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West Campus Drive, from Engel Hall to Ag Quad Lane, will be closed until Friday to all traffic. The Hokie Express and Toms Creek A routes on the Blacksburg Transit have alternate routes, and the street is still open to pedestrians.

## Pipe leak closes campus street

■ A portion of West Campus Drive will be closed until Friday for repairs to a steam pipeline under the street

by Bryan Nieder  
News Assistant

The emergency closure of West Campus Drive on Saturday has caused detours and traffic modifications with construction projected to continue through the end of the week.

A low-pressure steam pipeline is responsible for the closure, blocking West Campus Drive from the entrance to the Engel Hall Parking Lot to just past the intersection into Ag Quad Lane.

Ben Myers, director of utilities, said the emergency was spotted because steam started blowing up from the ground. He said the steam line is primarily used around campus for steam heating of that quadrant of campus.

Barring any unforeseen problems, the construction should be completed by the end

of the workday Friday, said Steve Mouras, director of transportation and records management.

While crews make repairs, detours for traffic and changes to Blacksburg Transit stops have been employed to alleviate traffic snares.

Motorists may use Duck Pond Drive as an alternate route around West Campus Drive, Mouras said.

Taran Hutchinson, operations supervisor for BT, said the Hokie Express and Toms Creek A buses are both experiencing changes to their routes. Among the changes, The Hokie Express will no longer stop at Litton Reaves Hall and Toms Creek A will go around the Drillfield rather than continue on West Campus Drive southbound toward Washington Street.

Directions about the new modified stops will be posted at the closed bus stops, Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson and Mouras said they have received no complaints about the road's closure.

"(For BT) it's not that bad, but it's more of an inconvenience to the passengers," Hutchinson said.

The closure will not affect pedestrian traffic.

The problem began as a result of the effects of the environment and time.

The pipe was installed in 1980, Myers said, and it lies under a particular area of the road where the edge of the road and curbing meet. At this juncture, liquid leaks through and drips onto the pipe, he said.

Myers said problems of this nature occur regularly, but it is rare to have a problem with a pipe in the center of a main road.

"We find steam leaks all the time," he said. "This is just very visible."

In addition to the low-pressure pipe, a network of other pipes run under the road including a high-pressure steam line and a compressed air pipe.

"We were concerned about the other pipes but the rest of the piping looks to be in good shape," Myers said.

Mouras said the option of placing a steel plate over the gapped pavement in an effort to allow for the road to remain open was not available. He said a nine-foot-wide trench had to be dug into the pavement — too large for the standard plate's 4-by-8 foot dimensions to cover.

## Humor used to address date rape

■ The play 'Four Hearts Changing' covered many areas of dating violence

by Christina Peña  
News Assistant

By adding humor to a serious subject, Equalogy's "Four Hearts Changing" program in Squires Student Center last night was able to portray the reality of dating violence.

The program utilized a play format to show various areas of dating violence such as emotional and physical abuse.

"This event caught my eye because it seemed more relevant to everyday life," said Lauren Kline, a freshman biology major.

According to Equalogy, a non-profit education organization that promotes the social change of violence against women, one in four college women are victims of dating violence.

The play surrounded the lives of two couples; one became violent and the other tried to support the safety of the battered girlfriend.

Audience members were able to ask the characters questions periodically throughout the show in addition to asking the actors questions after the show. Counselors from the Women's Center were also available.

Audience members were given programs that contained information about dating violence including types of abuse, myths, statistics, reasons, and ways to help.

"This happens to lots of

people; everyone knows someone who's been battered or raped. Someone could take this information and help someone," said Heather Dyas-Fried, an actress in "Four Hearts Changing."

The Equalogy group tours states from Maine to Virginia, stopping mainly at college campuses due to the topics discussed in the play such as masturbation, sex and drinking in addition to foul language. These factors were used to identify with the audience, but the purpose stayed evident throughout the play.

"We hope to affect people by affecting them emotionally," said Gus Schulenburg, writer and actor of "Four Hearts Changing."

"Emotional learning is how social change happens," he said.

In the 2002 Wellness Survey, 36 percent of students placed their romantic relationships as one of their top three stressors.

"Dating violence happens much more frequently than students think," said Maureen Lazar, victim outreach services coordinator.

More information about violence against women can be found at the Cook Counseling Center and the Tech Stop Abuse website—www.stopabuse.vt.edu.

The Women's Center, the sponsor of the Equalogy show, is a free on-campus facility that responds to victims of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, harassment, cyberstalking and cyberharassment.

It provides intervention, advocacy, short-term counseling, support groups, and information to all students.

## Top Gun



BYRON KENNERLY/SPPS

Seven-year-old Charlie Stephens sits in a World War II B-17 bomber at the Virginia Tech airport Sunday afternoon. The planes honored World War II veterans.

## Group urges boycott of RIAA

by Jeff Wood  
Staff Writer

The Recording Industry Association of America sued 261 alleged file sharers Sept. 8 launching the first wave of what could be thousands of civil lawsuits against other suspected offenders. As a result, the industry may be in for a bit of a scare this Halloween.

An online group, calling itself the "Whose Nieuws Crue," is urging music lovers nationwide to stage a "Halloween Rave Against the Bullies" to protest the RIAA's recent legal actions.

The group said the RIAA is the bully of

the music industry, claiming "while the music industry moguls get rich, the average music artist goes broke. The music industry steals all of the money, controls what music is available and tries to control the artist."

Virginia Tech students are no strangers to the downloading issue.

"I think the recording industries had ample time to figure out how to harness this technology and make money off of it," said Maggie Webb, a junior political science and international studies double major.

"They are being stubborn and impractical and thus they have gotten dangerously behind the times," she said. "I support the protest, but if these people get fined for

copyright infringement with the raves, then I think they should be punished according to the law. That's the risk they're taking."

The raves, taking place Halloween night in cities across the country, will only include music downloaded off the Internet and are meant to kick off a nationwide boycott of music from record labels the group believes rip off their artists.

The "Whose Nieuws Crue" has posted this message on several websites: "Every record label must sign the Music Artist's Bill of Rights! If a record label will not sign the Music Artist's Bill of Rights, we won't buy

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## Sniper suspect makes his case to jury

by Matthew Barakat  
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH — Sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad won the right to act as his own lawyer Monday in a surprise, last-minute request at his murder trial, then broke a year of stony silence with a rambling opening statement in which he assured jurors, "I had nothing to do with these crimes."

It was not clear why Muhammad decided to fire his lawyers, who will serve as standby counsel. Just last week, Muhammad told Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. that he was satisfied with his attorneys.

"One of the things we're here

for today is to find out what everyone wants to know. What happened?" Muhammad told the jury at the outset of his 20-minute statement. He talked about the meaning of truth but said nothing about the shootings except to deny involvement.

"I know what happened. I know what didn't happen. They're basing what they said about me on a theory," he told jurors. "If we monitor (the evidence) step by step, it will all show I had nothing to do with these crimes."

Muhammad, 42, is charged in the slaying of Dean Harold Meyers, a 53-year-old Vietnam veteran who was gunned down outside a northern Virginia gas

station last October. He was the seventh victim of a three-week shooting spree that left 10 people dead in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Muhammad and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, were arrested last Oct. 24 at a highway rest stop in Maryland. Prosecutors have said the shootings were part of a plot to extort \$10 million from the government.

Prosecutors say Malvo has made several statements to police and jail guards in which he confessed involvement in many of last fall's sniper shootings in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Muhammad barely spoke to investigators, and offered only terse, one-word

answers to questions in many pretrial hearings.

Now Muhammad will have to speak for himself and could cross-examine his accusers, possibly including survivors of the sniper shootings.

Muhammad spoke at length during his opening statement about the meaning of truth, saying at one point, "Jesus said, 'Ye shall know the truth.'" He also said he hopes to be found innocent "by the grace of Allah."

"There's three truths. The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I always thought there was just one truth," he said. "The facts should help us identify what's a lie, what's not a lie," he said.

## News in Brief

### Counterfeit bills found in Barringer Hall

STAFF — The Virginia Tech Police Department sent two counterfeit dollar bills found in a residence hall Oct. 13 to the Secret Service for further investigation.

A custodian found the two bills at the north end of the first floor of Barringer Hall, said Lt. Wendell Flinchum of Tech police. "The borders on the bills were not even all the way around and the paper didn't feel the same," Flinchum said.

Police have no suspects or any information about why the bills were being made. They do not know whether more were made, he said.

The bills were sent to the Secret Service's Roanoke office where Tech police will continue to assist with the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this case should call Tech police at (540) 231-6411.

30 p.m. yesterday. His whereabouts and condition could not be released.

No charges have been filed, said Sgt. J.A. Ramsey.

### Israeli air strikes kill three

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli helicopters and warplanes unleashed a string of missile strikes in Gaza City Monday, killing two Hamas members and a bystander and wounding 23 other Palestinians on the street, including at least four children.

The three strikes destroyed a pair of suspected Hamas weapons warehouses in one of the most intense series of air raids in the past three years of fighting.

They took place a day after Palestinian militants fired a barrage of homemade rockets into southern Israel from Gaza. Also Sunday, a Palestinian ambush in the West Bank killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded a fourth.

## Boycott: RIAA says music is copyrighted

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music from that record label!"

The RIAA's standpoint remains unchanged; music downloaded off the Internet offers the public access to copyrighted material without compensating the artists. The industry said they feel justified in pursuing legal action because it has come "only after a multi-year effort to educate the public about the illegality of unauthorized downloading."

Junior communication major Christina Ward said she thinks the problem is that CDs are too expensive.

"They keep saying that it's because people download all this

music," she said. "But maybe we download music because CDs are so expensive."

John Purdum, a junior accounting and information systems major, said he too thought prices were unreasonable.

"If they would make (albums) reasonably priced, say between \$7-10, this probably would never have been an issue," he said.

Tim Wong, a senior computer science major, said he thinks downloading music is wrong because it is an indirect method of stealing, but if he knew he wouldn't get caught, he may consider taking the music.

"If no one can tell who's stealing ... I would take a chance to get that music," he said.

## D.C. police officer faces charges in Fairfax

WASHINGTON (AP) — A District of Columbia police officer is expected to be placed on administrative leave after allegedly engaging in repeated inappropriate behavior with children at his Falls Church, Va., home, authorities said Monday.

Officer David E. Parnigoni, who joined the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department 14 months ago, was charged Monday in Fairfax County with two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. According to Fairfax County police, they have spoken with two 11 year-old boys who have recounted alleged incidents at Parnigoni's home.

According to investigators,

Parnigoni — who is single — organized several overnight visits to his home that would include groups of boys he coached in a D.C. little league. During the gatherings, Parnigoni would allegedly encourage the boys to take part in games of challenge, with the loser having to disrobe and run throughout the house.

"This case is still under investigation and we still want to talk to people who may have information," said Fairfax County Officer Cheryl Farrell. Investigators said the last incident they know of happened in the spring.

Farrell said it would be "inappropriate" for the boys or Parnigoni to disrobe.

## Student: Box cutters put on plane in Sept.

by Curt Anderson  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A college student sent an e-mail to federal authorities saying he had placed box cutters and other illegal items aboard two specific Southwest Airlines flights, but it still took authorities nearly five weeks to locate them on the planes.

An FBI affidavit obtained Monday by The Associated Press said Nathaniel Heatwole, 20, told agents he went through normal security procedures at airports in Baltimore and Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and was able to carry the forbidden items onto the planes in small plastic bags. Once aboard, he hid the bags in a compartment in the rear lavatories of two planes.

Heatwole first breached security at Raleigh-Durham airport on Sept. 12 — the

day after the two-year anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks. He did it again Sept. 15 at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, the affidavit said.

The bags contained box cutters, modeling clay simulated to look like plastic explosives, matches and bleach hidden in sunscreen bottles.

Inside were notes with details about when and where the items were carried aboard. They were signed "3891925," which is the reverse of Heatwole's birthday: 5/29/1983.

On Sept. 15, the Transportation Security Administration received an e-mail from Heatwole stating he had "information regarding six security breaches" at the Raleigh-Durham and Baltimore-Washington airports between Feb. 7 and Sept. 14, the FBI affidavit said.

"The writer stated that he smuggled

several items on his person and some in his carryon bag," the affidavit said.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, whose department includes TSA, said officials "will go back and look at our protocol" for how such e-mails are handled. He said the agency gets a high volume of e-mails about possible threats and that the decision was made that Heatwole's "wasn't an imminent threat."

"This is not a good experience. This is a bad experience," Ridge said during a visit to Duke University. "But we may learn something about it that we can apply across the country."

The e-mail provided precise details of where the plastic bags were hidden and even provided Heatwole's name and telephone number. It's unclear whether Heatwole actually hid items on four other planes.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Definition of marriage must be progressive

In response to the editorial, "Marriage should remain a union between heterosexuals" (CT, Oct. 16), I agree marriage is now a risible institution because of a lack of virtue and an excess of egoism, individualism and irresponsibility. A similar evasion of duty (albeit to our fellow citizens) seems to underlie the editorial itself.

The author indicates a miscommunication of President George W. Bush's intentions (which requires no leap of faith, given his public speaking record) and also the fact the president's morals coincide with those of our founders. Wonderful.

However, because our founding fathers failed to resolve slavery, women's rights and civil liberties in their time, I'll stick with progressive philosophy in handling the situation.

Americans should make policies and decisions for the present based on logic — not based on who is the biggest kid on the playground.

Undermine the rights of married citizens?

Would the rights of whites supping at a restaurant have been undermined by serving a black person 50 years ago?

Or does the design of marriage fail to accommodate homosexuals just as a dining room table is unfit to feed quadrupeds?

The argument seems a defensive gesture to maintain self-validation for marriage's suffering institution by chastising supposedly less-wor-

thy individuals from partaking of it.

Why don't same-sex marriages fall under the umbrella of marriage?

The author fallaciously argues same-sex marriages will eventually lead to marriage with inanimate, insentient objects.

Please, could anything more demeaning or offensive be said?

With equally weak premises, any type of marriage would then inevitably lead to mankind's union with palm pilots, fishing rods or the color blue; such a point is easily culled.

True enough, the president isn't a homosexual-hating triggerman, but his policy to cheat citizens (of no less virtue) of recognition and basic human rights of association is quasi-criminal to me.

More so because it is done on allegedly moral grounds.

If some heterosexuals need to feel warm and toasty inside because the word "marriage" carries esoteric, parochial — and possibly supremacist — values, then maybe we should scrap the religiously-inspired and antiquated term to adopt a new, stigma-free jargon.

Or, perhaps, we should seek to instill security and responsibility in those who need to extrapolate such value from a mere word at a great cost to so many blameless others.

Gender and sex — as race, class and appearance — should buy you little in life as compared to virtue and action.

Keep in mind what is said of a rose by any other name.

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## Public opinion of pledge irrelevant

**Rob Rowland**

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other," John Adams once wrote. It would seem our second president and founding father would support the Pledge of Allegiance as it stands written today.

Of course, Adams lived a century and a half before Congress adopted the Pledge of Allegiance.

He also lived in an age before appointed (not elected) federal courts — not indebted to anyone but other appointed judges — made the law of the land.

Perhaps he would agree the current state of our Constitution makes the nature of people irrelevant.

The 9th District U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled in 2002 the words "under God" in our nation's Pledge of Allegiance, recited by schoolchildren since World War II, is unconstitutional. In doing so, the western court has nullified a 60-year-old act of Congress without so much as a unanimous vote by its own members. This week the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case on appeal.

We will not know how the Supreme Court will decide the case until 2004, but we do know Justice Antonin Scalia, a staunch defender of democratic and majoritarian institutions, will not be among those judges taking part in the decision. He has recused himself, presumably on the grounds that he has publicly spoken out against the 9th Circuit's ruling on the matter.

Though he will not be personally involved in the judgment, his thoughts on this issue deserve attention.

It was Scalia's opinion in a speech he gave at a celebration of religious

freedom in Fredericksburg, the courts have gone too far in restricting religious freedom in schools. He also noted such matters should instead be decided by lawmakers and the political processes.

On Wednesday, the Collegiate Times printed an editorial in support of the removal of the words "under God" from the pledge ("Pledge of Allegiance needs modifying," CT, Oct. 15). Though I disagree vehemently with this position, I believe it is futile to argue on the merits of the case.

Instead, I would like to ask to whom was this editorial directed? No voter will ever choose a candidate based on the issue — it is beyond the realm of politics or public debate.

So until sometime in 2004, the American public is reduced to waiting on the court to hand down its ruling. Like a panel of philosopher kings, they are free to decide as they please. No amount of public debate or politics will change the outcome of the decision.

The people and their elected representatives made their will known when they enacted the laws. The attorneys general of the several states have asked the Supreme Court to undo the latest travesty enacted by the 9th Circuit. However, ultimately, the law is left for the justices alone to decide.

Apparently, the marketplace of ideas stops on the steps of the Court. You can call or ask to meet with your congressman but not a justice of the Supreme Court.

Despite their status as the final say on the law of the land and as the king-makers of the 2000 presidential election, the court is in no way beholden to the people. They serve for life and good behavior.

No politician even discusses just how much power the court wields because with no means to oppose them, it would be like speaking out

against the weather.

The First Amendment, which the 9th Circuit has invoked to strike down the current Pledge of Allegiance, also protects our right to free speech and assembly. Presumably, this is to enable the American people to discuss matters of political importance and to see their representatives respect their will.

What, then, can be said to influence a body that can overrule Congress, the will of the states and the will of the people?

We have enacted "In God We Trust" as our national motto. Should every dollar bill bearing the creed be burned? In reality, it is not up to us.

There are times when the intervention of the court is necessary to preserve individual rights and freedoms. This is why our founding fathers separated them from the rest of government and gave them lifelong appointments. However, as the 9th Circuit court seems so willing to prove again and again, there is tremendous potential for the courts to abuse their power.

Thomas Jefferson warned of this potential when he cautioned against giving the judiciary the power to declare against acts of the other branches. He said it would make it "a despotic branch." It appears as though he was right.

No matter what the court finds with regard to the Pledge of Allegiance's constitutionality, it will be just another example of democracy subverted for the will of five lawyers in a closed room.

At the risk of wasting my time, I would like to submit the court should defer to elected officials and the political processes envisioned by our framers. Some sunshine for this weekend would also be nice.

*Rob Rowland is a regular columnist for the Collegiate Times.*

## Bush risks dolphin conservation efforts

**Kate Lynch**

It's called the "chicken of the sea" and millions of Americans eat it every day. When people think of tuna fish, most picture a can of tuna bearing a dolphin-safe seal on the side.

Knowing the meal being enjoyed didn't endanger the life of Flipper puts many eaters at ease and many companies in the position of buying only dolphin-safe brands to provide to consumers.

But now the Bush Administration wants to loosen the definition of "dolphin safe" in order to allow more tuna to be imported by an aggravated Mexican tuna fishing fleet.

By definition, "dolphin safe" includes all tuna caught without using dolphins as targets. If dolphins are used as targets, the tuna retrieved are barred from using the dolphin-safe label on cans sold in the United States.

Since dolphins commonly swim with schools of tuna, many tuna

industries use them to capture the fish. However, because of this process, 2,000 to 3,000 dolphins are killed annually in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Just decades ago, hundreds of thousands of dolphins were killed, prompting new international efforts and the emanation of the dolphin-safe label.

But under the new definition by the Department of Commerce, tuna caught along with dolphins may be labeled dolphin-safe if it can be certified no dolphins were killed or seriously injured during the catch. However, dolphins will still be in danger and who is to say bribery and illegal actions won't occur? What constitutes "seriously injured?"

Mexico's tuna fishing industry threatened to abandon the dolphin conservation program it has followed since 1990 if the legal barriers aren't lifted.

However, this undermines the international effort being put forth to preserve dolphin populations. Mexico, a part of the North American Free Trade Agreement, has abundant

tuna fishing grounds, low wages and transportation costs, giving them an advantage as a supplier of tuna to the United States.

If they just fixed their process of catching tuna, they would thrive from U.S. sales.

Why should the United States compromise its standards of tuna fishing and dolphin protection just to appease Mexico?

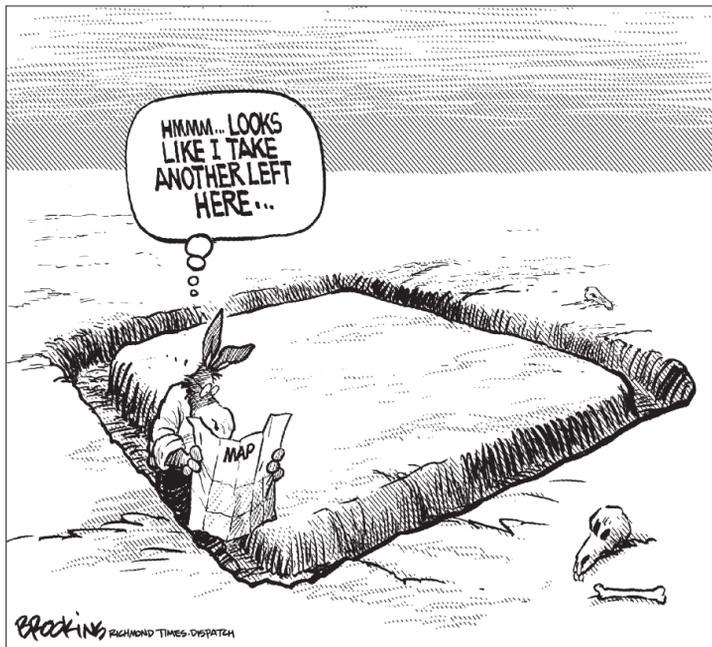
If Mexico is no longer in competition for tuna exports, other tuna industries in Latin America and Asian countries will benefit and profit.

If Mexico is going to be stubborn, the United States should import from other countries, thus helping those economies.

After the original dolphin-safe tuna restrictions were implemented, deaths of dolphins decreased 97 percent.

If this new, fraudulent dolphin-safe interpretation is practiced, dolphins will be at risk once again.

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## Features

# Play has audience singing its praises

Anne-Henley Beck

"Singing In the Rain," a Candlewood & Mainstage Productions, adopted from the movie and Broadway musical, came to Burruss Hall last night attracting a variety of ages. Children, students, families and a dominant older audience filled Burruss Hall.

Opening with a radio broadcasting of a film premiere, the play took the audience back in time with dancing, singing, and humor of the '40s. With choreography based on the MGM film by Gene Kelley and Stanley Doren, the actors and actresses tap danced, sashayed and jitterbugged to the music, culminating in the Broadway Melody scene. Don, played by Jason Guy, ran through a variety of scores starting with a '40s flapper who tempts Don with her sleek movements up to the end with Don and a slew of men waving their arms and legs in unison.

"The choreography is really impressive. The guy who plays Cosmo is really funny," said Christie Roark, a junior industrial engineer major.

Cosmo, played by Michael J.

Kirsch, added humorous quips to the play by his expressive faces and interjections. The humor used, unlike some of today's gross humor, had an innocent, yet refreshing feel. In one scene, Sneak Preview of "The Dueling Cavalier," the actress, Lina Lamont's (played by Danielle Gerardo) inability to use the microphone left the audience in giggles.

In another scene, Cosmo and Don run circles around a speech professor, who tries to teach Don an exaggerated form of speaking.

"I like the dancing. The acting is a little kitschy. It doesn't fit our day, but I'm sure that's the way they did act back then — a little more exaggerated," said Loudres Travieso-Parker, a graduate student.

Although many in the audience had not seen the movie, everyone recognized the rhythm of Gene Kelley's famously choreographed "Singing In the Rain." Candlewood Productions enhanced the scene by having water fall like rain on stage, much to the surprise and delight of the audience.

Intermingling song and dance, the play was able to transport audience members to a time



BYRON KENNERLY/SPPS

Jason Guy played Don in the production of "Singing In the Rain" in Burruss Hall last night.

where talent in tap dancing was appreciated, and talkies, the new evolution in cinema, were just beginning.

Reflecting upon the time period of the piece, a great number of families and elderly were in attendance.

"It's a great mix of students and community. The audience seems like they really enjoyed it. They are more engaged and interactive than I expected," said

Elyse Gonyo, director of lively arts for VTU and a junior communication major.

Picked for its name recognition and broad audience appeal, VTU sold more than 1500 tickets. Starting at 8 a.m., VTU and Candlewood's road crew worked right up until show time to put on the performance.

Anne-Henley Beck is a staff writer for the Collegiate Times.

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- 50 Iditarod critter
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- 52 Bigwig
- 54 Path

Look for this week's solution in Wednesday's CT!

# CaribSO finds out who is 'Baddest Girl'

by Megan Rowe  
Staff Writer

It's Friday night, and Hermona Kiros, dressed to kill in boots and a flared denim miniskirt, is two hours away from proving she's the baddest girl on the block.

Kiros, a sophomore University Studies major, competed against four other women in dress and talent at the Baddest Girl on the Block competition Friday night.

About 100 people came to McBryde 100 to watch the competition hosted by Virginia Tech's Caribbean Student Organization.

The first round of the competition was club wear. Hosts Orien Patterson, a sophomore computer science major, and Janelle Fournillier, a graduate student in teaching and learning, introduced the women as they came on stage.

"The girl needs to be bad," Fournillier said. "Not raunchy, just bad."

During the next round, casual wear, the women showed off their clothes and intro-

duced themselves.

"Name: Takiyah. Occupation: the baddest," said Takiyah Amin, a graduate student in arts and administration.

Between rounds, Fournillier and Patterson asked the audience questions about Caribbean culture and gave CDs to the first people to answer correctly.

Audience members came onstage to show off their moves, including eight women who competed against each other for \$50.

*"I think as far as society is concerned, the worst thing I've probably done is choose to educate myself as a woman of African descent."*

**Takiya Amin**  
Baddest Girl on the Block contestant

The next round was sexy wear. The audience cheered and yelled as the women walked on stage wearing revealing dresses, tank tops and short skirts.

But the competition wasn't just about looking good. The women also had to show off their talents and answer the question, "What is one bad thing you've done?" Answers ranged from having sex in a park to stealing candy from a Safeway store.

"I think as far as society is concerned, the worst thing I've probably done is choose to educate myself as a woman of African

descent and educate my people in the interest of the revolution," Amin said. "It's pretty bad, and I'll do it every day for the rest of my life."

Amin recited a poem she'd written called "Train Track Blues" as her talent. Tracy Pryor, a freshman business major, and Janeen Lewis, a senior dairy science major, also recited poems they'd written and Kiros sang a Whitney Houston song.

Afterwards, Patterson and Fournillier announced the results. Kiros was named the Baddest Girl on the Block, while Amin and Lewis won second and third place.

"I'd never been in a competition or anything like that before," Pryor said. "I thought it'd be a good opportunity to have fun."

CaribSO's goal is to educate students about Caribbean culture, said Amilia Evans, president of CaribSO and a junior interdisciplinary studies major.

"It allows the Caribbean students on campus to come together, get to know other Caribbean students and be more comfortable in the community," she said. "A lot of people don't realize the different aspects of the black community, and the Caribbean aspect is one of those."

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Sports

# Hokies upset No. 6-ranked St. John's Red Storm

■ The Virginia Tech men's soccer team got their 10th win of the year with a 2-1 win over St. John's

by Susan Suddarth  
Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech men's soccer team's win over St. John's University Saturday made a statement to the rest of the league not to take the Hokies lightly. Tech came back from a one-goal deficit to beat No. 6-ranked St. John's 2-1.

"It showed a lot of heart when we were down 1-0, but with 20 minutes left and against the No. 6-ranked team we were still able to come back and get them," said freshman defender Chad Steuck.

Throughout the first half, the teams were evenly matched in skill, attaining no points. Tech had seven shots and goalkeeper Chase Harrison had three saves, while St. John's had five shots and goalkeeper Bill Gaudette had one save.

After the half, however, both



teams came out fired up and ready to score.

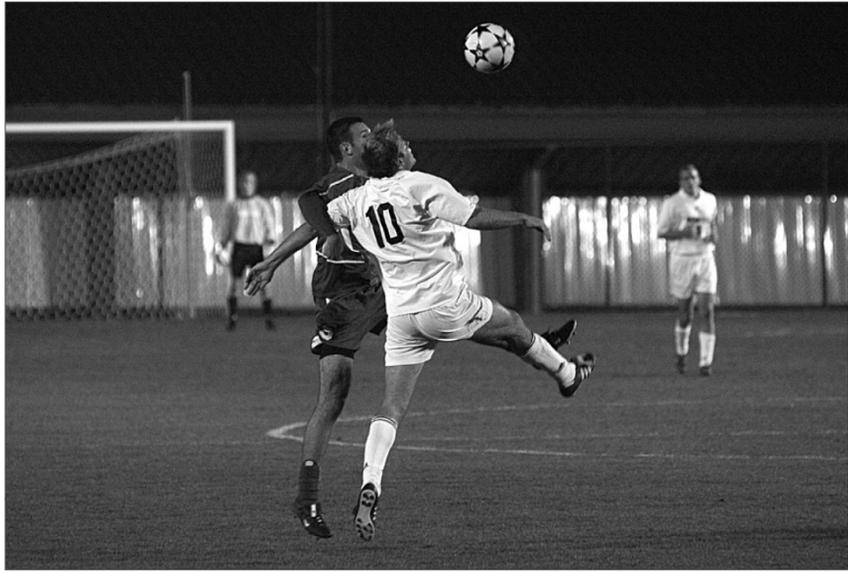
The Red Storm put their only goal away in the 59th minute. St. John's Chris Leidner crossed it in towards the goal, but Harrison managed to punch it away. The ball went right back to St. John's Sebastian Alvarado-Ralph who headed it past Harrison. This put the Storm up 1-0.

**"It showed a lot of heart when we were down 1-0, but with 20 minutes left against the No. 6-ranked team we were still able to come back and get them."**

**Chad Steuck**  
Tech defender

"Their goal was a turning point," Steuck said. "It calmed us down, and we realized we're down by one, we have to bury these guys." Just two minutes later, the Hokies answered the St. John's goal, scoring off a series of five passes with midfielder Charlie Howe passing it out of the back up to midfielder Ben Nason. Nason and Peer Rogge passed it back and forth, finally giving way to Ken Jonmaire who tapped it in the goal from 10 yards out.

"Nason had a great build-up from the side and made his



ERICA WIEBLE/SPPS

**Sophomore midfielder Peer Rogge fights off a Red Storm player for this ball. The win over St. John's improved the Hokies to 5-2 in the Big East, second overall in the conference.**

way through seven defenders," Jonmaire said. "He just put it there, and I managed to tap it in. It was definitely what we practiced and it worked."

With the score tied and the game headed toward overtime, both defenses stepped it up a notch, keeping the opposition at bay.

Victory came in the 82nd minute when a St. John's player tried to jump over Jonmaire to head a ball. Jonmaire was knocked to his knees and Tech was given a free kick.

Sophomore Dustin Dyer shot a power ball past the Red Storm goalkeeper and into the back of the goal for a 2-1 lead. St. John's failed to answer Tech's final goal.

"It was incredible," Jonmaire said. "We couldn't have asked for a better scene. Playing for the top spot in the Big East in front of a packed crowd, great weather. Everything was just amazing. Things unfolded and worked out perfectly and it was just amazing."

The top-10 ranked Red Storm

is the highest-ranked team the Hokies have ever beaten.

"It was an overall team effort," Steuck said.

"Everybody played as hard as they could. The subs came in and really turned it on.

The Hokies have beaten three nationally-ranked teams this year and are now tied for first in the Big East. Three more victories will give Tech an automatic bid to the playoffs.

The Hokies host Radford at 6 p.m. tomorrow for their next match-up.

# Bryant rape case will go to trial

by Jon Sarche  
Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant must stand trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old resort worker, a judge ruled Monday, clearing the way for a celebrity trial the likes of which hasn't been seen since O.J. Simpson.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett said prosecutors presented enough evidence Bryant might have committed the crime June 30. The Los Angeles Lakers guard could face a life sentence if convicted.

His next appearance, in district court, is set for Nov. 10.

Bryant has said the sex was consensual. His attorneys suggested the woman's injuries came during sex with other men in the days before her encounter with Bryant at a posh resort in nearby Edwards.

The defense can appeal Gannett's ruling, but such appeals are rare, legal experts said.

Bryant practiced with the Los Angeles Lakers at their El Segundo, Calif., facility on Monday and it wrapped up about two hours before the judge issued his ruling.

# Lady Hokies lose to Georgetown, Rutgers

by Nick Vranas and Susan Suddarth  
Staff Writers

The Virginia Tech women's soccer team suffered two heartbreaking defeats to Georgetown University and Rutgers University in their last two home games of the season.

The Hokies fought hard against the Hoyas, but Georgetown came out on top, 1-0. Despite the loss, Tech matched Georgetown's intensity, putting up 15 shots to the Hoyas' 17.

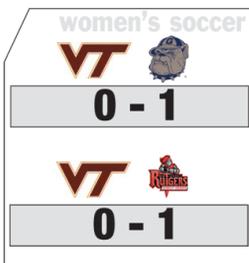
Georgetown attained the only goal of the game in the 17th minute when Elizabeth Roberti finished a deflected corner kick past Tech goalkeeper Mallory Soldner.

The Hokies were unable to find the net and close the one-goal deficit.

"We were scoring so many goals at the beginning of the year, I think we began to think they were just gonna happen," said Tech head coach Kelly Cagle. "These past few games we really haven't been making very good decisions in the (attacking) third."

Soldner had five saves on the night and forward Emily Barnhart led the Hokies with five shots.

The loss drops Tech to 8-7 on the year. However, it does not count in the standings because it is an out-of-division conference



game.

In Sunday's senior night game, the Hokies were downed by Rutgers 1-0.

Rutger's goal came after a scoreless first half when the ball went out of bounds on a Tech defender and the Scarlet Knights were awarded a corner kick. Rutger's Zoe Avner placed a ball in front of the net and defender Kim Brandao headed the ball past Soldner.

Tech had a total of seven shots, one corner kick and Soldner came up with three saves on the day. Rutgers had nine shots, four corner kicks and the goalie for the Knights had three saves.

"If we fought that hard and lost games like that I can sleep at night," Cagle said. "This makes some of our worst losses even worse. I can live with this. They scored off a well-set-up play but other than that, they weren't really dangerous."

Senior Katie Hancock started



JOCELYN SCHNIEDWIND/SPPS

**Midfielder Emily Barnhart (21) was one of six seniors to play in the last home game of her career this past weekend.**

in goal for the Hokies and played the first 18 minutes.

"Hancock is one of our best leaders," Cagle said.

"To get her in the game meant so much to her and her team and me."

The team will be losing seniors Hancock, Barnhart, Jessica Russell, Jessica Myers, Kathy Holdsworth and Blair Eason.

The seniors have been a huge part of the season with some of them starting and playing the whole 90 minutes, Cagle said.

The Hokies finish their season on the road in games against Providence College and Boston College. In order to make the Big East Conference Tournament, Tech must win both games and Syracuse needs to tie their final game.

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