**Tech sees rise in diagnoses of disabled students**

**170 Tech students were diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in the last year**

by Jared Turner

News Assistant

The number of college students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is on the rise across the nation. Virginia Tech is also experiencing such a rise.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reports that researchers have found the number of college students with ADHD has increased steeply in recent years as more people have been diagnosed with the disorder.

For Tech, the trend is not as steep as the number of students served by Services for Students with Disabilities increased dramatically from May 15, 2002 to May 15, 2003.

Over the course of one year, 595 students were served by SSD, an increase of 375 from the previous year.

Of those students, 170 were diagnosed with ADHD while 135 students were diagnosed as learning disabled and 49 students were diagnosed as learning disabled with ADHD.

"The office exists to provide equal access to programs, education, opportunities and facilities within the university," said Jared Turner, coordinator of SSD.

"We get referrals from all over campus from members who meet the standard criteria for disabilities.

We get referrals for students with ADHD and learning disabilities, including attention-deficit and disruptive behavior disorders."

Virginia Tech students have organized the ADHD and Learning Disabilities Students' organization to help them with their academic needs and disabilities.

We talk with these students to see if there is a reason to test for learning and psychological disabilities."

Jane Warner

coordinator, SSD

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Kappa Delta Alpha and campus AAC&U, among others.

"We are trying to gear it at (a project by Tech students put on by) Virginia Tech student council," said Kevin Troxell, a sophomore theatre major.

"We don't know empirically if the interventions offered help to them," said Lisa Weyandt, a psychology professor at Central Washington University.

"It's an area where we need more research."
Gov. Warner outlines higher education agenda

EICHMUNDE (AP) — Gov. Mark R. Warner outlined plans Tuesday to increase the number of Virginia college graduates by 10,000 a year and to boost annual spending on academic research by $3 billion by 2010.

The measures are part of Warner’s “Education for a Lifetime” initiative, which also includes reforms in elementary and secondary schools.

Warner said the higher education initiatives will increase Virginians’ earning power, stimulate economic development and help the state accommodate expected enrollment growth of 60,000 students over the next decade.

Accused teacher suspended

HAMPTON (AP) — A Hampton High School teacher has been suspended amid accusations he had a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl and five counts of indecent liberties with a minor.

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**Slow pace of case frustrates judge**

by Ron Jenkins

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The judge in the state's murder case against Oklahoma County Undersheriff Elmer Keel said Wednesday that lack of cooperation from federal government agencies has hampered his job, even though he has made it clear to them that this is not an issue that a state judge should be concerned with.

"The case is unacceptable and a remedy should come quickly to improve the pace," Hermanson said. "If this had been any other case, I would have intervened decades ago to ensure that the federal government makes a decision on the matter." He said depositions are to come early next year.

"This is frustrating," Hermanson added. "It's hard to bring this case to trial when we're not even sure that the federal government will be able to do its job in a timely manner." He said the federal government has not responded to requests to turn over certain documents.

In a letter to Attorney General Kathleen Sebelius, McCampbell, a state court, wrote that the federal government has not responded to requests to turn over certain documents.

When asked whether the case was threatening to derail the administration's chances of winning the presidential election, McCampbell said, "I do not believe that this case will have a significant impact on the election. However, I do believe that this case will require additional resources to ensure that justice is served.

"The federal government has not been proactive in this case," McCampbell said. "They have been reactive, and that is not good enough. The federal government needs to take a leadership role in this case and ensure that justice is served."
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Pledge of Allegiance needs modifying

In June 2002, a three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitu- tutional; after public disagreement, the court modified the ruling, basing the revision of the pledge on the speech codes of the Ninth Circuit institutions, including the University of California. Now debate over the pledge in schools is under scrutiny once again, this time on constitutionality of the pledge’s “one nation” clause.

Does a phrase added in 1954 still have a place in a pledge recited by people believing in different goals and religions? The purpose of the Pledge of Allegiance is to declare one’s loyalty to the United States; however, in practice, they stand for ideals including democracy and protection of individual rights. These rights include, but are not limited to, freedom to vote, freedom to attend a country under a god you do not believe in, the freedoms of the American Catholics to preserve the includes freedom protect- ing against oppression. The Pledge of Allegiance should remove the phrase “one nation under God.” With this deletion, the pledge could be reinstated in public schools and everyone could recite the pledge with no reservation. Those who do believe in a god or god can still pledge their allegiance separately from those who do not.

The Supreme Court will rule on the case in early 2004 without one of the court’s most conservative judges, Antonin Scalia, who removed himself from the case because of his public denouncement of the appeals court’s ruling in June.

Legislation needed to help protect children from porn

Nich Pascale

The U.S. Supreme Court has decided it is a state law that requires third graders to view, study and write about a woman as their first topic on the grounds that the enforcement of the law would violate the First Amendment rights of the students. However, any legitimate website on the Internet will victimize children of all ages from viewing content on and/or be exposed to pornography by the Internet.

Without surprise, the American Civil Liberties Union, a defender of publishers and individuals’ right to distribute content on the Internet, will want to apply the same constitutional rights to the First Amendment rights of webmasters who post detailed sexual advice for disabled people.

When is the ACLU going to realize that the right to distribute porn, to the most absolute law of the land, the right it enforces are not absolute and subject to legal bounds. Just as no one has the right to scream “FIRE!” in a crowded movie theater, the ACLU should realize the same is true when the First Amendment is involved.

If the ACLU really wants to apply the First Amendment to children, it should look into two gay-related hate crimes. For the sake of convenience, let’s consider these crimes.

These two cases involve the same families. The first family is that of a young girl who was beaten and robbed by a random person in the public. Even with her bruises, she went to the authorities, but they couldn’t find her home.

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Hokies sink Cardinals in swim meet

• The Tech swim and dive team won their season opener against Louisville University on Sunday by Chris Bayne
Staff Writer

Virginia Tech swimming and diving fans jammed into War Memorial Hall on Sunday evening to watch the men’s and women’s teams open their season with a splash against the University of Louisville.

The men defeated Louisville, 136-88, while the women overpowered the Cardinals, 142-89.

Coming into the competition, the Hokie men and women knew they were slightly under-matched, but head coach Ned Skinner didn’t change the way both teams viewed the meet.

“Our goal coming in (to the meet) was not to just settle for winning the meet,” Skinner said. “I think every meet we want to race hard and learn something new.”

One of the things Skinner and the rest of the coaching staff learned is they can look forward to a promising year with tremendous talent on both sides of the pool.

Oh, the men’s side, team captain David Szabo, a junior from Roanoke, was also a double winner with victories in the 200 individual medley (2:08.65) and the 100 breaststroke (58.730).

• Lindberg looks amazing

World-ranked freestyler Christian Lindberg, a senior from Woodbridge, won his only event of the evening, the 100 backstroke, with a time of 52.670.

“Lindberg looks amazing right now, and Szabo looks really strong early on,” Skinner said.

Other men’s team winners included Ned Savage (1,000 free; 9:59.00), Chris Bayne (50 free; 24:48.00), Kevin Fortun (70 free; 1:33.14), Eric Pavlik (100 fly; 51.230) and Chris Bassler (100 fre; 46.130).

In the men’s relay events, a team of Lindberg, Fortun, Colado and Casey Moore took the 200-medley relay in 1:33.14. Lindberg, Fortun, Bassler and Moore won the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:33.14.

The women’s team looked equally impressive. Senior Jen Calado and Casey Moore took the 200-individual medley (2:08.65) and the 100 breaststroke (1:01.49).

“Brilemaier is off to an incredible start, we are really happy with her,” Skinner said.

Junior Soprano, a senior from Roanoke, was also a double winner with victories in the 200 freestyle (2:05.536) and the 50 freestyle (24:00.22).

Other women’s team winners include Lindsay Smalley (1,000 free; 10:32.38), Morgan Gray (50 free; 24:48.03), Erin Tapper (100 fly; 59.420), Emily Guschke (100 free; 52.060) and Katy Peterson (100 back; 59.150).

In the women’s relay events, a team of Peterson, Brilemaier, Mandie Yobbers and Jamie Trott won the 200-medley relay in 1:49.35. Whitney Johnson, Cleary, Mason Walsh and Laura Campbell won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:36.95.

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The Hokie men and women’s teams will have their second meet of the year at the College of William & Mary on Saturday. Session I will start at 9 a.m. and Session II will begin at 5 p.m.

The Hokies will return home Oct. 25 for a tri-meet against Old Dominion and the rest of the coaching staff.

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Women’s sport: Soldier keys 2-0 shutout over Old Dominion

Senior keeper Mallory Soldner posted her fourth career shutout in the women soccer team’s 2-0 victory over Old Dominion University on Sunday.

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The goal was Johnson’s first of the season and the fourth of her career. Emily Bembrick scored the Hokies’ second goal of the game 53:12 minutes into the contest.

The goal was her ninth of the year, elevating her team’s lead.

It was also the 24th of her career, adding to the career goal record she already owns.

The women’s soccer team will be at home at 7 p.m. Thursday when they take on George Mason University for a Big East non-standings match.

Football: Miami game set for 7:45 p.m., and will be aired by ESPN

The Virginia Tech Athletics Department announced the game time for this year’s football game against the University of Miami. Kickoff will take place at 7:45 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

The game will feature two of the top teams in the country. In the men’s game against Miami, Tech will be led by senior quarterback Kyle Green, who was named Big East Offensive Player of the Week.

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Football: Hall named Big East Special Teams Player of the Week

DeAngelo Hall garnered Big East Special Teams Player of the Week honors this week for his performance in Saturday’s game against Syracuse University.

Hall returned two punts for touchdowns in the first quarter to help lead Tech to a 47-14 victory.

The first return was for 58 yards, and put the Hokies up 14-0. The Stamps were forced to punt again on their next drive, and Hall ran that one back for a 60-yard score.

He ended the day with five returns for a total of 155 yards and is the only player in Big East history to run back two punts for touchdowns in one game.

Hall leads the Big East with an average of 16.6 yards per punt return, and he is No. 7 in the country.
**WVU fans asked to behave at game**

West Virginia security and police have asked fans to behave when West Virginia Tech comes to town next Wednesday.

By John Ruby

Associated Press

Morgantown, W.Va.—West Virginia University security officials asked students Tuesday to behave at the Mountaineers' Oct. 22 home game against Virginia Tech.

WVU students went to the streets in Morgantown on the night of Oct. 12 and set fire to coaches, chairs, mattresses and garbage after WVU, 22-20, lost to Texas.

These three fans face disciplinary action for inappropriate behavior said the university's Department of Public Safety.

"Local fans, police and univer-
sity officials stood together in a zero-tolerance policy against fires and destruction of property," said Ken Greg, vice president for stu-
dent affairs.

"Such activity can result in changes in citations and univer-
sity sanctions that could include expulsion."

Public Safety Chief Bob Roberts said the university was taking "a Code of Conduct"

The code asks fans to show respect for all players, coaches and officials, refrain from taunting or disturbing other fans, avoid boo-
ing opponents, "be a positive
"mascot" and not lean on or over railings at Mountaineer Field.

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said he had an "abundant stipulation about not hazing opponents."

"On the home team," he said. "Have a no-hoo policy."

But saying customers are always going to voice their opinions, "so the request is probably a meat

When the home team gets housed, certainly the vis-
ting team, they get

Don't answer every question."

The Wednesday, Oct. 22 game will be Tech's first visit to Mountainlair Field as a member of the Big East, although the teams already played each other in future seasons.

In previous years, players said they wore their helmets on the sidelines in case they were thrown off at the stands.

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