

Thanks Only to Mr. Jefferson's Influence, 1949-51

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I worked on the circulation and business staffs from 1949 to 1951. The Cavalier Daily offices were in the basement of Madison Hall. Type was set on Linotype machines. I believe the work was farmed out to the Daily Progress.

We published four-page editions. Staige Blackford was one of the editors-in-chief in my tenure. He later distinguished himself as editor of the Virginia Quarterly Review. Fraternities were a definite factor in the staff election system. They had voting clout.

The University subsidized the paper, and the relationship with the administration was nervous and tenuous. Thanks only to Mr. Jefferson's influence, the administration generally kept "hands off," although with some instances of disapproval, etc.

Among the issues I remember the CD covering were a de-emphasis of football and the question of whether cut status should fall under the Honor System.