israeli citizens would not be able to use funds from their home institutions to travel to conferences; American scholars invited to speak at Israeli universities would decline.

The ASA has pointed out that its boycott targets Israeli institutions, not individual scholars. It doesn't take a philosopher (Israeli or not) to point out that this distinction is tenuous. It's impossible to punish institutions without hurting the scholars housed in them.

Academic embargos levied against other countries hurt scholars who may or may not agree with their government's policies. They cut off these teachers and researchers from outside conversation. They impede free inquiry and exchange of ideas by putting up barriers between universities that match the barriers between nations. An academic boycott is by definition a blow against academic freedom.

Academic boycotts go against principles of scholarship: but do they make for an effective political tactic? Not really. Academic boycotts directed against countries could, we suppose, score political gains: if a country feels as if it

is damaged by the isolation of its scholars, it might offer concessions. But if you want a change in Israeli policy—or the policies of any state, for that matter—an academic boycott is not the way to do it. A country's universities would have to languish for a while before most governments would step in to end an academic boycott. If you must boycott, economic boycotts are faster. Whereas economic boycotts can exert pressure on state leaders by damaging a nation's economy, academic embargos are a form of symbolic protest that does little to change policy.

Even if academic boycotts were a good idea, the ASA would still have some questions to answer. Israel is the first (and so far the only) country the ASA has called to boycott. Countries known for worse human-rights records, such as Syria, Russia and Iran, have not been boycotted. If the ASA wishes to issue boycotts, it should devise a set of criteria describing conditions that merit a boycott. It should then apply boycotts consistently to countries or institutions that violate these terms. Singling out Israel risks enacting the misdeed the ASA accuses Israeli institutions of committing: mistreating scores of

people on the basis of nationality.

Public schools in particular should steer clear of academic boycotts. The ASA's effort gives ammunition to lawmakers and public figures who believe that higher education is no more than a hothouse of liberals with cushy jobs who try to brainwash their kids. Endorsing academic boycotts is a good way to invite retaliation from otherwise-minded state legislators later on.

Academic boycotts not only express political positions; they are also a form of political action. By pressuring a government via its country's universities, an academic boycott wages a cold war. Public universities, or associations of public universities such as the one Sullivan belongs to, should not perform political actions unrelated to higher education (taking a stance on, say, government cuts to higher education is another matter). Individual scholars, on the other hand, may, and sometimes should, be politically active.

Sullivan's unequivocal and public opposition to the ASA's boycott supports academic freedom and helps preserve a line—crucial especially for public institutions—between the scholarly and the political.

### Comment of the day

"I went to the game in Knoxville. It was pathetic. The outcome was essentially settled by halftime, and I overheard Vols fans talking about how the Cavs had given up."

"Jack", responding to Zack Bartee's Dec. 30 column, "Volunteers outgun Cavaliers, 87-52."

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# New horizons

*The Cavalier Daily should make its website more engaging by deploying links and updates with more savvy*

**Christopher Bloom**  
Public Editor

Over the course of three issues in December 2013, The Cavalier Daily published long pieces on the University's honor system. The three-part series is an excellent example both of what The Cavalier Daily does well and what it can do better.

## Reporting

Reporters writing stories for The Cavalier Daily need to talk to more people. Many articles have quotations from only one source. Beyond needing more sources, divergent viewpoints are also important in some cases. In the second installment of the series on the honor system, there is mention of opponents to changes made to the process of an honor case, but no source is quoted voicing opposition. The four people whose opinions were given voice in the article all basically agreed with one another. A particularly insightful

email from a reader pointed me specifically to the second paragraph of the article in which ideas that are clearly opinion are presented as factual. There are those at the University who disagree with the statements presented in the article and the writer should have sought them out. This is especially true for this kind of piece because there is plenty of time; it's not breaking news.

## Digital

The Cavalier Daily has a good website from a design standpoint, but the promise of enhanced content hasn't yet come to life. The website is still almost entirely stand-alone stories, a digital version of a static newspaper. When the paper was published five days a week, that was all right. The website was just another way to access the content. Now, though, the website is, or should be, the primary focus of The Cava-

lier Daily staff. Updating of older stories online is lacking. The third article in the honor series has links to the previous two articles and the second has a link to the first. There is no way to jump directly from the first article to either the

last semester that where back-and-forth exchanges took place in the opinion pages, it strengthened the overall work of the paper. Those exchanges seemed to happen only when the opinion writer (or guest writer) felt moved to respond to something that was published. A more integrated approach in which various opinions are collected would allow for the writers to engage in a dialogue from the outset. Further, soliciting opinion pieces to dovetail with news stories could allow for a conversation to begin on important issues facing the University community.

## Looking ahead

One issue I'd very much like to see The Cavalier Daily explore in the coming year is how changes to health care coverage affects the University community. From changes to employee coverage offered by the University to insurance coverage changes brought on

by the Affordable Care Act, virtually every member of the community will be affected. The Cavalier Daily is uniquely situated, given its independence as an organization and its access to students, faculty, administration and staff, to tell the story of how the new insurance rules are playing out in people's lives. Further, we have some of the top health policy people in the country on faculty who can offer expert insights from a policy perspective. There is a 14-week series of talks by health policy experts starting next week and sponsored by the University's department of public health sciences and the Batten School. There is going to be conversation about health care and health care policy going on at the University. I'd like to know how those policies are affecting people in our community.

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# In defense of screwing up

*Failure can be a path to personal growth*

**Ashley Spinks**  
Opinion Columnist

Over winter break, my best friend from high school and I met up at our favorite coffee shop and reviewed the past semester. As we talked, we were both struck by how dramatically our lives had changed since the previous Christmas season. Second year felt even more transformative than first year, and as we compared our current lives to what our senior-year selves had envisioned, some of the changes seemed ridiculously unexpected. We shared anecdotes about trivial things like boys and failed romances, cringed over some of our more regrettable party antics, and swapped stories about classes that kicked our ass or teachers who inspired us. It was a long semester. My best friend summed it up best when she shrugged and said: "Eh. It's all in the name of personal growth." I think that's

the most important non-testable material I learned this past semester, and as we all enter a new year it's a mantra I would encourage you to remember and embrace.

The Cavalier Daily has published a lot of columns about the "meaning of college." Is college merely a means to an end? Is the degree all that matters because it offers economic security and we all want to be more employable? Or is college a time to be selfish and self-centered? Are we supposed to cherish every moment and throw practicality to the wind as we embrace our passions and cultivate life experiences? Perhaps the true purpose of college lays somewhere in the middle of that harsh dichotomy. I don't know: that's not the question I am setting out to answer with this column. However you feel about college and why you are here, it is certainly true that college is changing and shaping you every day that you attend.

That is also true of life overall, of course.

But here at the University, we are exposed to situations that challenge us in unusual ways. We are introduced to people we may not have had the chance to meet otherwise.

We are intensely socialized at all times: parties, club meetings, office hours, lunch dates and interviews constitute a significant portion of our free time. College forces us to grow, and often puts us in situations outside our comfort zone. Many of us have never been asked to create a formal resume or cover letter. Some of us may not have interviewed for a job before. A lot of college students have their first interactions with drugs and alcohol here. It may be the first time

you have been in a committed relationship or "rushed" an organization. When these experiences shove us outside our realm of security, we are bound to fail occasionally. We are sure to screw up, embarrass ourselves, get some

mistakes. It is not OK to fail all your classes, be a terrible friend, constantly get too drunk at parties or endanger your health and safety and refuse to learn from it. But if these things do happen, it is OK to forgive yourself, especially if you make the all-important decision to take something away from the experience.

Know that no one is perfect, and every misstep is an opportunity for you to realize your goals and priorities. Sometimes you have to make the incorrect decision before you can understand why the correct one is right. This is the mindset I am adopting going into my new semester, and I hope some of you will find it helpful, too. Each day that you live is contributing to your personal growth, and that is an amazing concept. Embrace it.

*Ashley Spinks is an Opinion columnist for The Cavalier Daily. Her columns run Mondays.*



**We are sure to screw up, embarrass ourselves, get some bad grades, make questionable fashion choices, say things we regret...**

bad grades, make questionable fashion choices, say things we regret or take classes we hate. The list goes on. But that's all OK. It is important to remember that your failures are just as valuable as your successes. They are all in the name of personal growth.

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# Not looking for love

*Not everyone who watches “The Bachelor” is a hopeless romantic*

**Meredith Berger**  
Opinion Columnist

“The Bachelor” premiered Jan. 6, with every ounce of manufactured and cringe-worthy content I had hoped for.

Some people lambast the ABC series for falsely promising lasting relationships: only two couples have endured from the 18 seasons. Others suggest the women who watch the show are naive, carried away by the (clearly contrived) romance.

It is not, however, the promise of romance that draws in this female viewer. It is the comical seriousness of the contestants, the aloofness of the bachelor himself and the golden one-liners that spur many women to watch the show. Not to mention the suspense of the rose ceremony, where we find out which of the ridiculous women will be appearing in the following week’s episode, continuing their battle to win the heart of an equally ridiculous man.

Last week marked the beginning of “Juan-uary,” as fans are dubbing this month in honor of the new bachelor, ex-pro soccer player Juan Pablo Galavis. Juan Pablo is the suave and sensitive single father contestant from last year’s “Bachelorette.” He was so loved by fans of “The Bachelor-

ette” that he was chosen to be the next bachelor. Juan Pablo is the perfect TV contestant. He is sweet and charming. He also is good-looking, played professional soccer and speaks just enough broken English to make the female contestants swoon. What more could women ask for?

It seems some of the 27 women came in with that exact attitude, convincing themselves that the chemistry between them and Juan Pablo was real. Sure, like their “real” hair color or “real” professions. One woman’s occupational description was “free spirit” and another’s “dog lover.”

As the women emerge from limousines to introduce themselves to Juan Pablo, many bluntly tell him that they feel a connection and that they think a relationship could work between them.

The female viewers laugh. We can sense all the insecurity hidden beneath makeup and overly confident dialogue no doubt manu-

factured by the show’s producers. We do not watch “The Bachelor” because we believe there is real romance or chemistry. We never fully allow ourselves to buy into this

they are as naive as the contestants who go on the show believing they will truly find love. Thankfully, those women are few, too.

And if you think all the women

on this show are falling for the true love tagline, you are kidding yourself. The women on the show may want a husband, especially one who is attractive, famous and potentially wealthy. That being said, they are trying harder to beat the other women than to really win the love of

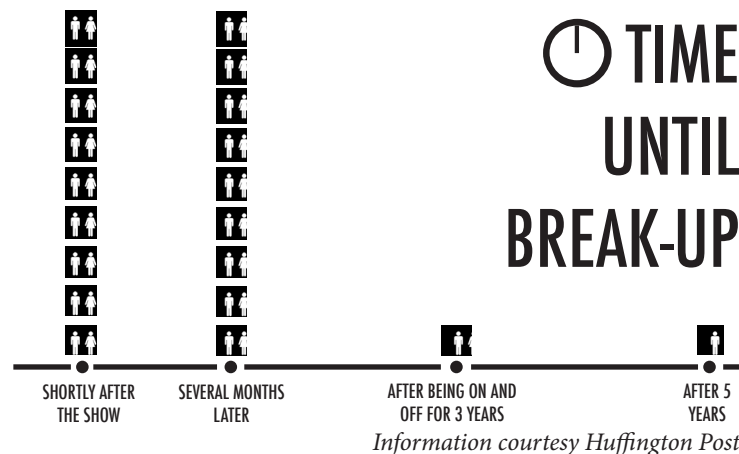
the bachelor. They all want their 15 minutes of fame and eventually their own shows, which would grant the lucky woman 25 new bachelors, all good-looking and all desiring her. The women are ambitious more than they are in love.

Just look at Juan Pablo. He was a contestant on “The Bachelorette” and saw how difficult it was to win. He didn’t look at the female bachelorette and think, “Wow, I really loved her and now I am never going to find another like

her.” He probably looked at her and thought: “Wow, she kicked me off the show without a second thought and has a slew of other men vying for her.” He didn’t want to be with the bachelorette; he wanted to be in her position. Now he is. But tell me: after being a contestant and seeing how little love has to do with the show, who would then choose to be the bachelor? Someone who wants fame, power and who is not seriously looking for a committed relationship.

With this in mind, we acknowledge that much of “The Bachelor” and “The Bachelorette” is contrived. So no: women who watch “The Bachelor” are not all soppy romantics who dream of a man we hardly know choosing us among 20-plus other women and granting us a beautiful rose. That is a nice fantasy, but most of us do not buy into it. Reality and life experience has shown us otherwise. We are not fools for watching “The Bachelor”; we are simply enjoying some cheap, artificial and comical entertainment. “The Bachelor” is a trainwreck of attractive people, and we cannot take our eyes off of it.

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sort of entertainment, as many men think we do. We watch it because it is entertaining television. It is funny at times, even when it is trying to be serious. And it plays out like a soap opera—and is almost as scripted—which makes it interesting to watch. There are beautiful people, broken hearts, tropical vacations and lots of drama.

The women who watch the show because they believe in the type of contrived, media-hyped romance it promotes are few, and

# What will happen to Afghan women?

*A letter to the president on the state of Afghan women*

**Gausi Yari**  
Guest Columnist

Dear Barack Obama,

I am a college student in the middle of exams. However, unlike most college students, I am not a native English speaker; in fact, I am one of the few girls who managed to leave Afghanistan to find a better life in America and get a better education. I constantly think about my country and its tendency towards violence against women. I am sure you will not see this article, but this is the only way I can express my concern for the women of Afghanistan.

After you decided to withdraw from that country, think about what happened with Afghan women. As you are aware, many women have gained increasing freedoms in the past 13 years such as returning to school, en-

tering universities and organizing political groups. Currently, the Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan reported a 24.7 increase in violence against women in this year alone. Among so many cases of which you are aware, there are two particularly brutal cases that shocked the nation of Afghanistan and the world.

Even though many women activists exist in Afghanistan, nothing has changed. In December, 32-year-old Sitara was attacked by her husband, a heroin addict who cut off her nose and lips. These cases are so common in Afghanistan and reading her stories gets them more attention. According to the BBC news source, Sitara was engaged at the age of 11. She is now 32. Her husband sliced off her lips and nose because she refused to sell her jewelry to get him cash. Now the husband is missing, and I do not

think he will be found. This is one of those common cases that happen to women where they are afraid to report crimes because of insufficient legal protections. However, Sitara and many other women also struggle with the same dangers every day. These women deserve a better, brighter future.

As you are also aware, the situation is now worsening with the new election and the United States withdrawing from Afghanistan; my concern is for all Afghan women who are the future of this country. Because women have no power to currently change their situation, I wanted to ask you about what you will decide. My concern is for those girls who are happily attending school to find a better future. My concern is for those university students who are willing to finish their school for a better job opportunity to make their Afghanistan into a better

place for not only women but also for all citizens. My concern is for those women who worked so hard these past 13 years to be part of the Afghan society. Why do we not look for a better solution?

Since women and children became the victim of this war, I have lost so many of my family members. Every single day, I read news about women being killed or abused in different kinds of struggles. What is the solution? Is the only solution waiting until Hamid Karzai signs the security agreement? Will this act bring more security to the country and especially to women? I really do not think women would ever try to bring violence; in contrast, they lost their lives and their hopes. Every single woman who struggles to live in Afghanistan is a part of me. Secondly, when did a security agreement become such an important phenomenon that we forgot about the deaths and

casualties of innocent people? I am worried that the last 13 years of gain will soon be lost. I am afraid that women will go back to their houses and girls will be stopped from going to school. Finally, I just wanted to tell you that there are thousands of Sitara’s that scream for help. They need basic human rights. They were never born to suffer cut noses or lips or any other tortures. I believe that their movements will further Afghanistan’s reconstruction plans for the future. However, if the violence against women continues to increase every day, the whole world will be blamed for allowing such a disaster to happen in the history of humanity.

*Gaisu Yari is a third-year student. For a profile of Gaisu, “Engaged at age 6”, please visit our website: <http://www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2013/12/engaged-at-age-six>*

# The main offender

*New legislation must make it easier for ex-offenders to find jobs*

**Burke Brownfield**  
Guest Columnist

Do you ever think about what happens on the very last day of a person's prison sentence? We often think that the criminal justice process starts with a crime, the police arrive, they arrest someone, the person is found guilty, sent to prison and done. However, the reality is that this process does not truly end until the prisoner comes back home. In fact, 95 percent of all prisoners will eventually be released from incarceration. So, on that last day of incarceration, as a prisoner waves goodbye to prison and hello to society, what will he find? What is in store for the next chapter of life? Unfortunately, the return to society for most prisoners is a rocky road that tends to lead back to prison. In Virginia, 53.9 percent of ex-offenders will be rearrested within three years of release. This is an expensive pattern as it costs \$57.14 a day to house a prisoner in the already

overcrowded Charlottesville/Albemarle jail. Why is it that prisoners fall into this vicious cycle of recidivism? Why don't they just go out and find jobs and live honest lives? If only it were that easy.

Ex-offenders face the ultimate catch-22 when they attempt to join the workforce. On the one hand, there is strong evidence that finding stable employment is a critical component of staying out of prison. On the other hand, it is virtually impossible for ex-offenders to actually attain employment. A study conducted in the U.S. found that only 12.5 percent of employers would definitely offer a job to someone with a criminal history. This goes hand in hand with the startling fact that 75 percent of ex-offenders remain unemployed for a year after being released from prison. This high level of unemployment is directly related to the numerous roadblocks that ex-offenders face when they go out and apply for jobs.

The challenges begin when the ex-offender puts pen to paper on

the job application. Most job applications have a question that says, "Have you ever been convicted of a crime?" Time and time again, the ex-offender checks the box "Yes" and his or her application is tossed in the trash before an interview or any further consideration by the employer. It is easy to imagine an ex-offender losing hope as he or she goes from one business to the next, filling out applications and never hearing back. How can we ask ex-offenders to change their lives and get jobs if we actually are unwilling to even consider the idea of hiring them?

Delegate Rob Krupicka, a University alumnus, has taken a step in the right direction by filing a new bill for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly that will remove the questions about criminal history from Virginia

state job applications. Krupicka's bill follows the national movement, known as "ban the box," referring to the "Yes" box that is placed after asking if a person has

the discussion of criminal history until a later portion of the application process. The goal of this bill is simply to give a fighting chance to the committed ex-offenders who truly do want to change their lives. If this question about criminal history is removed from job applications, more ex-offenders will be given interviews, where their potential can be assessed using various metrics, beyond the answer to one simply question. Ideally, this would lead to more jobs for the ex-offender population. The end result would be beneficial not only for the ex-offender, but for society as well. We, as citizens of Virginia, have an opportunity to change the cycle of recidivism, decrease the tax burden caused by prison costs, and increase employment rates among ex-offenders by supporting Delegate Krupicka's bill.

*Burke Brownfield is a former Alexandria police officer and citizen of Virginia.*



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ever been convicted of a crime. In fact, nine states and more than 50 cities have already removed questions regarding criminal history from job applications. While this will apply to Virginia state government jobs, Krupicka's bill will not apply to "sensitive" jobs like police officers. Additionally, the intent of the bill is not to leave the employer completely in the dark about an applicant's past, but simply to delay

# Wat'r we wasting?

*Brown College must make an effort to improve water conservation*

**Ariel Herman, Virginia Mathurin, Caitlin Muir & Alex Weaver**  
Guest Columnists

"Meh."  
"Futile."  
"Who gives a sh\*t?"  
"What is that?"

*- Responses given by Brownies (Brown College students) to the anonymous survey question: "What are your feelings towards water conservation in Brown?"*

This year Brown College featured a short-course called "How Green is Your Brown?" promising scavenger hunts and revelry in the brief course description. We were only too eager to sign up. But upon taking the class we discovered, to the surprise and even dismay of some, that this was not going to be a joke of a one-credit class. The purpose of the class was going to be actual research into Brown College's sustainability. The seven students were broke up into two teams, each focusing on

a specific aspect of sustainability that students have a direct impact on: food and water.

The investigations began immediately. Team Food crept around the dish return in Newcomb while Team Water invaded resident's bathrooms and showers, photographing the mold and leaking faucets that seem to plague Brown indiscriminately of portal or gender assignment. We also went on several field trips during the semester. The first was a behind-the-scenes tour of Runk dining hall, where we learned how our food is prepared, and quite as importantly, how it is discarded. We then visited the current construction happening at Ragged Mountain Dam, giving us a new perspective on where exactly Charlottesville is getting its water.

We continued throughout the semester to do outside research on how these sustainability issues were ubiquitous to the entire globe, as well as interview professors and knowledgeable persons in our field of interest to learn

more about what we could do as students to face these problems. We paired this with surveys of the Brown community and observations throughout the building in order to create a brief case study on water consumption and con-



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servation in Brown College. The findings for Team Water are as follows:

When it comes to water, Brown College has two main problems: apathy and a serious need for renovation. When given an open-ended question on feelings about water conservation, most Brownies had no strong feelings about the subject, with an overwhelming response of "meh". The most

important thing our team has gathered is that there is a serious need for education on the matter of water waste for our residents. Furthermore, in the survey 50 percent of Brownies claimed to have leaks in their bathrooms that

have gone unreported. This is a completely unnecessary waste that in most cases could be solved within 24 hours by means of simply filling out a work order. But it also ties in with the sheer inefficiency of Brown's current plumbing system. The tunnel floods of earlier this year make the need for renovation an unquestionable reality. Most dorms on

Grounds are equipped with innovations like dual flush toilets, aerators, and are quite simply "new and improved". We realize that a renovation in the magnitude that Brown needs would be a massive project, necessitating a large budget in the sense of both time and money. Until that time we believe that the most important thing is to promote awareness on the issue and foster a sense of responsibility

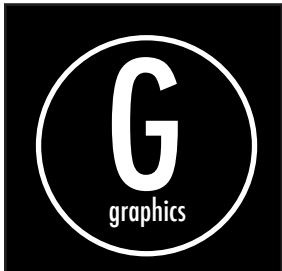
among residents.

Yet, even with all the many problems Brown College faces, we are actually in a period of decreased water consumption. When comparing water-use records from 2012 and 2013 there has been a yearly total decrease of about 2,000,000 gallons. That's almost 40 percent less water used than 2012. Causes have not been clearly discerned, but we are hoping to do our best to help this trend continue in the future. In such a unique and tight-knit community, we believe anything is possible, and that as intelligent and motivated students we can come together and make a difference.

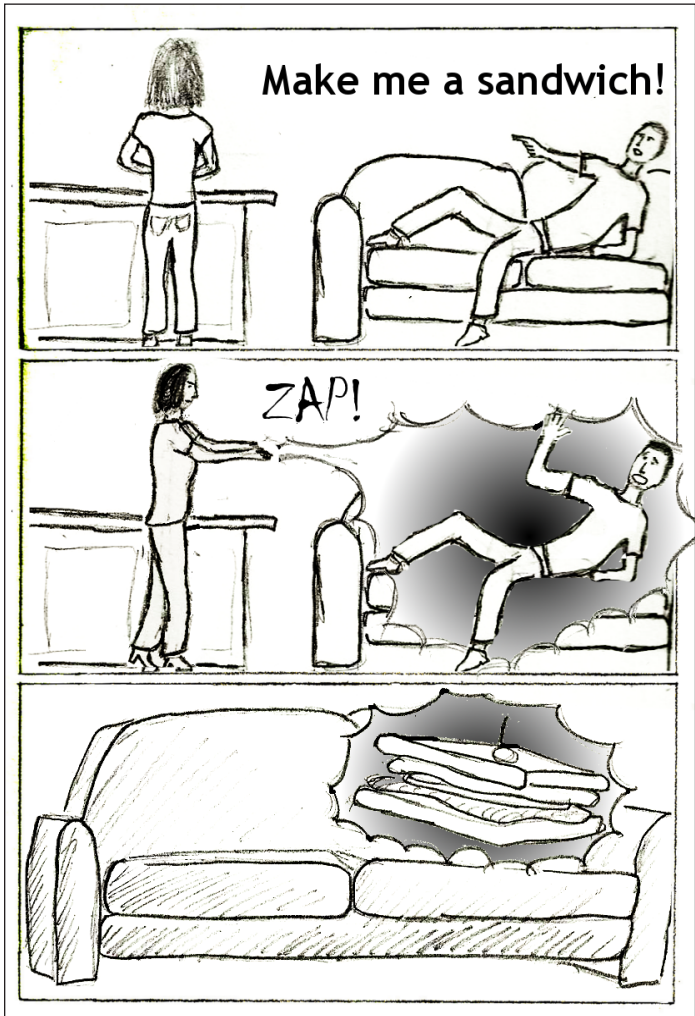
Our question is no longer "How Green is your Brown?" Our question is "How green will you be for your Brown?"

*Ariel Herman, Virginia Mathurin, Caitlin Muir and Alex Weaver are Brown College residents and members of "Team Water."*

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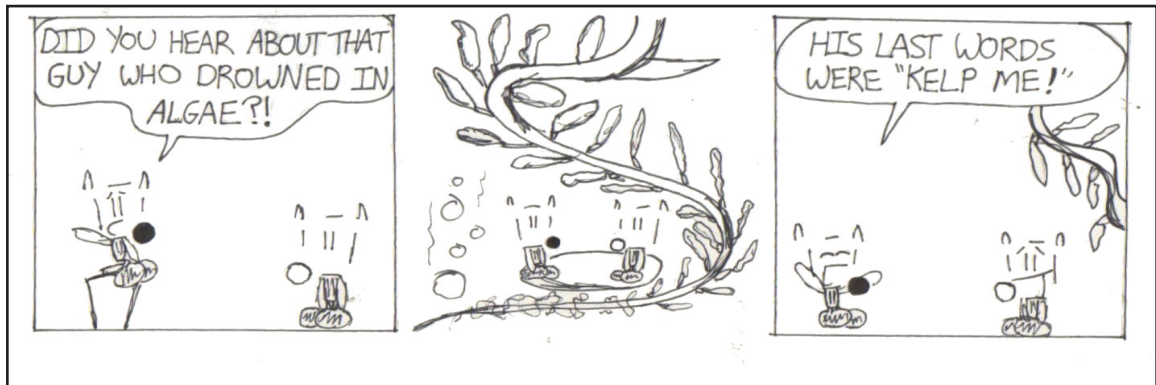
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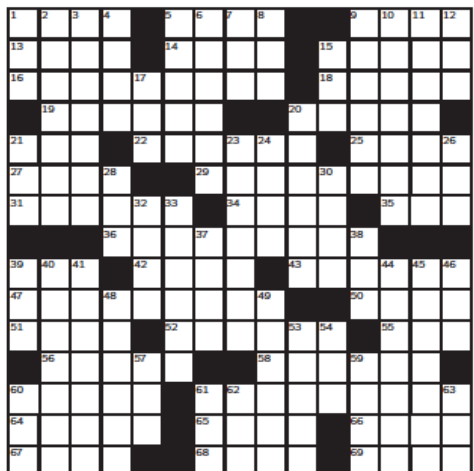
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  - 5 When repeated, lucky lottery purchaser's cry
  - 9 Crunch (Quaker cereal)
  - 13 Regretful one
  - 14 Emperor at the Circus Maximus
  - 15 Ho-ho-hoing
  - 16 Coerce
  - 18 1940s computer
  - 19 Hitchcock roles, famously
  - 20 Play-Doh, e.g.
  - 21 "I tawt I taw a puddy \_\_\_\_"
  - 22 Treeless plain
  - 25 Perched on
  - 27 Abbr. on a bottle of Courvoisier
  - 29 Civic group with more than 45,000 affiliates
  - 31 Font lines
  - 34 Dairy Queen purchase
  - 35 Martians, e.g., in brief
  - 36 Like some broadcast frequencies
  - 39 Admirals' org.
  - 42 Mars' Greek counterpart
  - 43 Moistens, as a turkey
  - 47 Illicit Prohibition-era establishment
  - 50 "How r u?," e.g.
  - 51 River to the North Sea
  - 52 Cast (off)
  - 55 Jason Bourne, for one
  - 56 Uncles' wives
  - 58 "Pretty" thing to say, with a cherry on top?
  - 60 The \_\_\_\_ Brothers (R&B group)
  - 61 Where lifeboats are generally stored
  - 64 Head, as a committee ... or a word that can follow the ends of 16-, 29-, 36-, 47- and 61 Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Sophs., in two years
  - 2 Crackpot
  - 3 Seltzer-making device
  - 4 Dance for 1-Down
  - 5 Gold bar
  - 6 One that goes "pop" in a children's song
  - 7 Rink star Bobby
  - 8 \_\_\_\_ de plume
  - 9 Popular cold and flu medicine
  - 10 Somewhat
  - 11 Develop in a particular way
  - 12 The Big Apple: Abbr.
  - 15 Game: Fr.
  - 17 Super \_\_\_\_ , old game console
  - 20 Fountain head?
  - 21 Some Sharp and Sony products
  - 23 "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon" artist
  - 24 Winnie-the-\_\_\_\_
  - 26 Airer of Masterpiece Classics
  - 28 More, to a musician
  - 30 \_\_\_\_ Genesis, old game console
  - 32 Criticism, informally
  - 33 Accent
  - 65 Nietzsche's "no"
  - 66 Onetime Harper's Bazaar illustrator
  - 67 Observed
  - 68 Summers in St.-Tropez
  - 69 Cape Canaveral acronym

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  - 49 Marketer's target, maybe
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Sophomore forward Mike Tobey's 16 points against NC State tied for the game high. The seven-footer also posted seven rebounds and two blocks in 24 minutes.

# Cavaliers blowout Wolfpack, 76-45

The Virginia men's basketball team won its third consecutive conference game by double figures Saturday, handily dispatching NC State in Raleigh, 76-45. The Cavaliers are 3-0 in the ACC for the first time in four seasons and are one of just three remaining undefeated teams in the conference, along with No. 2 Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

Virginia (12-4, 3-0 ACC) raced out to an early 21-4 lead against the Wolfpack (11-5, 1-2 ACC) and never trailed. The score was 48-25 in favor of the Cavaliers by half-time, largely due to their shooting 60 percent from the field — a season high for any half. The Cavaliers held Wolfpack sophomore guard T.J. Warren scoreless for the first 14:46 and to just four points on the night. Warren, who shot 1-9 from the floor, entered the game averaging an ACC-best 23.4 points per game.

NC State could not pull any closer than 22 in the second half. Overall, the Cavaliers scored 22 points off of 16 turnovers, and dominated inside, outscoring the Wolfpack 38-16 in the paint. The team also shot a season-best 83.3 percent from the free-throw line, well above its 64.5 percent average.

Senior guard Joe Harris and sophomore forward Mike Tobey led Virginia with 16 points, while redshirt sophomore guard Malcolm Brogdon contributed 13 points. Freshman point guard London Perrantes dished out a game-high five assists, while senior forward Akil Mitchell led the Cavaliers in rebounding for the fourth consecutive game with 12.

Virginia concludes its road trip Monday at 7 p.m. in Durham, N.C. The Cavaliers face No. 16 Duke before returning to Charlottesville for a three-game homestand.

—compiled by Zack Bartee

## New year, new team

If the Virginia men's basketball team's New Year's resolution was to go undefeated in 2014, then they have kept theirs much longer than I have kept my own.

The Cavaliers limped into conference play after an embarrassing 87-52 blowout to Tennessee, the second largest margin of defeat under coach Tony Bennett's tenure. That loss meant the squad lacks any marquee non-conference wins — it also squandered chances against Virginia Commonwealth and No. 4 Wisconsin — which will hurt the team come tournament selection time.

But, at 9-4, Virginia managed to avoid any unsightly non-conference losses that could cripple its tournament chances, which is refreshing given the team's early season losses to CAA teams George Mason, Delaware and Old Dominion last year. The team is currently 5-0 against teams with RPIs outside of the top 150, after dropping three games to such teams in the 2012-13 season.

Whether or not they came away with any tournament-quality wins, Cavalier fans can breathe a sigh of relief that Virginia beat James Madison, the lone CAA team on the schedule.

But there was still cause for concern. Senior guard Joe Harris's point production and shooting percentages were down

across the board. His 11.1 points per game through non-conference games was his lowest output since his freshman campaign. It appeared as if opponents might have figured out how to stifle Virginia's offense — by making its star guard work for every shot — as Harris seemingly could not find easy looks.

The effect of Harris's decline in production was exacerbated by senior forward Akil Mitchell's simultaneous drop off. Mitchell, the ACC's leading returning rebounder, averaged just 5.5 rebounds per game — down from 9.2 last year — and 6.1 points during non-conference play, after scoring 13.1 last season.

Part of Mitchell's struggles undoubtedly resulted from breaking his hand at the LeBron James Skills Academy in July. He is also playing an average of five minutes per game less this year due to Virginia's depth in the post. But even taking that into consideration, this was not the same Akil Mitchell as last season.

Sophomore guard Justin Anderson tried to pick up the slack in Virginia's scoring as he did at the end of last season, while red-shirt sophomores Anthony Gill

and Malcolm Brogdon have both contributed substantial points after sitting out last season. But the Cavaliers still fell short in big games, games that they needed to depend on their seniors to produce.

After preseason optimism abounded — particularly among Cavalier fans seeking a reprieve from the trials of football season — 2013 play quickly tempered expectations. The team predicted to finish fourth in the ACC and earn an NCAA Tournament berth after watching from the NIT last year looked as if it may fall victim to the hype, like the Nationals, Redskins and every other team of which I'm a fan.

The most frightening part of the Tennessee loss was not the lack of offense — that's to be expected from Virginia's slow pace. No, 87 points and an over 60 percent 3-point percentage were the truly unsettling numbers. For a team that prides itself on its defensive prowess, how could an unranked team absolutely throttle Bennett's pack line defense? Or the even scarier prospect: what would ACC teams like Syracuse and Duke do to that defense?



ZACK BARTEE  
COLUMNIST

Despite its substantial depth, this team still relies heavily on its seniors and will continue to do so as ACC play heats up. It's no coincidence that as Harris and Mitchell's play has begun to improve, the Cavaliers have started blowing teams out.

This Virginia team has shown that it has the potential to be very good. A 31-point win on the road against the Wolfpack bodes well for a team who was knocked last season for not being able to win on the road. Its dismal free-throw shooting percentage is steadily improving, and things finally seem to be clicking for the Cavaliers.

A true road test presents itself Monday, when Virginia visits Cameron Indoor Stadium. Already one of the most difficult places to play in the nation, the Duke Blue Devils are coming off of a loss to Clemson and are certainly seeking revenge for the Cavaliers upsetting them in Charlottesville last season.

Anything is possible, including Harris delivering an encore 36-point performance or an outcome less desirable to Virginia fans. The Cavaliers appeared inconsistent during 2013, and Monday night will go a long way toward revealing whether or not this 2014 team is for real.

But if not, there's always 2015, right?

# Poindexter, Brown bolt to UConn

The Virginia football team announced Jan. 6 that safeties coach Anthony Poindexter and defensive line coach Vincent Brown would be leaving the team. Both will be taking positions at Connecticut under newly hired coach Bob Diaco — himself a former Virginia assistant coach between 2006 and 2008.

Poindexter had served on the Virginia staff for 10 seasons after a legendary playing career for the Cavaliers. The 1998 ACC Defensive Player of the Year, Poindexter was a first-team All-ACC selection three times. He served as the running backs coach for five seasons before moving on to coach the defensive backs, special teams and finally the safeties, the position he

has held for the last four seasons. He will serve as Diaco's defensive coordinator.

The secondary under Poindexter was a bright spot for the Cavaliers in 2013, as the team ranked in the top 50 nationally in passing efficiency defense. Junior safety Anthony Harris led the nation with eight interceptions on the year, picking up first-team All-ACC honors and first-team All-American honors from SB Nation and SI.com.

Brown leaves Virginia after four seasons on staff. After three seasons as the team's linebackers coach, he moved to the defensive line in 2013. Brown also served under Virginia coach Mike London in 2008 and 2009 at Richmond

where he helped lead the Spiders to an FCS National Championship. He will coach the linebackers and be the co-defensive coordinator at UConn.

The Virginia defensive line suffered a huge blow in 2013 with the loss of senior defensive tackle Brent Urban for four games in the latter half of the season. The Cavalier defense still managed 28 sacks on the season, tying for 39th in the nation at 2.33 sacks per game. Under Brown's tutelage, sophomore defensive end Eli Harold had a massive season, racking up 8.5 sacks and 15 tackles for loss — the latter of which is the seventh highest single-season total in school history.

—compiled by Michael Eilbacher



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Anthony Poindexter, the 1998 ACC Defensive Player of the Year at Virginia, left his post as the Cavaliers' safeties coach to become Connecticut's defensive coordinator.



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Redshirt sophomore Zach Nye scored a decision at 197 pounds against Edinboro sophomore Vince Pickett to clinch the Cavaliers' first Virginia Duals title.

## Wrestling captures Virginia Duals

The No. 13 Virginia wrestling team captured the Virginia Duals crown this weekend for the first time in program history, winning all three of its bouts during the two-day tournament. The top-seeded Cavaliers earned victories against Chattanooga, fifth-seeded Kent State, and second-seeded No. 14 Edinboro on their way to the title.

Chattanooga (10-5, 1-0 So-Con) fought valiantly Friday in the first match, but ultimately fell to Virginia (11-2, 1-0 ACC), 18-13. Sophomore Nick Herrmann kicked off the action with a major decision at 125 pounds, while the Cavaliers' five other victories were all by way of decision.

Redshirt-junior Nick Sulzer, the nation's third-ranked wrestler at 165 pounds, bested junior Corey Mock 13-7 in one of the day's marquee matchups.

Virginia opened Saturday against a familiar opponent in Kent State (7-6, 2-0 MAC). Earlier in the season, the Cavaliers handed Kent State a 29-12 defeat at the Hokie Duals, but the rematch was much more tightly contested. Trailing 12-10 with three weight classes remaining, Virginia won the final three matches to pull out a 22-12 victory and earn the right to face Edinboro (4-3, 2-0 EWL) in the championship round.

The Cavaliers relied on more

late-match heroics to oust the Fighting Scots, 20-19. Herrmann won by decision at 125 pounds, but Edinboro rallied and took the next three matches. Redshirt-sophomore Blaise Butler's 14-8 victory at 157 pounds whittled the deficit to seven, and Sulzer's major decision brought Virginia within three. Redshirt-seniors Stephen Doty and Jon Fausey and redshirt-sophomore Zach Nye won the next three to clinch the match and the title for the Cavaliers.

Virginia returns to action this weekend against Old Dominion and ACC foe Duke.

—compiled by Matthew Wurzbarger



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## Great power, great responsibility and the BBWAA

Last week, a little place called Cooperstown experienced a not-so-little amount of drama. Maybe you heard about it.

It's no secret that inductions into the National Baseball Hall of Fame have come under heavy scrutiny during the past few years. It's almost like being in high school: who's in, who's out, who totally wore the wrong shoes to prom and — above all — who calls the shots.

This year, the powers that be chose to bestow the highest of honors upon Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Frank Thomas. According to the Baseball Writers' Association of America, Hall of Famers are to be chosen "based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contribution to the team(s) on which the player played." By these standards, Mad-

dux, Glavine and Thomas, all first-timers on the ballot, were exceptional and obvious choices for the Hall. Of course, the issue du jour is that they are not the only ones on the ballot.

Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and a host of other suspected steroid users were — and still are — eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame. Though Bonds is technically the all-time home run leader and Clemens won seven Cy Young Awards, they received just 34.7 and 35.4 percent of the vote, respectively.

It seems the association — or at least 65 percent of it — has spoken: cheaters do not belong in the Hall of Fame. Of course, when Bonds and Clemens will reappear on the ballot next year, the opposing school of thought — the "Let Them All In" approach, if you will — might prevail.

So the issue then is one of integrity versus records — or is it?

Perhaps even more reviled than steroid use is the voting process itself. A group of 571 privileged sports writers get to choose up to 10 players each, and players that get at least 429 votes can join the ranks of Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron and Ty Cobb. Obviously these writers have great power, but that hardly means they'll handle it with great responsibility.

Much of the association is dissatisfied with the whole Hall of Fame process, but the writers' very public attempts to fix or protest it fall profoundly short. Ken Gurnick refused to vote for anyone from the steroid era — including Maddux — while Murray Chass openly intended to vote out of spite.

And of course, there's Dan Le Batard. Le Batard turned his vote over to Deadspin, which polled its readers to fill out the ballot. It was a cute move — the benevolent rebel, assisted by the average Joe, sticks it to the man — and it acknowledged the fact that, yes, there are baseball fans out there who really do know the game.

But turning the Hall of Fame vote into a social media contest — #halloffame2014 — is just plain scary.

The next question, then, is who are these sports writers and why do they get such power?

Well, I'm a sports writer. I know baseball, I love baseball and I write about baseball, but I will never play a single game in the MLB — damn you, gender restrictions. I don't know the story behind every other writer for The Cavalier Daily, much less the association, but I do know this: none of us play in the big leagues.

The folks over at the association not only decide the Hall of Fame inductions, but also the MVP, Cy Young, Rookie of the Year and Manager of the Year awards. To hand over the biggest honors in baseball to a bunch of people who don't play the game — and who, by the way, have the most hilariously outdated website in sports — seems a little odd. Here's a thought: let the men who play the game determine the integrity of the game.

Okay, I agree, no one wants Alex Rodriguez in charge of the Hall of Fame, but Rodriguez is one in a sea of many, and perhaps, within that sea, are the people best equipped to determine what integrity in baseball means.

The risk, of course, is that maybe every man who has ever played Major League Baseball thinks that steroids are perfectly acceptable, but this seems unlikely. The steroid era is on its way out. More players are clean and playing the game the right way, and they look down on their peers who cut corners — remember Chris Davis chasing Roger Maris and not Bonds?

Maybe it's overly optimistic to think it, but if all the active players and especially the thousands of MLB alumni — operating according to their own standards and not some outside force's — had some control over the Hall of Fame, it seems like a known cheater would have a hard time getting in.

But what do I know? I'm just a sports writer.



KERRY MITCHELL  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

## Around the ACC

The ACC proved to be just as top-heavy in football as pundits predicted — the conference went 5-6 overall in bowls, but captured a pair of BCS wins, including the National Championship. Miami, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech and Boston College all fell flat against competition hailing from major programs after posting relatively good seasons, with three of the four schools falling by more than 20 points.

Virginia Tech senior quarterback Logan Thomas was injured in the second quarter of a 42-12 pounding at the hands of No. 17 UCLA, concluding his career as a three-year starter and leaving the Hokies searching for a new quarterback heading into next season.

Coastal Division runner-up No. 24 Duke put up a strong performance in a shootout against heavily-favored No. 21 Texas A&M, but lost 52-48 in a heart-breaking finish to Johnny Manziel and the Aggies.

But in the Orange Bowl, No. 12 Clemson dealt No. 7 Ohio State just its second loss in the past two seasons, as senior quarterback Tajh Boyd capped his illustrious career by capturing his first BCS bowl win. Boyd and junior wide receiver Sammy Watkins dazzled fans on offense, with Watkins catching

an Orange Bowl record 16 passes for 227 yards and earning MVP honors.

Finally, No. 1 Florida State captured a thrilling 34-31 win against No. 2 Auburn in the BCS National Championship, ending the SEC's run of seven consecutive titles. The win marked the Seminoles' second BCS title, and Florida State will remain the only ACC school to ever win the BCS Championship — the system will transition to the four-team College Football Playoff next season.

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Florida State freshman quarterback Jameis Winston became the first ACC player to capture the Heisman trophy since fellow Seminole quarterback Chris Weinke did it in 2000. Winston is the youngest player ever to win the award. He finished his season with 4,057 passing yards, 44 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions en route to also capturing the Manning Award, AP Player of the Year honors and BCS National Championship Offensive MVP.

Winston captured 79.2 percent of the ballots in the Heisman voting — good for the eighth-highest percentage all time — but many suspect the number would have been higher had it

not been for unproven allegations that he sexually assaulted a woman in late 2012.

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The conference was well represented in both the men's and women's soccer championships. Three of the four semifinalists in both tournaments hailed from the ACC, with Notre Dame defeating Maryland to win the men's tournament and Florida State taking second place in the women's tournament.

Virginia faltered in the semifinal of both tournaments. The top-seeded women lost in penalty kicks to eventual national champion UCLA, while the men fell to Maryland 2-1 on a pair of goals by senior forward and MAC Hermann Trophy-winner Patrick Mullins. Virginia junior midfielder Morgan Brian took home the women's Hermann Trophy, honoring the top collegiate player.

After the conclusion of all fall sports, Florida State, North Carolina and Virginia all rank in the top five of the Directors Cup standings, which ranks schools based on performance in all sports.

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Though traditionally known as a powerhouse conference in men's basketball, the ACC has underperformed by most standards this season. The conference boasts just two ranked teams in the most recent AP poll, despite entering the season with five. Preseason No. 4 Duke has slid all the way to No. 16 after January losses to unranked Notre Dame and Clemson.

Conference newcomer No. 2 Syracuse has helped to maintain at least some of the ACC's reputation — the Orange are just one of six remaining undefeated team and have claimed blowout victories against then-undefeated No. 8 Villanova and North Carolina in the past three weeks.

The Tar Heels have been the most unpredictable team in the conference — after early season wins against No. 14 Kentucky, No. 5 Michigan State and No. 12 Louisville, Carolina has dropped three straight conference games.

Only Syracuse, fellow conference-newcomer Pittsburgh, and Virginia remain undefeated in ACC-play after three games.

—compiled by Zack Bartee and Matt Comey



# A team effort

*Engineering, Medical students join forces to win national competition*



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Fourth-year Engineering students Kevin McVey and Lauren Dobry teamed up with Medical students Sara James and Cam Coleman to revamp how hospitals use medical records.

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A group of four University students recently made waves in the health care community, proposing new ways to revamp how hospitals use medical records. Boasting different talents and interests, the students came together this past summer to start a project that culminated in national recognition this past December.

The participants, fourth-year Engineering students Kevin McVey and Lauren Dobry and Medical students Sara James and Cam Coleman initially joined just to write a research paper, but ultimately decided to enter their work in a newly established competition sponsored by the American Medical Informatics Association.

After submitting an abstract and making it through numerous rounds of cuts, the team was announced as just one of four finalists and was sent to an AMIA conference in Washington, D.C. to present their findings.

"It was a lot of fun for us to present at [a professional] level," Coleman said.

The students worked to redesign progress notes in the neonatal intensive care unit of the University Medical Center. The students conducted more than

40 interviews with experts who use progress notes in different disciplines and used their suggestions to make the notes more streamlined and user-friendly.

"We actually went out and saw what other people wanted, not what we thought they wanted," Dobry said.

The only team with undergraduate members, Coleman, McVey, Dobry and James won first place, beating a team of Harvard graduate students and a team with both Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Vanderbilt graduate students.

"It was fantastic to present [our project] and see actual medical professionals agree with our decisions," McVey said. "We actually impressed someone that does this for a living. We are very proud to have set the bar for what future years will have to top."

As an engineering student, McVey was in charge of constructing the computational methods to improve the progress notes system.

"I'm a computer science major, so what was really challenging was trying to truly make something that worked for non-engineers," McVey said. "I really had to put other users' needs first, which is something you don't get a lot of experience with in the engineering school."

Dobry, a biomedical engineering major, recorded all of

the interviews, took notes and transcribed the interviews word for word in order to develop a coding system used to analyze responses. Now, Dobry plans to apply what she learned through the project to her capstone project.

"[The AMIA project] was the greatest culmination of everything I've worked for," Dobry said.

As students with medical backgrounds, Coleman and James played a role in conducting all interviews before the team analyzed the results. Coleman delivered the team's presentation to the judges and AMIA members, and after the presentation, all four of the students fielded questions from judges based on their areas of expertise.

"[My favorite part was] working with people in a different field," Coleman said. "It was really rewarding to work on a team where a lot of people from different backgrounds threw their ideas on the table."

The team considered their diversity a leading reason for their success in the competition.

"You can't just pull from one discipline," Dobry said. "You have to have a collaboration from all of them, and that's speaking for medicine and where it's going. The one advantage that we had is that we definitely pulled from all disciplines."



**It's really incredible to see what our team of four could do when we all agreed with each other and built our ideas up. We've created something that's truly profound.**



TOP: Lauren Dobry (Courtesy Lauren Dobry)  
SECOND: Kevin McVey (Courtesy Kevin McVey)  
FOURTH: Sara James (Courtesy Sara James)  
BOTTOM: Cam Coleman

# TOP 10 LIES YOU'LL TELL ABOUT YOUR WINTER BREAK

YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE DONE THESE THINGS IN THE PAST MONTH - AND THAT'S OKAY!

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## 1. THIS TAN IS NATURAL

If you're like me, or any other partially-sane, warm-blooded mammal, you'd probably agree that the cold is stupid and one must avoid such extreme chilliness by fleeing to somewhere where winter as we know it does not exist. Unfortunately, this usually entails a really expensive plane ticket and a lot of ambition — two things that the typical college student doesn't usually have. Thus, a typical Winter Break consists of a few visits to a tanning bed and a really convincing argument that the sun in Puerto Rico really gets you orange this time of year.

## 2. I'M READY FOR RUSH

So you've posted, stalked and hated on every #whyiamgreek post. You've planned out your outfits, crafted a fake-tan argument and attempted to convince your parents that girl-flirting for 12 hours a day is a truly worthwhile experience. But whether a first-year or a fourth-year, a rusher or a rushee, I believe there is absolutely no way to be completely mentally prepared for the insanity that is sorority rush. Seriously, we're already halfway through and I still don't think I fully understand what's going on.

## 3. I SAW SO MANY FRIENDS

Well, if you consider each character of "Scandal" a friend I'd say I managed to even make a few new friends this break. Though it's embarrassing to admit, I'll take one for the team and own up to the choice we often find ourselves making: choosing our bed/Netflix instead of

our home friends. Let's be real — it's hard to rationalize driving to see anyone, especially with the subzero temperatures and snowfall that hit the East Coast while we were home. Just blame your lack of social activity on Jetblue's flight cancellations. That's what everyone else was doing.

## 4. I ATE HEALTHILY

Some wise scientist once proved that a little wine and chocolate each day is good for you. And even if said wise scientist had specified how much wine and chocolate was the "healthy" amount, I was too busy running to the kitchen to know it. So as far as I know, a family size bag of M&M's plus four glasses of wine a day is nutritious, right? Also, I'm of the belief that calories don't count during the holidays, and a gingerbread cookie (or 12) never hurt anyone. It's important to take full advantage of your mom's home cooking while you can, and to never pass up a holiday dessert. They're seasonal, so stock up while you can.

## 5. I DID SOMETHING OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE

I firmly believe that the term "educational value" was made up by parents and teachers to convince themselves that field trips were more than just a way to pass off responsibility for their children. If by "educational value" you mean testing the limits of how long one can remain in their bed without moving more than 3 inches, then I'd say my break was pretty educational. My friends went to the Met and sent me some snapchats — does that count?

## 6. I CHECKED MY EMAIL

I use the term check extremely loosely, meaning I ignored anything that didn't have to do with online shopping. Let's call it a cleanse from learning and a full-on embracing of the holiday shopping deals. First comes Black Friday, then comes the Procrastinator's Christmas Sales, then the After Christmas Sales, then the New Year's Sales and then you're overwhelmed by deals and about \$1,000 poorer. Blink and you'll miss them — there's no time to be paying attention to educational emails. The syllabus and pre-class reading can wait.

## 7. I MADE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THAT I'LL KEEP

New year, new me, am I right? I decided this year to keep my New Year's resolutions totally realistic: Instagram less, stop eating while inebriated and watch one Netflix episode at a time. Though I may have substituted relevant or life-advancing resolutions for ones that won't do much for me, at least I have a better chance of actually doing them. We all know the Aquatics and Fitness Center is a social scene more than a gym anyway, so I'm probably doing myself good by not even bothering to show up.

## 8. I EXERCISED

According to my mother, I ran my mouth quite a bit this break. But, that's about all I can say for my doing any semblance of exercise. Alternatively though, this lie could potentially be true depending on how you define the term exercise. For example: I exercised my right to not leave my bed for hours at a time. Or, I exercised my

freedom of speech by yelling down to my brothers to bring me some hot chocolate. I did not, in fact, exercise in the sense of running or other cardiovascular activity. Similar to "their, they're and there," no one can tell what you mean by "exercise" when you say it out loud. The English language rocks.

## 9. I CAUGHT UP ON SLEEP

While I impressively slept until about noon everyday, this does not mean that I didn't stay up until 4 a.m. the night before doing absolutely useless things on the Internet. You all know the drill: one Pinterest board leads to another and soon you're convinced you'll wake up in the morning with the cooking capabilities of Betty Crocker and the motivation of a contestant on Cupcake Wars. Soon you realize you're too tired to actually do anything you planned the night before, and the cycle repeats.

## 10. I DIDN'T MISS SCHOOL

Sure, there's something to be said about a mother's home cooking and some alone time with your dog. But, between having to tell every single person I speak to that I'm not a sophomore (I'm a second-year!) and that a well-timed cheeseburger with a fried egg on top can in fact change your life, it's hard not to miss the people who embrace these things with pride. U.Va. is the best place on Earth, and no amount of time in your childhood bed can change that. I love my friends and family to death, but nothing makes me happier than watching people fall down the stairs at Trinity circa 2 a.m. or walking past Bodo's when it's dark out and realizing it's still open.

## Paris is always a good idea

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When it came to preparing for my upcoming semester abroad, there seemed to be 300 steps to take before any of it began to make sense or seem real. Through choosing my destination, buying plane tickets and paying tuition, one small formality has presented itself as seriously complicated.

The directions on the application for a student visa are in French — a language that I have nothing more than a mere elementary understanding of.

Even with a high-school education in the language, the already technical guidelines, written by people whose native tongue is so obviously incongruent with mine, seemed even more daunting. I sat for 20 minutes staring at my computer screen before walking away to take a mental break that obviously included a visit to the pantry. Snacks are rewards, I have to keep telling myself this.

After completing the application, laughing at how much my ability to understand French has degraded in a mere three years, all I could do was sit back and

hope the French Consulate would perform as it promised, or that I took all the necessary steps to ensure that they were able to grant me the visa.

So, tomorrow will be the fateful day that determines whether I am truly going abroad to Paris this semester. There is still the possibility that this reality of mine is not the country's reality, and this is all still a lucid dream. The tuition is paid, the flights are booked and my SIS schedule is frighteningly empty. There is really no turning back at this point — that is unless Embassy Row

says otherwise. Come noon tomorrow, the reality will set in and the butterflies will start to explore to the depths of my stomach.

And still, I cannot help but wonder whether one small mistake will make this dream really just that — a dream. I have spent my time logistically preparing for my semester abroad, and have invested even more energy into the mental preparation. Having such a close group of friends who know and appreciate my personality will be incredibly hard to leave behind. I wish I could bring them all with me in my already

overstuffed suitcase, but realistically that's not why I chose to study abroad.

I invite the challenge of being uncomfortable with language, with my host family, my new friends, my classes and travel. If one small error is the reason I cannot get a student visa, I will find another way to get to Paris.

If Audrey Hepburn said it, then it must be true.

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## Burned at the stake

The entire concept of being a "slut" is trivial and outdated. Dating back to roughly 15th century English, the grotesque term has made its way from ink on a scroll of parchment to the 140 characters Twitter permits us to use as we seek to dazzle our friends and family with our insight and wit. And, unfortunately, the whole "slut" thing is still plaguing society in the very same ways it always has.

Of course, you've heard this argument about a million times. There's no denying that the phrases used to describe a promiscuous woman exist in colorful abundance while the concept is only applied to our male counterparts through lame, half-assed terms like "ma—n slut."

But the issue at hand consists of more than just an annoying double standard that keeps wom-

en from having guilt-free fun. The problem is a unique strain of sexism that is both overt and insidious: it stares us in the face and manifests in our minds without our conscious consent.

The idea that we feel the need to specify by saying "man slut" or "manwhore" is only rendering the concept inherently unique to females. Not only does this create a nonsensical bias — as if a man who engages in too much sexual behavior is some sort of cultural anomaly — it conditions us to believe that it's bad, or shameful, to have been born with two X chromosomes.

To that end, it truly baffles me that at such a prestigious university, where the nation's most innovative young minds ostensibly gather, a term that was originally attributed to medieval temptresses is still being tossed around to

describe girls at frat parties. How can we justify assessing a person's value based on the frequency with which she indulges in a primal human instinct?

If you are someone who still associates a woman's worth with her number of intimate partners, you'd be well advised to look up from your typewriter long enough to realize that your perception of "self-respect" is archaic. In fact, I would argue that a woman's self-respect is more closely related to her audacity to do what makes her happy without acknowledging the raised brows of the medieval jousting in the room.

Even more enigmatic to me is the fact that it's not just men that are the source of this slut-shaming that takes place. I cringe every time I hear a friend use "slut" to describe a fellow female. Girls:

we need to realize that when we use this phrase, we're also saying that we, as women, are not fit to



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make our own decisions regarding our sex lives. Every time you call that girl who gave your boy-

friend a second glance a "slut," you are solidifying your own subordinate position relative to men.

Ultimately, what so many people overlook is the fact that the concept of being a slut is entirely socially constructed — we created sluts.

On that note, I venture to suggest we shed our traditional Renaissance garb and move into a new era—, one where calling someone a slut is as ridiculous as burning someone at the stake after accusing her of witchcraft. One where being a slut just isn't a "thing" anymore. Because the truth is, we won't have a shot at seeing real gender equality until we do.

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