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.

West Campus Drive, from Engle 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.

Barring any unforeseen problems, the closure will not affect pedestrian traffic.

Meanwhile, repairs are under way to allow for the road to remain open was not available. He said a nine-foot-wide trench had to be dug to the pipe, he said.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Definition of marriage must be progressive

Rob Rowland

In response to the editorial, “Marriage should remain a union between heterosexuals?” (CT, Oct. 16), I agree marriage is now a religious institution because of a lack of virtue and an excess of egotism, individualism and irresponsibility. A similar evil of (ab)use of human (re)source citizenship was underlie the editorial itself. The author indicates a misrecognition 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. Wanderful. However, because our founding fathers failed to resolve slavery, women’s rights and civil liberties in their time, it’ll stick with progressive philosophy in handling the situation. Americans should make policies and decisions for the present best and not for those who is the biggest kid on the playground. Under the reign of moral grounds. If some homosexuals need to feel warm and cozy inside because the word “marriage” causes ano- terarchal — and possibly suppressive — stigma, that makes we who should scrap the religiously-inspired and antiquated term to “marriage.”

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 likely be a deciding vote in the decision. He has consistently pressed the grounds on which he has publicly spoken against the word “marriage” in the ruling on the matter. Though this is not anually involved in the judgment, his thoughts on this issue deserve atten tion. In an open letter of opposition he gave at a celebration of religious freedom in Fredericktown, the courts have gone too far in restricting freedom in schools. He also noted such matters should be left to the states to decide.

Perhaps the Collegiate Times printed an editorial in support of the “seriously injured?”

Kate Lynch

It’s called the “chicken of the sea” and despite its recent decline, the world still dines on it every day. When people think of tuna fish, most think of a can of tuna salad on the side. However, the idea of eating the beloved protein didn’t endear the life of Flipper the dolphin to so many Mathletes all over the United States.

But now the Bush Administration wants to loosen the definition of “dolphin-safe.” In order to allow more tuna to be imported an agglomeration Mexican tuna fishing fleets. By definition, “dolphin-safe” includes all tuna caught in ways that do not cause serious or simply label the can as dolphin-safe. Why should the United States continue to support the fishing industry in Mexico, a part of the North American Free Trade Agreement, has abundant tuna fishing grounds, low wages and transportation. In other words, it’s a supplier of tuna, they would drive from the United States. The Bush Administration is not in competition for tuna exports, other tuna industries’ interests are placed ahead of ours. This will benefit and profit. Without a doubt, the United States should support its own tuna fishing industry. The original dolphin-safe tuna regulations were implemented, deaths of dolphins will still be in danger and who is to say which actions aren’t?
“Singing In the Rain,” a Candlewood Productions adaptation, 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 broadcast of a film promotion, 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 Donen, the actors and actresses tap danced, saucily and jiggled to the music, culminating in the Broadway Melody scene. Don, played by Jason Guy, ran through a variety of scores starting with a ’40s flipper 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 Chrisha Black, a junior industrial engineering major.

Cosmo, played by Michael J. Krish, added glamorous quirks to the play by his expressive face and interactions. The humor used, unlike some of today’s gross humor, had an innocent, yet intriguing feel. In one scene, Sound Provider, the leading lady, played by Danielle Gerardi, inability to use the microphone to the audience in giggles.

In another scene, Cosmo and Den 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 kafka. It doesn’t fit our day, but I’m sure that’s the way they did it back then — a little more exaggerated,” said Sudreis Torres-Parker, a graduate student.

Almost 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 actors and actresses tap danced, sashayed and jitterbugged the way they did act back then, but it’s a little kitschy. It doesn’t fit our day, but I’m sure that’s the way they did it back then — a little more exaggerated,” said Loudres Travieso-Parker, a graduate student.

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Anne-Henley Beck by Megan Bowe
Stad Wein

It’s Friday night, and Hermona Kinos, dancing in a sleeveless miniskirt, is two hours away from proving she’s the Baddest Girl on the Block.

Kinos, a sophomore University Studies major competing against eight women who competed at Burruss Hall last night, is a student and dance team member.

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

The first round of the competition was club wear. Dancers walked on stage, and Candlewood’s road crew tickets. Starting at 8 a.m., 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.

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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

Matt Winter

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 Steink.

Throughout the first half, the teams were evenly matched in skill, attaining no points. Tech had seven shots and goalkeeper Chase Soldner made no points. Tech had seven shots and goalkeeper Chase Soldner ranked team we were still able to come back and get them.”

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St. John’s improved the Hokies to 5-2 in the Big East, second overall in the conference.

Sophomore midfielder Peer Rogge fights off a Red Storm player for this ball. The win over St. John’s is an out-of-division conference match-up.

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