

How 'bout them Hokies



JOHN CRITCHFIELD/SPPS

Hundreds of students attended a "Beat Miami" pep rally last night, which featured the Hokie Bird and Hokie Rap, and performances by the Low Techs, the Latino Dance Team.

Tech plans trans fat labels

Trans fats are a man-made form of saturated fats, and the FDA has mandated their labeling

by Bryan Nieder
News Assistant

Nutritional labels in Virginia Tech dining halls will continue to show consumers the facts about their food selections — just not all of them.

A Food and Drug Administration nutritional labeling mandate, created in July, requires all manufacturers to include trans fats on nutritional labels by Jan. 1, 2006.

Tech will not be able to comply

until its food distributors follow the FDA initiative.

"We can't start listing them until they start listing them," said Jenny Lindsey, administrative dietician for housing and dining services. "I expect a lot of the bigger brands will start because it's good PR."

Trans fats are essentially a man-made form of saturated fats, said Linda Davis, a registered dietician at Tech.

Davis said the main threat of trans fats is they increase the risk of heart disease and have a negative effect on cholesterol.

She said trans fats raise the LDL cholesterol, or bad cholesterol, which measures the amount of cholesterol transported into the heart. Furthermore, it lowers the

HDL cholesterol, or good cholesterol, which measures the amount of cholesterol transported out of the heart.

Davis said the process used to create trans fats is one in which fatty acids like polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats are chemically changed to a hydrogenated fat similar to the more solid saturated fats.

Since trans fats behave like saturated fats, a known health risk in foods, they are not good in our diet, Davis said.

Lindsey said until companies begin listing trans fats on their labels, consumers can look for foods containing hydrogenated

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Candidates address educational issues

State delegate and senate candidates have differing views on the topic likely to be the most important for students who go to the polls Thursday

by Eric Beidel
Associate News Editor

Montgomery County voters elect state legislators Tuesday, all of whom have their own plans to deal with the shrinking budget and its effects on Virginia Tech and other institutions of higher education.

State Senator John Edwards, a Democrat, is unopposed in his bid for a third term in the 21st District of the House of Delegates and said he is concerned about the under-funding of public colleges and universities in the state.

"We've been under-funding our public colleges and universities by \$351 million statewide and I'm deeply concerned about it," he said.

Tuition has gone up 46 percent statewide, he said. Tech's tuition went up 9 percent for in-state students and 4.6 percent for out-of-state students this year, said Larry Hincker, university spokesman.

"I am concerned tuition will continue to rise and the quality of our colleges will erode if funding continues to be cut," Edwards said.

The state saw a \$6 billion cut in the budget, and Edwards said the state would need to raise a billion dollars to avoid further cuts.

Del. Jim Shuler, a Democrat unopposed in his bid for the 12th District seat, said he plans on halting car tax rebates and implementing a one-cent sales tax increase to help generate more funds.

His proposal would split the proceeds

from the tax increase between K-12 and higher education.

Edwards said he supports abolishing the sales tax on food along with the tax increase proposed by Shuler.

Republican Del. Dave Nutter, who is also unopposed in his bid for reelection in the 7th District, said Gov. Mark Warner will probably not submit a tax reform plan until December or January.

The General Assembly will most likely meet in a special session in April to discuss tax reform, Nutter said.

"The income tax and the sales tax make up 80 percent of our state revenue," he said, "but there are no simple answers right now."

Nutter said the General Assembly does not place higher education high enough on their agenda, because most members do not consider the funding of colleges and universities unless there is one in their district.

"We need to work with colleges on the business side of education," he said. "We need to educate people to show them how funding works and where the needs are."

Former Republican State Senator Brandon Bell does not support raising taxes, according to his campaign website.

"Our families already pay a heavy tax burden — I'll oppose higher taxes," states a quote from Bell on the website.

Bell is in a highly contested race for the state senate seat in the 22nd District, which also includes Montgomery County. He was unavailable for comment at press time.

Bell's opponent, Republican Stephen

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Nutter



Edwards



Bell



Shuler



Emick

Tyco executive highlights ethics problems

by Jared Turner
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Just over a year ago, when Eric Pillmore joined Tyco, the company was in turmoil with several of its leaders, including the CEO and CFO, suspected of stealing company money.

"Everything imaginable, unethical happened," Pillmore, senior vice president of corporate governance, said last night to a crowd of nearly 200.

Pillmore delivered a lecture on the importance of business ethics.

Evaluating the character of management employees before hiring them is very important, he said.

"Reputations are a lot different than character," he said. "Character is what you are really like and reputation is what people think you are like."

Since recovering from the scandals, one of Tyco's biggest steps in reestablishing its integrity is its "Guide to Ethical Conduct," which gives examples of how to do the right thing and the wrong thing in business, Pillmore said.

Pillmore said CEO Dennis Kozlowski and CFO Mark Swartz failed to disclose millions of dollars of low interest and interest-free loans they received from Tyco.

To cover their theft, Pillmore said the executives entered secret contracts, further damaging the company's integrity.

The executives' unethical behavior ultimately resulted in shareholders' benefits being written off and the company going in massive debt.

"The company was in complete chaos," Pillmore said. "It was in danger of bankruptcy."

Pillmore quoted Jack Welch, a well-known CEO recently found to have engaged in some corrupt business deals, who once said, "The guy at the end of his life with the most toys wins."

In corroboration with the quote, Pillmore said he thought the situation at Tyco was caused by the greed for such toys.

The reasons behind the executives' unethical behavior, he said, likely include the desire for wealth and power and the lack of controls in place

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JAMES LANG/SPPS

Tyco executive Eric Pillmore spoke of the ethical problems his business has dealt with.

SAT to undergo total overhaul

by Ellen Biltz
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The SAT has become a test so widespread in use that almost all colleges nationwide, including Virginia Tech, require it for admission. Starting in 2005, high school juniors and seniors will complete a different test than students in college today.

"We have had close consultation since the early 90s on changes needed for the SATs," said Kristin Carnahan, assistant director of public affairs. The last time the SAT was changed was in 1993.

Jon Zitlin, director of the new SAT program for Kaplan Test Preparation Center, which has a location in Blacksburg, said the change is far more drastic now than the previous ones.

Currently, the test includes two sections: a verbal and a math. Within the verbal section, students are quizzed on their ability in the areas of analogies, long reading and other English related knowledge. According to College Board, this section will be renamed as the critical reading section. It will include short readings and the analogies will be removed.

"Analogies are no longer a format in a typical classroom," Carnahan said. "The only reason they are really taught anymore

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Atlantic City garage collapses, leaves 1 dead

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A five-story section of a casino parking garage under construction collapsed Thursday, killing one person and injuring at least 20, officials said. Three people were missing.

Gov. James E. McGreevey said search and rescue teams entered the building to try and find the three people believed to be still inside. He declined to say whether they were alive or dead. Earlier, McGreevey's spokesman, Sean D'Arcy, had said there were reports of 12 people missing.

The garage is part of an expansion project at the Tropicana Casino and Resort.

Robert Levy, director of emergency management for the city, said officials were sending search cameras to look through the rubble and called the accident "one of the worst collapses Atlantic City has ever seen." The Occupational Safety and Health Administration was leading the investigation.

The damaged area of the garage was not stable, with "the real potential for a secondary collapse," McGreevey said.

Bill Crilley, 42, an insulator working at a project in another part of the city, said he rushed to the building after hearing the collapse and saw authorities carrying one body away.

"It's ugly. Horrific. The whole stairwell is crushed," he said.

The 2,400-space, 10-story parking garage flanks an 18-story hotel tower, also still under construction. The end of the building opposite the tower collapsed at about 10:40 a.m., leaving five layers of concrete and steel sloping downward at a steep angle.

"I heard all those floors go. The whole tower shook, like it was a miniature earthquake," said Jim McNeill, 56, a caulker who was working on the building when it collapsed at about 10:40 a.m.

McNeill said he looked down from the tower and saw five men lying on

the ground. Only one was moving.

"It's a real good possibility that we lost a couple of guys today," McNeill said.

Sixteen people were at Atlantic City Medical Center, including 10 in the trauma unit. Four people were taken to Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point.

Maureen Siman, a spokeswoman for the casino, called the accident "a tragedy. We're devastated. We just hope the workers are OK."

Workers gathered on the street nearby to gaze up at the collapsed frame. In the crowd, a distraught woman searched for her husband.

News in Brief

Person with toy gun forces Capitol lockdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — A person armed with a gun ran past a security checkpoint in a Capitol Hill office building, police said, triggering a lockdown and forcing the House to cease floor business.

"Someone with a gun made an unauthorized entrance into the Cannon Office Building," said Jessica Gissubel, spokeswoman for the U.S. Capitol Police.

Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Administration Committee, said that at about 1:20 p.m. EST an individual went through the metal detector and put a bag that looked like a bookbag on the conveyor belt at the security checkpoint.

Ney said police saw an object that looked like a revolver in the bag, but before they could stop the suspect grabbed the bag and ran. They pursued the suspect and lost the person, he said, and the building was evacuated, he said. Entrances to connecting office buildings, the Capitol and the Library of Congress were shut down.

Though the suspect was initially described as male, Rep. John Larson, D-Conn., later said it wasn't clear whether the suspect was a male or a female.

U.N. pulls staff out of Baghdad

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations is temporarily pulling its staff out of Baghdad while it evaluates

the security situation, but U.N. workers will remain in northern Iraq, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

"We have asked our staff in Baghdad to come out temporarily for consultations with a team from headquarters on the future of our operations, in particular security arrangements that we would need to take to operate in Iraq," U.N. spokeswoman Marie Okabe said late Wednesday.

"This decision is not an evacuation and it doesn't affect the north," Okabe would not say when the staff would leave Baghdad or give other details.

Suspect to plead guilty to murders

SEATTLE — The man suspected of being the Green River Killer has agreed to plead guilty next week to the murders of 48 women in a deal that would spare him from execution, a source told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Gary Leon Ridgway, a 54-year-old truck painter arrested in the serial killer case in 2001, will admit to murdering 42 women on investigators' list of Green River Killer victims, as well as six women not on the list, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Green River Killer preyed mostly on prostitutes, drug addicts, young runaways and other women on the streets. The case is named for the waterway where the first bodies were found in the suburbs south of Seattle in mid-1982. Most of the slayings were in the mid-1980s, but one of the slayings to which Ridgway will plead guilty was in 1998, the source said.

Fat: New labels required by Jan. 1, 2006

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and partially hydrogenated oils as a clue there are trans fats present. The higher they appear on the ingredient list, the higher the trans fat content, she said.

Once companies begin listing trans fats, Lindsey said, companies may continue to use oils containing trans fats because it is a cheaper way for them to make the foods.

Oils that are not hydrogenated, like olive oil, will be healthier but have less of a shelf life and are more costly, she said.

Dining services prepare all of its fried foods using soybean oil containing no trans fats.

However, Lindsey said, a lot of the pre-fried foods like french fries and chicken strips have been prepared using a hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oil.

She said margarine, which contains partially hydrogenated soybean oil, is a popular choice for cooking at Tech because it contains no dairy products. Its diversity allows it to be used in all foods, including vegan menu items.

In deciding whether to use

foods containing trans fats, Lindsey said dining services realizes the threat of trans fats but cost, popularity and taste are the determining factors.

"We are concerned, but we also have to watch our budget constraints," she said.

Lindsey said there is no definitive projection for when the new labels will be available at Tech, but it will probably occur before the Jan. 1, 2006, mandate.

"I expect probably in a year or year and a half," she said.

With no present labeling of trans fats, Davis said modera-

tion of side foods and preparing one's own baked goods with non-hydrogenated oils are good strategies for reducing trans fat intake.

In addition, she said eating more fruits and vegetables is a good strategy for a healthy diet.

Lindsey said the problem is researchers are aware trans fats are not good for people but have not determined a safe upper limit for consumption.

She said only long-term studies of the effects of trans fats on humans will yield that kind of information.

Overhaul: New top score will be 2400

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is for SAT preparation."

The math portion of the exam currently tests students' knowledge of Algebra I and Geometry. Algebra II questions will be added to the new test.

Along with these two altered areas, a third section has been created. A written essay as well as grammatical questions will be completed by the test-takers. The essay will be handwritten.

"We are updating material considerably to prepare for the change," Zitlin said.

"I'm not very happy about the writing section," said Karen Torgersen, Tech director of undergraduate admissions. "That's not the way students think anymore."

Torgersen expressed concern about students growing up in an age of computers and the Internet and having to write an essay by hand.

"Right now, SAT administration is in mostly high schools and some colleges," Carnahan said. "There is no logistic way for a computer-based test."

Carnahan said the biggest reason for the

new writing section is because of various comments the College Board has received regarding writing skills of college students.

"We wanted to reintroduce the need for the skills," she said.

The section is meant to test skills that apply more to the knowledge of students applying to college.

"From a societal standpoint, these are excellent changes and hopefully will make freshmen more productive," Zitlin said.

Currently, between one and two hundred institutions have said they will begin requiring the standardized writing test.

"Whether or not we use that portion is still being discussed with the English department," Torgersen said.

The graders of the exam will be high school teachers and college faculty.

The scoring of the test is another major change because of the re-formatting.

Currently, each section is graded on a point scale of 200-800 points. In 2005, these points will still be used for the verbal and math section and the same scale will be used for the writing section.

"This means that instead of a 1600 high score, the top combined score will be 2400," Carnahan said.

Because human readers will be grading the essay, SAT prices will increase. Carnahan said she expects an increase of about \$10-12 per exam.

"We do intend to keep the fee waiver for students who cannot afford to take the test," Carnahan said.

The essays will be securely sent to readers across the country and the grading mostly in the homes of the readers.

"When the test changes, it's difficult for a student," Zitlin said.

"It becomes longer, harder and more expensive."

"From a societal standpoint, these are excellent changes and hopefully will make freshmen more productive."

Jon Zitlin
Kaplan Test
Preparation Center

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Candidates: Voter turnout very important

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Emick, said there are sales tax exemptions currently in the state tax code that if removed would free up close to \$2 billion.

"We have a tax code full of exemptions given to certain groups through lobbying," Emick said. "There are about 450 to 750 of these that can be removed."

Emick also said Tech needs to use its research-developed patents to expand research and create more jobs.

"There needs to be a partnership between business and higher education," he said.

"Tech needs to expand their research park and include Radford University, James Madison University and the University of Virginia."

The race for the 22nd District

is one of the tightest in the state, said Paul Mitchum, consultant for the Emick campaign.

"Both parties have pulled large sums of money into their campaigns," he said. "Voter turnout will play a big factor in this race, because if people stay home, we all lose."

According to the Virginia Public Access Project's website, Bell had raised \$208,059 and Emick \$100,069 as of Oct. 22. Bell had \$32,360 on hand and Emick \$6,713.

Montgomery County currently has about 42,200 registered voters, said Sandra Chapin, general registrar for the county.

In the state senate elections of 1999, Chapin said the county had 41 percent voter turnout.

Firefighters dig in against Calif. wildfires

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — With towering flames bearing down on Southern California mountain towns, firefighters dug in to protect hundreds of homes Thursday while looking for help from drizzling rain and lower temperatures.

In the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, relentless flames engulfed hundreds of homes Wednesday on a wind-driven march toward the resort towns of Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead. Thousands of people were evacuated.

To the south, in San Diego County, the state's largest fire claimed the life of a firefighter when a crew was overcome by flames near Wynola. Three other crew members were injured, one critically.

"It just swept right over them. They probably didn't have time to get out of the way," sheriff's Sgt. Conrad Grayson said.

On Thursday, fog enshrouded parts of the San Bernardino

Mountains and light rain was reported there and on Southern California's other major front in the mountains of eastern San Diego County. Temperatures were expected to peak only in the mid-50s on Thursday, further aiding the firefighting effort.

"So that's the good news, but there is a red flag warning for high winds up to 40 mph," said Bonni Corcoran, a fire information officer.

The fires have destroyed more than 2,600 homes and blackened more than 722,000 acres.

"It's like trying to control chaos," fire Engineer Brian Janey of the Camp Pendleton Fire Department said as he battled the Old fire, which claimed about 350 homes in and around Cedar Glen, just east of Lake

Arrowhead.

Firefighters were battling westerly winds from the Pacific Ocean, and smoke and ash spread as far as Phoenix, prompting officials there to warn the very young and very old to stay indoors.

The cool, moist ocean breezes replaced the hotter and drier Santa Ana wind that had whipped fires into raging infernos over the weekend.

Steve Rucker, a 38-year-old fire engineer from the Novato Fire Protection District near San Francisco, died while battling the Cedar Fire, which has burned more than 250,000 acres and 1,400 homes.

He was the first firefighter among the 20 people who have died in the week of wildfires.

At their morning briefing Thursday, many firefighters wore black bands on their badges in memory of their lost colleague. And in Novato, Deputy Chief Dan Northern fought back tears as he described Rucker as a hard worker who volunteered to fight the fire that killed him.

"He wasn't sent there," Northern said. "He asked to go."

Wind that gusted to 60 mph early Wednesday pushed flames up from the mountain slopes into the dense forest between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake. The wind kept aircraft grounded in the area, further hindering firefighting efforts.

In the mountains of eastern San Diego County, about 100 fire engines encircled the historic mining town of Julian, a popular weekend getaway renowned for its vineyards and apple orchards.

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Senate rejects plan to curb carbon dioxide

by **John Heilprin**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate rejected a plan Thursday to curb carbon dioxide emissions from industrial smokestacks as a source of global warming. It was the chamber's first vote in more than six years on the controversial issue of climate change.

The 55-43 vote against the measure co-sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., capped a two-day debate that the two senators described as the opening shot in what they acknowledged will be a lengthy effort to get Congress to address global warming.

Their bill would have required industrial plants _ but not motor vehicles _ to reduce

their emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to 2000 levels by 2010. The Bush administration said the bill would seriously harm the economy.

"Let's get real here: this is a very minimal proposal that should be a first step," McCain told the Senate, showing pictures of Arctic Sea ice loss and melting at Glacier National Park. "But we have to start somewhere. We will be back, because these pictures will continue to get worse and won't improve until we begin to address this issue."

A senator who is a former

astronaut recalled during debate Thursday the "blue-and-white awe" of earth's atmosphere, a view that "made me want to be a better steward of this planet."

Sen. Bill Nelson called for an end to "putting our heads in the sand" with current U.S. climate policy. "The earth from space looks so beautiful, and yet so fragile," said

Nelson, a Florida Democrat who flew on space shuttle Columbia in 1986. "When we face a major change in climate," he said, "it is going to have devastating effects on the ecological balance of the earth."

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said, however, there was no need to introduce a "massive new regulatory process" for industrial carbon dioxide.

"It is not a pollutant," he said. "It does not represent a direct threat to public health."

Proponents say addressing global warming will in the long run help the economy, but the White House said it strongly opposed the bill because it would require "deep and immediate cuts in fossil fuel use" to meet an "arbitrary" goal, and drive up household energy bills and gas pump prices.

"These increases in energy prices would effectively operate as a tax on American consumers and would have a severe negative impact on job creation," the White House said in a statement.

“ Let’s get real here: this is a very minimal proposal that should be a first step.”

John McCain
R-Ariz.

Ethics: Former Tyco execs. facing charges

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to uncover such behavior. Since joining Tyco, Pillmore has worked diligently to reestablish the company's integrity through a range of initiatives.

Pillmore stressed the necessity of strong mentoring for CEOs who are often young and inexperienced. He also promoted long-term incentives and open communication outlets for customers, suppliers and employees.

"Many companies had guides for ethical conduct but didn't have leader-

ship that (guides) these values everyday," he said.

Pillmore concluded his remarks with an inspirational quote from Edmund Burke to encourage his listeners to always hold dear to their ethics and integrity in the business world.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing," he said.

Pillmore, who joined Tyco in August 2002, served as senior vice president, CFO and secretary of Multilink Technology Corporation for two years prior to working at Tyco.

“ Many companies had guides for ethical conduct but didn’t have leadership that (guides) these values everyday.”

Eric Pillmore
senior vice president of corporate governance, Tyco

Warner: Security issues to remain for decades

by **Derrill Holly**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner said Wednesday that federal homeland security money has been slow to get to state and local governments — and what has arrived is less than adequate.

Speaking at a conference in the nation's capital, Warner said that since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the nation has been fighting three separate wars: Afghanistan, Iraq and the battle against terrorism on the home front.

"The front lines of the domestic war against terrorism are being fought at the state level and at the local level," Warner said.

"The much-promised federal dollars haven't come nearly as quickly, or in

the size and amounts that were initially promised," he added. But he also noted that some federal money is now moving through states down to the local level where fire, police and other emergency service providers can access it for training and equipment.

"What we are asking of our people is, in effect, trust us in regard to homeland security," said Warner, who joined other conference participants in calling for additional openness at all levels of government. According to Warner, if people believe they can hold the government accountable for tasks like road maintenance and tax collections, it could bolster confidence on domestic security issues.

Warner also said utility companies, telecommunications firms, banks and other key service providers are being called upon to share more information about their

businesses with state and local authorities charged with protecting those assets.

"The public sector's knowledge of our critical infrastructure that is 90 percent controlled by the private sector is quite thin," Warner said.

The governor also warned that more changes may be ahead in laws for obtaining drivers licenses and other routine documents, particularly as biometrics information is added. The policies now in place haven't been thought through "other than on an ad hoc basis," Warner said.

Warner was among several speakers taking part in a two-day conference entitled "New American Strategies for Security and Peace." The sessions, billed as non-partisan, were sponsored by the Century Foundation, the Center for American Progress and the progressive political magazine "The American Prospect."

Liberian fighters wreak havoc on countryside

by **Jonathan Pay-Layle**
Associated Press

TOTOTA, Liberia — Liberia's civil war is officially over, but outside the capital, it doesn't look much like peace: Rebels are looting, pro-government militias are raping, and civilians are being forced to till fields to feed hungry fighters, residents say.

Despite an August peace deal and an expanding peacekeeping mission slated to become the United Nations' largest, hundreds of thousands of civilians are still holed up in displaced camps afraid to return home.

"If you venture into places that are not under United Nations peacekeepers, you do so at your own risk," said 37-year-old Pastor Aaron Sao, who fled the central village of Gbarnga in August during battles between rebels and pro-government forces.

The U.N. peacekeeping mission, now numbering 4,500 troops, is expected to grow to 15,000 over the next few months. So far only a few hundred soldiers have been deployed to key trouble-spots outside the capital, Monrovia.

Rebel and government forces signed a peace deal Aug. 18 ending three years of bloody war _ a week after warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor departed for exile in Nigeria.

Monrovia businessman Gyude Bryant took over a transitional administration Oct. 14 that's expected to arrange elections in late 2005. But for now, the rest of Liberia remains effectively lawless _ in the hands of rampaging rebels and militiamen who supported Taylor's ousted government.

"We need food, but what we need most is security to enable us to return home," Sao said, showing a team of reporters around Totota on Tuesday.

The government estimates some 1 million Liberians have been displaced by the war, which began in 1999 when rebels took up arms against Taylor.

Around 250,000 people are living in makeshift camps; the rest are living with friends, relatives _ or anyone who will give them shelter.

In Gbarnga, 100 miles northeast of the capital, rebels have carried out massive looting sprees, stealing roofs and doors from houses and buildings, residents say.

Eric Quillemi, living in a displaced camp to the southwest in Salala, recently made a brief trip back to Gbarnga to check on his home. Little was left.

"The rebels think harassing civilians is not enough. They have launched an attack on buildings that survived the war," the 35-year-old said.

Sao said the rebels, from the group Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, had grabbed men in Gbarnga and made them "tow loads for rebel commanders."

One rebel official in the area, Mohammed Farbeh, denied the reports.

"Those who are afraid of us should ignore the rumors of harassment and try us by returning home," Farbeh said. "They will see how we care for people."

In Sanoyea, another town southwest of Gbarnga, hungry militiamen and soldiers once

loyal to Taylor have forced local farmers to work their own fields to feed them, witnesses said.

"The fighters have got no food for themselves, they're not being fed by the government, so they turn to civilians for what they need," said Karbel Larkey, 38, now living at a camp in Totota.

"My family and I left because people are being beaten, made to harvest their own rice farms for fighters," he said. "Wives and daughters are raped before their family members openly by the fighters."

Displaced Liberians living in camps in Totota said they regularly leave to work on nearby farms they consider safe _ rather than their own. One of them, 20-year-old Mulbah Flomo, was returning to Totota with a bundle of rice on his shoulder.

British judge rejects appeals of 10 terrorist suspects

by **Jack Garland**
Associated Press

LONDON — A special commission on Wednesday backed controversial British anti-terror laws passed after the Sept. 11 attacks, rejecting the appeals of 10 suspected terrorists who argued there was not enough evidence to detain them without trial.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government welcomed the decision as an affirmation of its legislation.

But defense attorney Gareth Peirce said the decision "marks the entry of this country into a new dark age of injustice. ...

Security has been chosen over due process."

Eight of the suspects were unidentified. The only two named were Palestinian asylum seeker Mahmoud Abu Rideh, accused of ties to associates of Osama bin Laden, and Moroccan national Jamal Ajouaou, accused of links to a man suspected of plotting to blow up Los Angeles Airport during millennium celebrations.

The Special Immigration Appeals Commission said the suspects could lodge another appeal within 28 days. It was not immediately clear if their next step was the Court of Appeal or the Law Lords, the

highest appeal court.

Their lawyers had argued the evidence against them was "fragmentary and incomplete."

Peirce, who also represents a prisoner being held by the United States at a military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that both situations were "startlingly unfair."

"We have gone one step further than the Americans in this in some ways," she said. "America faced a crisis and an enemy, and their steps were taken in a time of war. Here, there has been no war,

no emergency. We have enthusiastically pitched in wholly unnecessarily."

Home Secretary David Blunkett, however, told Sky TV News, "The process we followed ... we believe was proportionate and sensitive to the real challenge of managing to defend civil rights whilst defending us against terrorists."

There are marked differences between the British internment powers and the U.S. military detention at Guantanamo, where the military is holding about 660 men from some 40 countries, mostly said to be al-Qaida and Taliban foot soldiers.

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Letter to the Editor

No sympathy for lamenting motorists

Reading the letter "Pedestrians must practice caution too" (CT, Oct. 30), submitted by a disgruntled motorist complaining about the pedestrians on campus, I just had to groan.

The frustrations voiced by this student are common of most drivers who try to drive around campus.

To counter these claims of pedestrian tyranny, I would like to offer another perspective of the situation.

Virginia Tech is a pedestrian campus, and pedestrians have the right of way. The layout of the school even strengthens this idea with no main roads cutting through campus.

The speed limit is a snail-paced 15 mph, indicating the safety of those on foot is paramount. I feel safe crossing the street at Tech more so than any other place I have been. When I go to other universities, I have to be careful that I don't just step out into the road and expect the cars to slow down.

With that said, let us focus on the actual complaints issued by off-campus drivers. Do pedestrians step into the street without looking? Yes they do. Is that in their best interest? By all means no, they could be hurt.

But it is my observation that students will look before crossing and generally vehicles, if following the speed limit, will have ample time to stop.

I am well aware of the traffic nightmare that occurs when classes

in McBryde Hall let out. It can take forever just to turn that corner to get to the Drillfield. However, I have very little sympathy for those stuck behind the flood of students.

If you choose to drive around the Drillfield close to the time class lets out, it is really your own fault if you get stuck. Why not come earlier so you can beat the rush?

Then there is the question of why anyone needs to drive around the Drillfield at all. From my understanding, there is no commuter parking lot on the Drillfield and chances of finding a spot are slim. It baffles my mind that motorists do not use the roads that go around the Drillfield. Sure it's a farther distance, but I will bet it's faster.

Then there is the novel idea of riding Blacksburg Transit. I know college students say they don't ride the bus because they don't want to wait, but they end up waiting in the traffic. The BT is perhaps one of the best campus bus systems I have ever seen. It is free, you don't have to worry about a parking spot and you can study while you are on your way to class.

I have also heard the bus doesn't drop you off near your classes. You poor baby, learn to walk. Everyone else does it and it is good for you.

Finally, I would like to agree with the author on one thing. I have seen people step in front of cars trying to get by. I think it's a nasty thing to do. When I come to a crosswalk and see cars lined up and no one else walking across I stand back and let them go by.

There are others like myself and there are drivers that will wave you across even though it's obvious you are not in a hurry.

Eric Ianni
sophomore, history

Classroom must focus on real world

Steven Du

Once upon a time, and in some cases now, some of us go to school for the sake of "school." Why do most of today's youth go to school? Because parents tell them to go. Most parents only do this because everyone else is going. Is this what school ought to be?

Other parents believe going to school impairs children. In fact, more and more children are home-schooled because the public education system disappoints parents.

The business industry has long been complaining that "education" fails to achieve its function or purpose, which is to motivate students to progress through hard work, to invent new ideas and practical knowledge and to gain knowledge about the demands of the real world. In short, "school" fails to prepare students to be qualified candidates to succeed in the real world.

Indeed, surveys show the best students are very rarely the most successful professionals in the business world. Not only that, but there is actually a significant gap between the school performance and business success. In perspective of statistics, the correlation coefficient between school performance and career performance is not very positive.

But this is not the way it is supposed to be.

On the other hand, many "A" students perform average as professionals, while many "C" students are very successful in the industry. More ridiculously, many very successful businessmen today are school drop-outs or mediocre students.

Bill Gates, Michael Dell and Oracle founder Lawrence J. Ellison are among them. Even though these are examples of exceptions, these phenomena do remind us to reflect and review the current education system, maybe from a new perspective. At least we can say that many "C" students' potential can be achieved in the workplace.

If education is not what prepares students to succeed, why do we need it? Why do we spend so much time and money on it? Today's educational system is very test-oriented.

Most of the measurement of students' performance is based on paper-based or even more advanced computer-based tests. In this teach-to-testing methodology, students' passion for achievement, creativity and leadership are ignored.

Can leadership be measured on paper? By GPA or points on tests? Or, can it be taught in the classroom? Some experts doubt this, but many more are optimistic. I believe these characteristics can be achieved through learning and training but probably not through class in this current format.

"The types of problems found on standardized intelligence or aptitude tests are quite different from the types of problems found in the real world," said Robert Sternberg, a professor at Yale University and author of "Successful Intelligence."

"The reputation of universities is that we are just doing blue-sky research and that our response times are measured in months and years when industry wants a response to a problem straight away," said Lee Bridger, a manager of Exeter University Training Center.

Moreover, there are so many differences among students — something the modern education system should develop based on individuals' strengths. Doing the same computer test or drawing circles on standard paper sheets is like cutting off feet to fit the standard shoe size, ignoring the uniqueness of people.

I know there is no way to see into the future except by reviewing the past. So let us look at history.

"If three people are walking by my side then there must be one from whom I can learn," said Confucius. Thousands of years ago, Confucius emphasized learning "when walking." Well, that means from daily life. Indeed, he started the first private

school with a small classroom with about 5 students —ironically, much smaller than the classroom size that the current American school reform is targeting. He also advocated "learn to apply" and "teach accordingly (to the individual)."

Modern university originated from German institutions designed especially for engineers in the 17th century. These German academic institutions started to teach engineers and allow free discussion during the class with formed research assistance. These are the foundations of modern universities, which dominate today's world. Harvard adopted this basic structure but further invented the electives mechanism.

So, we see the current education organization has been in place for more than 400 years and has not developed significantly in sync with its environment, the real world, which has changed dramatically. Technology, globalization and marketplace pace have totally changed. While this education structure fit the economy and society needs 400 years ago, will it continue to support society's needs effectively in the coming 21st century?

Or, if this system works well for the engineering education, does it work very well with business education?

Fortunately, we are reforming. Many education programs have taken action.

The mentor program of the MBA program in the Pamplin College of Business can be a good example.

Through worldwide alumni networks, this mentor program facilitates MBA students to acquire latest information and share experience with successful alumni in the industry. It also functions to help graduate placement when the job market is not good.

In a nutshell, we should always remember to teach about the real world; don't teach according to tests.

Steven Du is a regular columnist for the Collegiate Times.

Students should be aware of consequences during Halloween festivities

John Robertson

I am happy to report many of you followed the advice in my column two weeks ago. As a result, quite a number of you came to my office to review your leases before signing them and to find out how you maximize your chances of getting your security deposit back.

With any luck, you'll heed the advice in this column, too. I'd like to tell you how to avoid being arrested this weekend.

Police are anticipating business will increase this weekend. Whether that might be due to the nice weather, the Halloween festivities, the Virginia Tech-Miami game or sunspot activity is not relevant. What you need to remember is because the police are anticipating more problems, they'll be watching you more carefully.

This means conduct that might have been acceptable at any other time might attract immediate and unpleasant attention tonight and this weekend.

If you follow these rules, you'll significantly increase your chances of avoiding any legal difficulties. This

will make the whole weekend more enjoyable for you, and it will make the weeks to follow more enjoyable for me, because I won't have to give you all the bad news about what will happen to you in criminal court if you get charged with an offense.

First, always assume the police can see what you're doing. I don't mean to instill paranoia, but in all honesty, the police have enough experience to know where certain kinds of illegal conduct will occur and when.

In addition, someone who sees you acting a certain way could call the police. Police aren't always in uniform. Many undercover or "plainclothes" operations are being conducted on any given weekend. In some cases, your fellow students may be helping the police as undercover informants. Beware.

Second, only carry your real identification with you at all times. This includes your real driver's license and Hokie Passport. You should not carry novelty identification or any ID with your photo but an incorrect birth date.

Nor should you hold on to a friend's ID for them — even if you explain it's because they have no pockets, purse, clothes, etc. If you do, you will get

charged with possession of a fake ID. If you carry any of these items, assume the police will find it.

If you're convicted of this offense, you could ruin your chances of getting the job or graduate education of your choice. The commonwealth takes this offense seriously, which means you must do the same.

Third, be polite and respectful to the police and everyone else for that matter. Remember, police can arrest you, and they carry firearms, pepper spray and handcuffs. You don't want them to use any of these things on you.

Remember they don't know you and they can only base a decision to arrest you on a few moments of observation. So, if you choose to run away or to express yourself colorfully to an officer, you'll give them a very good reason to use one or all of those tools on you. Be careful.

This said, you are under no obligation to tell the police you have been or are engaging in criminal activity. You can and should tell police who you are, present identification on demand and be polite and friendly to them.

If you tell them you are responsible for criminal activity, they can and will

use this against you in court. By telling them what you've done, you've given them all they need to establish probable cause to issue you a summons or to arrest you. They will consider this a voluntary admission.

If the police ask you to go with them, do so. If they ask you to dance the Hokie Pokie, do so. If they ask you to tell them if you've committed a crime, tell them you won't answer questions like that or say anything else until you've had an opportunity to speak to an attorney.

You have a constitutional right not to say anything that might incriminate you.

Be polite and courteous at all times. You can still be cooperative even though you've chosen to avail yourself of your rights under the Constitution.

Keep in mind the police are very good at what they do. They may get all the evidence they need to issue you a summons or to arrest you without having you say a word to them.

Bank on the fact that they will arrest you if they suspect you are doing something you shouldn't be doing. You won't get out of being charged by deciding to tell the police you have been doing something illegal.

In closing, the easiest way to avoid getting charged with criminal activity is not to commit a crime, period. The rules of criminal procedure are complex. The information I'm telling you isn't supposed to help you avoid getting caught. In fact, I can't teach you all you'd need to know in 900 words or less.

Considering the average costs of, for instance, possession of alcohol by a person under 21 are \$300-1500, and you possibly ending up with a criminal record, I'd say it would be worth your while not to engage in high-risk activity when there will be a lot of people on the lookout this weekend.

Here's the rule you should follow as a guideline this weekend — and all other times — if you can't remember anything else: if you wouldn't act a certain way or engage in a certain activity in front of your grandparents, parents and small children, then don't act that way or do those things.

If you follow this simple guideline, you'll increase the chances that I won't have to tell you any bad news when you come to see me.

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Features

Carbon Leaf returns to Blacksburg for Halloween

■ Carbon Leaf was the first unsigned band to play live at the American Music Awards

by Jessica Pritchard
Staff Writer

How can a band with such a terrific sound still be unsigned?

This is what Carbon Leaf fans have been asking, especially after this quintet won the "Coca-Cola New Music Award" at last year's American Music Awards.

Not only were they the first unsigned band to win this

prestigious award, but they also performed live on stage. A feat never before accomplished by an unsigned band.

Carbon Leaf breaks all modern musical molds, blending Celtic, folk and bluegrass with rock to create a sound unlike anything else in the industry. This unique medley creates a wide fan base in which to build the band's steadily growing popularity.

Their fans come in all shapes and sizes. College towns harbor the open mentality to branch out beyond the ordinary.

"In the beginning, we played at a lot of colleges, then began performing at clubs," said lead singer Barry Privett.

Even when not performing

at a college, they try to book gigs in college towns, realizing there is an open fan base in the area.

Although it has been the opening act for mainstream bands such as The Dave Matthews Band, The Counting Crows and John Mayer, Carbon Leaf continues to supply its fans with its own music brand. The comparison to mainstream music does not deter the band from continuing to enhance its own sound.

With such an impressive list of associated bands under its belt, it is only a matter of time before the ideal record deal presents itself.

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Hokies try to take flight in Red Bull flütag event

by Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Miami Hurricanes will be coming to Blacksburg, but another confrontation between a group of Hokies and the Hurricanes will be held at Miami Beach; the contest will not be football, but flying.

"Hokie Hunt," Tech's team, is one of 27 college teams participating in the Red Bull Flütag Miami event Saturday.

Flütag, which means "flying day" in German, is an event sponsored by Red Bull where teams with manpowered flying machines and pilots launch themselves off a ramp to see how far they can fly, according to the Red Bull Flütag website.

"Red Bull Flütag has been produced in over 20 countries and offers an experience like no other," the website said.

This year, the U.S. competitions were held in many cities including Los Angeles, Chicago and New York.

Tech's team consists of five people, who are all members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Chris Tallman, a senior hospitality and tourism management major, is the pilot. Dru Carpenito, a senior psychology major; Tommy Joyce, a junior wood science and forest products major; Matt Vepraskas, a junior computer science and political science double major; and Chris Rezny, a Tech alumnus, class of 2002, are the other team members who will help launch the Hokie Bird machine.

Some of the team members heard about this competition through a television advertisement.

"We were just sitting around one day and saw a commercial," Rezny said. "We're defi-

nately victims of advertising."

Applying for this competition took some advance preparation. Each team had to submit a drawing of the flying machine the members intended to build. Regulations for building the machine included weight and height limitations.

"We applied real fast for the one in New York," Rezny said. "They actually turned us down so we did a better drawing, a better design. Then they accepted us to Miami."

Members of "Hokie Hunt" spent several days last week-end building their flying Hokie Bird machine with Rezny in Lexington, Ky. After building the machine, it had to be dismantled and packed into a crate to be shipped to Miami.

"Chris (Rezny) has been making the framework for six weeks," Vepraskas said. The machine was made of welded steel pipes, Styrofoam and latex paint. It weighs approximately 200 pounds, is 26 feet wide, 10 feet tall and 13 feet long, team members said.

Each team gets a turn to launch its machine off the end of a pier and into the waters along Miami Beach. The goal is not necessarily how far the machine gets but how creative the machine and team members are during their turn to compete.

Each member is thrilled about their two-minute skit that takes place before the Hokie Bird machine is launched off the end of a pier.

"The deal is we're gonna be dressed as Pilgrims," Rezny said.

While Tallman is inside the Hokie Bird machine, the other four members will pretend to hunt the bird with guns made from pipes.

"One of my friends is teach-

ing me to do a back flip," Joyce said. "The design is just incredible."

During the skit, the background music will be the famous Hokie football "3rd quarter stretch" song, "The Hokie Pokie."

After the bird is "shot," the feathers will come off and underneath will be a painted replica of Kevin Jones' jersey. The music will change to an audio clip of Jones running down the field and scoring a touchdown.

During the audio clip, the team will begin pushing the Hokie Bird machine toward the end of the pier and launch the machine into the water, pilot, pilgrims and all.

Each team is required to wear life jackets and helmets, which is one of the only rules in the event. The judging will be based on distance, creativity and showmanship.

It is ironic that this event in Miami is tomorrow, the same day as the Miami-Tech football game in Blacksburg.

"That's the beauty of it," Carpenito said. "We want to be there to rub it in if we win. Fifteen seconds of fame on Sports Center ... hopefully."

Carpenito said no team from Tech has ever participated in this event before. He said that Texas A&M won the competition in Austin last year and will be judging the event in Miami this year.

"We're funding it out of our own pocket," Carpenito said. He and the other team members said they hope to win the grand prize in order to cover the costs.

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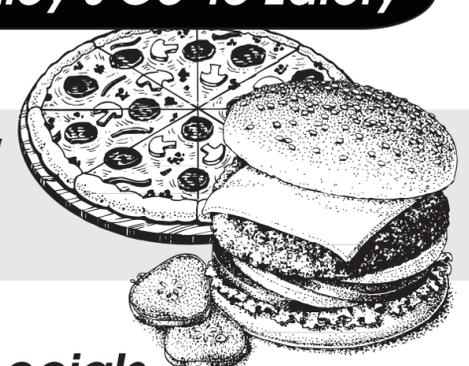
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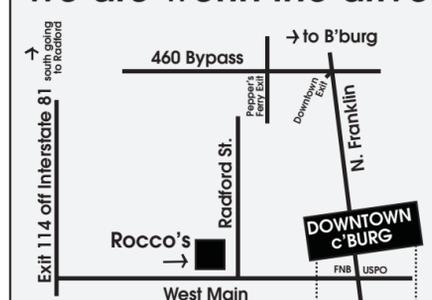
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Fans may change station on 'Radio'

Jason Bayer

Just as the football team in "Radio" suffers some heartbreaking losses, so does the movie as a whole.

Michael Tollin, the director who brought us the unforgettable "Summer Catch" two years ago, brings us another attempt at bringing a tear to the audience's eyes and a desire to treat our fellow man better.

Based on a true story, the movie does a good job of developing its characters, yet in the end it leaves the audience truly uninspired.

Every day, James Robert Kennedy (Cuba Gooding Jr.) walks all over town with a shopping cart full of his belongings and frequently stops in to watch the local high school's football practice.

After some of the players decide to have a little fun at Kennedy's expense, Coach Jones (Ed Harris) realizes how fragile this man is and decides to reach out to him.

He enlists Radio (the nickname given to him because of his fascination with radios) to help out with football practice.

He immediately becomes a town favorite at the games, but goes through some ups and downs in learning how to act properly in different situations.

The plot follows Jones and Radio's relationship, as they become closer friends.

In order for a movie to be truly inspirational, the protagonist must face some sort of challenge or obstacle that he must be strong enough to

overcome.

Therein lies the downfall of this movie: every time Radio gets into any kind of trouble, Jones seems to be able to easily get him off the hook.

Even more astounding is that there appears to be only one man in the entire town who has a problem with having Radio around. Radio never really has to have any breakthroughs or show any real growth.

He is simply cast into the limelight by Jones and is an instant favorite with everyone. While that is truly exceptional for its real-life counterpart, it leaves the movie slightly flat.

Ed Harris' performance keeps the film moving in the right direction while Cuba Gooding Jr. does a good job with a tough role.

The great part of the movie, of course, is it is based on a true story.

The film reaches its one true touching element as it finishes with footage of the real Radio leading his football team onto the field, doing some cheerleading and keeping morale on the bench high.

There is a small subplot, which revolves around Jones' lack of a relationship with his daughter.

Similar to his relationship with Radio in the movie, that too is resolved in a June Cleaver sort of way with everyone happy and supposedly putting tears in the audience's eyes.

The overall feeling of the movie is, in fact, a good one; it simply lacks the substance necessary to keep it from fading from your mind almost immediately.

There are numerous scenes that any one



Radio

»Synopsis: A prominent high school football coach takes on the task of helping a severely mentally challenged man named Radio. It is based on a true story.

»Cast: Ed Harris, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Sarah Drew

»Director: Michael Tollin

»Running Time: 109 min.

Rated PG for mild language and thematic elements

Grade: C

of the main characters will have tears in their eyes, and if you are the kind of person that likes being inspired and can let yourself go, you may have tears in your eyes too.

Ultimately though, you're left with the sense that it is somehow fake inspiration and that reaching out to this young man did not carry any consequences making it a hard thing for someone to do.

This is certainly not a bad movie. It could have possibly been a great one, but it is just average in most of its facets.

It is a tough movie to make because it is based on an inspirational story.

Therefore, if the movie does not prove itself to be inspirational, it can easily be categorized as a failure.

The movie is not a failure, but it just does not reach the heights its creators intended.

"Radio" is probably worth a look, but you will most likely be just as happy tuning into a different frequency.

Jason Bayer writes movie reviews for the Collegiate Times.

Carbon: Band searching for perfect label, fan base

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"We don't want to sign a record deal just because we do our hair a certain way," Privett said.

Privett said he and the other band members are in no hurry to sign just any record deal. They have to find the perfect label, because the label is what truly makes or breaks a band.

"We're trying to build up our fan base and figure that everything else will fall into place naturally," Privett said.

Generally, guitarists Terry Clark and Carter Gravatt come

up with the music and Privett works on the lyrics. Then they come together.

"The latest songs are oriented more towards relationships ... things people can really relate to," Privett said.

Carbon Leaf's music, from the penny whistle to the mandolin, consistently draws a crowd.

Carbon Leaf will be performing its second show in Blacksburg this year today

at The Water Street Gallery. Tickets will be \$10. There will be a \$2 charge for people under 21. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Sports

Tech secures home-field playoff game

by Clark Ruhland
Staff Writer



The Virginia Tech men's soccer team put on a clinic for the visiting University of Pittsburgh Panthers on Wednesday night, shutting them out 6-0. The No. 21 Hokies (12-4-1) combined great offense and tough defense to rack up another victory in an outstanding season.

In the first half, both teams played tough defense. In the 15th minute, a penalty was called on Pittsburgh in its goal box. This set up sophomore Peer Rogge with a penalty kick, which caught nothing but the back of the net.

With the Hokies up by one, sophomore goalie Chase Harrison and the Hokie defenders kept the shutout alive. The Panthers shot just three times, with Harrison having one save.

After the half, Tech came out swinging.

In the 54th minute, sophomore Greg Roach played a mishandled ball from a Panther defender to score his first goal of his career.

"The first goal was just like in practice," Roach said. "The coach told us to run through the ball and then it was just a textbook finish."

Fifteen minutes later, Roach scored another goal off of a pass into the box from senior Bobby O'Brien.

"I give all of the credit to

Bobby O'Brien," Roach said. "I just put his pass away for an easy finish."

With the score 3-0, the Hokies played some more tough defense. The Panthers' shots were held to three for the entire second half.

The Hokies were not even close to being satisfied with their point total as they racked up goals from senior Lasse Mertins and freshman Eric Vickers.

With the score 5-0 in the last minute of play, the Hokies stormed down the field in search of yet another goal. The countdown to zero began as junior Bailey Allman passed across the box to senior reserve Greg Hermandorfer, who scored the final goal with just six seconds on the board.

"All of the guys were looking to give me the assist," Hermandorfer said. "Its just good to be on the team. The coaches have really stuck with me and given me the playing time even though I didn't start. It felt really good to make the most of it."

With the win, the Hokies secured a top four finish in the Big East regular season and home-field advantage for their first round opponent in the Big



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Goalkeeper Chase Harrison helped the Hokies shut out the Panthers on Wednesday, playing over 83 minutes in the game.

East tournament.

"This was a total team effort," Hermandorfer said. "This is awesome because we love the home support."

Roach was excited about the first round opponent coming to Blacksburg.

"This was a huge win," Roach said. "One of our main goals was to finish in the top four of

the Big East so we could host a game in our new stadium. We enjoy the fans to come out and support us."

The Hokies travel to Providence University on Sunday for their last Big East regular season match. With the first round match secured at home, the game has been scheduled for 1p.m. Nov. 9.

Cross country squad preps for title meet

by Jin-Gak Bae
Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech cross-country team travels to the Bronx, N.Y., today to compete in this year's Big East Cross Country Championship. The meet, held in Van Cortlandt Park, has scheduled the women's 6-kilometer race to start first, followed by the men's 8-kilometer race.

The women's team hopes to continue its successful season with a great opportunity to receive a berth into the NCAA Championship. The Hokies will face tough competition as they face strong Big East conference foes such as Notre Dame and Providence University. Both the Fighting Irish and the Friars are ranked in the top 10, which is in addition to the three other Big East teams ranked in the top 30.

A solid performance is essential for the lady Hokies. To achieve a championship berth, they must rely on their experienced runners to finish in the top 15 and achieve All-Big East honors.

The Hokies will rely on junior Marlies Overbeeke and senior Jessica Morris. Both runners have had great seasons so far and said they hope to continue the same type of success.

Overbeeke finished with top honors on the 6-kilometer course with a time of 20:47 at the Chile Pepper Invitational, leading to a fourth-place women's finish. Overbeeke has yet to finish lower than second in four races this season.

Morris ran well all season, finishing third at meets hosted by Appalachian State and with a top-20 finish at the Chile Pepper Invitational, which included a 37-team field.

Head coach Ben Thomas said he feels confident Overbeeke and Morris are up to the chal-

lenge. To date, Overbeeke has been the top collegiate finisher in all five races while Morris has been a consistent and highly competitive No. 2 runner all season.

"This is going to be a good opportunity for us to hopefully beat some ranked opponents," Thomas said. "We need to be aggressive and beat a few of the ranked teams. That, along with a solid performance at regionals, will help us tremendously in getting an at-large NCAA berth."

The men also come to the meet with high expectations and a solid foundation. They have competed well, with a first-place finish at the Tech Invitational. Juniors Michael Lawson and L.A. Snead are aspiring for All-Big East honors.

The race will also be a great opportunity for some of the younger team members to get experience at running at such a high level of competition.

Both Thomas and the team are excited about the environment and the highly competitive meet. The men face an aggressive pool with four teams in the top 25.

The course and backdrop provide an excellent setting for the meet, something Thomas said he looks forward to every season.

"I love going to Van Cortlandt Park, they've been running cross-country meets there as long as there's been cross country," Thomas said. "We want to go up there, get a top-five finish and show that we can compete in one of the nation's toughest conferences."

After the Big East Championships, the teams will compete in the NCAA Regionals on Nov. 15 in Greenville, N.C. If they qualify, teams will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to compete in the NCAA Championships on Nov. 24.

Ramirez placed on irrevocable waivers

by Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON — All-Star slugger Manny Ramirez was placed on irrevocable waivers by the Boston Red Sox, who hope another team will take on the remaining five years of his huge contract.

The move was confirmed Thursday by a top baseball executive who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The outfielder has five years and \$101.5 million remaining on a \$160 million, eight-year contract, and would get an extra \$1 million if he switches teams. He is scheduled to make \$20.5 million next season.

If he does leave the Red Sox, it would

slash Boston's payroll and dramatically reshape a team that came within five outs of an AL pennant.

Red Sox spokesman Kevin Shea said Thursday the team is not permitted to comment on waiver moves.

"The question as to whether a player is on waivers or not on waivers is confidential," Shea said. "We can't discuss it."

A message left for Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, was not immediately returned Thursday.

Ramirez hit .325 this year, one point behind teammate Bill Mueller for the AL batting title, and had 37 homers and 104 RBIs.

The Red Sox won the wild card and advanced to AL championship series before losing to the New York

Yankees in seven games.

The left fielder was placed on waivers Wednesday, the source said, two days after Boston announced it would not bring back manager Grady Little, who led the team to 188 regular-season wins the past two years.

Ramirez, 30, is one of baseball's best hitters, but is average, at best, in the outfield and is known for base-running lapses. Over his career, Ramirez's casual on-field demeanor has attracted critics who view him as absent-minded and apathetic.

He was benched by Little late this season after he missed a crucial series against the Yankees with a sore throat and fever, yet managed to pull himself out of bed to get together with New York infielder Enrique Wilson at a hotel to reminisce about their days in Cleveland.

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Saturday is the most important day in the 2003 Virginia Tech Hokies' football season. A victory against University of Miami proves the game against West Virginia University was a fluke, and the team could still head to a BCS bowl. A loss — especially if the Hokies get stomped on — may serve as proof that everyone set their expectations too high.

Tomorrow's game carries serious implications for Tech football and you, as fans, need to do your best to be a part of the most important game of the team's season.

Two hours before game time there is something known as "The Walk" — a ritual Tech Sideline columnist Will Stewart wrote about in a recent article.

The football team starts on foot from the southwest corner of the Lane Stadium (that's the new end zone) and walks up Spring Road toward Cassell Coliseum. "The Walk" ends at Merryman Center, where the team prepares for the game.

Now, I am guilty of what I am calling most fans on, so I will get this out of the way. I had heard of "The Walk," and I have never been to it. However, you will see me there Saturday.

To put it in simple terms, I love Tech football and I know just about everyone reading this

column does. I go to the games and yell until I sound like an 11-year-old who just hit puberty. I get chills when the cheerleaders come onto the field and the west stands yell, "Lets go!" and the East stands reply, "Hokies!"

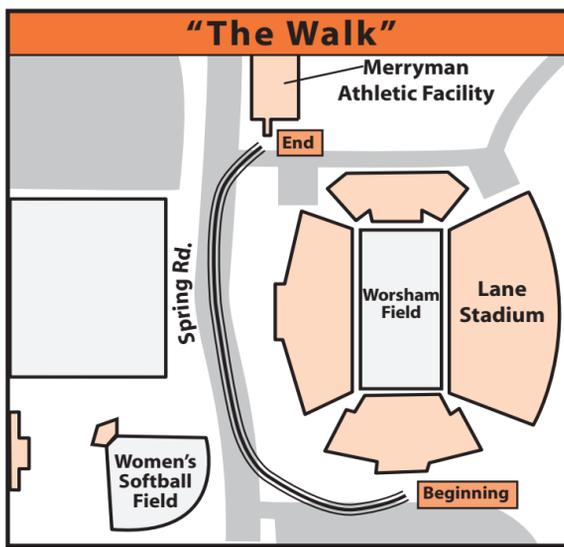
But all of this is during game time, when the 11 guys playing on the field for Tech are focused on the other 11 guys trying to shut us all up.

"The Walk" is our chance as fans to get our players fired up on a much more intimate level. Could you imagine walking a mile through 30,000 Hokie fans who are inspiring you with chants and applause? I would think it would be a moving experience and surely put things in perspective for the players who are about to suit up for battle.

When I saw the link to the column Stewart published, it made me a believer in "The Walk," and I feel it is my duty to pass the little-known tradition to the readers. Show up on Spring Road on Saturday just before 5:30 p.m., and come as enthusiastic as you are during the games.

This couldn't take more than 30 minutes out of your tailgate festivities, and if you feel the need, bring a filled up Solo cup or a plate full of food, just put it down when the team passes you by. There is a sizeable sidewalk along Spring Road that runs along the West stands of Lane Stadium. I will be taking up a small part of that sidewalk with all of my friends Saturday evening — I challenge you to fill up a part of it as well.

Adam Abramson is the associate sports editor of the Collegiate Times.



CHRIS HEUBERGER

Redskins go with two untested QBs at No. 2

by **Joseph White**
Associated Press

ASHBURN — Tim Hasselbeck might want to consult his "Survivor" wife about this reward challenge: Learn Steve Spurrier's offense in 10 days, then suit up knowing you're one snap away from your NFL quarterback debut.

Either Hasselbeck or rookie Gibran Hamdan — neither of whom have thrown a pass in an NFL game — will be the No. 2 quarterback for the Washington Redskins on Sunday when they play the Dallas Cowboys. It's a risky prospect given that starter Patrick Ramsey has been sacked 22 times and had to leave the last game early with an injury. "You get scared a little bit,"

receiver Rod Gardner said. "But you hope that don't go down. That'd be kind of rough coming in the first time, having haven't played a lick."

Hasselbeck was signed last week to replace Rob Johnson, who never really fit into Spurrier's system. Spurrier had hoped to re-sign Danny Wuerffel, who knows the Fun 'n' Gun as well as anybody, but Wuerffel declined.

Hasselbeck, therefore, has had to prepare for a dire-case scenario with some heavy-duty cramming.

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by rajan nanavati, sports editor

When the University of Miami Hurricanes roll in tonight, they offer the Virginia Tech football team something much more important than a nationally televised contest against the No. 2 team in the nation in front of 65,000 Tech fans.

They can offer a panacea, a remedy to all that's been ailing the Tech team, its coaches and its fans after Tech lost so convincingly to Big East rival West Virginia University 10 days ago.

Both coaches and players will admit the loss to the Mountaineers stung more than some of the team's other losses because of the manner in which West Virginia thoroughly handled Tech. However, they are also quick to mention a win over the Hurricanes can go a long way in helping everyone forget what happened in Morgantown.

"I think a win this weekend against probably the best football team in the country would be big for this program," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "I think it would be big, absolutely."

The change of venue, back to the friendly confines of Blacksburg, will certainly provide the backdrop for Tech to rebound from the loss at West Virginia. The atmosphere and scenario the game will take place under certainly favors Tech.

The game will be played well after the sun goes down and the temperature, which will be in the mid-70's for most of the day, will drop well below the usual balmy temperature Miami is accustomed to playing



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Tech wide receiver Ernest Wilford will go up against the vaunted Miami defense. As a sophomore two years ago, Wilford dropped a critical two-point conversion play that would have tied the game.

under in Coral Gables.

Add the fact that another sellout-capacity crowd in Lane Stadium is expected to be at its very loudest after a full day of tailgating for the 7:45 p.m. kickoff, and it is likely that Miami will be entering the most hostile atmosphere they have faced all season.

"I think that playing at home at night on national TV will inspire the Hokies," said ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit, who picked the Hokies to win the national championship in the preseason. "I think Virginia Tech

emotionally will bounce back (from their loss)."

The home-field advantage Tech will enjoy may provide the equalizing factor in the game. Many Tech fans consider the last time Miami played Tech at Lane Stadium in 2001 to be one of the best games they have ever witnessed. The Hokies stormed back from a 26-14 deficit and would have tied the score at 26 after blocking a punt to cut the Miami lead to two.

However, receiver Ernest Wilford, just a sophomore at the time, dropped the two-point conversion

pass, and Tech lost by that same margin. The Miami team that will come to Blacksburg is not as talented as the previous Hurricane team (who went on to win the national championship that year), and Tech is a far more balanced team than the one who just barely lost to Miami in 2001.

Despite this, Tech will still have its hands full trying to stop one of the top offenses in the nation. The receiving corps of the Hurricanes, lead by the self-anointed "chosen one," tight end Kellen Winslow II,

has speed at receiver which perhaps no college program in the nation can match.

Quarterback Brock Berlin manages the offense much the same way Ken Dorsey had for the past two seasons, and their depth at tailback remains impeccable, lead by tailback Jarrett Payton, son of the late Walter Payton. In addition, the Hurricane defense is among the most talented in the nation, as it features superstars at nearly every level of the unit. Safety Sean Taylor, linebackers Jonathan Vilma and DJ Williams and defensive tackle Vince Wilfork all rank in the top five players at their respective positions.

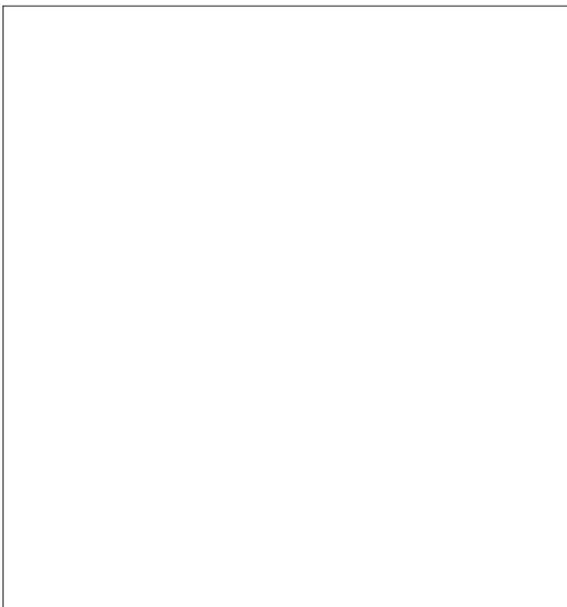
"I look at Miami on film, and I (think) 'how do you get this much talent on one football team?'" Beamer said. "To me, it's just amazing how they continue to do a great job recruiting. We've got our hands full. That's just a great football team."

Thankfully, the Hokies will have almost their entire arsenal ready to play Miami. Only one starter on the entire squad will not be able to play, as cornerback Garnell Wilds was lost to a season-ending knee injury just before the West Virginia game. Junior Eric Green will step into Wilds' place.

Running back Kevin Jones suffered a bruised thigh in the loss against the Mountaineers, but he will be ready to go against Miami, the team he ran for 155 yards against as a freshman.

Kickoff is set for 7:45 p.m. and the game will be nationally televised on ESPN.

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