

Serving The Cavalier Daily and Its Alumni

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**CDAA To Focus on Young Alumni**

I don't know why I am surprised, accomplished some great achievements, and we are right now embarking on our newest mission, the creation of a CD Young Alumni Committee. Now that the CDAA is more than 20 years old, it has become evident that the board of directors discussed in depth the creation of a CDAA Young Alumni Committee that would focus on our youngest alumni, defined as those that have graduated in the last five years.

This committee will be a part of the CDAA, working with the CDAA board, and will serve two primary purposes at the outset: to provide social programming for young alumni, and to provide networking resources and support for job search efforts. The committee also may choose to develop other ideas to support young alumni.

**DIANE KREHMEYER**  
**CDAA PRESIDENT**

On the literary side, the editors have made some reforms to improve their content. Life Editors **Michelle Jamrisko** and **Hannah Woolf** have adopted a new slogan of "less fluff, more buff," to make the life page tackle more serious issues. Executive Editor **Elliot Haspel** and Opinion Editors **Maggie Bowden** and **Michael Slaven** added a new feature to the opinion page: "Contributors," a semi-regular columnists who represent student groups to add a new air of authority to the page. Both the news and sports sections saw in-depth reporting, covering anything from the new higher education restructuring bill passed by the General Assembly to the firing of men's basketball coach **Pete Gillen**. The news page also featured a four-part series on one woman's experience accusing a fellow student of rape to both the police and the University's Sexual Assault Board. The series, a collaboration between Wilson and myself, put a personal face over the abstract argument over SAB procedures and policies.

The health and sexuality weekly page, formally added to the CD constitution last fall, has become much less controversial—yet still informative and interesting—under the helm of new editor **Matt Galati**. The new arts and entertainment weekly supplement, **Tableau**, has shifted its focus to Charlottesville and local entertainment providing a guide to C-ville's vast cultural scene.

**No Summer Vacation**  
The 116th staff of The Cavalier Daily has no intention of taking the summer off, hoping to accomplish some major objectives in the less-busy summer months. Developing

**CD's 116th Staff Off to Whirlwind Start**

Who would think time could fly by so fast in the Basement of Newcomb Hall? Time may have been whirling by, but the 116th staff of The Cavalier Daily has been able to institute a variety of improvements as well as some bright ideas for the future.

**A Whirlwind Start**

When elections ended on a cold Saturday night, the 116th inherited the paper at a rather chaotic time. Atlas, the program that managed articles within our network, crashed right before we took over, causing headaches and late roll times. Former Editor-in-Chief **Chris Wilson** just broke a story about allegations of impropriety against Politics Prof. **James Sofka**. The story, which sparked a major controversy around Grounds about his dismissal from his post as Echols Dean, was eventually picked up by both national and local media outlets.

Fortunately, the staff, despite its relative inexperience, gracefully stepped up to the challenge and exceeded all expectations in the maelstrom of the transition. Tackling the immediate challenges with success, the 116th continued to make improvements throughout the semester.

One major change was the death of the "Fat Rotunda"—the smear used to describe our former masthead. Led by Production Editors **Chris Gibson** and **Jordon Buller**, the CD got a complete makeover, featuring a looming Jefferson as the feature for the masthead and a sleeker more modern look. The Web page also has a new look with new online advertising provided by Google. The ads have been unobtrusive while providing a steady

**MUSSELMAN**

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We sadly will not see the likes of him again."

Musselman's experience with student journalism at the University in the 1930s echoes that of many who find their way today to the Newcomb Hall basement newsroom of The Cavalier Daily.

He tried out for the paper in his first year, with his first published story a front-page report on the appointment of a new education school dean.

After two years writing, he was elected managing editor and then editor-in-chief.

Under his leadership, the paper sparred with student leaders and university administrators alike.

The Topics crusaded for reform of Honor Committee elections, publishing an extra edition on the eve of balloting to expose how the committee had reneged on its pledge to end cronyism. The student editors even printed their own protest ballots, igniting a controversy that forced the election to be held over again, this time with reforms in place.

The paper also inked administrators with an editorial decrying how students were having women in their dormitory rooms and drinking and gambling, in defiance of University rules. It suggested that support for the school's cherished Honor System would suffer if students got away with

evading rules, no matter how unfair or restrictive they may be. Directed by the dean of students to print an apology, Musselman recalled with a smile in the 1998 feature how the editors still got the last word.

After graduating with a BS in German,



COLLEGE TOPICS FILE PHOTO

**Robert Musselman, shown here in 1998, was one of the Cavalier Daily Alumni Association's most devoted members. He passed away in November.**

Musselman earned a master's degree in political science and then a law degree from the University in 1945. He continued his relationship with the institution, teaching accounting and tax law for 23 years, until he relinquished teaching in 1959 to concentrate on his family and his law firm,

Robert M. Musselman & Associates, with offices in Charlottesville and Richmond.

"Not only did he teach accounting to generations of McIntire [School of Commerce] and University students, he hired many of them over the years at his firm and was a mentor to many young attorneys and accountants," noted the commerce school's online newsletter.

His wife of 48 years, Carolyn C. Musselman, with whom he worked for many years at the firm, died April 12. They are survived by a daughter, Susan M. Norfleet, and her husband Alan, of Richmond, Va., who also work in the firm, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service for Robert and Carolyn Musselman was held June 4 in Charlottesville.

"My dad was a gentleman and a highly respected scholar who loved to teach and mentor others in the field of law and accounting," Norfleet said in her remarks at her parents' memorial service. "He was a polished writer and had an extensive grasp of the English language.

"However," she continued, "we often joked that the word 'retirement' was missing from his vocabulary. He lived a full and honorable life for 90 plus years and was dedicated to serve the accounting and legal professions, the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, and The Cavalier Daily."

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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The nominating committee for this effort is comprised of the following individuals, who I would like to thank for their time:

- **Chris Wilson**, EIC, 2004-'05
- **Justin Bernick**, EIC, 2003-'04
- **John Clark**, EIC, 2001-'02
- **Tom Bednar**, EIC, 2000-'01
- **Nicola White**, A.M.E., 2000-'01

At this time, nominations are well underway. If any CD alum from 2000 onward is interested in participating on the Young Alumni Committee, please feel free to contact me at [dianedkrehmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:dianedkrehmeyer@yahoo.com).

While the CDAA YAC is our newest project, I do want to update you on one of our older, ongoing efforts: the digitization of the CD bound volumes. As you know, we have been working with Alderman Library for quite some time on this project, which you can view at <http://infocomm.lib.virginia.edu/cavdaily/>.

At this time, Alderman has taken five year's worth of CD files through the complete digitization process, including an extra round of error checking. These five years will soon be added to the current test site. In addition, there are discussions underway regarding scheduling and funding for digitizing additional volumes, and for getting the existing test site absorbed into the new digital library site that's currently under development. We will keep you posted as we hear more information from Alderman, and as always, we appreciate your financial support on this project.

The last item I would like to cover is to note that this College Topics will be the final one under the direction of our outgoing Communications Director **Kim Ramsey**. Kim has tirelessly devoted herself to this publication over the last seven years, and her efforts have made it into one of the best things that the CDAA does for its alumni. I want to thank Kim for her hard work, as she will be much missed in this role.

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"It's mysterious how to get a job," said White, now a reporter at The Tampa Tribune. "The next people who go through it shouldn't have such a tough time."

Journalism programs at other schools offer institutional support, such as weekly emails of job listings, that don't exist at U.Va. The CDAA's young alumni committee could help provide that support, White said. One idea is to help CD staffers learn which starter papers to target for internships, such as those where young CD alumni already work.

The group might also amass a list of journalism job openings and post it on the CDAA web site.

Eventually, fund-raising efforts also might target young alums, Krehmeyer said. One possibility is to fund a scholarship for a CD staffer who needs a paid job to afford school and can't give up countless volunteer hours at the newspaper.

Nominating committee members are currently working through a pool of about 20 prospective committee members and plan to select 15 by mid-summer. By the end of the summer, the group plans to start talking and making plans—perhaps for a fall social event.

"Every year, we're just graduating an extraordinary group of people, and we need to start reaching out to them as soon as possible," Wilson said.

During the CDAA's 20th anniversary in 2003, board members said they wanted to better serve young alums. The newspaper's student leaders used to roll off the managing board and onto the CDAA board upon graduation. But the tendency has declined in the past five to seven years, with many recent editors-in-chief going into law instead of journalism.

Board members also said they want younger alums to get involved with the CDAA now to keep the alumni association relevant to the paper and so current young alums will eventually lead the entire CDAA.