



Protestors gather in response to the election at a candlelight vigil on the Henderson Lawn next to Main Street, Nov. 14, 2016.

Downtown marchers hold onto hope

In a candelight vigil and march, locals and students expressed fear for the future.

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The chilly November night did not stop the hundreds of people who stood on the corner of College Avenue and Main Street in downtown Blacksburg Monday. They waved signs at passing cars: “Walls Divide Us,” “Trump is not my President!” and “No Respect for KKK Endorsed Pres.” Those not holding signs held candles that glowed an eerie orange.

Occasionally a passing car would honk in support. Others, not so much. One man walking across Main Street from College Avenue jeered at the crowd. A man in a passing truck shouted, “Trump 2016, baby.”

In the aftermath of the Nov. 8 election, the Coalition for Justice of Blacksburg organized a vigil and march starting at 5:30 p.m. on the Henderson Lawn. After rallying, the group marched along sidewalks downtown before returning to campus and marching to War Memorial Chapel. There, members of the crowd shared how the election affected them and how they thought the country should move forward.

“I think more than anything else, it’s just trying to promote a message of inclusion and equality and just loving everyone,” said Katherine Fairbanks, a fifth-year graphic design student, while standing in the crowd before the march started. “I think that’s why a lot of people are here.”

After about 30 minutes at the intersection, the group started to march. Officers from the Virginia Tech and Blacksburg Police Department helped guide the group through downtown, stopping cars while hundreds of people crossed intersections. Blacksburg Town Council member Susan Anderson took the first steps onto College Avenue while an officer blocked traffic.

“We’re going to start out with ‘Show me what democracy looks like,’” Anderson said into a bullhorn. The crowd responded, “This is what democracy looks like.”

The march continued down Main Street. Passersby stopped and took videos on their phones. Patrons of the London Underground Pub sat on the patio in front of the bar and watched. Employees of downtown businesses stood in the doors of shops as Anderson called to the crowd, “What do you want?”

“Stop the pipeline,” replied marchers. “When do you want it?” Anderson asked. “Now!”

The marchers turned on Roanoke Street and then Draper Road, walking past Market Square Park and Benny Marzano’s, before returning to College Avenue. Then, they walked toward campus, passing Squires

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Tech grows, processes and serves local meat

The Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences, the Meat Center and dining services all work together to bring local protein to your plate.

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With Thanksgiving in sight, thoughts of food occupies America’s mind. Of course, it is no secret that Virginia Tech’s dining services are some of the best in the country. The wide variety of food served and the favorable reviews from consumers have drawn national attention to the university. But while students rave about the food on their plates, do they know where it comes from? They may be surprised to learn that some of the meat that they consume is raised and prepared right here at Virginia Tech.

Virginia Tech has a wide-spread agricultural program with several farms and animal facilities within walking distance of campus. The Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences uses animals for teaching, research trials and extension programs. Students studying within the department, such as those majoring in animal and poultry sciences, benefit from hands-on experiences at places like the swine and beef

centers.

For several years, longtime friends Dave Linker and Ted Faulkner exchanged ideas about establishing a relationship between Virginia Tech’s farms and dining services. Linker serves as the agricultural program coordinator, and Faulkner is the director of dining services.

“Dining services had a goal to offer some selections that were being created here on campus,” Faulkner said.

The idea initially existed as simple dinnertime table talk and would be challenging to implement due to the lack of a nearby operating meat plant.

However, in 2009, David Gerrard became the head of the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences. As a result of various initiatives and events that followed, the department revived the Virginia Tech Meat Center by the end of 2010.

“The meat lab was always there, but it wasn’t anywhere near the size and volume it is now,” Linker said.

Thus, Gerrard’s arrival sparked serious conversation

and planning. Soon Linker and Faulkner’s desire to work together became a reality.

Six years later, this collaborative effort is stronger than ever.

“(The relationship) has gone from specialty meats to a pipeline of proteins (that are provided) to dining services,” Faulkner said.

Virginia Tech’s farms provide swine, beef and occasionally lamb to dining services. Pigs are born and raised at the Swine Center, located off Plantation Road on the other side of U.S. Route 460. At about 25 days old, they are weaned, or taken off their mothers’ milk. Farm workers provide the pigs with high-protein diets until they reach a desired weight, and then they switch them over to high-energy diets. The pigs are ready for slaughter, or harvesting, at about 6 months old.

“(Dining services is) here to provide meals and nutrition to the university community ... we want to operate in a

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COURTESY OF VIRGINIA TECH MEAT CENTER

Jordan Pulley, Lauren Milan and Daniel Boyer trim the primal cuts of carcasses in the Meat Center, located in the Food Science and Technology building on Virginia Tech’s campus.

How to survive the car ride home for break

The car ride home for holiday breaks can grow long – quick. Use these tips and tricks to make the ride more bearable.

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Driving home for Thanksgiving break can be boring, tiresome, tedious and very, very long. Whether it is alone or with a friend or two, driving for multiple hours takes its toll on everyone’s bodies. The key to making it through the strenuous hours of sitting is finding several different ways to stay entertained.

Not to mention, there is always a possibility of a car accident somewhere along the way, extending the trip home by an hour or two. It

never hurts to be prepared for the worst.

First and foremost, the biggest necessity for a car ride is music. An auxiliary cord is anyone’s best bet at having the optimal music experience. The cord allows anyone to hook up their phone (headphone jack option) and play music through the speaker system.

If the car’s radio system does not permit the use of an aux cord, the next bet is to use an FM transmitter. This device plugs into the phone charger port and hooks up the phone to a radio station. However, this option can be

a hit or miss because radio signal strength varies from location to location.

If there is no hope for either mentioned options, relying on CDs or just the radio works as well. Whatever way there is, find it. A quiet car ride is torture whether the driver is alone or not.

Besides today’s No. 1 hits, audiobooks are another way to pass the time in the car. Look online or in a store (check beforehand to make sure they carry audiobooks)

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Zach LeDay (32) searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to during Tuesday’s 99–73 victory over High Point.

Tech dominates High Point from beyond the arc

The Hokies went 8–14 from three-point range in the first half of the game against High Point. Ahmed Hill led the team with 20 points.

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The High Point Panthers had just come off of a convincing win in their season opener where they held their opponent to a school record 21.7 percent field goal percentage. However, the Virginia Tech men’s basketball shattered any momentum the Panthers thought they had coming into the game, making 14 of its first 15 shots and leading by 20 points in the first 10 minutes.

“When we get consecutive stops, I think our speed is a weapon and I think that it trends towards we’ll be able to play fast in transition,” said Virginia Tech head coach Buzz Williams about how the Hokies controlled the pace from the tip. “Normally those are assisted baskets. Even when you don’t score in the half court, but you

start the game that way, it just leads towards everyone is playing for one another.”

True freshman Khadim Sy earned a spot in the starting lineup again for Tech and made the most of his playing time, scoring 14 points and pulling down six rebounds in 17 minutes. With the absence of Kerry Blackshear, whose injury might hold him out all year, Sy’s emergence is huge for Tech’s front court, and it appears that the big man from Senegal is just scratching the surface.

“I learn a lot every day about American basketball,” Sy said. “It’s much different at home, because back home basketball is not really big there.”

The three-point shot was falling early and often for the Hokies, who made 8–14 in the first half and 12–30 for the game.

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“GILMORE GIRLS: A YEAR IN THE LIFE”
The four-part series will be on Netflix on Nov. 25.

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WOMEN’S HOOPS DUNKS PRESBYTERIAN
Vanessa Panousis sets record for career threes.

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Redefining privilege crucial to understanding one another

In wake of recent political events, we are in more need than ever to have a serious discussion about privilege. When I was a little kid, privilege meant how many minutes a day I got to spend watching TV. Now, at least in the context in which it is most often used, privilege is loosely defined as having certain socioeconomic advantages, typically based on one’s skin color, gender, sexuality or other defining factors.

It’s funny how the connotations of words evolve. This once-neutral term that dealt with household rules has now become a dirty word, an offense so vile that it is the catalyst behind nearly every social justice-bashing diatribe on the internet; derogatory terms like “snowflake” and “social justice warrior” might ring a bell.

The fact of the matter is that people within certain demographics (for instance, heterosexual white men) tend to get defensive when confronted with the notion that their predicament is not solely the result of their own actions, and even people who do acknowledge that privilege exists tend to see it as a two-dimensional concept: “white privilege” and “male privilege” sum up the extent of most people’s insight.

However, that privilege which is only related to race and gender could not be farther from the truth; privilege also encompasses sexuality, religion, socioeconomic class and more. I would know — you see, I may be neither white nor male, but privilege is no stranger to me.

I have spent the past 11 years of my life in northern Virginia in the midst of what one might call a commercialized suburban paradise. Growing up in the most affluent county in the nation, it was impossible to drive five minutes in any direction from my house and not come across at least five different grocery stores, malls or movie theaters. The Great Recession seemed to be just a troublesome rumor.

My upper-middle class upbringing has garnered me a roof over my head, clothes on my back, food on the table and a trusty college fund in my name. I have never had to work out of necessity. I have never known what it

is like to bear the crushing weight of student-loan debt upon my shoulders, and if I ever want to buy a new sweater or pair of shoes, I don’t have to think twice.

Every now and again I think about some other girl close to my age, except this girl’s white. She lives in a small rural town in the deep south, and she’s probably worried more about paying the application fees than she is about getting into college.

The statistics are sobering: as of 2012, the South was home to 41.1 percent of the nation’s poor and had a poverty rate of 16.5 percent. And then there’s me, living it up on Daddy’s dime. No, I’m not white — but what good could come of this young woman’s whiteness in such a grim financial context? This is a picture of class privilege: because I face no financial hardship, I will likely be afforded more opportunities to further my education and career without incurring any additional debt.

Our sexuality also affects our position in society. We live in a heteronormative culture, which most of us take for granted, but this seemingly irrelevant part of who we are gives us more privilege than we realize. As a heterosexual woman, I am at perfect liberty to engage in public displays of affection with a significant other; the worst anyone would probably think or say is, “Jeez, get a room.”

Meanwhile, there is likely a homosexual man wondering whether he should run the risk of even holding his partner’s hand in public. According to the Human Rights Campaign, 42 percent of LGBT youth say that they do not feel accepted in their communities. In high school, when the rest of us are thinking about who to bring to prom, LGBT teens must question their own safety when deciding whether to bring a date at all. In fact, earlier this year the FBI released statistics showing that people in the LGBT community are more likely to be the victims of hate crimes than any other minority group in the U.S.

Straight people don’t have to think about any of that. As a heterosexual person, I don’t have to worry about being discriminated against by a bakery or youth group. I will never be shunned by my own family because of my sexuality. I am not targeted by anti-LGBT legislation because politicians do not think that who I am is a crime. Furthermore, 68 percent of LGBT youth report hearing negative messages about their sexuality from elected officials.

Are you a Christian? If you are, your faith is yet another privilege you enjoy in American society. According to Gallup, close to 75

percent of Americans identify with some Christian denomination. Because the religion is so normalized in the Western world, being a Christian in the United States has substantial benefits.

For instance, schools and employers alike build their calendars around Christian holidays, so we can get time off to celebrate Christmas and Easter. Christian holidays are celebrated everywhere we go: gift exchanges, office parties, Christmas trees and decorations are in nearly every building. People of other faiths do not get to experience such luxuries. A Jewish person would have to ask his or her employer for time off to celebrate Yom Kippur; it is not a given. Meanwhile, many Christians in this country still find it within themselves to feel persecuted over a Starbucks cup design.

Such privilege isn’t confined to the holiday season. Christians are free to evangelize, shelling out pamphlets and asking people if they’ve accepted Jesus Christ as their lord and savior. Doing so seldom raises alarm — could a Muslim person say the same? Furthermore, Christianity doesn’t face daily condemnation; it is not reduced to the most violent passages in the Bible, but is instead celebrated for its promotion of peace and goodwill. Christianity also plays a major role in our government. Even though the Constitution calls for a distinct separation between church and state, Christianity influences the legislation proposed by lawmakers every day. However, society is primed to view Christians as upright, moral citizens. It is a quality that we show a subliminal preference for in elected officials: in 2015, 92 percent of the 114th Congress identified as Christian. This religious majority in the legislature paired with a majority-Christian nation leaves politicians free to make religiously biased laws without facing backlash from their constituents.

I realize that I have not elaborated upon the ideas of white and male privilege; perhaps I have even made them seem trivial. On the contrary, I am quite aware of my lack thereof, which I have witnessed too many times in my life to count. One such incident that stands out in recent memory was on a family vacation two years ago.

Sitting in the cellar of an old winery on the Portuguese coast, I was chatting with my parents when a white woman sitting opposite me asked if we were American (no doubt she had noticed my accent). It was one of those instances where two people of the same nationality meet unexpectedly on foreign soil and immediately click.

The woman — a lobbyist from Washington, D.C. — asked where we were from, and I replied that we lived in Virginia. Her response: “And where are you from originally? You know, because you don’t look ...” Her unspoken words hung in the air: you don’t look white. Maybe if I had, she wouldn’t have felt the need to ask, but my olive complexion must have told her that I couldn’t be a true American.

I can recall similar accounts a little closer to home: “You’re so exotic, where are you from?” is a popular query, especially toward women. I am also no stranger to the, “Are you, like, full Indian?” comments. If I had to choose, my personal favorite instance would be when a white guy I went to high school with thought I was of Native American descent. Why? “I don’t know, it must be the big, brown eyes.”

Once again, I am aware that I am not so privileged in terms of race. People of my ethnicity are, for example, underrepresented in the performing arts — it is one of the many reasons I chose not to pursue a career in music despite others’ encouragement. I knew there would be few, if any, roles available to me in opera or on Broadway based on my appearance.

I am also quite aware of the disadvantages I face as a woman. It is the reason I walk a little faster at night. It is the reason I often second-guess my career path, knowing that I will have to fight tooth-and-nail if I ever want to make it as a woman in the corporate world. It is the reason I am so assertive, and why I speak at a lower pitch to avoid sounding too “girlish.”

Despite these obstacles, I cannot view myself as disadvantaged, especially when I consider how fortunate I have been to have grown up in a financially stable home and to have been born straight in a heteronormative society. I cannot view myself as disadvantaged when I am stereotyped as “smart” instead of “criminal.”

I write this reflection in the hope that people will learn to take a more holistic approach to the concept of privilege. I hope that they learn to see it not as an admission of guilt, but one of the inherent humanity and compassion within all of us. I have checked my privilege, and I encourage you to do the same.

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President-elect Trump will decide the future of Mosul

From day one on the campaign trail, Donald Trump has talked about eliminating ISIS, but as many of us were busy watching the election unfold, we ignored a drastic development in the Middle East.

Iraqi and Kurdish forces began the battle to liberate Mosul, ISIS’s last serious stronghold in Iraq. If forces succeed, then this will be a huge blow to ISIS’s presence in Iraq and more than likely lead to its removal from the country. It is possible that this battle will end soon after Donald Trump is sworn in, leaving him to decide what to do after, a subject matter that has not been brought up during the campaign, but could shape his administration’s foreign policy.

The push for Mosul has not come without some trouble and a lot of key players. While Iraqi and Kurdish forces are pushing forward, Turkey is beginning to feel left out of the fight. The Turkish argue that Mosul has a historical significance to them since it was once a part of the Ottoman Empire. Turkey also fears sectarian violence toward the Sunni Muslims living in Mosul, as the forces under the Iraqi command are Shia militant groups from Iran and Hezbollah who have been accused of mistreating Sunni civilians from other

recaptured cities.

Iraq has been stern in its response to Turkey, warning the country that if it intervenes in the fight for Mosul, it will not “be in a picnic.” Turkey has already angered Iraq by disrespecting its sovereignty in placing troops without Iraq’s permission inside the country. And as the fight continues, President Erdogan of Turkey continues to clash with Iraq’s Prime Minister, Haider al-Abadi, in a war of words.

Throughout all of this, the United States and the international coalition have helped the fight by providing airstrikes for the anti-ISIS forces, while trying to ease tensions between Iraq and Turkey. Although, after almost a year of trying to improve relations between the two countries, the United States has failed. The rift between Turkey and Iraq seems to increase as the forces continue to eliminate ISIS in the push for Mosul. And now, as President Obama and his administration prepare to leave, it will be up to Trump and his administration to pick up the pieces.

And where the pieces stand for Trump is that soon Mosul will be recaptured and suddenly all of the groups that were working to remove ISIS from northern Iraq must face the dilemma of who should

gain control of that land.

For this to go smoothly and prevent another war from breaking out, Trump and his administration should act as the mediator between all of the groups; the Kurds who have been our biggest allies on the ground, the Iraqis whose northern border has been erased, and now Turkey will all want a say in northern Iraq.

On top of that, Trump must help rebuild a heavily destroyed northern Iraq. The international coalition of airstrikes and the fighters on the ground have been responsible for thousands of destroyed homes and displaced families. If the area wants to heal after ISIS we all must work together to restore life in the fractured land.

What Trump will do is hard to tell. He ran his campaign making one set of promises, only to start to turn them around once he became the president-elect. We can only hope that he continues to work with the coalition of forces and correctly approaches the healing process once ISIS is removed from Iraq. Failure to do so could lead to more devastation and leave the door open for more extremist groups.

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Dissatisfied fans call for changes to Lane Stadium

Built in the 1960s, the home of Virginia Tech football, Lane Stadium, has undergone numerous renovations and additions. Critics say it is not enough.

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Lane Stadium has been a defining structure at Virginia Tech for decades, yet many believe that improvements still need to be made. The stadium has been in use for 52 seasons since its completion in 1965, and although it has gone through numerous renovations, little has been done to improve the student seating in the past few years.

“The student section moves too much,” said senior Joshua Crews. “I think it would be really nice to make the student section a more permanent part of Lane Stadium. Right now it’s metal and seems very temporary. I know our football team needs to get better for us to get more funds and to warrant making the stadium bigger, but I think it would be really cool to make that happen. I’ve only been in the North End Zone one time, but when ‘Enter Sandman’ came on and everyone was jumping up and down, I almost feared for my life.”

The last time that the North End Zone seating was renovated was in 2001, when roughly 600 new seats were built next to the field for Virginia Tech’s marching band.

Lane Stadium’s last major renovation was in 2002 when



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The North End Zone stands of Lane Stadium on Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, 2016.

construction was completed in the South End Zone, adding 11,000 more seats to the stadium. The project cost Virginia Tech nearly \$37 million. Since then, adjustments have been made to the private and outdoor club seating, but there has been a lack of work done to the mass seating.

In 2007, Jim Weaver, Virginia Tech’s late athletics director, said that it would be at least eight more years until the school considered expanding again, in a Roanoke Times article. There was consideration of

tearing down the student section and replacing it with a concrete bleacher to increase the area’s capacity.

To many students’ dismay, no improvements have been made nine years later.

Crews expressed dissatisfaction toward the entrances into the stadium and a lack of organization when spectators enter the stands.

“I don’t know if there’s any way to combat this since we have a ton of gates,” Crews said. “But one time I was going in (the stadium) maybe

half an hour before the game, and it was like packing sardines. It was just one huge group of people smashed in, and it took forever to get through. So, I feel like maybe there would be a way to make that more efficient.”

Another criticism about the stadium centers on the pricing of tickets, particularly for larger groups.

“I am really sad to have paid \$600 for the cheapest tickets available for six (people) on the visitor’s section in the nosebleed section all the way up,” said Sarah Harris, a mother of a student. “We would have had to pay \$1,200 more for lower seats. I know pricing is about supply and demand, but it seems unfair to me that prices are so high.”

Virginia Tech football has thrived on the demand for football tickets, consistently selling out home games, but this poses the question of whether the need for supply and demand outweighs the importance of ensuring football games are inclusive to all members of the community, regardless of income levels.

Not everyone is as dissatisfied with the conditions of Lane Stadium. Raymon Minor, a junior at Virginia Tech and outside linebacker on the football team, said that while Lane Stadium may need improvement, the indoor facilities have already been

improved.

“We have the brand-new indoor facilities, and they’re re-doing the whole player lounge,” Minor said.

Minor also suggested that the gaps that separate the zones of the stands should be removed.

“With Lane Stadium, I guess they should close (the gaps between the stands) more,” Minor said. “They have so much opening with the stands, and I think we should connect it.”

Despite the upgraded football facilities for the players, Minor also voiced his concerns about the seating at Lane Stadium needing to be restored.

“The stands need to be renovated,” Minor said. “I know a couple games ago they collapsed a little bit. Last year at the Ohio State game one of the bleachers collapsed.”

During his brief tenure, head coach Justin Fuente has made no comment on the topic. According to Peter Pool, director of stadium and fields, fans should wait until the end of Fuente’s first season for any discussion on future improvements to Lane Stadium.



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Tech community tackles post-election uneasiness

#VTUnfinished, an initiative encouraging personal stories of identity, held its fourth session Thursday. Speakers reacted to the 2016 election results.

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On a sunny Wednesday, without a cloud in the sky, #VTUnfinished held its fourth conversation. The program was created to tackle unfinished conversations regarding ethnicity, character and everything that might make up an individual’s identity.

The event was held in War Memorial Chapel. All Virginia Tech community members were invited to share their thoughts and to gain insight from others.

The session mainly focused on reactions to the election results, namely Hillary Clinton’s loss to the now President-elect Donald Trump.

According to the Inclusivity at VT Twitter account, one student said in the meeting, “Silence is often the preferred response to issues of identity and differences.” But organizers say #VTUnfinished

is attempting to put an end to that.

Menah Pratt-Clarke, the vice president for strategic affairs and vice provost for inclusion and diversity, created the program as an extension to InclusiveVT in February.

Clarke believes that, “There was a genuine desire to recognize the importance of issues of difference, but I didn’t feel there was a depth of understanding about how to advance that goodwill or how to translate the goodwill into action.”

That environment was created with #VTUnfinished. Predictably, much of the discussion focused on the election. Quotes from students were posted to the Inclusivity at VT Twitter account.

“The next four years are the next four years,” one student speaker wrote. “The only thing we can do is try to change things through conversation at this point.”

Another student originally “felt so safe to be accepted here, and it felt so sad and scary to wake up to (Donald Trump as the president-elect).”

Some students said that they feel unwelcome in President-elect Trump’s America, leading some, including one Mexican-American student, to question their self-worth.

“Do I matter? To (Virginia Tech, Virginia), the U.S.? Growing up in a Mexican household, I couldn’t see my queerness coexisting alongside it.”

Perhaps some students were feeling nervous for the next president, but those feelings are not to be confused with the students feeling unwarranted shame. One wrote, “I’m one of the lucky few in this room who does not have to be more afraid today than I was yesterday, and I am not okay with that.”

Another spoke to the demographic divisions, “I’m sorry that so many people who look



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#VTUnfinished is an opportunity for individuals to share their thoughts and experiences regarding their identities and differences.

like me have caused hurt in the past 24 hours, and I just want to give everyone a hug.”

This comes after a recent announcement by University President Tim Sands that the university will increase the number of enrolled students from underrepresented minorities on campus over the next six years. At a Board of Visitors meeting on Nov. 7, Sands told the board that about 12 percent of students are black, Hispanic or Pacific Islander. He said that the university will take steps

to increase that number to 25 percent by 2022.

Sands also wants to increase the number of low-income and first-generation college students by 4 percent by 2022.

Pratt-Clarke said the goal could be achieved through initiatives such as increasing the number of scholarships given to high school students and through college outreach. Pratt-Clarke defined college outreach as “building relationships with students in middle schools and high schools and

bringing them to Virginia Tech and letting them know that we are interested in them attending.”

According to Pratt-Clarke, the first step to embracing diversity is hearing other people’s stories of race and identity, and knowing that “listening is equally important as sharing.”



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Protesters hold signs for the anti-Trump candlelight vigil and march that took place by Henderson Lawn, Nov. 14, 2016.



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Protestors gather near Henderson Lawn on the corner of Main Street and College Avenue for a candlelight vigil and march in response to the election, Nov. 14, 2016.

MARCH: At War Memorial Chapel, speakers urge action

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Student Center and Newman Library. A police officer blocked Kent Street with her car to allow the protestors to cross to the Drillfield.

Onlookers watched from a distance on the Drillfield as the group walked to the front of War Memorial Chapel. Several people sat on the ledge at the Pylons, looking down as the plaza in front of the chapel filled up. A man carrying a Gadsden flag with a rainbow-colored background stood on the wall bordering the plaza.

The crowd chanted, “Trans rights are human rights,” as organizer and member of Coalition for Justice Margaret Breslau took the bullhorn.

“Thank you so much. We

wanted to give everyone an opportunity to speak; you don’t have to be an organizer,” Breslau said, inviting others to take the bullhorn after her. “This is an opportunity for everyone to come together, to show our collective humanity, to show how we do come together in crisis because we’ll be doing this a lot.”

Dozens of people in the crowd took the bullhorn, many describing their reaction to the election. One woman, who said she was an immigrant who had only been in the country three months, told the crowd she had doubted her choice to come to the U.S. after the election. However, she, along with some of the other speakers, expressed optimism that there were so many people at the protest.

“You’ve got to get away from

your computer, stop giving everybody the big blue thumbs up, and get out and actually live your values.”

Many speakers were students or otherwise affiliated with the university. One speaker, Devon Lee, is a graduate teaching assistant who is teaching the course African American Leadership for Social Change in the African studies and sociology departments.

“This country is changing, and we need to invent the future of diversity. Otherwise, we will be in a political, economic and intellectual apartheid,” Lee said. “We owe it to ourselves, and we owe it to our country, to take a stand. Otherwise, we will have failed the sacrifices of all those who have come before us.”

Representatives from several different progressive groups were at the rally. One man passed out flyers advertising the Montgomery County Workers Power group that read, in bold text, “Trump is only the beginning ...”

One student talked about his plans to form a group on campus to advocate for labor unions. Anderson invited those present to a meeting of the United Feminist Movement, a Virginia Tech club that had a meeting the same day at 7:30 p.m.

“We worked really, really hard during the campaign, but our candidate of course didn’t win — I don’t think anybody here’s candidate won,” said Steven Gillespie of the New River Valley Green Party to the crowd, using the bullhorn.

“We worked really hard to get a progressive choice on the ballot, but it’s not going to be just going to the ballot box. We can’t wait four years, we can’t wait two years, we can’t wait two months, two weeks, two days. You’ve got to get away from your computer, stop giving everybody the big blue thumbs up, and get out and actually live your values.”

Throughout the time the marchers were on the Drillfield, people would stop and stand on the outer periphery of the crowd, seemingly curious about the commotion. One man crossing the Drillfield yelled at the marchers from a distance, “Go home! You’re not helping anyone!”

To close out the vigil, sophomore vocal performance and education major Mary Haugh

took the bullhorn.

“In the past week, I’ve been trying to figure out how I’m going to use my voice to voice my frustration, fear and anger,” Haugh said. “But tonight, I’m going to use it to express my hope that I see when I’m looking around at everyone here. So please join me in singing ‘Lean on Me.’”

A few cold rain droplets fell as the remaining marchers sang the Bill Withers song. They then picked up the signs they had been holding and headed their separate ways, some toward other buildings on campus, some back to Blacksburg.



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study break

Today's Birthday Horoscope: Reflect, review and recharge this year. Acknowledge ground taken toward fulfilling dreams and visions, and plan for what's missing. Professional obstacles next spring lead to re-energized passion and romance. Domestic chaos next autumn comes before your career takes off. True your course by your heart.

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ACROSS

- 1 Touch off
- 6 Electrical unit
- 9 What wind ensembles usually tune to
- 14 Actress Anouk whose last name means "beloved"
- 15 Place for grazing
- 16 Appreciative cry
- 17 Travelocity ad figure
- 18 "Hotel du _": Anita Brookner novel
- 19 Still
- 20 Fabulous writer?
- 21 Roth _
- 22 Washer function
- 23 Production capacity review
- 26 Refused
- 29 Very deep places
- 33 Shore soarer
- 34 Bellyachers
- 38 Excessively
- 39 Work (on), as 9-Down
- 41 " _ Romance": Jerome Kern song
- 42 TV princess
- 43 Radamès' love
- 44 Cover letter letters
- 45 Far from bold
- 46 Pentax competitor
- 48 Cholesterol initials
- 49 Hides
- 50 "U slay me!"
- 51 Chorus syllable
- 52 Travelers' bus.
- 53 Teddy's Mount Rushmore neighbor

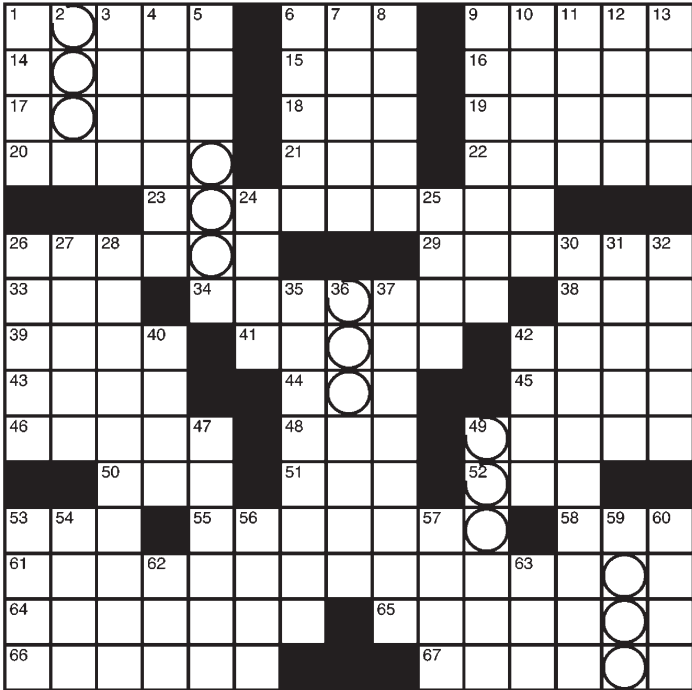
- 55 Kitchen appliance
- 58 Inflation fig.
- 61 Office fasteners
- 64 Like battleships
- 65 Get by the sentry
- 66 Looked inside, in a way
- 67 Show the ropes

DOWN

- 1 It's a long story
- 2 Flooring wood
- 3 "The Cookie Never Crumbles" co-author Wally
- 4 Alter the shape of
- 5 Custody
- 6 Kukla cohort
- 7 With 36-Down, what you can't do regarding this puzzle's circled letters
- 8 Portuguese territory until 1999
- 9 Pitmaster's offering
- 10 Like dessert wines
- 11 "... this skull has _ in the earth ...": Hamlet
- 12 Urban rtes.
- 13 Membership drive gift
- 24 "The Thin Man" role
- 25 Have what it takes
- 26 "The Goldbergs" actor George
- 27 Links legend, familiarly
- 28 Conflicted
- 30 Classic golf shoe feature

- 31 "Haystacks" series painter
- 32 Overcharges
- 35 "That really depressed me"
- 36 See 7-Down ... or, with "a," what you can see in this puzzle's circled letters
- 37 Isolated communities
- 40 City south of Fort Worth
- 42 Magneto's enemies

- 47 Sharer of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize
- 49 One of a gripping tool pair
- 53 Trojan War hero
- 54 "Hamilton" role
- 56 Mocked
- 57 Puzzlemaker Rubik
- 59 Go around
- 60 Hall & Oates' "Say It _ So"
- 62 Son
- 63 My _, Vietnam



By Jeffrey Wechsler

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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AIRS	OSLO	SURGE
LASE	BEEF	SPOON

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MEAT: About a quarter of dining hall meat is local

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sustainable manner.”

Cattle are born and raised at the Beef Center, located in the same general location as the Swine Center. They are weaned at 7 months old and allowed to graze on grass. Once the cows weigh about 800 pounds, they are given a concentrated ration until they weigh between 1250 and 1400 pounds, at which point they are 18 to 24 months old and ready for harvesting.

Following their use in educational programs on the farms, some of the animals are transported to the Food and Science Technology Building, which hosts the Virginia Tech Meat Center. In 2015, the meat center processed 28 cattle, 138 hogs and 34 lambs.

“Due to size limitations, it is impractical to send all livestock through the center,” Linker said.

Those animals not processed at the meat center

are sent elsewhere. Pigs go to Smithfield Foods, and cattle are generally sold at livestock markets.

“The animals (we receive) are harvested in the most humane way possible,” said Jordan Wicks, meat lab manager.

Wicks has worked at the meat center for about two and a half years, and a number of students work with her alongside the animals.

One such student, Daniel Boyer, began working at the meat center during his junior year. He graduated this past May with a degree in agricultural and applied economics, and Wicks hired him as the assistant meat lab manager.

The meat center follows the same guidelines as any United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) meat plant in the country does.

“Every animal has to be looked at and deemed safe and healthy,” Wicks said. In addition, “a state employee and inspector have to be present for the slaughter

process.”

The center uses the animals for teaching or as part of nutrition trials that require carcass data before it sells them to dining services.

Once a carcass has been chilled, workers at the meat center cut it into sections called primals.

“If you’ve ever heard of a chuck or a rib — those are examples of primal cuts,” Boyer said.

From there, workers remove the exterior of the carcass, dispose of necessary bones and trim off fat. They can then break the primal cuts into sub-primal cuts. These are cut into various roasts which are large enough to feed a family and are the type of cut generally sold to dining services.

Dining services purchases meat directly from the Virginia Tech Meat Center. Once the meat is in its possession, dining services stores it in the Southgate warehouse until various dining units on campus request it.

To document their food inventory, the dining centers use FoodPro, an Aurora Information Systems’ computer software. Chefs and production managers can see what is available and electronically order desired meat and other foods in large quantities.

“A steak doesn’t just magically appear on a plate ... there’s a process behind it that brings it here.”

About 20 to 30 percent of Virginia Tech Meat Center’s product goes to dining services. This contributes to dining services’ goal for 20 percent of its product to be local by 2020. Currently, about 14 percent of Virginia Tech’s dining food comes from farms within a 250-mile radius of campus or within the Commonwealth of Virginia, fulfilling the definition of local products.

“We know that our customers desire to see local products served in the dining units,” said Anthony Purcell, assistant director for dining services. “(Dining services is) here to

provide meals and nutrition to the university community ... we want to operate in a sustainable manner.”

Not only does the farm-to-table initiative at Virginia Tech provide students with local food, but it also contributes greatly to the Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ educational value.

“How cool is it that (students) are helping to raise the livestock, to fabricate it and break it down ... (dining services) employs students to cook, (dining services) serves the students and students consume the meat,” Faulkner said. “It (comes) full circle.”

In a way, the farm-to-table process at the university is a microcosm of the food industry. Its existence has even captured the attention of other departments.

“Once (this relationship) was established, it drew interest from dairy sciences. The milk in D2 and Deet’s Place is all created here on

campus,” Faulkner said. “It’s opened other doors and possibilities, and we look to embrace it and see how we can continue to grow and enhance these partnerships.”

For now, students can indulge in the nationally ranked food in the dining halls with the knowledge that some of it comes from just down the road. The taco meat at the Salsa’s stand in D2, the London broil at J.P.’s Chop House at West End Market and the lamb served at Turner Place on Fridays are just a few examples of Virginia Tech’s farm-to-table products.

“A steak doesn’t just magically appear on a plate ... there’s a process behind it that brings it here,” Faulkner said. “Being able to share that story provides engagement outside of traditional academic space and exposure to life learning events.”

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Who are the Gilmore Girls? An in-depth analysis

“Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life” comes out on Nov. 25. No time to watch 150 hours of Rory and Lorelai? Don’t worry – we summed it up for you.

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With the Gilmore Girls revival fast approaching (Nov. 25 to be exact), it’s time for some major binge watching. With nine years since the beloved series left our screens (but never our hearts) — some of us may need a refresher in order to fully understand every Gilmore-ism spouted off in the coming revival.

While it’s recommended to simply re-watch the whole series, now it’s crunch time. Keeping this in mind, here is a list of the must-watch episodes before Nov. 25, be careful of spoilers.

S1:E1 — “Pilot”
Airing on Oct. 5, 2000, this episode is when the audience meets all the important characters and the stage is set. Rory is accepted to a prestigious school, and Lorelai must ask her estranged parents for help. The result: Friday night dinners.

S1:E21 — “Love, Daisies and Troubadours”
Dean shows up at Rory’s school hoping she wants to talk about their relationship

and after a lot of yelling, Rory finally tells him that she loves him. After a fight with Max, Lorelai receives a proposal in the form of a thousand yellow daisies.

S2:E4 — “The Trip to Harvard”
With less than a week before her wedding, Lorelai and Rory are making a run for it. They end up somewhere in Massachusetts, trapped at a bed and breakfast, where Lorelai finally admits that she simply did not love Max. The next day, the girls end up at looking into Rory’s future with a trip to Harvard.

S2:E19 — “Teach Me Tonight”
In this episode, Luke learns that Jess is on the verge of failing out of high school, and seeks Rory’s help. While Rory tries for hours to get him focused on studying, she eventually gives in and they decide to go out for ice cream — which ends with Jess crashing Rory’s car into a bench. Luke and Lorelai have their biggest fight yet — resulting with Luke sending Jess back to New York.

S2:E22 — “I Can’t Get Started”
Sookie and Jackson’s wedding is finally here. Christopher comes into town and ends up staying for the weekend. After he reveals the relationship problems he is facing with Sherry, things begin to heat up between him and Lorelai. Right before the girls walk down the aisle as Sookie’s bridesmaids, Rory ends up kissing the newly-returned Jess, and Christopher tells Lorelai he is going home because Sherry is pregnant.

S3:E7 — “They Shoot Gilmores, Don’t They?”
The town’s 24-hour dance marathon is here and the girls enter. While Lorelai steps out to beg Luke to repair her broken shoe, she leaves Rory in Dean’s arms. When Rory and Jess begin to yell at each other from across the dance floor, Dean suddenly drops Rory’s hand and tells her that he is done denying that Rory and Jess have feelings for each other. By the end of the episode, Rory and Jess are together.

S3:E22 — “Those are Strings, Pinocchio”
Rory’s graduation day has arrived, and the Independence Inn closes its doors. After learning that she did not receive financial aid for Yale, Rory goes to her grandparents to ask for a loan. Meanwhile, Lorelai and Sookie finally buy the Dragonfly Inn. After Rory gives a heart-wrenching speech as valedictorian and receives a call from the missing Jess, the girls prepare for their backpacking trip through Europe.

S4:E22 — “Raincoats and Recipes”
Before the Dragonfly Inn is set to open, Lorelai and the gang decide to have a test run and invite all of their friends. After four seasons of waiting, Lorelai and Luke finally kiss. When Lorelai runs home, she finds Rory and Dean coming out of Rory’s room and puts together that they just slept together — even though Dean is married.

S5:E2 — “A Messenger, Nothing More”
After getting in a fight with her mother, Rory accepts the invitation from her recently-separated grandmother to spend the summer in Europe. While in Europe, Rory reflects on sleeping with Dean and sends him a letter. Lindsay (Dean’s wife) finds it in his coat and publicly announces their breakup by throwing all of his stuff out the window.

S5:E13 — “Wedding Bell Blues”
When Richard and Emily finally reconcile, they decide to renew their vows. Emily sees this as the perfect

opportunity to attempt to break up Lorelai and Luke and reunite her and Christopher, who she believes Lorelai belongs with — this does not end well. After they all walk in on Rory with Logan, Luke rushes away.

S5:E22 — “A House is Not a Home”
After being told by Logan’s dad, Mitchum, that Rory does not have what it takes to be a journalist, Rory and Logan somehow end up stealing a yacht and getting arrested. Lorelai picks her up from jail and Rory announces that she will not be returning to Yale. Lorelai finds this unacceptable and turns to her parents for help. This backfires, and by the end of the episode Rory is living in her grandparents’ pool house, Rory and Lorelai are not speaking, and Lorelai asks Luke to marry her.

S6:E9 — “The Prodigal Daughter Returns”
After finally realizing her mistake, Rory starts to right her wrongs. She makes arrangements to go back to Yale, gets a job at a newspaper, and she and Lorelai have a long-awaited reunion. Luke learns that he has a daughter, April, and does not tell Lorelai.

S7:E1 — “The Long Morrow”
Luke finally decides that he is ready to commit to Lorelai, but unfortunately it is too late — Lorelai spent the night with Christopher.

S7:E8 — “Introducing Lorelai Planetarium”
After only a couple months of dating, Lorelai and Christopher elope. When

Rory finds out her parents got married without her, she is terribly hurt. April has appendicitis and Luke calls Lorelai in a panic. When she gets to the hospital, Luke cannot hide his feelings when he sees the ring on her finger.

S7:E14 — “Farewell, My Pet”
Richard has a heart attack and Christopher, hurt after finding a character reference that Lorelai wrote for Luke, is not there. After much avoidance, Lorelai and Christopher finally have the conversation where they realize that they are simply not meant to be.

S7:E21 — “Unto the Breach”
Rory is graduating from Yale, and that comes with a big question from Logan — a proposal to marry him and move to California. Rory is caught off guard, but ultimately decides that she does not want to settle down and have everything decided for her at 22 — she declines the proposal.

S7:E22 — “Bon Voyage”
Rory receives a job offer to work on Barack Obama’s presidential campaign and she has to leave in two days. Luke gets the whole town together to throw a surprise goodbye party for Rory. When Lorelai goes to thank him, they kiss. And the beloved series ends the way it began, with the girls having coffee in Luke’s diner just before Rory leaves to conquer the world.

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ROADTRIP: How to pass the time on the drive home

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for a story that comes across as interesting. Keep in mind that they are typically more expensive than a regular book, so pick something that is sure to be pleasing to the ear. No one wants to spend \$30 and turn off the narrator two minutes in because his or her voice is boring to listen to.

Podcasts provide an alternative to audiobooks and can be downloaded through iTunes or other websites. These digital media files range from TV show analyses to exploring the history of the internet.

Jessica Derschowitz with Entertainment Weekly recommends a podcast called “Gilmore Guys.” She goes into further detail explaining that the podcast is “two dudes (veteran fan Kevin T. Porter and Stars Hollow newcomer Demi Adejuyigbe) who are watching and (hilariously) analyzing the show episode by episode.”

Check online to read the descriptions of the thousands of podcasts out there to find one

that suits your own liking.

Music, audiobooks and podcasts are perfect if the driver is by his or herself and can even work in a multiple passenger setting. However, car rides without talking can get awkward from time to time. If you know the passengers, encourage some conversation between everyone to lighten up the mood and make that ride that much more enjoyable. This is where those classic games come into play.

A popular game for car passengers is the ABC game. The goal of the game is to identify letters of the alphabet in order outside the car. For example, A could mean pointing out an Applebee’s sign or a street name that starts with A. Once you find something that starts with the letter A, then you move on to the letter B and so forth until someone finishes the entire alphabet.

To make the game go quicker, another version involves spelling out a word instead. For example, if someone says the word “PIG,” then everyone in the car has to

find things that start with “P,” “I” and “G.”

Twenty questions is another popular game that is relatively easy. Someone thinks of an object, place or person and the others have 20 yes or no questions to ask in order to figure out what the person is thinking of.

“I’m going on a picnic” is a memory game that multiple people can participate in. Each person takes turns and says an item that he or she is bringing on a picnic, going in order from A to Z. However, the catch involves repeating the previous items mentioned. For example, once the group has gotten to F, all the said items ranging from A to E also have to be recited in order.

Driving home for Thanksgiving doesn’t have to be silent and boring. Try some of these ideas to keep entertained during the hours sitting in a car.

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The Virginia Tech women's basketball team huddles during its eventual 67-36 victory over UNC Asheville, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2016.

Tech women's basketball routs Presbyterian 67-36

The Virginia Tech women's basketball team advanced to 2-0 with a dominating 67-36 victory against the Presbyterian College Blue Hose. The Hokies were led by Sidney Cook who recorded a double double with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Senior point guard Vanessa Poanousis broke the Virginia Tech record for career three pointers made, knocking down three out of her 11 total three point attempts in the Hokies blowout win.

Looking to bounce back, Tech travels to South Bend

After a disappointing loss to Georgia Tech at home, the Hokies fell out of the College Football Playoff rankings. Now, Tech will travel to Notre Dame for the first time in program history. Compared to past seasons, the Fighting Irish have had a historically bad year, winning only four games.

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In a tradition-filled affair, Virginia Tech will travel to South Bend to play the Notre Dame Fighting Irish on Saturday. Although the Irish are 4-6 this year, they have tradition on their side. Notre Dame is the site of 11 national championships and seven Heisman award winners and has the second-most wins of any program in the history of the sport.

“Obviously I have a tremendous amount of respect for college football tradition and Notre Dame,” said head coach Justin Fuente. “They are kind of ingrained in the history of college football, and that is really neat. Part of (Notre Dame) being involved in our league includes home-and-aways with prestigious programs.”

The non-conference game falls at an interesting time for Virginia Tech, which is atop the ACC Coastal standings and in the driver's seat for the ACC Championship. While the Hokies obviously want to win on Saturday, the game against

Notre Dame has no implication on the ACC Championship Game.

“I think it falls at a perfect time for us,” said fullback Sam Rogers. “It falls at a time where we can just focus on getting better right now. We know we didn't play well last week. We didn't deserve to win the Coastal Championship last week, but we still have that opportunity.”

While the game may not hold any bearing as far as the ACC standings, the Hokies very much want to come out of South Bend with a win over a historic program.

“Our focus is always going 1-0 no matter what, no matter who we're playing against,” said wide receiver Isaiah Ford. “Whether that's Notre Dame, U.Va. or the Pittsburgh Steelers. No matter who we're playing, we're going to prepare the same way, and we're going to try and go 1-0.”

The Hokies will look to bounce back after an ugly loss to Georgia Tech in front of a sellout crowd. Quarterback Jerod Evans was plagued by turnovers last game, throwing a career high of two

interceptions. Evans will surely focus on limiting turnovers against the Irish. On the other side of the ball, Virginia Tech's defense finally looks healthy again. The depth on defense will be needed to slow down the Notre Dame's electric offense.

Notre Dame is going to be a tough challenge for the Hokies, regardless of its record. The Irish are led by the top NFL quarterback prospect, DeShone Kizer. Kizer has thrown for 2,470 yards and 22 touchdowns this season. On the ground, Kizer is also a threat, he has rushed for almost 500 yards and has crossed the goal line seven times for the Irish. The defensive unit for the Irish has also dramatically increased throughout the season. In the last six games, the Irish have allowed 82.5 less yards per game and jumped up to 39th in the country on defense.

While the Hokies will be trying to get the bad taste out of their mouths from Georgia Tech, the Irish will be trying to fight for bowl eligibility.

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Jerod Evans (4) crosses the goal line for a Hokie touchdown, Nov. 12, 2016.

BLOWOUT: Hill lights-out from three against HPU

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“I'll have to go and look at them, but I'm guessing they were pretty wide open,” said High Point head coach Scott Cherry. “The ones we did contest they made too. If you give them the first three, four or five, anybody you play against, you give them confidence. They got confidence from that early, and then we missed some assignments in transition as we were trying to stop the ball and protect the paint.”

Ahmed Hill and Ty Outlaw, who were forced to sit out last season due to their health, were the catalysts from beyond the arc for Tech, stretching the floor and getting the Panthers defense off balance.

“It's so important. Ahmed (Hill) and Ty (Outlaw) are great shooters, and it just stretches the floor for us drivers like me, Seth (Allen) and Justin (Robinson),” Clarke said about having effective shooters on the perimeter.

Hill has shown no signs of rust from his off year, and instead has shown drastic improvements to his game, particularly shooting the ball. The redshirt-sophomore finished the game with a team high 20 points including six three-pointers, while adding four assists, three rebounds and two steals.

“Just getting it off quicker,

just shoot more and try to be consistent with the same form,” Hill said about what he did to improve his shot. “Freshman year, I used to change my shot every time I shot it, so in the offseason I just worked on the same shot consistently, over and over again.”

The re-emergence of Hill should be unsurprising considering how highly touted he was as a recruit coming out of high school and solid freshman season.

“I don't know that I could have necessarily predicted his field goal percentage and things of that nature but as I've mentioned before, he holds himself to an incredibly high standard,” Williams said. “When Ahmed's heart is pumping you can literally feel and see the blood of how much he cares. I don't necessarily think Ahmed is a great player relative to his talent, but I think he's elite relative to how hard he plays and how much he cares.”

After the Hokies' home opening victory against Maine, Williams had several criticisms regarding Tech's shot selection and overall flow of the offense. He mentioned that he categorizes shots into four different categories: bad, good, great and perfect. Williams said that against Maine, the Hokies settled for a lot of bad and good shots and were

unable to get great and perfect shots.

That changed for Tech tonight against High Point as they seemed to move the ball effortlessly and get wide open looks.

“We definitely had way more great and perfect than we had good shots,” said redshirt senior Seth Allen, who finished with 17 points, five rebounds and five assists. “I think we only took two or three bad shots. (Williams) cuts them up in half so there is the top two (great and perfect) and the bottom two (good and bad). There were 13 more in the top half than in the bottom half.”

After the Hokies' home matchup against VMI, they will have a 10-day road trip consisting of the Wooden Legacy Tournament and the ACC-Big Ten challenge against Michigan.

“I thought we made a distinct step in the right direction tonight,” Williams said. “I didn't think we were necessarily bad in game one, but I think we were trying to justify too much of our inadequacies and blaming it on, oh it was game one. I think, relative to the 10-day road trip, we need to hurry up and get off of that and take the next step. I thought we for sure did that.”

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Ahmed Hill (13) hits a jump shot after being fouled by High Point junior Austin White (2) in Cassell Coliseum, Nov. 15, 2016.