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Justin Hamilton is tackled by a group of Mountaineers. The Hokies amassed just 211 yards on offense.

## Mountaineers stun Tech, 28-7

by **Jana Renn**  
Sports Assistant

What was supposed to be an easy win for Virginia Tech turned out to be nightmare in Morgantown, W.Va. last night as the West Virginia Mountaineers defeated the Hokies 28-7 in a game characterized by turnovers and penalties.

"West Virginia played a great ballgame. I think anytime a team turns the ball over and kicks like we did tonight, we're going to have a hard time beating them," said Tech coach Frank Beamer. "I give them credit. I thought they played great."

The Mountaineers dominated in every way throughout the game.

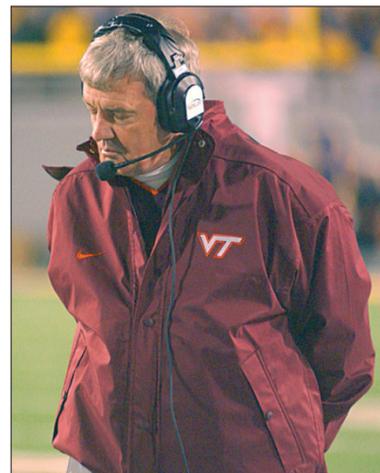
Tech got the ball first and drove 49 yards downfield before Bryan Randall threw an interception from the West Virginia 25 yard line.

The Mountaineers took advantage of the turnover and went 90 yards on 11 plays capped off by a Kay-Jay Harris seven yard touchdown run. Kicker Brad Cooper converted the point after attempt to put WVU up 7-0.

"Their backs were really running hard tonight," Beamer said. "They were getting down hill on us all night. They flat out played really well."

The Hokies' second drive yielded similar results as their first, as Randall committed his second turnover of the game by fumbling at the WVU 45 on a quarterback keeper. Mike Lorello came up with the loose ball for the Mountaineers.

Again, WVU capitalized by driving down the field and scoring on a five yard rush by running back Quincy Wilson. Cooper's point after increased the Mountaineer lead to 14-0. The drive was highlighted by a 19 yard Rasheed Marshall pass to Hikee Johnson.



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Tech head coach Frank Beamer showed his disappointment after the Hokies' loss.

The Hokie defense played better in the second quarter and kept WVU off of the scoreboard.

Tech took the ball 60 yards to the Mountaineer 22 on their second drive of the quarter, but Carter Warley's field goal attempt sailed wide left.

Towards the end of the half, Cooper missed a field goal for the Mountaineers but got the ball back because of a roughing the kicker call against Vincent Fuller.

Fuller redeemed himself on the very next play after Vegas Robinson picked up a Wilson fumble. Robinson then fumbled, and Fuller got

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## Fire code prohibits apartment grills

■ Open-flame grills are now illegal on most apartment balconies or patios, and violators could receive one year in jail or a \$2,500 fine

by **Eric Beidel**  
Associate News Editor

Modifications to Virginia's fire prevention code could change the way people cook out.

It is now illegal to use an open-flame grill on balconies or patios within 10 feet of a combustible building, which essentially exempts only brick buildings, said Glenn Dean, fire safety engineer with the state fire marshal's office.

Also, propane grills that use tanks with more than 2.5 pounds of water cannot be used on wooden balconies or within 10 feet of combustible buildings, Dean said.

Anyone who violates the fire prevention code can receive one year in jail and a possible \$2,500

fine, he said.

The provision exempts single-family dwellings and duplexes, as well as buildings with sprinklers. Grills connected to a natural gas line also remain legal.

"Basically, if you have a two or three-story apartment and it's made of wood and/or your deck is made of wood, any charcoal burning or open-flame cooking device is not permitted," Dean said.

The Virginia Apartment and Management Association recommends complexes have a provision stating residents cannot grill on balconies, said spokesman Patrick McCloud.

"It's a considerable safety risk and most insurance companies will not cover an apartment complex unless they have that provision," he said.

BCR Property Management, which oversees property in Blacksburg and throughout the New River Valley, already abides by the code, said property manager Don Barker.

"On all of our leases, we say you cannot have a grill on a balcony," he said. "It's strictly for fire prevention and safety."

Russ MacDonald, property manager with Townside Inc., Realtors, said most places already prohibit having grills. Townside has property in several apartment complexes, including Hunter's Ridge, University Terrace and on Harrell Street.

The Associated Press initially reported the new provisions were state laws, which is partly true, Dean said. Under Title 27 in the Code of Virginia, it states there is a statewide fire prevention code that must be followed.

"The fire code was developed in accordance with state law," Dean said. "It has the weight and effect of law." The general assembly is essentially saying the state fire code is the law, he said.

MacDonald and Barker both were skeptical of the AP's report of the no-grill provision as state law.

"The VAMA usually makes us aware and this wasn't on the list of bills they sent us to watch for," MacDonald said.

McCloud said it does not make a difference if the provision is law or in a state or local fire

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## Christmas store helps needy residents

by **Jared Turner**  
News Assistant

The Montgomery County Christmas Store, a non-profit group serving over 1,000 needy families last year, is looking for volunteers to help serve the community this holiday season.

The non-profit organization takes donated items and sets up the store, located in Christiansburg, where qualifying families, seniors and disabled members of the community can shop over the holidays.

The store also provides a special meal for customers.

"Montgomery County Christmas Store provides an abundant, dignified Christmas shopping experience for low-income families," said Beatrice Mills, volunteer coordinator for the Christmas Store.

"Our mission each year is to have new clothing, food and gifts available for families to choose from," Mills said.

With the holidays approaching, the store is looking to the Virginia Tech community for help with donations of non-perishable food items, clothing and toys.

Volunteers are also needed to assist in drywall repairs, setting up shelves and painting.

Blacksburg United Methodist Church came up with the idea for a Christmas store 22 years ago, said Patsy Dillon-Long, president of the Christmas Store.

"A Sunday school class felt it wasn't right to just hand things out based on what we thought they should have," she said.

Dillon-Long said the Christmas Store is set up like a department store where

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## Warner, partners celebrate Institute

by **Tiffany Hoffman**  
Managing Editor

Gov. Mark Warner, representatives from Virginia Tech and several other businesses and colleges are meeting in southside Virginia today to celebrate the progress of their collaborative project — the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

Warner will speak about the necessity of focusing on smaller job employers in southside Virginia rather than taking the "rifle approach" and basing the whole economy on the large manufacturing companies, said Ellen Qualls, Warner's spokesperson.

"It needs to be a place where research, tourism, racing teams and track work capture the imagination and dollars in Southside Virginia without counting on one big company to provide all the jobs," Qualls said. "The Institute is a way to train the workforce to be entrepreneurial and (make people) able to function in a knowledge-based economy."



COURTESY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED LEARNING AND RESEARCH

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, in Danville, is designed to bring more jobs and research to southside Virginia with the collaboration of several communities and universities.

Qualls said Warner uses the metaphor of a shotgun spraying a multitude of bullets to discuss the importance of small companies.

"We can't do much to stop the slide of the manufacturing industry," Qualls said. "The Institute is the future of a prosperous southside Virginia."

Tech Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Minnis

Ridenour will be revealing plans for a significant university research commitment to the university during the Partners' Pre-Opening Preview. However, the announcement is being kept in secrecy until the event occurs.

"The program is to recognize and celebrate the partnership of many, many entities that contributed to the Institute," said Nancy Franklin, senior

director of technology and community development for the IALR.

Franklin said the building is a physical symbol of the vision for southside Virginia and the plan to transform its depleting economy.

"Virginia Tech has long valued economic development as an impor-

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## News in Brief

### Lawyers ask Ashcroft to rule out death penalty

CHARLOTTESVILLE (AP) — Lawyers for Darrell David Rice have asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to rule out the death penalty for the accused killer of two hikers in the Shenandoah National Park.

U.S. District Judge Norman Moon denied the defense request Monday, and attorneys for Rice later that day appealed to Ashcroft to "de-authorize the death penalty" in the case.

A spokesman for Ashcroft did not immediately return a telephone request Wednesday on the status of the appeal.

### Video of school gunmen released

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A videotape of the Columbine High School gunmen laughing and shooting at trees and bowling pins six weeks before they killed 12 classmates and a teacher was released to the public Wednesday.

"Imagine that in someone's (expletive) brain," one of the teens says.

The tape of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who committed suicide after the rampage on April 20, 1999, shows at least four different weapons, including automatic rifles, shotguns and a pistol.

Clad in a trenchcoat, Klebold at one point holds a sawed-off shotgun and shoots from the hip at a pin wedged between

two tree limbs. He and Harris then look at a bullet-shredded tree trunk.

### Judge bars Airbus move to Alabama

PITTSBURGH (AP) — US Airways said it plans to appeal a federal judge's ruling that temporarily barred it from farming out maintenance work for 10 of its Airbus jets to Alabama.

U.S. District Judge Robert Cindrich on Tuesday issued a preliminary injunction preventing the airline from subcontracting work on the jets, now done in Pittsburgh, to Mobile, Ala.-based Singapore Technologies Mobile Aerospace Engineering.

Officials with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents about 4,800 mechanics for the airline, had argued that the shift would violate workers' contracts.

### Falls survivor: Leap a death wish

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) — The man who walked away virtually unharmed from a plunge over Niagara Falls said he had been suicidal, but the experience made him want to live.

The comments contradict statements from authorities suggesting Kirk Jones was simply a daredevil the latest in a long line who have sought to conquer Niagara Falls over the last century.

# Sniper suspect ends self-representation

by Matthew Barakat  
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH — Two days after firing his attorneys and taking over as sole counsel in his capital murder trial, sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad fired himself on Wednesday and handed his defense back to lawyers Jonathan Shapiro and Peter Greenspun.

It was another strange twist in a trial in which Muhammad had stunned the judge and even his own attorneys when he demanded the right to represent himself just as opening arguments were to begin Monday.

Circuit Judge LeRoy

Millette Jr. informed the jury of Muhammad's decision after a half-hour conference at the judge's bench, saying, "Mr. Muhammad no longer believes it is in his best interest to represent himself." Muhammad, whose face is badly swollen from a chronic toothache, assured the judge that his health was not the reason for his decision.

Later in the day, the most dramatic testimony of the trial came from liquor-store employee Muhammad Rashid, who identified fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo as the man who shot and robbed him while Rashid feigned death so his attacker would not shoot again. Prosecutors then

played Rashid's anguished 911 call to police, in which he waited for help for six minutes, telling the dispatcher "I am dying. ... I am all by myself."

Prosecutors had previously complained about Muhammad's self-representation, even asking Millette at one point to rescind Muhammad's role as counsel. They said Muhammad was receiving too much help from Shapiro and Greenspun, whose role as standby counsel was supposed to be limited.

Millette ordered Muhammad to physically distance himself from his standby counsel to minimize communication between them.

Still, Millette had said Tuesday that Muhammad had been representing himself competently.

Joseph Bowman, a veteran criminal defense attorney who has handled death penalty cases in Virginia, said Muhammad likely inflicted heavy damage on himself during his two days of self-representation. The worst damage probably came during opening arguments in which he gave a rambling statement on the meaning of truth and failed entirely to address the facts of the case, Bowman said.

"The one thing he may have done that's positive is he revealed himself to the jury as a human being.

# Rumsfeld cites 'mixed results' in terror war

by Matt Kelley  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld questioned whether the United States was doing enough to win the war on terrorism, citing "mixed results" in the fight against al-Qaida in a pointed memo to top Pentagon officials.

Rumsfeld said the U.S.-led coalitions would win in Afghanistan and Iraq, but not without "a long, hard slog." He wrote that the United States "has made reasonable progress in capturing or killing the top 55 Iraqis" but has made "somewhat slower progress" tracking down top Taliban leaders who sheltered al-Qaida in Afghanistan.

"My impression is that we have not yet made truly bold

moves, although we have made many sensible, logical moves in the right direction, but are they enough?" Rumsfeld wrote.

The memo, dated Oct. 16 and first reported by USA Today on Wednesday, offered a much more stark assessment of the global war on terrorism than contained in Rumsfeld's public statements.

"It is pretty clear that the coalition can win in Afghanistan and Iraq in one way or another, but it will be a long, hard slog," he wrote.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan, traveling with President Bush in Australia, reacted by voicing support for Rumsfeld. "That's exactly what a strong and capable secretary of defense like Secretary Rumsfeld should be doing,"

said McClellan.

"The president has always said it will require thinking differently. It's a different type of war," McClellan said.

Bush talked about the war on terrorism with reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Canberra, where he planned to discuss it with Prime Minister John Howard.

"I've always felt that there's a tendency of people to kind of seek a comfort zone and hope that the war on terror is over," Bush said. "And I view it as a responsibility of the United States to remind people of our mutual obligations to deal with the terrorists."

Rumsfeld's spokesman, Larry Di Rita, told reporters Wednesday the memo was meant to raise "big questions

that deserve big thinking" and preserve a "constant sense of urgency" about where the war on terror is heading.

### Correction

In Wednesday's issue, the subheadline in the story "Bill punishes schools for tuition raises" incorrectly stated that the board of visitors instituted a cap on tuition increases. The General Assembly put the cap in place.

The Collegiate Times regrets this error.

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# Institute: Research facility to benefit Tech

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tant part of our land-grant mission," said Susan Felker, the information officer for outreach and communications at Tech. "Virginia Tech is collaborating with partners in the Southside in order to develop an economic development strategy that would result in a greater diversification of the economic base in the region."

Franklin said the Institute helps bring Tech to Southside Virginia and with that comes research activity that will drive innovation and economy.

Aside from the visit from Warner, Franklin said one of the highlights of the program will be a video developed to demonstrate an overview of six research

centers Tech is planning to have at the Institute. These centers include robotics, motor sports, advanced polymers, biodefense, high-value horticulture and forestry and bioinformatics.

"The faculty is interested in connecting their research activities in this area," said John Dooley, chairman of the Southside implementation team and vice provost for outreach and international affairs. "There are faculty who are wanting to expand their research and outreach and they see the uniqueness of having this community-based program. It adds a different dimension to the character of current research and makes grant activities more competitive."

There are approximately 40 faculty members on the

Southside initiative team from a variety of disciplines.

Dooley said Tech's involvement with the Institute will help bring the latest age technology to the region and provide spin-off jobs and support jobs from the research.

"We are translating the research of the university for economic welfare and benefit of an area currently struggling because of the loss of tobacco and textile jobs," Dooley said. "It will connect the university to the community. As we look at the Top 30 (research institutes), the faculty is looking at new ways to enhance research investments."

In addition to the Institute's economic benefits and research advancements, the Institute will

also work to train teachers and individuals at undergraduate and post-graduate levels, Felker said. A conference center is also part of the design where Felker said people and ideas will come together.

"Our hope is Gov. Warner will leave understanding the tremendous commitment (we have) to transforming Southside and the vision associated with the Institute," Franklin said.

Averett University, the City of Danville, Pittsylvania County, the Future of the Piedmont Foundation and Danville Community College are working as partners alongside Tech. Construction for the Institute is scheduled to be finished in Nov. and the Institute will officially open in January.

# Grills: Apartment buildings combustible

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code.

"Even if it was state law, it essentially would not change anything," he said. "Residents would still get evicted."

It would actually make it easier on apartment complexes if it were state law."

Virginia adopted and modified the new provision

from a nationally recognized model code, Dean said.

"Nationally, a lot of apartment buildings have burnt down because someone was cooking," he said. "The new provision is to protect the majority of residents in a building from the actions of one resident."

The state fire marshal's office did not readily have statistics about fires caused by grills.

# Store: Donated items, volunteers are needed

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people can pick their own food, clothing and gifts.

Almost 1,300 families are expected to shop at the store this year, and the agency is confident the community will help in a big way through volunteering and donations.

Mills said last year more than 1,000 volunteers worked at the store in just four days of shopping.

Dillon-Long said several Greek organizations and Tech athletes have volunteered in recent years.

Items on the agency's wish list for donations include electric blankets, coats, canned meats, school supplies and popular children's toys, such as Care Bears.

Volunteers are needed Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1-4 p.m. for unloading day and Dec. 13 from 2-5 p.m. for packing.

The store will also have volunteers every Tuesday and Saturday in November from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., except the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week when the store will be closed.

From Dec. 1 until Dec. 12, the store will be open for volunteers from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. every weekday except Wednesday when the store will operate from 12-9 p.m.

Volunteers can also work on Saturdays in December from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

The store will be open for shoppers Dec. 10-13.

To volunteer, contact the volunteer line at 540-951-2346 or visit the store at 30 West Main St. in Christiansburg.

# Bush tries to dampen Iraqi loan support

by Alan Fram  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The White House predicted Wednesday that a final \$87 billion measure for Iraq and Afghanistan won't make the Iraqi rebuilding aid a loan, despite signs of continued support for the idea in Congress.

"I don't think that that provision will be in the final language," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters as Bush flew from Singapore to Bali on one of the last legs of his Asian trip. "It's very clear that it sends the wrong message."

McClellan said lending money to Iraq would make it harder for the United States to attract foreign contributions at an international donors' conference in Spain this week, and add billions to Iraq's already

huge pile of foreign debt.

McClellan's remarks came a day after the House voted 277-139 to show support for the IOUs in a symbolic though ambiguous vote. Also Tuesday, the White House issued its first threat to veto the overall aid package if the Iraqi reconstruction money was structured as a loan.

The House vote was on a nonbinding resolution voicing support for Iraqi loans and better medical benefits for U.S. veterans and military reservists. That made it difficult to determine exactly what the vote meant.

Voting for Tuesday's House resolution were 84 Republicans, 192 Democrats and one independent. Two Democrats and 137 Republicans voted no.

Democrats called the vote a rebuke of President Bush's Iraq policies, especially his insis-

tence that U.S. aid for reconstructing Iraq must be grants, not loans. Republicans said the roll call simply showed how nervous some lawmakers were about opposing better health care coverage for reservists and veterans.

House and Senate negotiators are trying to produce a compromise \$87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan by next week, and GOP leaders in both chambers say they intend to drop Senate-passed language making half the rebuilding aid a loan.

Technically, the resolution approved Tuesday urged House bargainers on the Iraq-Afghanistan bill to accept Senate-approved provisions on Iraqi loans and on better military and veterans medical cov-

erage. The House version of that bill lacked that language.

The House bill included \$18.6 billion to help Iraq rebuild its water supplies, health clinics and Army, and made the money a grant that country would not have to repay.

The Senate included \$18.4 billion but would require Iraq to repay about half, unless Saudi Arabia, Russia and other countries forgave 90 percent of the debt run up during Saddam Hussein's regime.

Bush and other administration officials have repeatedly expressed their opposition to loans. A letter to congressional leaders from White House budget director Joshua Bolten bore the first veto threat.

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## Thirteen Va. students charged in 'beatdown'

STAUNTON, Va. — Thirteen students at Robert E. Lee High School have been charged with assault and battery for their alleged roles in "freshman beatdown," an annual school tradition that turned violent.

Staunton police said the charges, filed Tuesday, stem from an Oct. 2 homecoming rally at the school. One student, who was 18 at the time of the fights, was charged as an adult.

The maximum punishment for assault and battery is one year in jail or in a juvenile detention center, and a \$2,500 fine.

However, Staunton Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond Robertson said Wednesday that the students were unlikely to receive the maximum penalties.

Hearing dates for the students have not yet been set.

In the past, freshman initiation at the high school has involved pranks like stuffing students in trash cans or lockers. But this year, the initiation apparently escalated. Students said male and female freshman were attacked and punched in a school hallway, with some

having visible bruises. Older students also were beaten, a school official said.

Staunton School Board Chairman Jim Harrington said he was "a little surprised" to hear that all the students had been charged with assault and battery. Already, the 13 students, including six varsity football players, had been suspended for up to three days each.

"Everything the school has done in terms of punishment so far has been by the book," Harrington said. "Now that official charges have been placed, we will go back to the handbook and see if any further action is required."

Ada Greene, the mother of a student who was allegedly assaulted, said she hopes the accused students receive stiff sentences.

"Something has to break the cycle," Greene said. "Maybe if they get the maximum sentence people will think twice before doing it again instead of just going along with what has been done before."

## Use of Turkish troops in Iraq in doubt

by Robert Burns  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The prospect of thousands of Turkish troops entering Iraq to relieve strain on American forces appears to have dimmed, although Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld says he remains hopeful that Turkey will find a way to follow through on its offer to help.

When the Turkish Parliament approved the troop deployment on Oct. 7, American officials welcomed it. They saw Turkey's participation not only as a way to broaden the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq but also to repair diplomatic damage from Ankara's earlier refusal to let American troops invade Iraq from Turkish soil.

Turkish officials have indicated in recent days that the proposed deployment of perhaps 10,000 troops could unravel if Iraqis continue to oppose it.

Asked whether the Bush administration's interest was

waning, Rumsfeld suggested Tuesday that the Turks had set conditions that might not be met.

"What the Turkish government did at least my understanding of it was they said that under certain circumstances they would be willing to offer forces, subject to finding a method" that would satisfy all parties, including their own government and the Iraqi Governing Council, Rumsfeld said.

"That process is under way," Rumsfeld said. "Whether it will ultimately find a method of satisfying everybody, I don't know. I hope so because obviously we would like additional forces to be available."

Another senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the United States still wants Turkish troops in Iraq but is running into resistance from the Iraqis.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, said in Baghdad Wednesday, "Discussions are

still ongoing between the U.S., Turkey and Iraq to determine what if any forces are deployed and when."

Iraqi objections are based in part on the views of Iraq's Kurds, who make up about a third of the country's 25 million people. They are sensitive to the legacy of nearly 400 years of Ottoman rule in Iraq.

A 15-year insurgency by Kurdish rebels in Turkey ended in 1999, but the rebels now have bases in northern Iraq and the potential to resume fighting. Turkey fears that Kurds living in an autonomous area of northern Iraq could declare independence and rekindle the insurgency in Turkey.

Turks are mostly Sunni

Muslims, and their predecessors, the Ottomans, favored Iraq's Sunnis while ruling over one of the world's great empires. They sidelined members of the Shiite Muslim sect, now a majority in Iraq.

A large community of ethnic Turks, known as Turkomans, also live in Iraq.

Rumsfeld was careful to note that the U.S. government appreciated the Turkish offer, coming from a longtime U.S. ally whose popu-

lation strongly opposed the U.S. decision to invade Iraq. Turkey's refusal to permit the Army's 4th Infantry Division to use Turkish soil to form a northern front when the war began in March was a substantial setback for U.S. military commanders.

*"What the Turkish government did ... was they said that under certain conditions would be willing to offer forces."*

Donald Rumsfeld  
Defense Secretary

## Ferry captain won't meet with investigators

by Michael Weissenstein  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The captain in the Staten Island Ferry wreck that killed 10 people refused for a second day to meet with federal investigators Wednesday, despite a subpoena to discuss his role in the crash.

Michael Gansas had refused to meet with National Transportation Safety Board investigators on Tuesday, prompting federal officials

to issue the subpoena. On Wednesday, Gansas' attorney, Stephen Sheinbaum, said his client remained too traumatized to speak with investigators and was under medical care.

Gansas failed to show up at the Staten Island hotel where he was supposed to meet with NTSB officials.

"Mr. Gansas remains with his family as they try to deal with the tragic consequences of last week's events," Sheinbaum told reporters outside the hotel.

"Mr. Gansas is being unfairly vilified by those who should know better."

Hours before the scheduled meeting, the city transportation commissioner, Iris Weinshall, said she notified Gansas that he was suspended effective immediately over his refusal to cooperate.

NTSB spokesman Terry Williams said he was unaware that Gansas had refused to be interviewed and did not immediately comment on the

consequences.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said earlier that it was "an outrage that somebody who can give us information to perhaps find out how we can improve service refuses to talk. A person like that has no business working for the city, and we will take every legal action we can to get his testimony."

Bloomberg also said that the city will institute a series of reforms including requiring an extra person to be in the pilot's cabin while the ferry is crossing New York Harbor.

Current rules require a second person to be in the wheelhouse only during docking.

The ferries will also be outfitted with new radios and global positioning satellite technology, he said.

The captain's whereabouts at the time of the crash last week are considered a vital element of the investigation because he could have provided backup if, as investigators suspect, the pilot, Richard Smith, blacked out at the throttle before the ferry plowed into a pier.

"I think the crux of this investigation is going to hinge upon the information provided by the two captains," said state Rep. Vito Fossella, who represents Staten Island, "and that has yet to take place."

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# O.A.R. thrives on college crowds

■ The underground band Of A Revolution will play to a sold-out crowd tonight in Burruss Auditorium

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Longtime fans of the underground band Of A Revolution will be able to get a taste of the band's new album during their show tonight in Burruss Hall Auditorium. Members of the band's cult following will also be pleased to hear O.A.R. intends to perform some of its more vintage classics, too.

"Expect a good mix of old and new," said Benji Gershman, bassist in O.A.R.

As to exactly what songs will be played tonight, the band isn't even sure themselves. "We don't really write a play list," Gershman said. "We like to keep every show a little bit different."

The band is undoubtedly excited about coming to Blacksburg, Gershman said, and has always enjoyed the energy and audience of playing for

college crowds. This will actually be a repeat visit for O.A.R. since the band has played for smaller venues in Blacksburg in the past.

"When we get out to the stage, we know people know that we're about having a good time," Gershman said. "We want every night to be different and we owe it to the fans to do something special. We don't want to let anybody down."

Gershman also said

keeping a crowd going for anywhere between an hour to two hours can be challenging, but the rush of performing allows the band to step up to the challenge.

"(The music) just flows out of us and just having the opportunity to do what you love to do is incredible," Gershman said.

O.A.R. originally started out as guitarist/lyricist/singer Marc Roberge and Chris Culos, both of whom knew each other from middle school, jamming out in between attending classes at Ohio State University, where they later met the other members of the band. O.A.R. is known

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bassist, O.A.R.



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O.A.R.'s fifth and newest album, *In Between Now and Then*, is the band's first major album release.

# Women's Center plans Drillfield photo

by Alison Cordell  
Staff Writer

The Women's Center will be taking a picture for the cover of their upcoming 2004 Cool Women of VT Calendar on Friday at 12 p.m. on the Drillfield.

The Women's Center is inviting all men, women, students, faculty, staff and the Virginia Tech community to help with the event, said Penny Cook, the volunteer coordinator at the Women's Center. The goal is to take a photo from the top of Burruss Hall of participants spelling out "VT WOMEN" on the Drillfield.

The calendar will follow the Women's Center's 10th Anniversary motto, "Celebrating 10 years of creating the future for women at Virginia Tech."

"We're doing this calendar to try to celebrate women on campus and their many roles as students, staff and faculty," Cook said.

Mary Grace Campos, program coordinator at the Women's Center said each month of the calendar will feature different groups of women on campus.

"The event is open to the entire university community and is an opportunity to participate in the center's 10th anniversary," Campos said.

One group that will be included is the ADVANCE Project Team, who recently received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

Other groups include student organizations, Women's Studies faculty, the five women officers on the Virginia Tech police force, women in

housekeeping and women in dining services.

Student organizations, sororities, fraternities and athletics as well as departments are invited to register their group with the center to be included in the acknowledgment page of the calendar.

"We've had an overwhelming amount of support on this project from the campus community," Cook said.

The Women's Center staff said they hope to have the calendar completed and ready to sell the week before fall break.

The Women's Center is not making the calendar to gain a profit, so the cost of the calendar will only be to cover the production charges.

For more information, contact the Women's Center.

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# Latest Ludacris album brings fans new round of hip-hop hits

Rajan Nanavati

When he crashed onto the musical scene in 2000 with his first mainstream album *Back for the First Time*, the young, energetic MC Ludacris contributed to the rap game what no other artist from the dirty-southern rap haven of Atlanta, Ga. had done up to that point: create an album whose diverse musical beats and medleys were only surpassed by the witty and eccentric lyrics entrenched in the music.

Only a year later, he brought us his second platinum album *Word of Mouf*, entrenching himself as one of the top MCs from Atlanta, if not the entire "dirty south." His ability to provide club-blasting songs like "Southern Hospitality" and "Saturday," party songs like "Rollout" and "Area Codes" and songs like "Ho" and "What's Your Fantasy" (which would become his trademark) made musical critics and listeners realize he was no one-hit wonder, or an annoyingly predictable sell-out, like many artists currently in the hip-hop game.

Ludacris' third album, *Chicken and Beer*, further explores his lyrical genius, but to a much different style of music that most 'Cris fans are not accustomed to.

His words still come out a mile-a-minute on nearly all the tracks and will likely make the listener burst out laughing at

this lyrical creativity. Yet instead of the club/party banging beats for which we know and love Ludacris, he presents his verbal ideas on a much more country-fried background level that fits in nicely with the album title.

The main exception to the theme he has presented with this album is the lead single released, another soon-to-be party favorite, "Stand Up." With the bass-heavy background overlapping Ludacris' subtle command of "When I move, you move (just like that)," he once again challenges listeners to try and sit still when this track is blasted in any given situation.

However, Ludacris kicks off the dirty-southern theme of his album right on track two with "Blow It Out," a musically-involved version of his summer hit "Act a Fool," challenging all those who do not respect his skills or his reign as one of the top MCs from Atlanta.

The album gets slower through the middle with the bedroom anthem "Splash Waterfalls" which resounds with typical Ludacris themes (that would probably be excluded from an R-rated movie), and "Hard Times," a song where he reflects the trials and tribula-

tions of surviving his ghetto heritage. The track also features appearances from 8 Ball, MJG and Carl Thomas.

Ludacris' mastery of lyrical humor and chauvinism come together in the track "Screwed Up," featuring Houston's Lil' Flip, where he blatantly tells anybody standing in his way to "\*\*\*\* you" over and over again.

His love for women and his fantasies are also mentioned in tracks like "P-Poppin'" and "Hoes In My Room," but they lack the musical appeal of their predecessor, "What's Your Fantasy."

If you're a fan of Ludacris' artistry and lyrical ability, this is the album for you. He has clearly developed into one of the most talented artists the south has ever produced, and *Chicken and Beer* is a true work of art from a lyrical standpoint.

However, for the fans searching for Ludacris' typical energetic beats and club music, they will be greatly disappointed, for this album is a much more laid back, head-nodding type of album where you can appreciate the man behind the music.

Rajan Nanavati is the sports editor for the Collegiate Times.

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# Tech Bookstore giving trip for best Hokie Bird folk tale

The term 'Hokie' was derived from a school spirit competition more than 100 years ago in 1896

by Eliot Kriviski  
Features Editor

The Tech Bookstore is offering a contest for Virginia Tech students to put their own spin on how the Hokie Bird came to be.

To participate, students submit a short essay that relates their idea of the origin of the Hokie Bird.

Jerry Diffel, general manager of the Tech Bookstore, said that he had been playing around with the idea of letting students come up with their own history of the Hokie Bird for years.

"We have so many customers from outside the area come into the store during orientation and other events and ask us 'What is a Hokie,'" he said. "And we tell them how it originated and they always seem disappointed. So we started making up these outrageous stories and they felt a little more satisfied."

With that in mind, Diffel decided that it was time for the students to start adding to

the history of Virginia Tech. Students can register at the bookstore and submit their 100- to 250-word folk tale.

As an incentive, Diffel is offering a grand prize trip for two to Cancun to the author of the best story. Runners-up will also be rewarded with gift certificates ranging from \$150 to \$300.

Diffel, along with a panel of six judges from various parts of the university, will rate each of the submissions based on creativity, originality and the amount of school spirit exhibited.

The six judges include Diffel, Joanne Harvill, an English professor, Locke White, licensing director for Tech, Mary Riddick, a junior communication major, Nathan Jones, Collegiate Times business manager and Chris Colston, author of "From the Sidelines."

The term "Hokie" came into existence as the result of a school spirit and cheering competition more than one hundred years ago, when O.M. Stull, class of 1896, used the word in

his cheer. Stull's cheer, named "Old Hokie," won the competition, and a modified version of it is still used today.

The adoption of a turkey to represent a Hokie was made in 1962, and thus the Hokie Bird was born. Yet the origin of the turkey mascot is unclear. Some say it refers to the Tech football team in the early 1900s, who were purported to "gobble" all the food at their away games. Others say that it was because of Fred Meade, a clown mascot for the football team in the 1930s, who had a pet turkey pull him around in a cart.

Regardless of the origin, the Hokie Bird is a unique mascot in the world of college sports.

To allow a chance for more submissions to be entered, Diffel has moved the cutoff date Oct. 24 to Oct. 31.

The panel will vote on the top five stories which will then run in the Collegiate Times.

After that, students may vote for the top essay.

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Tech Bookstore

# Celebrated photos donated to Berlin

by Matt Dueholm  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Acclaimed fashion photographer Helmut Newton donated more than 1,000 pictures Wednesday to a new gallery in Berlin, the birthplace he fled during the Nazi era.

Wearing pink sunglasses at a news conference, he said he was "very proud" to have his work on display in his hometown.

While Newton has also photographed celebrities and nature scenes, he is best known for his black-and-white images of nearly nude models in poses suggesting sadomasochism. Over the years his work has appeared magazines such as *Playboy*, *Elle* and *Vogue*.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder called Newton's donation a "sign of reconciliation."

"You can chase a man out of his home but you can't rip his home out of his soul," Schroeder said in a letter.

Still spirited at 82, Newton took photos of his wife, June, and Berlin mayor Klaus Wowereit during the news conference. "I'm very proud that my photos have landed in my hometown, and not just the nudes but also the fashion and landscape snapshots," Newton said in German.

Newton's work — along with photography by his wife, who works under the name Alice Springs — will appear in a new photo gallery near Berlin's main train station downtown next June.

The two are financing the building's renovation and the display of their photos; a state-supported foundation will fund and administer the rest of the gallery which will exhibit photos now in storage in city museums.

Newton, who is Jewish, fled Hitler's Germany for Singapore in December 1938. He settled in Australia, where he became a citizen. He now lives in Monte Carlo. While he made clear he was not ready to donate his entire archive, he suggested it would eventually go to the city.

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