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## Show ends season under protest

■ Sex Talk Live hosted a smaller audience than its September show and focused more on education last night in Squires

by Eric Beidel  
Associate News Editor

Sex Talk Live is calling it quits for the semester as VTTV searches for a new co-host.

Last night, the final show of the semester was taped in Squires Colonial Hall in front of a crowd of less than 60, which pales in comparison to the almost 500 people that came out for the live taping in September.

Prior to the show, three students stood outside Colonial Hall wearing T-shirts bearing slogans such as "VTTV, Please stop degrading women!" and "Maybe she doesn't want it in her eye" in response to T-shirts made to promote the show

by VTTV.  
"Where is everybody?" asked a member of the audience.

"The protest obviously had a huge effect," joked interim co-host Byron Kennerly, a sophomore theatre arts and history double major.

The live show was slow to start with Kennerly and co-host Vanessa Pricer coaxing the audience into asking questions.

Once underway, the show bore little resemblance to the September show.

Sexual prizes were kept under wraps in black garbage bags, and Pricer led the audience through a slide show on sexually transmitted diseases complete with graphic photos and details about symptoms.

"We're just protecting ourselves," Kennerly said. "Everything that happened last time really hurt us."

Former host and creator of Sex Talk Live, Jarett Henshaw, sat in the audience for the taping, but said he has no affiliation with the show since he was fired from VTTV in October.

Henshaw was fired after he mis-



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**Nicholas Kiersey, Anna Nicholas and Stephanie Nicholas said that VTTV's Sex Talk Live is degrading to women.**

represented himself during an interview with Virginia Delegate Robert Marshall, a harsh critic of the show.

"We originally intended the show to be much more educational, but with so many prank calls, the show became less serious than what we wanted it to be," Henshaw said.

Stephanie Nicholas, a senior theatre arts major who organized the small protest, actually took part in the live taping of Sex Talk Live in September, distributing condoms and information on healthy relationships.

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## Grant to help fight domestic violence

■ The grant was presented to the Women's Center and the office of judicial affairs to fund training, personnel, materials and student outreach

by Christina Peña  
News Assistant

The Women's Center and the office of judicial affairs will be able to continue their efforts to fight violence against women, thanks to a renewed \$300,000 Violence Against Women Act grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The grant is used to raise awareness on campus about sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and cyber-stalking.

The first grant was received in August 2001 and has been used to pay for training, personnel, materials, programming, web design and everything concerning student outreach and education, faculty and staff, said Maureen Lazar, victim services outreach coordinator for the Women's Center.

Lazar said about 65 other schools around the country also receive the grant through an application process.

With the renewed grant, the Women's Center and the office of judicial affairs will continue educational efforts and the peer education program, along with increasing awareness and the development of a protocol for dealing with sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and cyber-stalking.

All materials and training sessions will also be continued.

The two recipients also said they hope to create new evaluation efforts and design a new outreach video specifically for Tech.

The office of judicial affairs handles cases about violence against women, in addition to participating in programs and presentations.

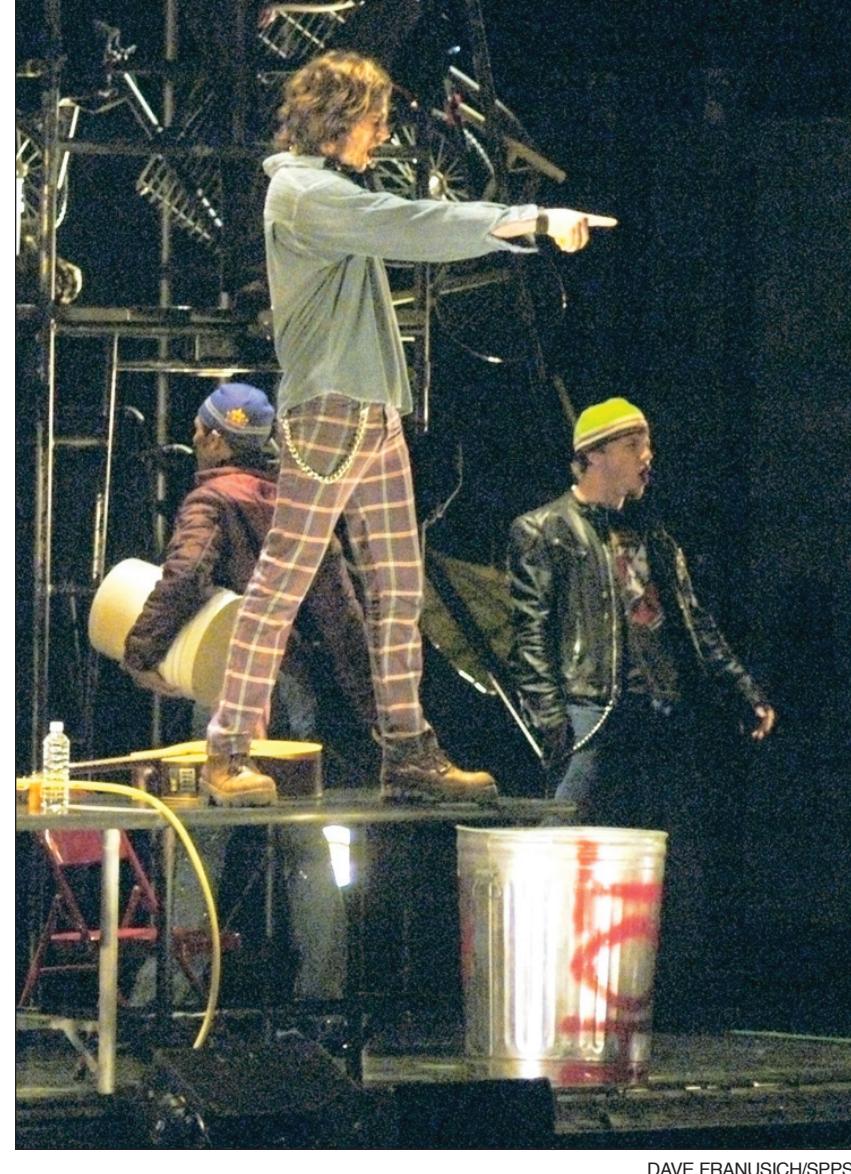
One of the office's goals is to have more crimes against women reported so people can get the necessary help.

"What we are doing is very good and important work, and if nothing else, if we reach one person, then it's successful," said Colleen White, judicial coordinator for the office of judicial affairs.

In the period of the last issued grant, 25,000 resource cards were given, a mass mailing to faculty and staff was sent and on-campus students received brochures and post-its.

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## 'Rent' instills prospect of hope, love



by Anne-Henley Beck  
Staff Writer

■ The Broadway play brought issues including drugs and sex to a sold-out crowd in Burruss Hall last night

Drugs, sex, transvestites, and oddly enough, a musical.

It's not often that Broadway transforms issues of today into music and dance, but Jonathan Larson did in his award winning, "Rent." Performed last night in Burruss Hall, the national tour of Rent featured a cast of up and coming actors and actresses.

The musical encompassed controversial issues such as drugs, gender preference and HIV, imparting a theme of hope in the midst of distress. Based in the heart of New York City, the musical addressed these issues of modern society with the lives of seven people and the narrator, Mark, who brings the story to the audience and shows how these issues can impact the community and his circle of friends.

"It's a very exciting piece and a beautiful message to love and not give up on today," actor Brian Gligor said, who plays Mark. "Everyone is given these special moments, and the play tries to remind us to cherish those moments. Everyone leaves the theatre uplifted with a sense of hope. The audience leaves with the message that the best thing you can

do is love."

A younger crowd filled Burruss Hall than the usual Lively Arts Productions, selling more than 2,000 tickets and, according to Elyse Gonyo, director of Lively Arts for VTU, the show was a first to sell out in a long time.

"I really wasn't expecting it to sell out," said Gonyo, a junior communication major. "I can't remember the last time a Lively Arts show sold out. It's really a turning point that a series can be popular with students and an older generation. 'Rent' is a higher caliber show, and the turnout proved that students want something a little more challenging, and something that reaches out to their generation."

Many of the audience members were previous viewers of "Rent." One University of Virginia student said she loves the show so much, she traveled to Blacksburg to see it.

"It's amazing that Tech was able to get them to come here," said Katie Dressel, a junior music major from UVa. "I am very impressed with the auditorium. The lighting is amazing and the set design is fantastic."

The characters comprise of struggling artists, people with HIV, a transvestite, gays, and lesbians. They have dreams of filmmaking, singing, finding that significant other, being able to pay rent on time, and making it through the next day without the need for snuff.

"Mark tends to try to separate himself as a defense mechanism to

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## Restructuring leaves some departments unhappy

### HNFE move could dilute programs

by Michelle Hershman  
Associate Sports Editor

More than 80 years ago, Virginia Tech admitted its first female students. Looking around campus today, 41 percent of the student body is female and some are inclined to say, "You've come a long way."

Others, however, wonder if female participation at Tech is not so much a story of progress, but a tale of one long, frustrating identity crisis. Nothing tells this tale better than the former College of Home Economics, which was renamed the College of Human Resources and Education in 1982 and disbanded during the recent university restructuring.

The home economics department was established at Tech in 1924 for the women who had just

started enrolling in the university.

With classes such as food preparation and home management, the curriculum was aimed at the few female students trying to find their place in a small military college dominated by men.

Starting out as a department in the School of Agriculture, it eventually came to stand on its own feet in 1964 as the College of Home Economics — one of Tech's six colleges at the time.

Shortly thereafter, enrollment in the college declined from 1,000 undergraduates to 600, said S.J. Ritchey, former dean of the college.

The students, both male and female, believed home economics was an outdated title that didn't cover the vast fields of study involved in the college, he said.

The changing attitudes brought a new identity — the College of

### Administrators hope college shift will improve diversity

by Michelle Hershman  
Associate Sports Editor

Jason Newman walked into his therapeutic nutrition class and looked around. He wasn't surprised — after three years, he was used to it. He'd come to accept that he was a minority in his classes.

Now, 82 years after the creation of the department, another change is taking place. The college has been split up. Some of the departments have been relocated to a new college, while the department of human nutrition, foods and exercise has been placed into its

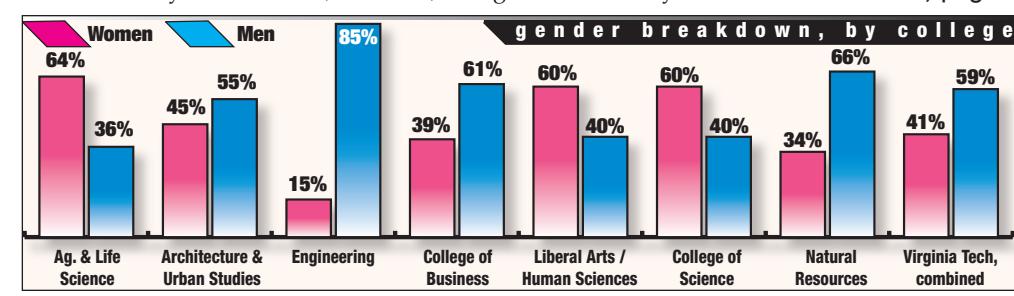
a minority in his major and was soon to be a minority in his career field. Still, in the year 2003, he wondered, "Is that the way it should be?"

Newman is the only male student in the dietetics option of the human nutrition, foods and exercise major at Virginia Tech. Because of a childhood illness, he gained an early

interest in nutrition and continued that concentration by venturing into a field of study created uniquely for female students.

"I kind of expected (to be a minority)," Newman said. "I wasn't as surprised as most people are. I'm definitely the

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A.J. MANDRACCHIA

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## News in Brief

### Gunman and 2 others dead in Dallas standoff

DALLAS (AP) — A police standoff ended after nine hours Wednesday with a gunman and two other people dead and four officers wounded. Eight hostages, a woman and seven children, were safely released.

SWAT team officers shot and killed Francisco Fuentes, 32, a resident of the apartment who had held them at bay much of the day and fired at officers two separate times.

Police found two other men dead in the apartment, apparently shot by Fuentes before police arrived earlier in the day to investigate reports of gunfire, spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerdá said. Their names were not released.

Police hadn't determined the motive in the hostage-taking and killings and were questioning the woman who had been held hostage, Cerdá said.

### Fla. man close to bombing clinics

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man suspected of plotting to bomb abortion clinics was arrested after coming "perilously close to carrying out his plans," the FBI said.

Stephen John Jordi, 35, was in the final stages of planning imminent attacks on abortion clinics north of Miami-Dade County, U.S. Attorney Marcos Jimenez said. The prosecutor did not say exactly how far along the plot was, and would not identify the clinics.

Jordi was charged with solicitation to commit a crime

of violence, distribution of information relating to making and using explosives for arson, and possession of an unregistered firearm or destructive device.

### Court to hear agism case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices fretted Wednesday over an age discrimination fight that pits 40-something workers against older colleagues over job benefits.

The court has been called on to interpret a federal law that protects workers over 40 from age discrimination. In an odd twist, some 40-something General Dynamics Corp. workers sued claiming they are being discriminated against because they are too young to get benefits being offered to older colleagues.

### Mortgage company settles allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mortgage company will set up a \$40 million fund to compensate tens of thousands of customers and settle government allegations of abusive practices that caused homeowners to pay high insurance rates, improper late fees and other unnecessary costs.

Salt Lake City-based Fairbanks Capital Corp. had "engaged in a laundry list of predatory loan servicing practices," according to a statement Wednesday by the Housing and Urban Development Department and the Federal Trade Commission.

## 26 dead after truck bomb hits base in southern Iraq

■ U.S. forces struck an Iraqi military compound hours after the deadliest attack against non-American forces since April

by Anja Niedringhaus  
Associated Press

NASIRIYAH, Iraq — A suicide truck bomber attacked the headquarters of Italy's paramilitary police in this southern city on Wednesday, killing 26 people and possibly trapping others in the debris.

Hours later, 1st Armored Division forces launched a military operation in Baghdad, targeting a facility used by insurgents and setting off explosions that reverberated through the Iraqi capital.

"The facility is a known meeting, planning, storage and rendezvous point for belligerent elements currently conducting attacks on coalition forces and infrastructure," the Pentagon said in a statement from Washington.

"The destruction of this structure will deny enemy forces any use of it in the future."

The attack in Nasiriyah was the deadliest toll suffered by non-American coalition forces since the occupation began in April, and the first such attack in this relatively quiet Shiite Muslim city. The bombing appeared aimed at sending a message that international organizations are not safe anywhere in Iraq.

Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 18 Italians were killed: 12 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four army soldiers, an Italian civilian working at the base and an Italian documentary filmmaker. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least eight Iraqis were also killed. About 15 people were wounded, although their nationalities were not known, Italian officials said.

"Unfortunately, it's not possible to exclude the presence of other fatalities," Defense Minister Antonio Martino told parliament.

There were fears of others trapped beneath the debris, and bulldozers worked to clear rubble. As night fell, however, soldiers said rescue efforts had ended.

Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi called the bombing a "terrorist act," while Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi pledged that it wouldn't derail his country's commitment to helping Iraq.

Witnesses said the truck driver got past guards after a car ran a roadblock, distracting the sentries.

The truck rammed the gate of the Italian compound and exploded in front of the Carabinieri building, which was the former chamber of commerce building, a coalition spokesman, Andrea Angeli, said.

He said the force of the explosion blew out windows in another building across the Euphrates River. All the vehicles parked outside the stricken building exploded in flames.

Angeli said secondary explosions from ammunition stored in the compound rocked the area moments after the main blast.

Also Wednesday, U.S. troops in Baghdad accidentally fired on a car carrying a member of the Iraqi Governing Council. The council member, Mohammed Bahr al-Ulou, escaped injury but the driver was wounded.

And a roadblock in Fallujah, a restive city west of the capital, U.S. troops fired on a truck carrying live chickens Tuesday night, killing five civilians.

"They went to bring chickens ... and they came back at 9 or 10 at night and we were waiting for them," said Khalid Khalifa al-Jumaily, whose two nephews were killed on the truck. "The Americans fired on them."

The U.S. military said it no immediate information on the shootings.

## Violence:

Grant funded mailings, info card handouts

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The number of presentations and weekly outreach programs has also gone up since the first grant was awarded.

From August 2001 to Nov. 1, 2003 the organizations reached 4,797 students, faculty and staff and spent 156 hours just in presentations and programs.

From July to November, they reached 1,073 people and spent 37 hours with presentations and programs.

That is the highest number since the start of the grant in 2001, Lazar said.

Last year, the figures were less than half of that number.

Lazar attributes this boost of interest to the design of the website and the expansion of the use of this technology.

Increased advertising from the Women's Center also contributed.

The renewed grant should ensure that these programs will continue and should last until Sept. 30, 2005.

At that time, a new application for another renewable grant will be submitted.

"The importance of the grant is to show that sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and cyber-stalking happens every day on campus," Lazar said.

"Students should know it does happen, and resources and support are available for them."

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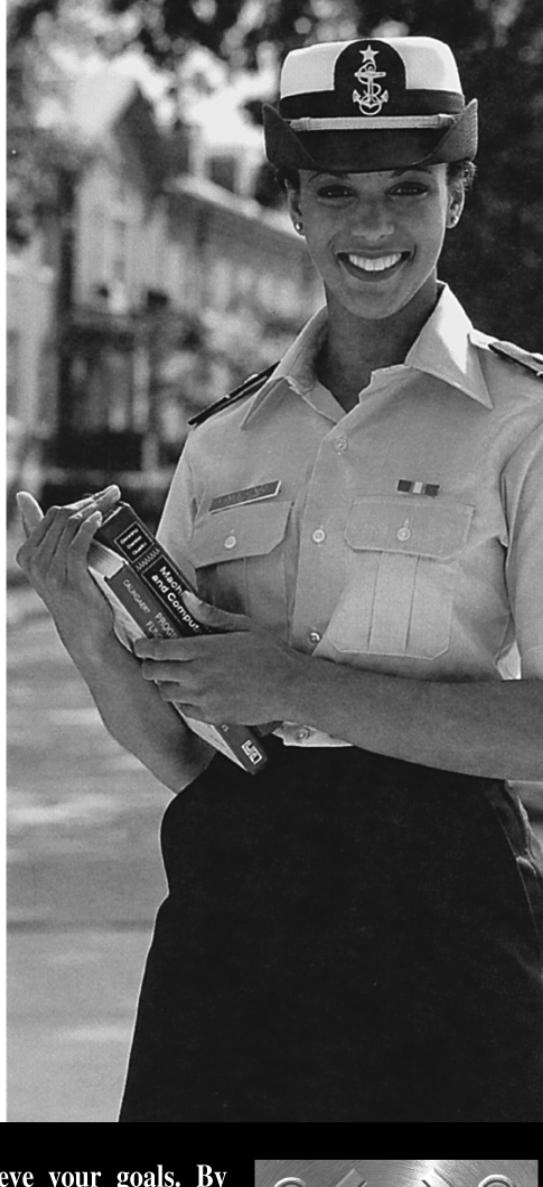
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# U.S., Iraqi Council disagree on interests, personal agenda

by Robert Reid  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Personal agendas, ethnic rivalries and differences over visions for a new Iraq are responsible for American dissatisfaction with Washington's own creation — the Iraqi Governing Council.

Frustration over the U.S.-appointed council has emerged at a time of escalating attacks by Iraqi insurgents, most recently the truck bombing Wednesday of the headquarters of the Italian Carabinieri police in the southern city of Nasiriyah.

In response to the growing insurgency, the U.S. military has adopted a new tactic of answering guerrilla attacks with massive firepower which risks civilian casualties and alienating Iraqis.

Heavy-handed moves against the 25-seat Governing Council also could be seen by the already distrustful Iraqi public as a sign that the Americans aren't serious about granting Iraqis a meaningful role in their own affairs.

Entifadha Qanbar, spokesman for council member Ahmed Chalabi, said the complaints against the body were "nonsense and baseless" and that the "only solution is that the council be given full powers and sovereignty."

"The Governing Council should not alone bear the responsibility of any inefficiency," Mahmoud Othman, a Sunni Kurd member of the council, told The Associated Press. "This is supposed to be a partnership

based on equality, but when the Americans want to find solution for their problems, they do it in any way that suits them."

L. Paul Bremer, the chief civilian administrator for Iraq, was summoned unexpectedly from Baghdad to a White House meeting Tuesday with Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and other key officials.

Bush administration officials acknowledged concerns about the council's progress since its installation in July but said Bush was not about to disband it.

"The notion that we are about to throw the council to the wolves is exaggerated," a senior administration official said on condition of anonymity. "But there is a need to put some energy into the political transition. It is true they are not as together as we had hoped."

Bremer said Wednesday in Washington that "we are in a very intense period."

"I don't think it's fair to say the IGC is failing," Bremer said. "They face a very difficult situation at this time, but the Iraqis are, I think, more and more effective in their assumption of authority."

Apart from policy differences, the very composition of the council discourages quick decision-making. To reflect the diversity of Iraqi society, the council includes 13 Shiites, five Kurds, five Sunnis, one Christian and one Turkman.

## Court urged to oust Ala. justice in Ten Commandments case

by Bob Johnson  
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Turning his back on a judicial panel with the power to remove him, suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore testified Wednesday that he upheld his oath and promises to voters when he refused a federal order to move a Ten Commandments monument.

"Not only did I fulfill what I told the people of Alabama I would do, I also had a duty to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the state of Alabama. They both acknowledge God," Moore said.

Attorney General Bill Pryor, who is prosecuting Moore, told the Court of the Judiciary that Moore should be removed as chief justice because of his "utterly unrepentant behavior."

The nine-member court, after hearing less than a day of testimony and arguments, began deliberating charges that Moore violated the Canons of Judicial Ethics this year when he refused the federal court order to move the monument from the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial Building.

The federal court had ruled the monument was an unconstitutional promotion of religion by the government. A federal appeals court upheld the ruling, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Moore's appeal. The monument was eventually was rolled to a storage room on instructions from the eight associate justices.

The judicial panel has the power to remove Moore from office, return a lesser penalty such as a reprimand, or find that he did nothing wrong. He has been suspended with pay since the charges were filed in August, using the time at speaking engagements around the country exhorting followers to support government display of the Ten Commandments.

Moore testified that he followed his conscience and did nothing to violate judicial ethics.

**"To acknowledge God cannot be a violation of the Canons of Ethics. Without God there can be no ethics."**

Roy Moore  
Alabama chief justice

vague. "Propriety is often in the eye of the beholder," he said. And in an apparent reference to the popularity of Moore's stand with many in Alabama, Butts warned the panel: "Remember, as you judge Roy Moore today, that tomorrow you may be judged."

## Defense rests in Muhammad case

■ John Allen  
Muhammad did not take the stand in his own defense

by Matthew Barakat  
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH — The defense rested its case Wednesday in the trial of John Allen Muhammad just hours after the judge rejected a key defense argument, saying Muhammad and fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo "were involved in purposeful shootings."

Five defense witnesses testified a total of two hours, in contrast to a prosecution case that stretched over three weeks and more than 130 witnesses. Muhammad did not take the stand in his own defense.

Private investigator John Nenna's testimony cast doubt on a prosecution witness' testimony that he saw

Muhammad at the scene of the Oct. 7, 2002, shooting of Iran Brown outside a Bowie, Md. middle school.

Also, Montgomery County, Md., police officer David McGill, who catalogued the items found in Muhammad's car when he was arrested, acknowledged that cigarette butts were found in the 1990 Chevrolet Caprice even though there was no evidence either Muhammad or fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo smoked.

Closing statements were set to begin on Thursday, the same day as opening statements in Malvo's trial.

The defense case in Muhammad's trial began Wednesday morning after Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. rejected motions that would have eliminated the death penalty from the jury's consideration.

The judge said an inference can be made that Muhammad and Malvo "were not involved in random shootings."

"They were involved in purposeful shootings," Millette said. "They perfected their ability to

shoot people. They perfected their ability to escape."

Defense attorneys did not object to or comment on Millette's statement, which was made out of the jury's presence. The defense attorneys argued unsuccessfully that Virginia case law prohibited consideration of the death penalty for Muhammad on one of the two capital murder charges he faces because there is no evidence Muhammad was the triggerman.

Millette agreed with prosecutors, who said the triggerman issue is irrelevant, and said prosecutors have put on sufficient evidence for the jury to reasonably conclude that Muhammad was "an immediate perpetrator" and therefore eligible for the death penalty.

Millette also rejected a motion to strike a capital murder charge against Muhammad filed under Virginia's antiterrorism law that was enacted after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Muhammad, 42, is on trial for the Oct. 9, 2002, slaying of Dean Harold Meyers outside

a Manassas-area gas station. Meyers' death is one of 16 shootings prosecutors say were committed by Muhammad and Malvo, 18.

In nearby Chesapeake, a jury of 12 plus four alternates was seated for the trial of Malvo, charged with the Oct. 14, 2002, slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin in Fairfax County.

The nine women and seven men include two homemakers, a teacher, a retired teacher, a claims adjuster, two sales representatives, a minister, a retired assistant principal, a registered nurse, a sheet-metal worker and a mechanic.

The jurors range in age from 22 to 70. Eleven are white, four are black and one is Asian.

Defense lawyer Craig Cooley said the jury is more diverse than it would have been in Fairfax County because Chesapeake's black population is three times as large.

Still, Cooley asked Roush to dismiss the final pool of 28 prospective jurors because some who oppose the death penalty were excluded.

## Move: Officials say agriculture is better fit

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original location, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, a location many feel is unfit and yet another twist in the age-old identity crisis.

Ritchey said he believes that HNFE, along with the other departments from the College of Human Resources, will most likely deteriorate with the restructuring.

"(The programs) will not be as good in five years as they are now," he said. "I think the administration for some reason felt the need to reorganize things. The College of Arts and Sciences was very large. They wanted to split that and they saw opportunities to move programs from what was human resources and education around to what they believe was a better home for them. I don't agree with that at all. They saw the department of hospitality and tourism management as a better fit for business, but I don't think it is."

The decision was ultimately made by University Provost Mark McNamee. The decision for the restructuring, McNamee said, followed numerous other structural changes that occurred when a

number of deans retired and budget cuts hit the university.

McNamee said the administration decided there was an advantage in bringing together as many programs as they could that applied the humanities, social sciences and arts to create the new College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences and putting the remaining departments into other colleges, which fit their focus.

"I think human nutrition is the future of agriculture," McNamee said. "I think it's a great move. Everyone's going to see things differently ... but I feel it's good for agriculture and life sciences and good for the department as well. In my view, they've already made a lot of progress."

The specific relocating was based on the fact that food, nutrition and health is a campus initiative and it's a major focus for agriculture these days, McNamee said.

The students in the college had no say in McNamee's decision, said Heidi Lail, a senior human nutrition, foods and exercise major. She and the other students would have liked to have been able to participate in the decision-making process, she said.

"My diploma is going to say College of

Agriculture and Life Sciences," she said. "That shows some aspect of our major, but I feel like if we were in the more science-oriented college it would be a better reflection of what our major is."

Jo Anne Barton, a former associate professor with the College of Home Economics, said the restructuring made her feel like the major still hasn't been accepted as more than just an option for domestic homemakers.

"I think it says there's less value placed on this field of study by the present administration," said Barton, who retired in 1991.

This recent decision is one that won't be taken lightly by students and faculty. Barton and Ritchey, though no longer employed by the university, plan to fight the restructuring by speaking out against it. The students, left with no other choice, will have to make the necessary adjustments.

"I think we're going to have a lot of explaining to do," Lail said. "Our resume says agriculture and life sciences, and I think it's going to be hard to explain that we don't deal with animals, we don't deal with wildlife, we deal with people. You don't get that we have a human interaction-type degree."

Only time will tell what's going to happen to the departments and the students within them, Ritchey said. Whether they've each found permanent homes in their new colleges or whether another big change is waiting down the road is anyone's guess.

## Diversity: Major is dominantly female

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source in the class to be picked on. I'm an easy target. It's a way to stand out, I guess."

Newman's minority status represents a way of thinking that still hasn't changed and a gender enrollment percentage that is not up to today's standards of equality.

The fact that the major remains predominantly female speaks to the mindset most male students still carry with them, despite the efforts of the

department and its former colleague to remedy this 80-year-old stigma, he said.

"I think in terms of gender bias — not that they feel obligated — but most routes guys take are the money fields, the engineering," Newman said, who hopes to one day become a registered dietitian. "I think (the name home economics) definitely influences people's perception of it."

Gender diversity remained unequal after the name change from home economics to human

resources with classroom makeup averaging 75 percent women and 25 percent men.

University Provost Mark McNamee said he doesn't think the recent university restructuring will have any major affect on diversity within the majors. Increased male enrollment is possible, said S.J. Ritchey, former dean of the college of home economics, but relocation is not the answer to a diversity problem.

"Yeah it might (add diversity), particularly the hospitality

program in business," Ritchey said. "Interior design might gain more males having been moved to architecture, but who knows, time will tell. I think (putting human nutrition in agriculture) is a potential disaster."

"They might add more males but it's an unnatural fit. Agriculture is focused on production of foods and fiber, human nutrition is focused on human health, and there's often conflict between those two, so human nutrition will lose out probably," Ritchey said.

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# Senate approves \$401 billion defense bill

by Ken Guggenheim  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a \$401.3 billion defense bill that gives the Pentagon greater control over its civilian work force and eases environmental restrictions on the military.

The bill authorizing 2004 defense programs now goes to President Bush for his signature.

Democrats joined Republicans in the 95-3 vote, despite their objections to the broader Pentagon authority. They stressed the measure would provide new benefits to both active duty soldiers and veterans.

But the bill was opposed by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., who said it "transfers vast, unchecked powers to the Defense Department while avoiding any break with the business-as-usual approach to increasing defense spending."

The bill is \$1.5 billion more than the amount requested by Bush

and about 2.2 percent more than Congress approved last year. It was approved by the House on Friday in a 362-40 vote.

It raises salaries for soldiers by an average of 4.15 percent and extends increases in combat and family separation pay.

It would also partially reverse a policy set in the 1890s of reducing disabled veterans' retirement benefits by \$1 for every dollar received in disability pay. The change would be phased in over 10 years and mainly help the more seriously disabled about a quarter-million veterans. It will cost \$22 billion.

In a compromise, the bill allows the Air Force to lease 20 Boeing 767 planes as mid-air refueling tankers and buy 80 more. The Air Force says it urgently needs to replace its aging fleet, but some senators said its original proposal to lease all 100 planes was too expensive.

The measure would also authorize some of the Pentagon's most costly programs, including \$9.1 billion for ballistic missile

defense, \$6.6 billion for the construction of seven new ships, \$4.4 billion for developing the Joint Strike Fighter and \$3.5 billion for 22 F/A-22 Raptor jet fighters.

But the Pentagon lobbied most intensively over changes affecting civil service and environmental regulations and generally prevailed.

The Pentagon will have greater flexibility in hiring, firing and promoting civilian employees. It says current rules force it to use military personnel for jobs better suited for civilians. Democrats and unions say the bill hurts workers by weakening job protections, overtime rules and other rights.

Democrats also said the bill goes too far in providing the military with exemptions to the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The Pentagon and congressional Republicans have said those laws have hampered training exercises.

"We are spending such (an inordinate) amount of money

protecting the suspected habitat of the red-cockaded woodpecker that it's having a very deteriorating effect on our ability to train," said Sen. James Inhofe, R-Oklahoma.

The bill also lifts a decade-old ban on research into low-yield nuclear weapons and authorizes \$15 million for continued research into the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator capable of destroying deep underground bunkers. Republicans say the United States needs to adapt its nuclear arsenal to defend against terrorism and other modern threats. Democrats say the change could trigger a new arms race and increase the risk of nuclear war.

The bill also adds 2,400 soldiers to the Army. The Pentagon has not sought additional troops, but lawmakers are concerned that the military is being stretched thin by demands in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

# Show: Host search will be reality show

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ships.

"Sex Talk Live is a great idea, but it's not put together in an appropriate manner," she said. "It's degrading to women and promotes them as sexual objects."

More than 75 percent of the audience at last night's show was male.

Nicholas Kiersey, a graduate student in political science, took part in the protest and said the show needs to return to a more educational format.

"The producers need to get back to the stated purpose of the show — sex education," he said.

The protest was aimed at the content of the show, not the show itself, said the third protester Anna Nicholas, a senior management major.

"There are ways to entertain audiences that don't include portraying women in compromising positions," she said.

Entertainment is the main reason most people tune into the show, said Travis Miller, a freshman University Studies major.

"I watch it because it's funny. Everyone knows they're not expert hosts on the show," he said.

VTTV is now taking applications for a co-host to replace Kennerly, who will not apply for the job. Pricer will stay on as a host.

VTTV is looking for a host with more factual knowledge of sexual topics, said general manager Sarah Davis, a senior communication major. But the show can't afford to lose its entertainment aspect.

"We have to keep that slight element of humor because that's why a good portion of the audience watches," she said.

The search for a new co-host will be made into a reality show to air sometime after Thanksgiving break, Davis said.

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# OPINIONS COMMENTARY

## Editorial

### STATE ISSUE

#### Appeal process must change

Virginia's capital punishment system is facing strong opposition in a new book, "Broken Justice: The Death Penalty in Virginia."

Published by a coalition representing groups for civil liberties, defense attorneys and anti-death penalty proponents, the groups recommend a moratorium on executions until the flaws in the Virginia punishment system can be rectified.

Included in the findings is the injustice of the 21-day rule that is specific to Virginia. The law states that once 21 days have passed after the judge signs the judgment order, the defendant may not introduce any new evidence except DNA, in any of the appeals courts.

Virginia, trailing only Texas in annual execution rates, utilizes the death penalty without taking the proper steps to ensure human rights. The groups are also fighting for a freeze on the death penalty which would accomplish two goals: the issue of unjust laws in the state would be brought to the forefront of debates, and current death penalty candidates would have due amnesty from executions that may not be fit for some cases.

This is not a recommendation for a permanent freeze. The issues should be debated and sorted through, resulting in the death penalty's re-enactment. A clause could enter the moratorium's conditions, stipulating the death penalty's re-issuance only after the elimination of the 21-day rule. Many people argue that a freeze would last many years resulting in spending more money to support the lives of prisoners for a longer period of time. However, according to a study by Indiana's Criminal Law Study Commission, the total cost of the death penalty is 38 percent greater than the total cost of life without parole sentences.

Other issues, such as the lack of obligation for circuit courts to preserve evidence from trials and prosecutorial misconduct, should be debated, but Virginians should come to the conclusion that the 21-day rule undermines fairness and due process that should be ensured in this commonwealth.

## Tuition increase does not mean salary increase

**Jim Kennedy**

The Chronicle of Higher Education released a report that really bothered me. We all know about the budget cuts in higher education.

We all know our tuition has increased, especially for out-of-state students. I really have no problem with that, believe me.

If it takes a necessary evil to keep our quality of education where it should be, I'm all for it.

Sure, some things have been cut back, but I can deal with larger classes and the Drillfield's grass being cut less often.

As I kept reading the report, I came across some figures concerning the salaries of college presidents. Get ready for this. Despite nationwide tuition increases that top 10 percent in some cases, the average college president's salary is increasing. We're not talking pennies here — I mean, they are increasing by thousands of dollars.

One of the more handsomely paid presidents is Shirley Ann Jackson, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. Her base salary is \$891,400 a year.

That's right, I said base. This does not take into account the \$591,000 she makes on the side, which is mostly made serving on corporate boards.

Granted, that is for a private university. But there are at least a dozen public school presidents who make in excess of \$500,000 per year.

Once again, that does not include any extra figurehead positions they may take.

Mary Sue Coleman, president of the University of Michigan, rakes in \$677,500 per year in salary and benefits. She is atop the list for public school presidents.

Our Big East companion, Rutgers University, has a president that makes a cool \$625,000.

In the words of Johnny Mac, "you cannot be serious!" How is this happening? How does a college board justify a president's salary increase while also justifying a tuition increase? The sheer economics are just way off-kilter.

It's not even the tuition that bothers me as much as other aspects of the university system.

There was a column in the Collegiate Times a couple weeks ago about janitorial salaries and how low they were ("Custodians deserve more respect, pay," Nov. 4).

Their salaries are low and most other staff salaries are low.

Did it never occur to the board to maybe give these people a little more compensation, instead?

I can't imagine why it wouldn't, or even why they didn't.

It sounds like the priorities of the nation's institutes of higher learning are misplaced.

To be fair, I have no salary information on our own President Charles Steger or the board.

It's more the principle on a national level. When funding goes down, all of the expenses should shrink accordingly. This is not a massive corporation or a privately owned business.

They can set their salaries however they see fit.

In this case, we are dealing with a public institution. I am paying for the salaries of all Virginian collegiate presidents, either through tuition or taxes. I didn't expect my money to go to the president's salary.

As I sit here drinking tap water and feasting on Ramen, I can't help but think — share the wealth, guys. Share the wealth.

*Jim Kennedy is a regular columnist for the Collegiate Times.*

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## Letters to the Editor

### National problems require more than a quick, easy fix

I would like to give a response to Tuesday's article "American public should support rational, productive change" (CT, Nov. 11). As far as I can tell, the author has the following points: We should disperse income evenly, as inequality is bad. America has become discouraged. There are no candidates that we can relate to and this has caused the fall of the nuclear family, a rise in divorce, as well as people all over the world's prescription drug needs being neglected. Also, America's obsession with being successful has caused community and family values to suffer.

As wonderful as it would be to have the same salary washing dishes at Owens Hall as the president of a company gets for employing thousands of people and hence making decisions that have a widespread effect, I'm not arrogant enough to think that my job is as important as theirs.

I think the masses agree with me that a person with a high-stress job that makes those types of decisions should make a deserving amount of money.

The author speaks about the necessity of giving prescription drugs to the poor of this country and to the poor of the world.

As admirable as that may be, it is obviously flawed.

Medicine does not grow on trees and the army of scientists that worked on discovering it must feed their children just as you do. So why it should be free when food and cars are not beyond me.

I see this erosion of values in quite a different light.

Where the author sees the reduction in the number of nuclear families since the 1960s, I see the fact that people now have the right to choose whether or not they have children.

I see the fact that now people are more likely to choose divorce and leave a marriage that was possibly abusive. I see that people are able to choose to form a traditional nuclear family rather than being pressured into the nuclear family mold that was so common in the 1960s. I don't see this as a bad thing.

It seems like societies that are not based on capitalism have been tried a few times before and I know that they have been some of the most tyrannical oppressive governments in modern history. Is America really that bad?

Doug Peterson  
sophomore, computer science

### Veterans Day must be observed by Tech

I never realized that Veterans Day was not a technical holiday here until my roommate asked me what I was doing that day.

I told her that I was going to call and thank my dad for being my hero, catch up on my homework, since we didn't have classes, and that's when she interrupted me.

Surprisingly, she informed me that classes were in session, therefore Veterans Day was not being observed.

As I hear daily updates on the war in Iraq, I think about those brave Americans serving. I think about the families, their worries and their worst fears.

I think about their sacrifice, followed by our nation's decreasing support.

My dad served in Desert Storm/Desert Shield, and also in Iraq. My family has given a lot for the military and our country, and there are many others out there like us. Walk through Arlington National Cemetery and maybe you will have a better idea.

Yet, those buried there are just a small percentage of those who have sacrificed their lives for the enduring freedom of our country.

Many may think students and people our age wouldn't formally observe the holiday, thinking of it as just a day we didn't have to go to classes, but I think of it in a different way.

I think it is unfortunate for those who aren't aware of our nation's military and the many heroes that serve this country.

It's also a slap in the face to the families, the veterans, the heroes and the troops.

Better yet, I believe not observing Veterans Day is a disservice to our nation.

Melissa Rodriguez  
freshman, human development

### Cage needs an increase in security

It's 9:24 a.m. and the telephone in your dorm room rings with the Virginia Tech police dispatch on the other line. When they ask for Amy, you tell them they have her.

"We need you to come down to the I-lot, there is a problem with your car." You ask what kind of problem and they tell you that tires seem to be missing off your vehicle. Immediate freaking out follows, but you throw on clothes and run to the Cage, known more formally as the I-lot.

When you arrive, you find the officer standing next to a car that doesn't look anything remotely like your vehicle, but strangely resembles your roommate's. That is when it hits you that you live with another Amy and they never gave a last name on the telephone.

As a sigh of relief passes over you because it's not your car, you start to worry about having to track down your ever-busy roommate to tell her that someone has stolen her tire and left her car sitting atop a fire extinguisher.

Car vandalism in the Cage is nothing new. Last spring, entire car doors were stripped, tires stolen and windows shattered — all done to cars owned by my friends. Since we don't see reports on vandalism in the Cage when we buy permits, who knows what other cars were damaged by people I have no acquaintance with.

This makes me wonder, if the south gate of the Cage is locked and the police are doing their job and patrolling the lot, how can someone get away with two car doors and four tires? I pay to have a valid parking permit to park in that lot. Shouldn't my car be safe?

I also wonder if maybe the night attendant should actually be a police officer sitting in the building and maybe actually stop cars. Though it would be inconvenient, I would rather have my car scanned when leaving the Cage after midnight than to try to sleep in my bed worrying about whether or not I am going to lose all my tires on my car and not be able to get to work the next day.

There is no excuse for me or any resident who needs a car on campus to get to work, etc. to have to worry about the safety of their vehicle. I think some changes really need to be made since the reoccurring theft of tires and other vandalism on cars in the Cage don't seem to be deterred in any way.

Amy Frieslander  
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## Features

# Hieroglyphics deciphers true meaning of hip-hop

**Phil Comey**

Past the "bling-bling" and the Dr. Suess raps of today's commercial hip-hop, we find the dwellers of underground rap. It is here one can find the hidden rap gem, the Hieroglyphics.

The group based out of Oakland, Calif. is comprised of individual artists and the four-man group Souls of Mischief. Perhaps the most well known member of the group, Del (the funky homosapien), appeared briefly in the mainstream as the hypnotic rapper in the Gorillaz hit "Clint East Wood."

Full Circle, released on Oct. 7 of this year, is the follow up effort to the Hieroglyphics only other record, Third Eye Vision, and should propel this underground act into the limelight. To put it simply, if you have any true understanding of what hip-hop was

meant to be, this album is for you.

It has everything from intelligent lyrics and innovative rhyme schemes, to daring and creative beats. Lyrically speaking it is hard to think of another hip-hop group that can challenge them. They are not afraid to step away from talking about cars and money, and use their intellects to sell their records.

Lyrics like "You soft and squeamish/feminine like a seamstress/Serina or Venus/I got the U.S. open like I'm Agasi" are more of the norm throughout the album rather than the occasional jewel.

But as soon as you feel you have the group pinned into the lyrical category of "battle rap" the group exposes their heart with lyrics like, "Each day a new step up the stair way to heaven/to get closer to God I intersect with my brethren."

Their beats are a step away from what typical hip-hop would consider

the West Coast sound, but in their case this is a good thing. The beats are creative and differ from track to track, making them a difficult group to put into one genre.

The album opens with the hard-hitting beats of "Fantasy Island" and the "Powers That Be," which are perfect for rolling down your windows and letting your subwoofers hit everyone's eardrums.

Then tracks like "Classic" playfully sample the sounds from a symphony, as the members flex their creative ear for all types of music.

But a listener can get no further than the track "Make Your Move" before they hear the group easily move from the battle rap sound to serve the audience a saddened portion of emotion.

Then, while many other rap groups feel it necessary to talk about women disrespectfully, Hieroglyphics make it a point to talk about the plight of a woman dabbling in drugs and prosti-

tution on the track "Maggie May."

Right before the album ends, the track "Full Circle" comes on and they appropriately use the soulful, guest voice of Goapele for the chorus to complement their heartfelt lyrics.

This group also differs from other rap groups in the sense that each member demonstrates their lyrical prowess and uniqueness, as opposed to other rap groups, who struggle to boast one star MC.

The rhyming styles of members Pep Love, Del and Opio have nothing in common aside from strong lyrics, but provide a refreshing change with each passing of the microphone.

I know it has been all praise up until now, but I can't let these intellects pass without some criticism of their album.

First, I commend the effort of the group to keep all the beats diverse and interesting. However, some reach too far into the realm of different and

become weird like on the oddly constructed track "Heatfish."

Also, for those that know the group member Del from prior work, more was expected of him on this album, and it was not delivered. His verses are used sparingly and only provide glimpses of his potential.

If you thought the idea of rap enticed you with its promise of true poetry and was let down by the mainstream rap sound on the radio, I strongly recommend checking this CD out.

It has enough variety to be played from start to finish and has enough courage to challenge the idea of typical rap sound, venturing into the shadows of invention.

For more information about this group you can visit their website at [www.hieroglyphics.com](http://www.hieroglyphics.com).

*Phil Comey is the associate features editor for the Collegiate Times.*

## Rent: Play tackles AIDS, drug use



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The national tour of "Rent" made a stop at Burruss Hall last night and tackled issues including gender preference, AIDS and drug use.

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what he is feeling," Gligor said.

"He tells himself it's not happening in his life. Social issues like living with HIV, do not directly affect my character, but they do affect his friends. He tries to separate himself from that."

Mark, according to Gligor, learns from his friends to deal with the problems of today, and embrace them at the end of the play.

Although some scenes were difficult to hear because of the acoustics, the crowd still enjoyed scenes such as one in which the character Maureen, played by Leslie Diamond, 'performs' a poetry slam.

At the end of the slam, she beckons to the crowd to moo with her. In response, audience members joined in.

"I think they hold their own against the original cast," said Jedd Komlos, a junior industrial design major. "Every cast has its own unique qualities. Mimi (played by Jamie Lee Kirchner) is crazy. She's got a fantastic voice, but it's hard to understand a lot of what's going on."

Costumes and set added to the piece. Angel's death, toward the end of Act II, was emphasized with the contrast of she earlier outfit, a zebra print coat with a red waistband showing she vivaciousness.

As she dies, she's wrapped in a white sheet and cuddled on a table.

Angel is a transvestite who suffers from AIDS, and although she dies at the end, she imprints a message on the other characters, expressed in Roger and Mimi's "Without You."

"I love how Rent addresses issues in a way that gives you hope," Gligor said. "Even if you do have a drug problem, or are infected with HIV, it's not the end. You can still love and cherish moments."

## L.A. Archdiocese battle veiled in cloud of secrecy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An effort to investigate sex abuse by priests in the nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese has grown into a lengthy and complex legal battle buried under layers of secrecy.

In a case pending before a California appellate court, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is trying to keep out of public view a judge's ruling on whether a grand jury investigating clergy abuse can see church personnel records.

A tentative ruling in the matter already has been issued by a retired judge who is working as a "special master" dealing with some aspects of the case. But that ruling is sealed along with all the underlying documents.

Because the material could eventually be viewed by grand jurors, retired Superior Court Judge Thomas F. Nuss has ruled that everything relating to them must be sealed. He also has decided that all hearings in the case must be conducted in private.

Nuss was appointed by the judge assigned to the case to take over some of the massive workload created by it. His job has been to review thousands of pages of church personnel documents, then decide whether they have to be turned over to the grand jury. By order of the court, he's being paid \$350 an hour by the archdiocese.

The case has astounded some legal experts for its level of secrecy.

"They better have something important to cover up," Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson said. "Otherwise, they are wasting a lot of good will. The more secret it is, the more tarnished the church will become."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office and a team of media lawyers are challenging the archdiocese in the case, which is scheduled for a hearing Monday before the California Second District Court of Appeals.

Lawyers for the archdiocese

say their effort is not a cover-up, but rather a simple matter of law.

They are asserting a First Amendment privilege of freedom of religion, an extension of priest-penitent confidentiality to cover communications between priests and their superiors, and adherence to the grand jury process that mandates secrecy. The archdiocese's attorneys characterize the legal battle over the church documents as "religious persecution."

"The relationship between priest and church is a familial relationship, such as the husband-wife privilege. It goes to the heart of the ability to function as a church that has a celibate priesthood," archdiocese attorney J. Thomas Hennigan said. "These men, otherwise isolated from society, need a place to be able to discuss their innermost problems that is secure. It's not an effort to protect pedophiles."

But the priest-superior claim is a subject of fierce dispute.

"I'm unaware of any law that says anytime a priest talks to anyone in the church it's covered by privilege," Levenson said.

Los Angeles County prosecutors and the media lawyers also say the religious persecution argument is "nonsensical" in a case involving access to official court records.

### Monday's Crossword Answers

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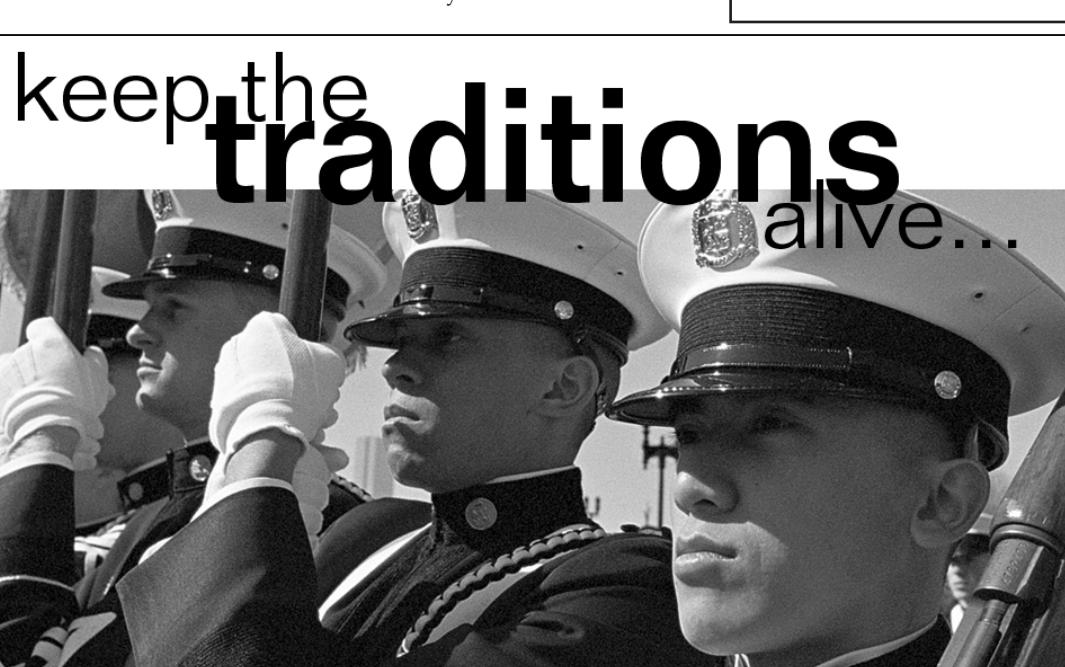
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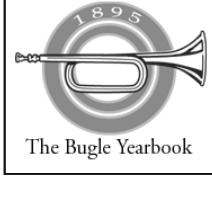
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**Sports**

# Men's basketball team lands two highly touted recruits

From Staff Reports

The Virginia Tech men's basketball team signed two marquee recruits Wednesday afternoon — the first step in deepening a roster to take on the Atlantic Coast Conference opponents next year.

Point guard Marquie Cooke from Suffolk, and small forward Justin Holt from Tacoma, Wash., signed letters of intent to play starting next season. Both players have been listed as four stars on several recruiting websites.

Rivals, a recruiting website, ranked the 6-foot-3-inch Cooke No. 45 overall and eighth in the nation for point guards in the 2004 graduating class. He was also named to the AAA All-State team the previous two seasons.

"Marquie Cooke is the total package, he's everything we're looking for in a point guard," said Seth Greenberg, men's basketball head coach, in a statement. "He's big, he's strong, he's tough, he's a winning player and he has tremendous leadership skills. He's the type of player we can build around."

He was a focal point of our recruiting from the day we took the job."

Standing at 6 feet 7 inches, Holt is transferring from Tacoma Community College and will start at Tech with three years of eligibility.

Last season, Holt averaged 22.5 points and 9.2 rebounds. Listed among the top 100 junior college players in the nation, he will provide immediate front court presence.

"Justin Holt is a multi-faceted player, he's got size, skills, he can shoot the basketball, is extremely athletic and he has a toughness about him," Greenberg said. "He's a player that is physically mature and ready to compete at the very highest level. He has the ability to step right in and make a difference."

The Seattle Times named Holt the 4A State Player of the year in high school. He originally signed to play with Oregon State but backed out after a coaching change. He then opted to attend Iowa State but again backed out after the Larry Eustachy resignation.

## McKeon, Pena win manager of year awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack McKeon calls himself an "old goat." He can add "wise."

The 72-year-old manager of the Florida Marlins was voted NL Manager of the Year for the second time after transforming a last-place team into a World Series champion.

"This is something that topped off all the good things that happened to us this year," he said Wednesday after the voting was announced.

Kansas City's Tony Pena won the AL honor after the Royals rebounded from their first 100-

loss season to stay in contention until the final week.

McKeon received 19 of 32 first-place votes and 116 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the first manager to win the award after taking over a team during the season.

He is the third-oldest in major league history, trailing Hall of Famers Connie Mack (88) and Casey Stengel (75). He thanked the Marlins for hiring him.

Florida was 16-22 when McKeon replaced Jeff Torborg on May 11. The Marlins dropped to

10 games under .500 on May 22, falling into the NL East cellar, then rebounded to finish 91-71 and win the NL wild card.

Pena was an overwhelming choice for the AL award, getting 24 first-place votes and 130 points. Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire was second with four firsts and 44 points.

"When they told me, I got on my knees to thank God. Then I cried with my family," Pena said in a telephone interview from his home in Santiago, Dominican Republic. "There are no words to describe what I feel."



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