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# Honor to hold rare open trial

*Trial to take place Nov. 19*

MARK FELICE | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The committee will hold its first public Honor trial of the year this coming Saturday, Nov. 19 — its first since Feb. 2013.

The open hearing is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and will be held in the trial room on the fourth floor of

Newcomb Hall, Honor Committee Chair Matt West, a fourth-year College student, said in an email statement.

“The accused student is enrolled in the School of Engineering and Applied Science and has been accused of cheating on an exam,” West said in an email statement. West

declined to identify the student in question.

The case goes through several other steps before an open trial is possible.

For a hearing to occur, the student must have opted for a full investigation instead of choosing to submit an Informed Retraction or to claim a Contributory Mental or Medical Disorder. The investigation then goes to a panel that decides if there was evidence to support an accusation or “more likely than not.” A hearing is then established if the student does not call for a CMD or leaves admitting guilt.

“When a student is accused of committing an Honor offense by an Investigative Panel and requests a hearing, he or she can elect to have either an open or closed hearing,” West said. “If a student requests a closed hearing, as most accused students do, the entire process remains

strictly confidential. If a student chooses to have an open hearing, he or she waives the right to confidentiality.”

Despite the infrequency of open trials, this trial will not be run any differently than a closed door meeting. Observers will be allowed to hear testimony and evidence presented during the proceedings throughout the entirety of the trial.

“The hearing will be conducted according to standard procedures,” West said. “Observers will be expected to abide by a specified code of conduct, which they will receive information about via email prior to the hearing.”

Arrangements have been made so that students will have the opportunity to attend the trial through a process of sign-ups with the executive secretary for Honor. Space will be limited, but the committee wishes to accommodate everyone who

wants to attend the hearings.

“The Honor Committee will try to reasonably accommodate everyone who wishes to observe the hearing,” West said. “Students interested in attending can sign up with Mary White, Executive Secretary to the Honor Committee. Mrs. White can be reached via email or in person in the Honor Committee offices on the fourth floor of Newcomb Hall. Her contact information is available on the Honor Committee’s website.”

Viewing space for the trial will only be conducted in Newcomb 480. However, the committee will reassess other viewing options if there is not enough space for everyone that attends the hearing.

Students, faculty and staff will be able to sign up to observe the hearing starting on Monday, Nov. 14 at 9 a.m. The sign-up period will be open throughout the week by email or walk-in until Thursday Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.



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The trial is being held for an undergraduate Engineering student who is accused of cheating on an exam.

# Professors ask Sullivan to stop quoting Jefferson

*Many believe Jefferson shouldn’t be included in emails*

KATE BELLOWES | STAFF WRITER

Several groups on Grounds collaborated to write a letter to University President Teresa Sullivan against the inclusion of a Thomas Jefferson quote in her post-election email Nov. 9.

In the email, Sullivan encouraged students to unite in the wake of contentious results, arguing that University students have the responsibility of creating the future they want for themselves.

“Thomas Jefferson wrote to a friend that University of Virginia students ‘are not of ordinary significance only: they are exactly the persons who are to succeed to the government of our country, and to rule its future enmities, its friendships and fortunes,’” Sullivan said in the email. “I encourage today’s U.Va. students to embrace that responsibility.”

Some professors from the University’s Psychology Department — and other academic departments — did not agree with the use of this quote. Their letter to Sullivan argued that in light of Jefferson’s owning of slaves and other racist beliefs, she should refrain from quoting Jefferson in email communications.

“We would like for our administration to understand that although some members of this community may have come to this university because of Thomas Jefferson’s legacy, others of us came here in spite of it,”

the letter read. “For many of us, the inclusion of Jefferson quotations in these e-mails undermines the message of unity, equality and civility that you are attempting to convey.”

The letter garnered 469 signatures — from both students and professors — before being sent out via email Nov. 11. Signees included Politics Prof. Nicholas Winter, Psychology Prof. Chad Dodson, Women, Gender and Sexuality Prof. Corinne Field, College Assistant Dean Shilpa Davé, Politics Prof. Lynn Sanders and many more. Asst. Psychology Prof. Noelle Hurd drafted the letter.

“The intention of the email was to start a conversation with our administration regarding ways to be more inclusive,” Hurd said in an email statement. “In the current climate, we must seize every opportunity to communicate that this university welcomes individuals from all backgrounds.”

Politics Prof. Lawrie Balfour said she believes everyone who signed the letter, including herself, was grateful that Sullivan responded to anxiety following the election — however, many felt it was the wrong moment to turn to Jefferson, following incidents of identity-related hate speech.

“I’ve been here 15 years,” Balfour said. “Again and again, I have found that at moments when the community needs reassurance and Jefferson



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The letter stated that some students may be offended by the use of Jefferson quotes.

appears, it undoes I think the really important work that administrators and others are trying to do.”

Hurd said she believes the University should consider ways to better express inclusion.

“I drafted the e-mail because when Jefferson was referenced in emails related to the election, it communicated to me a message of exclusion,” Hurd said.

Both Hurd and Balfour said they hope this issue encourages conversation about Jefferson’s place at the University.

“I think that Jefferson is often celebrated for his accomplishments with little or no acknowledgment of the atrocities he committed against hundreds of human beings,” Hurd said. “This is a complex issue but members of our community are intelligent and compassionate enough to be able to wrestle with this history and decide how we want to move forward as an institution that welcomes all.”

Sullivan did not respond to a request for comment as of press time, and this article will be updated with her response. Winter, Dodson, Anthropology Prof. Kath Weston, Psychology Profs. Joseph Allen and Beverly Adams, and Diana Wilson, president of the Memorialization of Enslaved Laborers — all letter signees — did not respond to requests for comment.

# BOV discusses Strategic Investment Fund

*Board showed strong interest in developing AccessUVA endowment*

HAILEY ROSS | SENIOR ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Board of Visitors met Friday to discuss alternatives to enhance access and affordability and the financial impact these alternatives would take on the University's \$2.2 billion Strategic Investment Fund.

Partway through the meeting, a group of students disrupted the session by storming the boardroom and demanding board members work to make the University a safer place.

Rector William Goodwin asked protesters to leave the room because it was filled past capacity. Conversation then resumed on the scheduled topic of access and affordability.

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe's administration announced Nov. 1 that Virginia's public colleges and universities can expect 7.5 percent decrease in funding for the next fis-

cal year. The University is also under pressure from state legislators and others to increase in-state enrollment.

Last year, admission was offered to 5,762 Virginians. Of that, 2,461 first-years and 552 transfers enrolled. The board spent time going over these numbers and reviewing two alternatives for increasing in-state enrollment.

The first alternative would be to increase in-state undergraduate enrollment by 400 students, which would have a financial impact of \$3.8 million from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2021 with an estimated ongoing cost of one million per year.

Phoebe Willis, the student BOV member and Law student, said it was worth noting that the cost of additional housing was not factored

into this estimate.

"The increase of 400 students is going to require additional housing for first-years — that cost isn't even factored in," Willis said. "That would definitely bump that cost up a lot more because the cost to build dorms is pretty significant."

The second option reviewed by the board involves exchanging 100 out-of-state students for 100 in-state students. This option seemed to be less popular, as some members of the board said they felt comfortable with the current ratios of in-state to out-of-state students.

The BOV then moved to discussing affordability, and members discussed the nine alternatives presented. The board showed the highest interest in the options which involved adjusting the estimated

family contribution calculation to address the cost of living, reducing loan caps for in-state middle-income students with need and establishing an AccessUVA endowment with money from the SIF.

Establishing an AccessUVA endowment would be funded with a \$100 million distribution over five years from the Strategic Investment Fund as a challenge grant which would then be matched by donations.

"The ultimate goal is to build a \$1.2 billion endowment of financial aid and keep it so all financial aid comes out of that," Willis said. "That's kind of how the Ivies are able to do what they do and offer the aid packages that they do — because it's not predicated on their tuition."

Willis also said the proposals put

before the board on Friday were centered around "short term thinking" — something the BOV doesn't normally deal with. She said the board looks at proposals while considering if they will hurt future students.

"The board is used to thinking long term, and some of these are very short term thinking," Willis said. "As a student member thinking about this ... it's not just the short term, but the long term — what's going to happen in five to 10 years."

In September, the board approved approximately \$26 million from the SIF to be allocated over the next three years between 13 research scholarships. They will reconvene in December to vote on the access and affordability proposals.

## Protesters share demands with Sullivan

*Group wants more support for undocumented students, firing of police officers in Election Night incident*

TIM DODSON AND HAILEY ROSS | NEWS EDITORS

Student protesters were granted a meeting with University President Teresa Sullivan after storming a Board of Visitors meeting Friday, demanding the board work to make the University a safer place.

Some of the students involved in the protest were members of DREAMers on Grounds. The group's goal is to inform the University and Charlottesville community about the challenges and issues undocumented students undergo as well as to promote better experiences for them.

The protest came days after Republican Donald Trump won the presidential election — a victory which has been met with much concern from some members of the University community due to Trump's divisive rhetoric and controversial proposals.

The students called for the University to support students and workers who could potentially face deportation under Trump's administration, as well as an increase of resources for sexual assault survivors and an end to hate crimes.

The protest also called for the firing of three University police officers involved in an election night incident, in which Trump's campaign slogan — "Make America Great Again" — was shouted at students through a police car's public address system shortly after the results of the election became clear early Wednesday morning.

The officers are on paid administrative leave, and the incident is currently under investigation.

After several minutes of protesting, Rector William H. Goodwin

asked protesters to leave due to fire code regulations limiting the number of people who can be present in the boardroom at one time.

BOV meetings are closed for public comment, but second-year College student Triston Smith said he saw their request to leave as a "slap in the face."

"It's time to actually be here and be in the frontlines working to fight for ourselves because nobody else is going to fight for us," Smith said. "That's exactly what they're showing us especially in closing the doors and not allowing anyone to speak at the open meeting."

Smith also said there was a smaller team of students protesters who were prepared and hoping to be able to communicate directly with the board during the time slot the board scheduled for discussions of the Strategic Investment Fund.

"We had a team that was going to go in and talk to them and lay out all the things we want to see, and they weren't able to get in," Smith said. "There were people from DREAMers mostly on that team."

The protest was only planned the night before and spread by word of mouth, Smith said. Approximately 25 students were involved.

Phoebe Willis, a Law student and the student member of the BOV, said she has been working to improve communication between students and the board, and could have helped the board address some of the protesters' issues had she known what they were in advance.

"I'm not saying that their issue is not valid and not a timely issue," Wil-



RICHARD DIZON | THE CAVALIER DAILY

Protestors in the Board of Visitors meeting Friday before being asked to leave.

lis said. "I just think that it's one that could have been addressed as part of the official board meeting if anyone had known that that was what they wanted to talk about."

Many of the demands made are important and valid concerns, Willis said, but some of the issues protesters brought up are not things the board has control over.

Sullivan met with the students at 4 p.m. Friday evening. Around 40 students attended the meeting, where they shared their demands and concerns with her.

"We will make the University as physically safe for everybody as we can and we believe that in a community of trust, we encourage respect for one another, but I also know humans fall short of their aspirations and so I can't guarantee safety," Sullivan said in an interview following the meeting. "I can't guarantee your roommate, in an off moment, doesn't say something that just devastates you. It would be beyond me — or any university president — to be able to

guarantee that, but I can say that we will do what we can do make students as safe as possible, certainly physically safe."

Hannah Borja, a second-year College student and DREAMers on Grounds member, said she wants to see the University provide more support to undocumented students and workers, such as those who are currently protected by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals — a policy which shields eligible young undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. during their childhood from deportation.

"There is a lot of fear surrounding undocumented and migrant students here of the threat of deportation," Borja said after the meeting.

Trump could bring DACA to an end if he chooses.

"The things that this president-elect is saying is actually affecting us on Grounds now, and we want to provide resources to help those students to make a safe space for them because they're students

just like us and they deserve to be here and to feel welcomed, not feel disenfranchised or feel like they are being thrown to the side," third-year College student and DREAMers on Grounds member Jacob Marin said following the meeting.

Other suggestions brought up during the meeting included a legal aid clinic for students at the Law School and providing more funding to Counseling and Psychological Services.

Students also raised concerns about the adjudication of sexual assault cases and availability of statistics.

"There were some specific issues I'd like to look into more," Sullivan said. "I'd like to look into some of the issues that were raised about DACA students, some of the specific comments made about support for sexual assault survivors and also about the statistics on the adjudication of our cases, so those are some of the specific things I've heard."

Second-year College student Brian Cameron — who attended the protest and the meeting — said the administration did not make any specific promises to meet their demands, but described the administrators as being "in a mode of listening and reflecting."

"I think it's certainly going to take a lot more face-to-face time with the administration to help them understand that we see that what they are doing right now in this moment is not enough considering all of the heightened risk that so many people face," Cameron said.



# F FOCUS

## Does the blue light system work?

*'If it helps one person, then it's worth it,' Flood said*

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The University's "blue light" emergency phones were first installed 30 years ago, though they are still used and installed today. Long before cell phones, the blue lights served as a direct connection to the University Police Department. However, with the rise of cell phones, the tall blue towers have been used less frequently. Additionally, many students today do not fully understand the function of the lights and how to use them.

### What are blue lights?

Blue lights are emergency phones on Grounds and in the surrounding area that directly connect University students, faculty and visitors with UPD. The 478 phones appear in two forms: outdoor blue light towers and indoor wall telephones.

Ben Rexrode, community service and crime prevention coordinator for UPD, said many University students believe blue lights are only supposed to be used in dire emergencies, but the system can also be used to ask for a safe ride, get medical attention or report a crime.

"[The blue light system is] a two-way communication with our police department 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Rexrode said. "It's a way to have easy, instant access to the police department anywhere on Grounds."

The blue light emergency phones are simple to use. If outdoors, a student presses the large red button and is connected with the UPD front desk. On the newer phones, the blue light at the top of the tower will begin to blink. In a severe situation, a police officer will usually be at the location within a minute or two. If a student is off Grounds, pressing the button immediately calls 911.

Some University students believe the blue light system is important in providing a sense of safety and comfort. Third-year Batten student Henry Pollock, a member of the University Security and General Safety Committee, said even when the system is not being used, it provides a sense of security for most students.

"There's a two-fold purpose of those blue lights," Pollock said. "One is in the actual emergency situation to provide an outlet. Second ... is the feeling of safety and comfort they help provide."

The blue lights are located in high-traffic areas and more isolated areas like in parking garages, behind buildings or on less-traveled walkways. Rexrode said he believes the phones act as an extra layer of crime prevention that students take comfort in.

"They do serve that safety purpose, that easy accessibility to police anywhere on Grounds, but it is also

a sense of security," Rexrode said. "Even though I have my cellphone ... just seeing that there, I know I could still get in touch with police if I had to."

The Office of Safety and Emergency Preparedness catalogues and

"There are so many ways to communicate, so many ways to get the word out, but how many students don't know about these things?"

Although the new booklet was given to first-years, older students cannot access the information as

from doing their jobs effectively.

"We're going to get out of our cars, look in the area, see if we hear anything, look to see if everything is okay," Rexrode said. "It doesn't seem like a big deal, but it's actually a big deal because we're taking almost half

unless they are providing a measurable financial burden.

"Knowing that they do create a palpable sense of safety among a lot of individuals on Grounds," Pollock said, "I think that until I see a specific cost figure that is making a measurable negative financial impact on the University — something that you could compare in a way to the positive effect it has on people's feelings of safety — I think that they're helping and should continue to be operated."

### Just a layer

The bluelight system is only one part of the University's security. Claire Kaplan, director of gender violence and social change at the Women's Center, said the blue light system is actually part of a much larger system of safety for University students.

"Good prevention strategy at an institution like a university has to have many, many different levels to it," Kaplan said.

Flood said OSEP works to provide many layers of resources for students in case one fails or is inaccessible after an incident.

"The blue light system is a redundancy," Flood said. "When you look at the emergency notification system across Grounds, it's multi-layered. We've had the discussion here at U.Va. about removing the phones, but it always come down to the 'What if?'"

For instance, Flood asked what would happen if a student did not have their cell phone with them or if the University phone system crashed. Even if University phones lines go down, the emergency phones rely on a different type of service and would continue working.

Rexrode, Flood and Kaplan all said the first and most important step for student safety is staying informed. Kaplan works with many different organizations on Grounds to ensure that safety measures and prevention techniques are taught in ways which resonate with different people, such as posters and academic courses.

"[The blue light system] is just a tool," Kaplan said. "Let's work on the other things that will create cultural change."

Webel emphasized the importance of an active bystander community, which he said he believes surpasses the effectiveness of blue lights.

"We really want to encourage a community of people looking out for each other because these blue lights will only be doing so much," Webel said. "While we have seen blue lights used, I don't think [they are] a replacement for the reciprocity of two people looking out for each other."



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manages the emergency phone system. University Police officers frequently check to make sure the phones are working. Facilities Management and Information Technology Services also work with OSEP to maintain the lights.

The emergency phones can also be used in situations where students feel like they cannot talk. Since the UPD can track which phones are pressed, students can leave a trail of breadcrumbs if they believe they are being followed or if they feel insecure.

"Students may come from lots of different areas across the country where you don't call police unless it's an absolute emergency, where for us, it's a little bit different in that we want to be contacted, whether by e-phone or calling 911 just for when something doesn't seem right," Rexrode said.

### Concerns with the system

"Everyone knows about 911, people know about CAPS, many people know about SafeRide, but I don't think many people know about blue lights," Jariwala said.

OSEP created a booklet this year explaining the safety resources students have on and off Grounds. OSEP Assistant Director John Flood said informing students of the safety initiatives on Grounds is often difficult.

"I think getting the word out is always the hardest thing," Flood said.

easily. The booklet is online, but students must know it exists in order to look for it.

Fourth-year College student Ben Webel, chair of Student Council's safety and wellness committee, said he and his co-chair, third-year College student Madalyn Kimlick, work to increase awareness of safety initiatives already in place on Grounds, like the blue lights.

"There are a lot of really cool things in place already for students that they just don't know about," Webel said. "A lot of things have been around for a while and people just don't know about them or they forget that [they are] helpful."

Rexrode said the emergency phones have been used a lot less in recent years. Now, with the popularity of cell phones, students often call the police on their phones instead. However, the phones have continued to be installed around Grounds.

"Even if they're not used as often, they are still used," Rexrode said. "They are still a resource, I mean literally, a standing resource that somebody could contact us through one of them."

Since the blue lights have been in place for so long, students sometimes jokingly press the emergency call buttons — a frustrating act for Rexrode, since a police officer has to investigate the scene. On Friday or Saturday nights, Rexrode said these pranks can prevent police officers

of our manpower just to go address this."

### Should U.Va. keep them?

Some universities, like the University of California, Davis, and New Mexico State University, have begun to tear out their blue light systems — something the University decided not to do when the question came up in 2014. Flood said the potential benefits of the lights outweigh their small maintenance cost.

"If it helps one person, then it's worth it," Flood said. "What if that one person needs help for whatever reason and there isn't a blue phone near them?"

Others, like Pollock, believe safety initiatives like the ambassadors offer more security and are used more often.

"While these blue lights in an ideal situation work perfectly, there's a chance ... you may not be able to get to a blue light in time to signal for help," Pollock said.

Now that the system has been installed, Rexrode said it would be a hard sell to rip the lights out. Although used significantly less than they were in the past, the lights are still utilized to contact the police. The lights continue to be installed, but at a slower rate than they were 20 years ago.

While the lights may not be the most important layer of safety at the University, Pollock said he believes the lights should not be taken out



# S SPORTS

## No. 8 Virginia blows out UNC-Greensboro

recording 12 points.

The Cavaliers started off the season on a high note despite missing two forwards — Memphis transfer and junior Austin Nichols and redshirt freshman Mamadi Diakite — due to suspensions.

Virginia's offense shot 52 percent and made eight of their 16 three-point attempts. The defense held strong throughout, allowing the Cavaliers to jump out to a 22-15 lead to start off the game. Virginia was able to hold UNC-Greensboro scoreless for a period of 11 minutes from the end of the first half to the beginning of the second half.

Sophomore guard Fran-

cis Alonso led the Spartans in scoring with 14 points, but UNC-Greensboro only shot 37 percent over the course of the game.

Wilkins led the Cavaliers with nine rebounds, and sophomore forward Jarred Reuter followed behind with six. Coach Tony Bennett had the opportunity to test out one of his true freshman: guard Kyle Guy, who played 19 minutes and shot three of five for seven points.

Virginia returns home next to take on St. Francis Brooklyn at John Paul Jones Arena Tuesday night. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

— compiled by Mariel Messier



SARAH DODGE | THE CAVALIER DAILY

Marial Shayok came off the bench to lead Virginia with 15 points Friday night.

## Women's basketball stomps Coppin State, 103-40

*Cavaliers defeat Middle Tennessee State Friday for 2-0 start to season*

ALEC DOUGHERTY | ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Virginia women's basketball team came out hot against Coppin State Sunday and never looked back, cruising to a 103-40 win in front of its home crowd.

While the Cavaliers (2-0) undoubtedly had a stellar offensive performance, the team was able to thrive because of its tenacious defense and aggressiveness on the glass. Virginia had 10 steals and 10 blocks while out-rebounding the Eagles, 50-35.

"Our defense generated out offense, since we turned them over quite a bit," Virginia coach Joanne Boyle said.

The Cavaliers started the game on fire, taking a 31-10 lead in the first quarter. The team's scoring pace began to fall early on the in the second quarter, but eventually the team found its stroke and began hitting threes and getting big stops on defense. By the fourth quarter, Virginia had complete control of the game, outscoring Coppin State 29-5 in the final period.

"I thought we did a really good job of sharing the ball today," Boyle said. We tried to play inside and out, and we had really good ball movement."

Three Cavaliers notched double-doubles, one of whom was freshman center Felicia Aiyeotan, who led the team in scoring with 23 points in a breakout performance. Aiyeotan looked calm and poised in the post in only her second collegiate game, contributing on both offense and defense. She also led the team with 12 rebounds and six blocks.

"Coming into my second



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Freshman center Felicia Aiyeotan led Virginia with 23 points Sunday.

game, I already knew what was going to happen," Aiyeotan said. "I was more comfortable than I was for the last game. Stepping on the court, I know the things that I have to do and the things I have to work on."

The Cavaliers' second leading scorer was also a freshman, as guard Jocelyn Willoughby broke out with 21 points. Willoughby is already proving to be a key player in Virginia's offense in her second strong performance after a 13-point debut against Middle Tennessee State Friday.

"I think, for me, [the key is] just being confident in my own abilities and remaining aggressive," Willoughby said. "I approach each game pretty much the same way. My goal is to be aggressive, be physical and just do what I do. I think it worked well for me these past two games."

With so many contributors on both sides of the ball Sunday, the Cavaliers are developing a great rapport with each other in a very short time. Boyle was quick to point out how much of a team effort the win was.

"I think that the reason for the points is that we shared the basketball and we created turnovers, but everything that goes prior to that happening is just laying a great foundation for this team and chemistry and building a united front," Boyle said. "I think that's what they've really worked hard to do."

The story of the Cavaliers' season in its first weekend has been the expectation-shattering play of Boyle's freshmen at the

beginning of their careers. Boyle pointed out how hard work in the preseason has translated to such early success for them.

"They've grown a lot even from the summer, all four of them," she said. "I think they are very coachable, they have a great work ethic, they've missed very few practices since this summer and they're very engaged. They want to work hard and they have a great camaraderie with the upperclassmen. As coaches, you're going to give players as much as they can handle and they're proving that they can handle a lot. We haven't been fully tested but it's a great start for us to start building on."

As Boyle alluded to, the competition will only get harder for the Cavaliers, and they will look to build on their success.

"Obviously it was a great win for us, but we don't want to grow complacent," Willoughby said. "We want to still continue to work in the next few days, especially for the game against Richmond."

The Cavaliers' next test will be in in Richmond Wednesday against the Spiders (0-1), who are coming off a home loss against Columbia.



## TAKE AWAYS FROM SATURDAY

Miami outscored Virginia 17-0 in the second half as the Cavaliers fell to the Hurricanes, 34-14, Saturday. Virginia's record dropped to 2-8 in coach Bronco Mendenhall's first season. Football writer Grant Gossage had the following takeaways after the Senior Day loss.

### SMOKE MAKES HISTORY

Senior running back Taquan 'Smoke' Mizzell became the first player in ACC history to total both 1,500 yards rushing and receiving Saturday afternoon, but it's a shame Smoke's record-setting catch came late in the blowout loss and resulted in Virginia's fourth fumble of the game.

The negatives have somewhat overshadowed Smoke's feat.

After the game, I reminded my friend — who's as devoted a Cavalier football fan as there is — of the history Smoke had made. My friend muttered back, "But we lost." When

I said the record was still something to be proud of, he reiterated, "We lost."

I get it. Cavalier fans are fed up with their team losing, so much so that hundreds emptied out of Scott Stadium early and weren't there to witness Smoke's moment in the fourth quarter. Even if they weren't there, they should acknowledge it is a big deal. Former all-purpose backs like Virginia's own Thomas Jones, Clemson's C. J. Spiller, Florida State's Devonta Freeman and North Carolina's Giovani Bernard, among other stars, couldn't do what Smoke did.

"It definitely would have felt much better with a win, but that's something that I appreciate right there," Mizzell said. "That's big for me — just how many great players that came through the ACC weren't able to accomplish that."

### DON'T SINGLE OUT BENKERT

The blame falls on a signal caller if his offense can't convert drives into

points. It's not always fair to him, but that's how it goes. It comes with the territory. Don't get me wrong — junior quarterback Kurt Benkert didn't play well Saturday. He completed 16 of 27 attempts for only 143 yards and a touchdown, coughing up the football twice under Hurricane pressure.

"The first one, I just didn't see it coming. I just got sacked and it happens," Benkert said. "On the second one, I didn't tuck it like I normally do and just got hit. I have to do a better job of keeping two hands on the ball when I'm moving around in the pocket."

What the statistics don't show is Benkert's receivers dropped several passes they should've caught.

On an early drive, Cavalier wideouts failed to haul in three well-thrown balls.

It's hard enough on the quarterback when his offensive line isn't holding its ground. The Hurricanes sacked Benkert five times, and four

occurred on first down, putting the Cavalier offense in a hole. Then when his targets out wide can't help him by making a routine play, that really complicates things.

### JOHNS EARNS HIS CHANCE

With 5:47 remaining in the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Matt Johns took over for Benkert. Excluding the 11-yard trick-play touchdown he threw as a holder against North Carolina, Johns had only one pass attempt this season, a two-yard completion at Oregon. Of course, he started all 12 games for coach Mike London's Virginia team in 2015, finishing with 2,810 yards and 20 touchdowns but an ACC-worst 17 interceptions.

He may not have great arm strength, but Johns is more mobile than Benkert and has shown an ability to rally his teammates around him. In his limited minutes Saturday, Johns completed 3 of 7 attempts for 64 yards, including a 44-yard

pass to junior wide receiver Doni Dowling. Johns evaded Miami pass rushers as well.

"It felt like we were losing momentum, and I thought at that point having a change would give us a better chance to finish," Mendenhall said. "It wasn't necessarily Senior-Day-oriented. I love Matt and wanted to give him a chance. ... He gave us a spark and put a few balls on the money."

If the past is any indication, the Virginia coaching staff will stick with Benkert this week as the Cavaliers take on Georgia Tech (6-4, 3-4 ACC) in Atlanta, Ga. Saturday. But at this point I would like to see the change made. Johns is a fierce competitor that could re-energize this team.

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# Virginia falls to Miami on Senior Day, 34-14

*Cavaliers outscored 17-0 in the second half*

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"I was pleased with our team in the first half and the way we battled," Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "But the miscues in the second half, we turned it over four times, had numerous penalties. Clearly I'm not getting through yet to our team."

In Miami's opening drive, junior linebacker Micah Kiser picked up his first career interception and ran into the endzone for what Cavalier fans thought was a touchdown. However, the officials claimed Kiser ran out of bounds at the 18-yard line, so the interception instead passed the ball off to Virginia's offense.

"We know we've got to score on defense as well," junior free safety Quin Blanding said. "I think he scored on defense. But I'll leave that up to them. We've just got to keep playing."

Senior running back Taquan Mizzell was able to get the job done and sprinted into the endzone to give the Cavaliers an early 7-0 lead.

The Hurricanes stormed back on the ensuing drive, tying up the score at seven with a rushing touchdown from junior running back Joseph Yearby.

The Cavaliers answered with a touchdown of their own after a drive that took over six minutes and 14 plays. On third down, junior quarterback Kurt Benkert found sophomore wide receiver David Eldridge in the endzone and Virginia cut into Miami's lead, 17-14.

The bad fortune continued



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Senior running back Taquan Mizzell became the first player in ACC history with 1,500 yards both rushing and receiving Saturday.

for Virginia when on third and 24, senior punter Nicholas Conte came onto punt, but fumbled the snap, and the Hurricanes recovered the ball on their own-39 yard line. Miami's sophomore running back Mark Walton then scored a touchdown to extend Miami's lead to 34-14.

Late in the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Matt Johns en-

tered the game, replacing Benkert. Johns proved to be effective, firing a 44-yard pass off to junior wide receiver Doni Dowling to put the Cavaliers in scoring position. The senior got to play for the last time at Scott Stadium.

"I love Matt. I wanted to give him a chance," Mendenhall said. "He did well, put a couple balls on the money, and his teammates

were cheering him on. So were the coaches."

However, the offense sputtered on fourth and eight, as a Johns pass to sophomore wide receiver Olamide Zaccheaus was broken up, allowing the Hurricanes to gain possession at the 15-yard line.

Scott Stadium was nearly empty as the fourth quarter winded down, but the few fans that

remained cheered as freshman linebacker Matt Terrell recovered a Miami fumble to give Virginia possession at the Hurricanes' 26-yard line.

When the offense returned, Johns fired off a pass to Mizzell, who made it to the 14-yard line, but fumbled the ball. One positive remained personally for Mizzell, as the senior reached 1,500 receiving yards to accomplish the feat of 1,500 career rushing and receiving yards — the first player in ACC history to accomplish such a feat.

"That's big for me," Mizzell said. "Great players who came through the ACC just weren't able to accomplish that so I really appreciate that. But it's even more special that it came from Matt Johns."

However, Miami recovered the fumble, and took possession for the final minutes of the game and the Hurricanes sealed their 34-14 victory.

"We're going to come in Monday ready to work," Johns said. "Monday we wake up, feet hit the floor and its work day. That's how it's going to be for the rest of the season and for a long time here. Winning or losing, that mindset does not change."

The Cavaliers head out on the road for their final two games of the season. They face off against Georgia Tech Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

# Women's soccer defeats Monmouth in NCAA tournament

*Team disappointed in Friday night's performance despite dominating win*

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In the win-or-go-home environment of the NCAA tournament, there is little room for error, yet plenty of room for disappointment. The Virginia women's soccer team came in heavily favored in their first match of the tournament, against Monmouth, but understood the stakes and unpredictability that go hand in hand with a single-elimination tournament.

In the end, No. 15 Virginia (14-4-2, 6-2-2 ACC) advanced in the NCAA Tournament, thanks to a 4-1 win against Monmouth (14-5-2) Friday night at Klöckner Stadium. While the score line is indicative of a dominant performance from Virginia, the team was not necessarily satisfied with how they played.

"I don't think we came out hard or competed too hard tonight and it definitely showed because they did score a goal on us," senior midfielder Alexis Shaffer said. "We could've come out a lot stronger and played the ball more to each others' feet to connect better, but ... we haven't played in two weeks, so I think that kind of showed, but moving forward we're on to the next round and that's all you can ask for."

Looking at the match, the Cavaliers outshot the Hawks 19-4 and dominated possession for

much of the game.

Virginia's first goal came in the 25th minute when senior defender Kristen McNabb finished off a header from the center of the box to give the Cavaliers a lead. The lead was immediately doubled one minute later, when Shaffer buried a penalty kick to badly damage Monmouth's hopes of getting a foothold in the game.

The Cavaliers came out after the half looking to score a third, dagger goal to secure their lead, and Shaffer — the ACC Offensive Player of the Year — delivered in the 57th minute.

Shaffer took the ball to the top of the box and unleashed a lovely curling shot that nestled into the top right corner of the goal and left the Monmouth keeper frozen in disbelief.

With a 3-0 lead, the Cavaliers felt confident until they conceded a soft goal 15 minutes later that left the team incredibly frustrated.

"I think we've been struggling to get our consistency and we need to play much better in the long haul over 90 minutes," Virginia coach Steve Swanson said. "We gave up a goal that's kind of been our MO the past couple of games. ... We've given up some soft goals and that's something that is more our focus."

The Cavaliers never looked to



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Senior defender Kristen McNabb scored the first goal in the 25th minute against Monmouth Friday night.

be in danger of losing their lead, but giving up a goal and failing to maintain a clean sheet was frustrating. Virginia put the game away beyond a shadow of a doubt in the 85th minute when senior forward Morgan Reuther put away a rebound to give the Cava-

liers the 4-1 lead.

Swanson echoed Shaffer's thoughts in his displeasure in his team's performance.

"There is a difference between getting the result and having a good performance, and I think we obviously will take the result and

feel positive about the result, but I don't think there's a person in our program that feels good about the performance," Shaffer said.

Looking forward, the team will need to clean up some of its inconsistencies, as it is set to go on the road — where it has been far less successful this season — to take on Penn State Friday.

"I think from the start of the game, we need everyone to 100 percent compete and give it their all," Shaffer said. "This is the NCAA tournament — if you lose, you're out and this could be every team's last game, so everyone is going to come out 100 percent. So that's the way we need to look at it as well."

In a single elimination tournament, everything is predictably unpredictable and the only thing that can be controlled is the team's preparation, which will hopefully lead to a quality performance. The Cavaliers need to take it one game at a time and hopefully continue to survive and advance.

"The NCAA tournament is one of those things ... it's kind of cliché, but you've got to really just keep your eyes on the next game ahead," Swanson said. "I'm confident we'll be able to do that."

## Field hockey season ends in heartbreak in NCAAs

Just a week after winning its first ACC tournament title in program history, the No. 7 Virginia field hockey team saw its NCAA run come to a sudden halt. After winning their opening game against No. 10 Michigan, 2-1, the Cavaliers (16-8, 3-3 ACC) lost to No. 14 Princeton, 3-2.

While a season ending loss is always devastating, a game-win-

ning goal scored with no time left on the clock only made the defeat more painful. The game was heading to overtime before Princeton (12-7, 5-2 Ivy) sophomore striker Sophia Tornetta took a shot in the dying seconds that went in. The two field referees and the sideline official conferred before deciding the goal counted and Princeton had won. The Tigers will be playing in the

NCAA semifinals next weekend in Norfolk, Va.

Freshman striker Erin Shanahan and junior midfielder Tara Vittese both scored for the Cavaliers. Vittese, the ACC Offensive Player of the Year and reigning NCAA Player of the year, ended the season with a team-high 41 points, with 15 goals and 11 assists.

Virginia played the Wolver-

ines (12-8, 5-3 Big 10) Saturday to advance to the quarterfinals against Princeton. Both games were at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex in University Park, Pa.

Shanahan and Vittese again each scored a goal against Michigan. Vittese netted the game-winner off of a penalty corner midway through the second half.

Despite the difficult loss, Virginia had one of its most successful seasons in the program's history, highlighted by winning the ACC Championship against North Carolina, 4-2, Nov. 6.

— compiled by Tysen Tresness

## Wrestling drops weekend dual meets in Michigan

It was a busy weekend in the state of Michigan for the Virginia wrestling team, as it competed in a pair of dual meets against top competition.

Virginia (0-2) took on No. 11 Michigan (1-0) Friday and No. 17 Central Michigan (1-0) Sunday. The Cavaliers competed valiantly against these top op-

ponents, but could not match these teams' strong top-to-bottom rosters.

Against the Wolverines, Virginia started off strong, but faded down the stretch and eventually lost 24-9 at Michigan's Cliff Keen Arena.

The Cavaliers picked up wins

from freshman Jack Mueller at 125 pounds, senior George DiCamillo at 141 pounds and senior Chuck Boddy at heavyweight. However, these three wins were not enough, as the Wolverines took care of the Cavaliers in the rest of the matches.

It was a similar story for Virginia against Central Michigan,

as the team fell, 22-10, while again only picking up three wins.

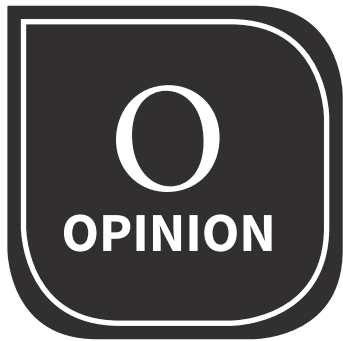
The wins against Central Michigan came from Mueller, DiCamillo and senior Ray Bethea. Bethea's win in the 165-pound weight class gave the Cavaliers a one-point lead, but the team lost the final four bouts

to the Chippewas in the loss.

Virginia returns to action Sunday Nov. 20 when the team will host a tri-meet in Charlottesville against Lock Haven and Maryland at Memorial Gymnasium.

— compiled by Hunter Ostad





## COMMENT OF THE DAY

“Thousands of students were directly affected as the administration forced down extensive restrictions on greek life on grounds. Thank you, Dean Eramo, for having the courage to stand up for your principles, and pave the way for those to come.”

“VAF Member” in response to the editorial board’s Nov. 7th editorial, “Rolling Stone got what it deserved.”

## LEAD EDITORIAL

# Officer conduct signals problems with UPD

*Law enforcement should do everything possible to foster good relationships with students*

Immediately after the presidential election, in a move that spawned protests on Grounds, three University Police Department officers were put on leave for harassing students by repeating “Make America Great Again” over their public address system. While isolated to three officers, the incident affirms existing concerns about whether police can impartially apply the law. This is troubling both for students who are increasingly distrustful of law enforcement, and for police officers who have struggled with lower favorability levels nationwide.

For students, these concerns are validated by a history of infrequent yet pain-

ful interactions with law enforcement. What occurred last week was not the first time in recent memory that law enforcement agents have acted out of line. Less than two years ago, Alcoholic Beverage Control agents attacked then-third-year student Martese Johnson on the Corner. While these officers represented a different agency, repeated harassment of students only further inflames negative perceptions of police.

The consequences are potentially severe. The University has sought to address safety through increased policing. But how can we expect students who feel threatened by the recent uptick in hate

crimes and policies that might follow the election to seek out officers at the new UPD substation when some have harassed students for their political beliefs?

The suspended officers’ conduct is not representative of the many law enforcement officers who do their jobs in good faith. Whether or not the recent protests are the best way to address law enforcement misconduct, it’s clear that three police officers complicit in active student harassment is troubling. Especially in this polarized time, UPD Police Chief Michael Gibson should take extra steps to help the department avoid incidents like this going forward.

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# OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM FAILS US BY NOT MANDATING STATISTICS

*Statistics surround us, but too many people have no understanding of them*

Mark Twain once quoted a statesman as saying “there are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics.” The supposed source of this quote seems to be pretty ironic, given how little the American public now trusts its congressmen. Nowadays, statistics seem to be the popular fare of any article or advertisement online — whether it’s about vaccines causing autism, how much of our brains we actually use in day-to-day life or how many dentists recommend our brands of toothpaste, we can expect to see statistics in a persuasive argument. If we’re going to be surrounded by statistics daily, we should be taught how to understand them.

Advertisers and others with agendas regularly throw out statistics, even if they aren’t true. Former Rep. Michele Bachmann

(R-Minn) once said 70 cents of every dollar spent on food stamps goes to bureaucrats, when the real figure was actually one third of one percent. Kellogg claimed in 2009 that its Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal improved children’s attentiveness by almost 20 percent. It settled with the FTC when clinical studies came to surface showing that only one in nine kids actually

gle-eyed observers, false statistics don’t always slide by. However, the breadth of info on the internet and the content generated each day are such that false statistics aren’t always caught. When that happens, the regular consumer needs to know how to parse that information. They need to understand statistics.

Statistics is already required in the Common Core, an edu-

guage arts and math by the end of each grade. Common grievances with the Common Core aside, its standards for what a student should know of statistics are not rigorous enough. A student under the Common Core would not have the tools necessary to question a news article on how representative a sample size is of a certain population or how to identify lurking variables that might have skewed a study. Furthermore, Virginia is one of seven states that has not adopted the Common Core, preferring instead to use the statewide Standards of Learning.

The University has a duty to ensure its students graduate with the ability to question what the media or corporations push on them. Its mission statement claims it seeks to produce “responsible citizen leaders and

professionals.” In a world so inundated with information, true and false, a responsible citizen leader ought to be able to recognize the truth to best serve their interests and community.

The University claims to be one of the top public institutions in the nation. To adequately prepare its students for the world, it should give them the tools to distinguish the truth from “lies, damned lies and statistics.” The University should use its status to lead by example among other institutions and promote statistical comprehension in students.

**An informed voter should understand the numbers and their verity.**

had that much improvement. Thanks to watchdog groups, federal agencies and other ea-

cational standard in the United States that details what K-12 students should know in the lan-

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## LIFE CAN BE GRIM, SO READ GRIMM

*Greater exposure to fairy tales helps us learn to cope with fears*

The story of “Hansel and Gretel” is a tale that most of us are familiar with, or at least we remember hearing about how the witch plans to eat the two children who unfortunately happened upon her doorstep. As one of the many Grimm fairy tales, “Hansel and Gretel” does not restrain its dark, brutal images from the eyes of the beholder. These tales revolve around children and families and their reactions to difficult conditions in their young lives, illustrating the haunting nature of reality through fantastical and imaginary means. Leo Braudy, author of a book exploring the natural and supernatural worlds, claims that “fear is the most contagious emotion,” an emotion that can consume us entirely if we do not combat it. An early exposure to more fairy tales can help children overpower fearful manifestations and better grapple with the consequences of reality.

While fear is a primal and very important response that can protect us from danger, at its worst, it can be paralyzing,

clouding our judgment and eclipsing our common sense. The truth surrounding our encounters with moments of fear and terror is that we often have to forge ahead alone, for our thresholds are subjective and personal. We are cultivating a culture of fear in which we react to the apprehension of uncertainty and shift away from the knowable past with horror. This

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fear is infecting each one of us in a way that impedes our rational judgment and weakens our system of trust. Most recently, we have seen how President-elect Donald Trump has managed to invoke irrational fear in the American people, ultimately

“summoning and validating it” in a way that has made us increasingly scared, angry individuals. So how do we tackle the debilitating portion of this emotion, one that stops us in our tracks and keeps us from freely living?

Marina Warner, author of “Once Upon a Time,” insists our association with fairy tales helps us to see the darker, more com-

emotional and symbolic meaning behind traditional tales that are considered all too dark and brooding, believing the very interpretation of such literature gives children the tools necessary to grapple with their fears. Bettelheim argued that the truth of the fairy tale is “the truth of our imagination, not that of normal causality.” Ultimately, fairy tales “give children the opportunity to understand inner conflicts which they experience in the phases of their spiritual and intellectual development, and to act these out and resolve them in their imagination.” In the pages of these fantastical works lie the defenses which we have the power to impose in the face of fear. In the case of Hansel and Gretel lost in the woods, if our fear manifests itself in the way of being kidnapped, we know after reading the fable that this fear can be abated by disposing the offender, even by way of a fiery oven. Children come to master their fears of the big, bad world when they are primed with possible metaphorical weapons

first.

If we hear footsteps outside our bedroom door at 3 in the morning, it is natural and beneficial to be afraid — that fear will embolden us to act in a way that can keep us safe. Yet, all too often we find ourselves fearful of the seemingly uncontrollable obstacles that confront us. Whether it be the fear of ISIS or undocumented immigrants, it is a fear that beats us down instead of lifting us up. It is a fear that has a kind of hold over us, as if to say, “there is something more going on here.” When we heighten the sense of fear, we hold on to the familiar and shy away from taking risks. Let’s keep reading Grimm fairy tales to our children so they can learn to cope with their fears so as to avoid an all-consuming, paralyzing horror of the realities of life.

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## REFORM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

*An admissions system focused on socioeconomic status or merit would be preferable*

Affirmative action, in theory, has a noble goal: to “end the effects of discriminatory practices that violate the inherent equality of persons... denied opportunities on the grounds that they are inferior or different.” Unfortunately, affirmative action has hurt the very people it intends to benefit, and — ironically enough — is a discriminatory system in of itself.

First used in 1961 by former President John F. Kennedy in an executive order, the order required “federal contractors to take ‘affirmative action’ to end discrimination.” Today, affirmative action is cited as a tool to increase diversity, and has — in colleges and universities — “resulted in doubling or tripling the number of minority applications to colleges or universities, and have made universities more representative of their surrounding community,” according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In this respect, affirmative action has accomplished its goal of increasing racial diversity at public institutions.

Students benefiting from affirmative action programs are not necessarily capable of competing in such an environment, however. According to a study by Jesse Rothstein and Albert H. Yoon on the effects of affirmative action on law school admissions, Yoon and Rothstein found that “19 percent of black

students who start law school fail to graduate, and only 57 percent become lawyers. This is a potentially serious problem, not least because these students incur large costs in their failed attempts of law.” Although Yoon and Rothstein report, “our anal-

25 percent drop in black and Hispanic freshman enrollment at the University of California in Los Angeles, respectively. However, as noted by University of California-Los Angeles Prof. Richard Sander, “the total number of black and Hispan-

cent of white applicants were. Asian-Americans are significantly less likely to be admitted into elite universities, with the Boston Globe citing that “whites were three times, Hispanics six times, and blacks more than 15 times as likely to be accepted at a US university as Asian-Americans.” UCLA Prof. Mitchell J. Chang argues such statistics are a result of an “Asian tax,” noting that “this characterization can advance a one-dimensional view of Asian-Americans that minimizes their achievements and overlooks their diversity.”

Efforts to promote representative public institutions are admirable, and should be lauded as such. Affirmative action in the context of higher education, however, grants preferential (or detrimental) treatment based on the ethnic background of applicants — a factor which no applicant has any control over. Affirmative action is a mere bandage on the systematic issues plaguing minority groups — such as the U.S. primary education system (which has “rural and urban, low-income students — and students of color in particular — outperformed on average by their higher-income whiter counterparts”).

A possible fix to affirmative action includes a focus on socioeconomic background rather than racial background, which ensures greater representation of low-income students while

maintaining equal (or greater) minority representation. Such a fix would ensure race has no effect on college admissions while allowing the economically disadvantaged (who cannot afford to pay for tutoring or test practice programs) a more equal playing field. Alternatively, the system of affirmative action could be thrown out altogether in favor of a purely merit-based admissions systems (i.e. meritocracy), though this would give high-income families an inherent advantage.

As stated by Clint Bolick, Chairman of the Goldwater Institute, “‘Affirmative action’ programs that leap-frog less-qualified minorities over more-qualified non-minorities sweep those systemic problems under the carpet... The fact that few minorities passed the examination should be a call for remedial action — not to throw out the test but to equip more minorities to pass it.” To solve the issue of minority underrepresentation in public institutions, affirmative action should focus on socioeconomic background rather than race, and efforts must be made to ensure all Americans have access to high-quality schools.

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ysis suggests that mismatch effects are not an important problem, nor will eliminating affirmative action provide the solution,” they also state that “it is reasonable to ask whether law schools serve students’ best interests by admitting applicants with low academic credentials, or whether these students would be better off not attending law school.”

Proponents who argue eliminating affirmative action would result in a significant drop of minority enrollment cite California Proposition 209, which prevented “preferential treatment to any individual based on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.” The immediate aftermath of the amendment resulted in a 50 and

ic students receiving bachelor’s degrees were the same for the five classes after Prop 209 as for the five classes before.” In fact, underrepresented minority yield rates at UCLA increased by 5.8 percent after Proposition 209’s passing, indicating that “their choices seem to suggest that they were eager to attend a school where the stigma of a preference could not be attached to them.”

The effects of affirmative action are not minor, either. According to a report by David J. Armor of George Mason University, 86 percent of black applicants with GPAs between 3.3 and 3.7 and SAT scores between 1051 and 1150 were admitted to the University in fall of 2003; in contrast, only 8 per-

## OUTDATED CAVALIER DAILY WEBSITE DISSUADES READERS

*While print papers are dying, more user friendly websites are crucial for expanding readership*

Finding links to Cavalier Daily articles on Facebook is never a challenging task. Students tend to share articles, excitedly promoting a specific topic or event. These articles spark conversation and provide important information to the community at large. However, once an individual reads the article in question, are they going to continue perusing the website or quickly head back to a social media platform? The short answer is community members are unlikely to spend much time on the outdated website.

The Cavalier Daily’s website is difficult to navigate and does not have an intuitive user-friendly interface. Clicking through the website reveals some concerning patterns. The “Grounds” tab on the site pulls up articles from over a year ago. These articles are mainly focused on the Rotunda ren-

ovation, which has been completed for several months now. The “Honor Committee” tab shows even older articles, all of them from the fall of 2013. Attempting to use the search bar does not yield recent, or even

parties may use online search engines to find particular Cavalier Daily articles they are looking for, but it should not be necessary for them to do so.

In addition to these unhelpful search and navigational func-

frustrating and inaccessible results. More effectively engaging with readers, and making it simpler for community members to find articles should be a priority for The Cavalier Daily.

In the age of digital media and the dying newspaper, it is vitally important that The Cavalier Daily acknowledges readers’ preference for online articles. This is not to suggest that print is no longer valuable, but rather to impress upon The Cavalier Daily as an organization that readership may rise with an improved online platform. Increasing accessibility for online readers needs to be a pressing concern for the student-run newspaper. Busy students and community members deserve a website that is simple, clean and allows them to effectively search for pieces.

Designing a website with clearly organized search results

and current articles will benefit readers and The Cavalier Daily as an institution. A responsive platform that provides a different reader experience on a computer, cell phone or tablet would further entice students to read and share articles. The Cavalier Daily has been the student newspaper of the University since 1890. However, it is time to bring this newspaper into the modern age and provide a high quality online media experience for all Cavalier Daily readers.

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seemingly organized results. When you enter “Hazing” into the search bar, the first article to come up is from 2013, in spite of the fact that The Cavalier Daily published an article in October of this year that covered a football-hazing lawsuit. Interested

tions, the website does not suggest related articles to the reader at the end of a piece. Readers may be more inclined to stay on the website and read articles not shared by friends if the site were easier to use. Reading articles on a phone or tablet yields similarly





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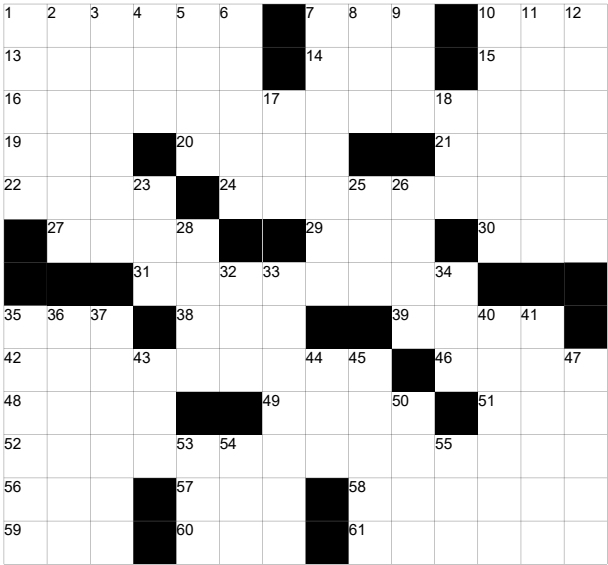
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- 13. 12-book epic featuring the Trojan Horse
- 14. Granola bar bit
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- 19. Boxer nicknamed "The Greatest"
- 20. Swedish carmaker
- 21. "\_\_\_ bro?" (troll's remark): 2 wds.
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- 30. Caustic soapmaking substance
- 31. Deceased rapper who headed a hip-hop "Mob" with Rocky and Ferg: 2 wds.
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- 38. Marital agreement?: 2 wds.
- 39. Hangs below the waist, as pants
- 42. "Nothing to it!": 3 wds.
- 46. Tim Cook and Elon Musk, for short
- 48. Big Apple enforcement grp.
- 49. Salt Lake City's state
- 51. Historical period
- 52. Quits abruptly: 3 wds.
- 56. ABC store purchase, casually
- 57. Only U.S. school also dubbed a UNESCO World Heritage Site (woo!)
- 58. "Uh, sure...": 2 wds.
- 59. Lab maze runner
- 60. Trinity or The Virginian
- 61. Take care of: 2 wds.



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- 1. Morocco's capital
- 2. Close, as a wound
- 3. Surfing the Web
- 4. "Spaceballs" actor Brooks
- 5. Short personal histories
- 6. Item on a dog collar: 2 wds.
- 7. Feature of a model: 2 wds.
- 8. \_\_\_ de cologne
- 9. "R u srs"
- 10. Twenty Questions category
- 11. Cheer at an annual Armed Forces bowl game: 2 wds.
- 12. Liquid product sold around Easter time: 2 wds.
- 17. \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
- 18. Cat's coat
- 23. Greek H
- 25. Org. making busts
- 26. Colorful treasure chest contents
- 28. Where Bhutan is
- 32. Super Bowl highlights?
- 33. Kind of vote
- 34. Play that results in a run and an out, briefly
- 35. Pokemon that Haunter evolves into
- 36. Bribe money in the music biz
- 37. Distinct feature
- 40. NERDED (out)
- 41. Most achy
- 43. Stats for RBs
- 44. "\_\_\_ be my pleasure!"
- 45. Suffer ignominious defeat, in slang
- 47. Authoritative O.K.
- 50. Massive
- 53. 2016 World Series champion
- 54. Egg cells
- 55. Word screamed in many a horror movie

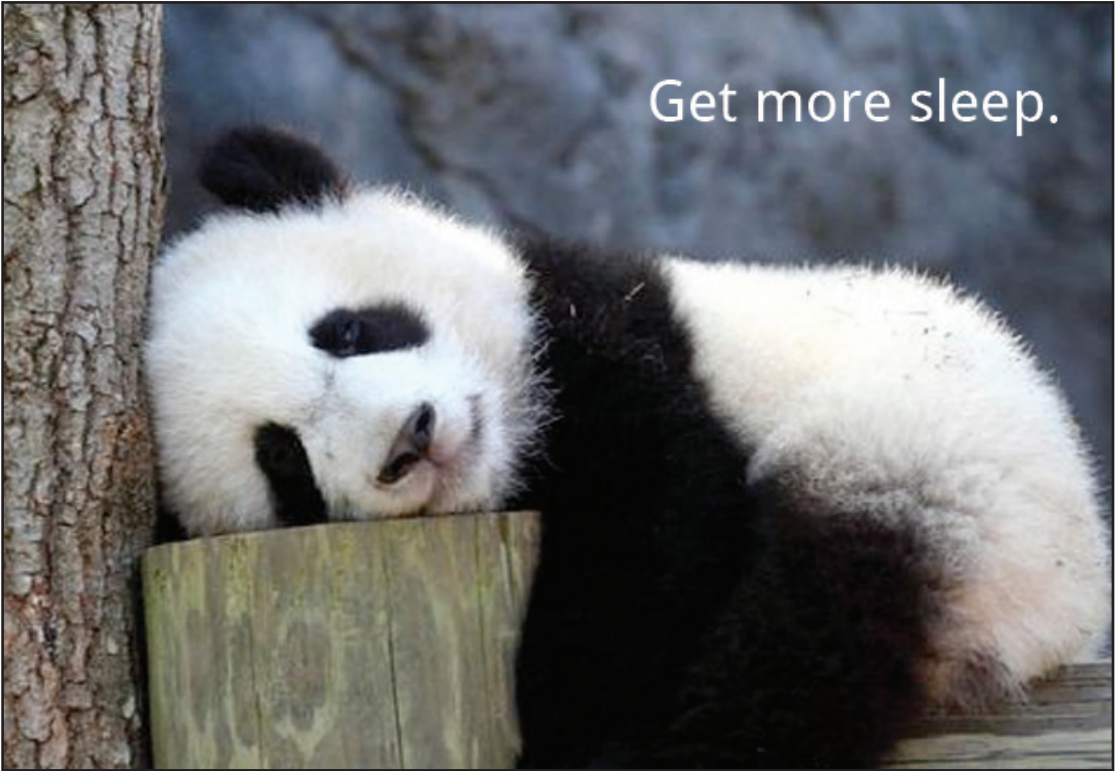
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# LOVE CONNECTION RILEY & MADISON

*Putting down Grit for a second date*

KAY KHOSBAYAR | LOVE GURU

*Riley and Madison met on the Rotunda steps at 1:45 p.m. on Friday and went to Roots on the Corner.*

**RILEY:** I read The Cavalier Daily somewhat regularly, and Love Connection always seemed like a pretty interesting experience. I was also trying to convince a friend of mine to sign up and figured if I did it and had a good experience it might encourage him.

**MADISON:** My friends and I all signed up for Love Connection because we thought it'd be fun.

**RILEY:** When I heard I was chosen, I was both excited and terrified at the same time. I signed up on a whim, so being selected was quite the surprise.

**MADISON:** When I was chosen, I was a little surprised because they responded so quickly.

**RILEY:** I hadn't been on a blind date, so I tried to not have any expectations. At a minimum, it was an excuse to get Roots again.

**MADISON:** I have never been on a blind date. Honestly, I thought it was either going to be super awkward or turn out pretty well.

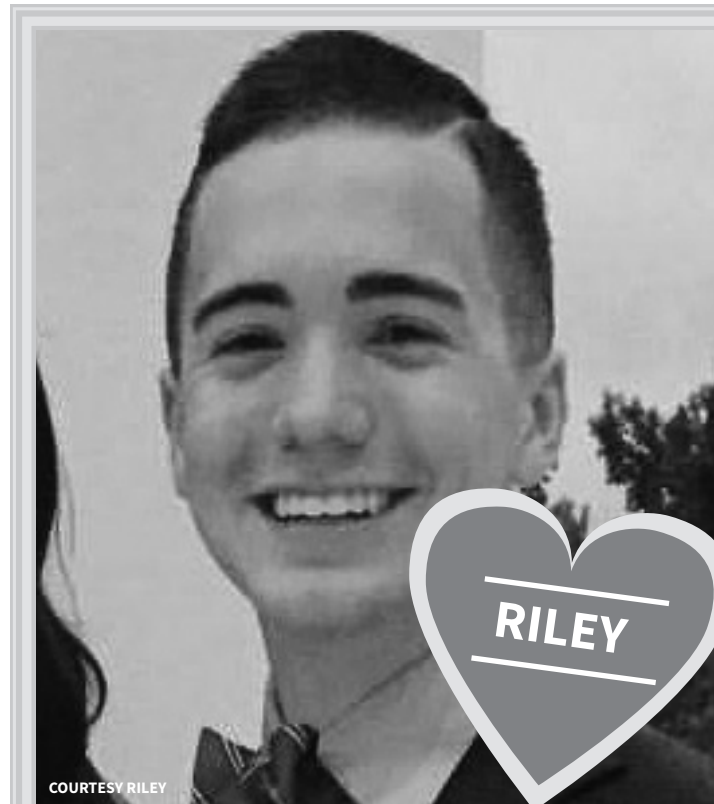
**RILEY:** There had just been a protest on the Lawn, so I thought I wasn't going to be able to find her. The protesters eventually left and so I just looked around for someone who seemed like they were confused.

**MADISON:** I got there first and didn't see anyone. I was a little worried because my friend did Love Connection like two weeks before and couldn't find the person she was supposed to meet with, so the date ended up never happening since they both thought they got stood up.

**RILEY:** She admitted she didn't know the Corner too well, so I just threw out some ideas. 1:45 p.m. is a pretty awkward time for a date, so I didn't know if it was more of a coffee or lunch kind of time.

**MADISON:** It was a nice day, and all of the tables at Roots were taken, so we decided to just sit on the Lawn for lunch.

**RILEY:** I thought the conversation was pretty balanced. Whenever there was a lapse in the conversation, I would just eat some Roots to smooth it over. Otherwise, I tend to talk a lot, so it was nice to



COURTESY RILEY

**YEAR:** First-year  
**SCHOOL:** College of Arts and Sciences  
**MAJOR:** Music and possibly Economics  
**U.VA. INVOLVEMENT:** FYF, UPComedy, U Singers  
**HOMETOWN:** Richmond, Va.  
**IDEAL DATE PERSONALITY:** Average intelligence, interesting, breathing.  
**IDEAL DATE ACTIVITY:** Cliche U.Va. activities i.e. Getting Bodo's, strolling along the Corner, petting dogs on the Lawn.  
**DEAL BREAKERS?** Does not like dogs, smokes, ignorance.  
**DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEKEND:** Homework, club meetings from 12-9 on Sundays, trying to catch up on sleep, yay night time.  
**HOBBIES:** Singing, reading, cooking/baking, stalking the Dogist's Instagram page.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A GOOD CATCH?** I'm very witty.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A LESS-THAN-PERFECT MATCH?** I'm too witty and unable to take anything seriously.  
**WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL?** A jackalope.  
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PICK-UP LINE?** Probably a 2016 Chevy Colorado.  
**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE SENTENCE:** "When you try your best, but you don't succeed."

have someone to balance me out.

**MADISON:** The conversation flowed pretty well, and I think it was pretty balanced. I think it went really well.

**RILEY:** As it turns out, we both put "does not like dogs" as our deal breakers, so that was a big point of conversation — she has a small dog though, and I have a big one, so I don't know if it's fair to say we really had that in common since small dogs are essentially cats. Also, neither of us are from NOVA.

**MADISON:** We both really like dogs and talked about our dogs back home.

**RILEY:** The conversation was fun. We talked about politics a lot — I am a political science major — so I knew that was a way to make myself seem smart. In general, it was probably somewhere in between ... flirty and friendly.

**MADISON:** Yeah I think there was definitely a lot of flirting. We really connected.

**YEAR:** Second-year  
**SCHOOL:** College of Arts and Sciences  
**MAJOR:** Political Science and either History or Religious Studies  
**U.VA. INVOLVEMENT:** Sustained Dialogue, Catholic Student Ministries, Blue Ridge Mountain Rescue Group, Naval ROTC and Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department  
**HOMETOWN:** Silver Spring, Md.  
**IDEAL DATE PERSONALITY:** Intelligent, open-minded, spontaneous and adventurous. Someone who likes to mix it up every once in awhile.  
**IDEAL DATE ACTIVITY:** Either hiking, skiing or climbing followed by tacos. Travelling somewhere I have never been is always a plus.  
**DEAL BREAKERS?** Smokes, is closed-minded or hates dogs.  
**DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEKEND:** I love to check out the Charlottesville area, especially the restaurants and music.  
**HOBBIES:** Anything outdoors from backcountry skiing to sailing. I also love ... looking for new music, travelling, learning new languages and studying current events.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A GOOD CATCH?** I like to think I dress well and have a good taste in music.  
**WHAT MAKES YOU A LESS-THAN-PERFECT MATCH?** Less than average height and likes to talk a lot.  
**WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL?** Something like a lab or a golden retriever — enthusiastic and adventurous.  
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PICK-UP LINE?** "If you were a fruit, you would be a fineapple"  
**DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE SENTENCE:** There is not enough coffee in the world or time in a year for me to do everything I want to do and learn everything I want to learn.



COURTESY MADISON

**RILEY:** I haven't been to Grit recently, so I would be up for a second date.

**MADISON:** I could definitely see us going out again.

**RILEY:** I had to run to an ROTC event — and was late — so we just exchanged numbers and headed our separate ways.

**MADISON:** We could've stayed for longer, but parted ways when we had prior obligations. Of course, we paid for ourselves like normal people.

**RILEY:** I would give the date a solid 8.5.

**MADISON:** It was totally a 9. We definitely connected, and I think he would say the same.

**RILEY:** I thought it was a fun experience. It's definitely one of those "100 things to do before you graduate" kind of [things].

**MADISON:** I always love meeting new people, so I'm definitely glad I signed up for Love Connection.



# ‘Eliminate the Hate’ seeks to end hate speech at U.Va.

*Week-long events serve to show solidarity, create community*

KATE EDSON | FEATURE WRITER

This week, the Eliminate the Hate campaign will host daily events to provide the University community with opportunities for education and solidarity in response to the incidents of hate speech that have occurred this fall.

“For the minority community, I think this is an opportunity to come together in solidarity and remind ourselves that we’re not alone,” Queer Student Union President Jack Chellman, a third-year College student, said. “The acts of hatred and bigotry ... affect all minority communities at U.Va., and we all care about each other and each other’s well being.”

Chellman said he hopes the events will also be an opportunity for the University community to come together and be united.

“It’s easy to commit an act of hatred anonymously, but that does not mean that you diminish our agency as a group,” Chellman said. “While these incidents sting, we are still here and still proud of who we are.

Indian Student Association President Priyal Gandhi, a fourth-year College student, said she hopes the campaign combats the complacency she thinks a lot of students have.

“My biggest hope is that the community in general views this as not a bunch of organizations coming together, but as a bunch of human



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Students write messages of support on signs to combat hate speech.

beings who care about the safety and inclusivity of students on Grounds ... as an issue that affects the University community and U.Va. culture,” Gandhi said.

Sabreena Abedin, third-year Engineering student and ETH publicity committee member, spoke to the importance of unity in response to these incidents.

“We want to make sure everyone understands that this is a non-partisan event,” Abedin said. “We aren’t trying to mobilize troops against some cause or candidate, just trying to make sure everyone feels included, [especially] if they are scared to voice their opinion ... to make sure they understand that they also have rights, and to unify the community as a whole rather than split it further apart.”

Up first, Monday’s Flash Slam at Old Cabell Hall will be an opportunity for student speakers to share their experiences through speeches, spoken word poetry and readings of anonymously submitted work. There will also be a teach-in at Old Cabell Tuesday.

“It will be professors who can come and do small flash seminars and talk about all sorts of things related to this — the history of hate speech [and] minority oppression in the U.S.,” Gandhi said. “[An] easy way to get involved is to stop by, even for a few minutes. Hopefully it’s an educational way to address things going on around U.Va.”

The goal of the teach-in is to provide information to people about what their rights are, and how to combat hate speech when it occurs.

“[We] hope people come out and take away tangible things ... [otherwise] it doesn’t change the culture, really,” Abedin said.

Second-year College student Francesca Callicotte serves as committee chair for Wednesday’s Love Speech Wall event.

“We wanted a visual representation for students on Grounds to show ... that we as individuals at this University stand in solidarity ... with all of the communities that have been subject to hate speech, [and] that love is a constant force on this campus,” Callicotte said.

The event will feature walls at various locations on Grounds on which students can write messages of positivity and love.

“What I really hope we get out of it as a community, even though it feels like now the world is weighing down on us, that hatred seems to be this monster of its own ... [is] to know there are people out there who believe in the power of standing together, of friendship, of kindness, of love,” Callicotte said.

A “Where Do We Go From Here” discussion will follow on Thursday.

“Where Do We Go From Here” [is] a dialogue capstone related to the week of events,” Nojan Rostami, third-year College student and event committee chair, said. “[It’s] a way

of synthesizing what’s been going on and learning about resources on Grounds, [including] people from CAPS [and] people from UJC.”

The week will culminate with an Occupy the Rotunda rally on Friday.

“Occupy the Rotunda is going to be a really powerful way to end the week and a reminder that this is something students are taking very seriously,” Chellman said.

Gandhi encourages students to participate as much as they can.

“I would want to remind students that if you come out to an event, even if it’s for 5 or 10 minutes ... or if you take the time even on a grass-roots level to discuss the issues with your friends ... this thing will seem more real to you, this thing will seem more relevant to your life,” Gandhi said. “I would say there’s no need to be scared, being uncomfortable is a good thing, going out of your comfort zone is a good thing.”

Callicotte said she hopes the week will make obvious to victims of these incidents that the University stands behind them.

“I hope that everyone ... gets the sense that there are people here for them, and that we will always be willing to create a safe space,” Callicotte said. “I’m really hoping that people realize we need to ... be more forward and create a University that will be forever accepting.”

## Chalk murals inspire school spirit

*Cindy Song’s elaborate game-day chalking promote football program*

ELIZABETH CORNICK | FEATURE WRITER

If you have ever walked past Minor Hall before a home football game, you have probably noticed the chalk masterpieces created by fourth-year College student Cindy Song, depicting that weekend’s football face-off. This weekend for the Hoos’ last home game against Miami, Song finished up the season with a final football mural of Cav Man pushing back against Miami’s Ibis.

“Most of them haven’t been very violent or anything. I had the one with the [Pittsburgh mascot] facing off with the Cav Man, but I usually don’t do more violent ones,” Song said. “I like the idea of being more welcoming, but everyone seemed to like when I put the [Louisville mascot] cardinal in the cage, so that’s why this one is going to be a little more confrontational as well.”

Song, who is in the advanced painting course in the McIntire Department of Art, first painted murals on the hallways of her middle school with her best friend.

Although her work in the art program does not overlap with mural painting, when she saw an ad emailed about the opportunity to chalk murals for the home football games she decided to answer it.

The Athletic Department reached out art students to find unique ways to promote athletic events to students on Grounds, Sarah Whitney, Song’s employer and assistant director of marketing for the Athletic Department, said.

“Because chalking is such a big part of the U.Va. culture and is an effective grassroots marketing tactic, we thought a powerful piece of chalk art would be very impactful and catch students’ attention,” Whitney said in an email statement.

Each chalk mural takes Song about six hours to complete. Before the actual chalking starts and her slogans have been assigned, Song researches the opponent’s mascots, sketches a few thumbnails in her notebook, decides on one and sets up her chalk and the tent.

“I sketch it out with a piece of chalk stuck on a bamboo stick, and the bamboo stick is nice because it gives me distance and perspective, whereas if I were squatting down here and drawing something much bigger than I can see I would do it wrong,” Song said.

The murals are hugely popular, as many passersby will stop to admire Song’s mural and tell her how much they enjoy her work. Even in the course of her interview with The Cavalier Daily, two people stopped to praise her artwork.

“We’ve posted pictures of the art on our Virginia Cavaliers Facebook, VirginiaSports Twitter and GoHoos Snapchat accounts. Alumni, students and fans have responded really positively to her artwork,” Whitney said.

Apart from the chalk murals, Song said she is working on her fourth year thesis, which will involve putting together an art show.

“I’m trying to balance technique and skill with intellectual weight



COURTESY ELIZABETH CORNICK

Song’s chalk murals can be found above the Amphitheatre steps before home games.

— those are what make good art,” Song said. “Something that’s smart and means something.”

Even though Song does not like going to the football games herself, she said she wants her murals to encourage attendance for people who enjoy football.

“I hope people go to games. Maybe people will look and think ‘Oh, this is a cool chalk mural. Maybe I’ll go to the game,” Song said. “The goal is to encourage more people to go to the games ... and it would be nice to complete my task successfully.”



# Finding the best cup of coffee on and around Grounds

*Grit steals the prize for best brew*

JACKIE SIEGEL | FEATURE WRITER

For most college students, coffee is essential. Through the drudgery of an 8 a.m. class and the late nights studying for exams and writing papers, a cup of coffee goes a long way. It helps to alleviate some of the exhaustion that slows students down so they can push through to the next morning — and the next cup of coffee.

“Without coffee, I’d go insane,” second-year Batten graduate student Kelly Xiong said, as she sipped on her Greenberry’s coffee in the lobby of Alderman Library.

On a quest to find the best coffee on or around Grounds, many different factors were considered — the cost, convenience, taste and environment of the coffee shop. The possibilities were endless with Shenandoah Joe’s, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Sheepdog Coffee, Starbucks, Grit Coffee Bar & Café, Bodo’s Bagels and Greenberry’s to choose from.

When a poll was taken from the coffee-drinkers roaming Grounds, 32 out of 40 students decided that in the dizzying landscape of coffee shops that scatter Charlottesville, Grit Coffee Bar & Café stands out, hous-



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Many students said Grit would be their top choice of coffeeshops on or near Grounds.

ing the winning cup.

Nestled behind the shops and perpetual movement of Elliewood Avenue on the Corner, Grit stands as a beacon of light for the tired, stressed and caffeine-deprived. Approaching the shop, one may see friends sitting together on the tables outside, talking and laughing with their lattes in hand, the baristas pouring fresh drip coffee and dancing to the music together and most prominently, the phrase “Coffee with Room” written on the front of the building.

“Grit is the best coffee because

it’s the best atmosphere,” first-year College student Ben Albright said. “You can actually sit, and it’s normally quite full of students, so there’s an energy there.”

Albright said he enjoys the variety of options Grit offers, from espresso drinks and cold brew to lattes or just normal cups o’ joe.

If given the option fourth-year College student Jacqueline O’Reilly said she would choose Grit over all of the other coffee shops.

As O’Reilly ate her Brazos taco

and sipped on her coffee, she noted the friendliness of the workers, who knew her by name and upgraded her coffee from a small to a medium. She admired the superior taste of the coffee and convenient location of the store, but most of all, the environment — one that she felt compelled to impact.

O’Reilly said was sitting in Grit one day, looking out the window at the empty dirt patches along the railroad tracks when she envisioned a way to ameliorate the area.

“I knew a barista, so I asked for the owner’s email, and I reached out to him and asked if he ever wanted to do anything with the space, like a garden, and he said, ‘Go for it,’ O’Reilly said.

Funded by donations from student clubs at the University, the garden provided a place for students to escape and relax. The aesthetics of the garden have undoubtedly aided in generating a comfortable atmosphere, something that students like first-year College student Sami Strohm appreciate.

“I like Grit because the people

working are always so nice, the atmosphere is super laid-back and lacks chaos, and the coffee is just genuinely good,” Strohm said. “And they serve iced coffee in big mason jars, which I love.”

Some students testify that other coffee shops, such as Shenandoah Joe’s or Einstein Bros. surmount the quality of Grit’s coffee.

Second-year Engineering student Jackson Collins stands by the coffee at Einstein Bros. Bagels in Rice Hall, praising the café for being conveniently located and serving the specific kind of sweetener that he prefers. Third-year College student Anna Makarova argues for the Shenandoah Joe latte.

Despite these dissenting opinions, most agree that Grit steals the prize.

“It’s little things that make [Grit] the best,” O’Reilly said. “I’d say that this is the best coffee because of the actual environment.”

And sitting on the top floor, sipping a cup of coffee, overlooking the peaceful garden and students milling about on the way to class — it’s safe to say this is true.

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# Where is healthcare reform headed?

*The Medical Center Hour held a panel to look at past, future of Obamacare*

MEG THORNBERRY | HEALTH AND SCIENCE EDITOR

Public Health Science Assoc. Prof. Carolyn Engelhard moderated the panel in which B. Rick Mayes, co-director of the University of Richmond's Healthcare Studies major, and David Toscano, Virginia House of Delegates Democratic leader, spoke about changes with how doctors will be paid and the history and future of the Affordable Care Act.

"[The title] is taken from a 1984 Ronald Reagan re-election campaign, where they introduced the theme 'Morning in America,' promoting this image of the U.S. as a hopeful nation moving forward to a better future," Engelhard said.

Starting in 2019, the federal government will change the way it reimburses physicians under Medicare. In 2015, Congress passed the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, which will shift away from fee-for-service to bundled payment and capitation.

Under fee-for-service, each individual healthcare provider is paid for each service they provide. Under bundled payment, the healthcare system is paid one sum for a procedure such as a hip replacement, and then divides that money among everyone involved. Under capitation, the system is given a certain amount of money to provide care for an individual for a year. The system gets to keep any money left over, but is not reimbursed for any extra costs.

"That's going to put more pressure on the healthcare system to bring those costs under control," Mayes

said.

However, doctors will never be completely able to control all outcomes, and will take on higher risks. According to Mayes, most will likely join larger practices, either in the form of large healthcare systems like Sentara or Kaiser Permanente, or specialty groups that can afford to accept some losses and still have enough revenue from successful outcomes to balance them out.

"Part of the Affordable Care Act

was piloting new ways of paying providers to reward them for quality, and actually incentivize them to think more up-stream, to do more prevention," Mayes said.

Virginia General Assembly Delegate R. Steven Landes (R-25) also sees prevention as a means of reducing healthcare spending, but said government spending on healthcare and the tricky balance of government and private control of healthcare and health insurance makes it difficult to

cover the upfront costs of preventative care.

"Because you have to take care of covering those costs, because of Medicare and Medicaid, and because the government does provide that, it doesn't leave much flexibility at the state or the federal level, to really do more of the prevention that we could," Landes said.

While it is unlikely that the Affordable Care Act will be repealed, parts of it may lose their funding, and

Virginia is unlikely to accept Medicaid expansion. Virginia, has, however, recently increased the number of people it accepts under existing Medicaid rules. Just last year, a number of people with mental health issues were given Medicaid coverage as disability coverage.

"We're putting folks in the least effective way possible," Toscano said. "We're putting them in without getting 100 percent back from the government."

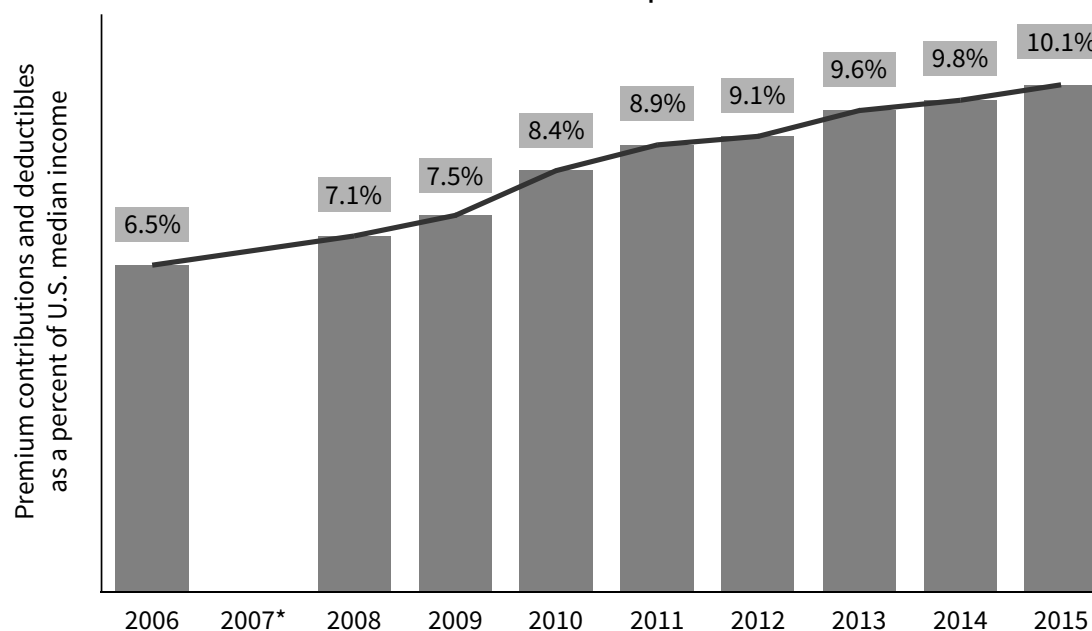
Toscano went on to say that since many people who don't have insurance end up visiting the Emergency Room, taxpayers end up covering those costs anyway — whether through government reimbursement of the hospitals, or through higher bills of their own through which the hospital tries to recoup its losses.

"You just can't let the market run amuck, or you won't be able to control costs," Toscano said. "So you might see some antitrust stuff out of Trump — who knows? He doesn't fit very well into the conservative ideology that says let the market work."

There are a few areas on which Democrats and Republicans seem to agree. But both sides support some sort of measure to reduce pharmaceutical costs and some restrictions on insurance plans.

"People love the insurance regulation reforms," Mayes said. "They love the getting rid of pre-existing conditions exclusion, lifetime limits on health insurance, annual limits, they like more community rating. That stuff is very popular across the political spectrum."

## Percent of income Americans spend on health insurance



\*Insurance cost data are not available for 2007 because of changes in the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey. This graphic assumes linear cost growth between 2006 and 2007.

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# The movement of zinc aids in healing

*University lab uncovers mechanism by which important materials are moved through the human body*

SHIYU CHEN | STAFF WRITER

Molecular Physiology and Biological Physics Prof. Wladek Minor recently led his lab discover how zinc is transported by mammalian albumin in the human body. Zinc is an important metal for catalyzing chemical reactions in the human body, which is necessary for most biological processes, including healing wounds and regulating the immune system.

Albumin is a protein that transports important biological molecules. The specific locations where biological molecules sit in albumin are called binding sites. Albumin had only one known binding site for zinc before Minor's lab discovered the additional sites for interaction and transportation.

Minor's lab has worked on bi-

ological methodology and studied albumin extensively. Minor's lab was the first to figure out the crystal structure of bovine serum albumin, a protein widely used to calibrate instruments in labs.

"There was a long discussion [about] where zinc sits in albumin," Minor said.

Minor's lab started to focus on the interaction between zinc and mammalian serum albumin after collaborating with scientists from St. Andrews University and the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom, who were already studying zinc.

Minor's lab first predicted the binding sites by building a model of the interaction between zinc and albumin.

"One of the collaborators that Dr.

Minor is mentioning ... [was] using EXAFS (extended X-ray absorption fine structure), a [method of] molecular modeling, to model zinc interaction with albumin," Kasia Handing, a former graduate student in Minor's lab and the main contributor to the zinc project, said.

Molecular modeling is an economical strategy that provides a rough idea of the binding sites' location before crystallizing the zinc. Crystallization is a chemistry method that separates biochemical molecules from its surrounding environment. After modeling and crystallization, x-ray crystallography was used to determine the molecular structure by looking at the crystallization product.

According to Ivan Shabalin, a research scientist in Minor's lab, the

true coordination between zinc and albumin can better be seen through x-ray crystallography.

For Minor's lab, x-ray crystallography was an indispensable technique in the discovery of this crucial interaction and is the most-used technique in the lab. It provided concrete proof for where zinc binds. However, Minor said scientists have difficulty crystallizing albumin.

According to Maksymilian Chruszcz, an associate professor at the University of South Carolina who worked in Minor's lab between 2003 and 2012, it is tricky to bring the highly soluble albumin into its crystallization concentration.

Though they had plenty of experience crystallizing albumin, Minor's lab also faced crystallization prob-

lems with human serum albumin and zinc complex. The problem had to be resolved by adjusting the acidity of the solution used for crystallization similar to that in the human body, according to Handing.

Rather than focusing on one single topic, Minor's lab emphasizes the development of biological methodology and the ability to think as a scientist. According to Minor, a failed experiment tells researchers that something needs to be explored.

"People who work in my lab ... are not necessary working for protein structures," Minor said. "They are working in other things, because they are trained not to be crystallographer, but to be scientists."



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