

Black Hawk Down soldier recalls events of mission

by Noelle Landers
Staff Writer

In June 1993, a group of Pakistani peacekeepers were brutally murdered by Mohamed Farrah Aidid's men in a disgusting and horrible show of power.

Aidid had been fighting to become the undisputed leader of Somalia, using the starvation of thousands as his weapon. The murder of the peacekeepers was the last draw.

A resolution was passed to go and apprehend those responsible for the murder and Task Force Ranger was born. The mission was to capture Aidid in a city of two million people with the use of Black Hawk helicopters and the Task Force Rangers. Sgt. Matt Eversmann was one of those rangers.

Last night Eversmann spoke in Colonial Hall to a full house of inquisitive and attentive students about his experience in Mogadishu, Somalia, more commonly known as Black Hawk Down.

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JESSE PANNETON/SPSPS

Tech defensive end Nathaniel Adibi chases down Temple quarterback Walter Washington. Washington ran for 151 yards on 30 carries, but was unable to guide the Owls to victory. Temple lost 24-23 in overtime after a missed extra point ended the game.

Hokies squeak by Owls, 24-23

■ Virginia Tech avoided double overtime in Philadelphia when Jared Davis missed a PAT attempt for Temple

by Rajan Nanavati
Sports Editor

Someone should tell the Virginia Tech football team that ice hockey is the only game that has three periods, because in the last two games, the Hokies played poorly when it came to the fourth and final quarter.

The Hokies have blown two fourth-quarter leads in two weeks, an alarming trend for a team that prides itself on the play of its defense.

For the second consecutive week, a team attacked the Tech defense through the air and managed to either tie the game or take

the lead, resulting in many nervous Tech players and fans.

Despite sloppy play and numerous blown opportunities to put the Temple University Owls away for good, Tech nursed a 17-0 lead early in the fourth quarter.

They had just scored on a double reverse-fake touchdown from quarterback Bryan Randall to Ernest Wilford.

Instead of maintaining the shutout, the defense began a collapse and put the game's outcome in jeopardy.

On a fourth-and-one attempt in the fourth quarter, Temple tailback Umar Ferguson sliced the Tech defense for a nine-yard run, shifting the momentum in favor of.

Five plays later, Temple scored its first touchdown of the game, symbolizing the first leaks of Tech's defensive dam about to break.

Temple scored a touchdown and a field goal, the latter coming as a result of another fourth-down conversion, tying the game at 17 with only 40 seconds left.

The late-game collapse is even more alarming considering the fact that Tech lost last week by the same fourth-quarter meltdown.

The University of Pittsburgh Panthers moved the ball 70 yards to set up the game-winning touchdown last Saturday in the same manner as the Owls, moving the ball with almost effortless precision against the very pride of the Tech football program.

One of the key factors that almost enabled the Owls to win was the fact that Tech suffered numerous injuries along their defensive line as a result of constantly being on the field for most of the second half.

Temple's decision to pound Tech's defense, combined with quarterback Walter Washington and running back Umar Ferguson rushing the football, only further contributed to the defensive fatigue late in

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BYRON KENNERLY/SPSPS

Sgt. Matt Eversmann spoke about his mission to capture Mohamed Aidid who had terrorized Somalia.

4 WVU students expelled after riots

From Staff Reports

Four West Virginia University students were expelled for contributing to a fire after WVU upset Virginia Tech 28-7 in a football game last month.

These students received citations from the Morgantown Fire Department for participating in and contributing to a fire, said Kim Mosby, assistant dean of student life at WVU.

Mosby said she has noticed fan behavior becoming increasingly more destructive in the past several years.

The city of Morgantown and the university are sending a message to the community that this kind of behavior will not be permitted.

"The university and the city (are) exercising a zero tolerance policy," Mosby said.

The night of the game, student infractions ranged from trespassing to starting fires, she said. Penalties

ranged from a warning to expulsion.

All of the students who faced penalties as a result of the postgame celebrations have been adjudicated, she said.

Fire officials said there were 75 confirmed fire runs that night in the city's Sunnyside area, as reported in the Dominion Post.

The Dominion Post reported there were 36 confirmed street fires and 12 arrests following WVU's win over Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Students offered internships abroad

by Christina Peña
News Assistant

The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience is offering students in technical majors a chance to work abroad in an internship. A Virginia Tech student will be "traded" for an international student who will work in an internship at Tech.

Cy Denney, president and founder of IAESTE and a senior industrial systems engineering major, formed the local chapter in August.

"At Tech we always hear about the practical need for an internship before graduating," Denney said. "There was lots of interest from students about going abroad, too, so it seemed like a natural fit."

Students in majors like engineering, architecture, computer science, natural sciences, physical sciences and mathematics are eligible for one of the paid internships in 80 countries with big name companies like BMW, NEC, Dupont, Siemens and Volvo.

Students should express interest in the program by Jan. 1, and the national chapter will then send out a list of available jobs abroad. Students will pick the jobs they are interested in and apply through their resume.

IAESTE looks at the candidates and then

Sniper suspect found guilty of murder

by Matthew Barakat
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH — John Allen Muhammad deserves to die for his role in last year's sniper attacks, prosecutors said Monday after a jury convicted him of capital murder for using a rifle, a beat-up car and a teenager who idolized him to kill at random and terrorize the nation's capital area.

The jury has only two options to consider in the penalty phase of the trial: a death sentence or life in prison.

Prosecutor Richard Conway said the evidence in the sentencing phase will include another killing, that of Keenya Cook of Tacoma, Wash., in February 2002. Prosecutors also will present evidence of anti-Semitic statements made by Muhammad — his "remorseless, hate-filled attitudes toward certain aspects of the population."

Before outlining the prosecution's case for sentencing, Conway said, "Even if you didn't hear from another soul, you'd have already heard a case most appropriate for the death penalty."

Muhammad, 42, stood impassively, looking toward the court clerk as she read the verdict just before noon Monday. Two jurors held hands, and two others wept. Family members of victims held hands

and wiped away tears.

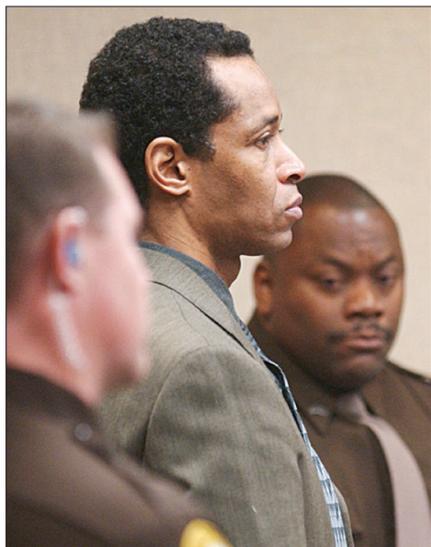
The jury deliberated for 6 1/2 hours over two days before convicting Muhammad of two counts of capital murder. One accused him of taking part in multiple murders. The other — the result of a post-Sept. 11 terrorism law — alleged the killings were designed to terrorize the population. Muhammad is the first person tried under the Virginia terrorism law.

Prosecutors presented evidence of 16 shootings, including 10 deaths, in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana and the District of Columbia that they said were part of a plot to extort \$10 million from the government.

Muhammad was found guilty of killing Dean Harold Meyers, a Vietnam veteran who was cut down by a single bullet that hit him in the head Oct. 9, 2002, as he filled his tank at a Manassas-area gas station. He was also found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and use of a firearm in a felony.

The case took a strange twist on the first day of the trial when Muhammad fired his court-appointed attorneys and began representing himself. He delivered a rambling opening statement about the meaning of truth and cross-examined witnesses with questions like, "Have you ever seen me shoot anyone?"

Muhammad relinquished control to his court-



ADRIAN SNYDER/GETTY IMAGES

John Allen Muhammad stands as a verdict of guilty on all four counts is read in court.

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News in Brief

Virginia Tech student involved in car crash

(CT) — A 28-year-old Virginia Tech student was involved in a single-car accident Sunday afternoon on University City Boulevard.

Nitin Goel, an electrical engineering major, was driving a four-door Honda in the southbound lane when he ran off the right side of the road and hit a tree, said Lt. Bruce Bradbery with the Blacksburg Police Department.

The accident occurred around 4:20 p.m., and Bradbery said the wet pavement was the suspected cause of the wreck. Police estimated the vehicle damages at \$5,000.

Goel had complaints of minor pains; however, Bradbery said there were no serious injuries.

Plane collision leaves two dead

WESTERLY, R.I. (AP) — A plane collision that killed two men at Westerly State Airport happened as one aircraft was landing and the other was taking off, authorities said Monday.

The Sunday afternoon crash killed both men on the Cessna 182 that was taking off. The three people on the Piper Archer were taken to a hospital with minor injuries and released.

The airport has no air traffic control tower, and pilots are expected to notify each other when taking off and landing, said Ted Drozd, chief aero-

nautics inspector for Rhode Island Airport Corp.

1 dead in grenade attack in Columbia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian flags hung outside two bars in a symbol of defiance Sunday after a suspected rebel tossed grenades that killed a woman and wounded at least 72 people, including an American Airlines pilot.

Police blamed the Saturday night attack on the nation's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia.

They arrested a 25-year-old man they said threw the grenades at the Bogota Beer Company and Palos de Moguer, popular nightspots with locals and foreigners.

Limbaugh returns to radio show

NEW YORK (AP) — Rush Limbaugh returned to radio Nov. 17 after what he called "five intense weeks" of rehab for an addiction to painkillers, promising listeners "even more honesty to come."

The conservative commentator thanked his listeners for their concern, and assured them that his ordeal would not affect his syndicated program.

"I've not been phony here, I've not been artificial on the program," he said. "I was all of that elsewhere." He did not elaborate.

Limbaugh had not appeared on the air since Oct. 10, before going into a rehabilitation program in Arizona.

Wine festival promotes volunteerism

by Erin Zlomek
News Assistant

Close to a hundred New River Valley residents sampled Native Virginian wines for charity at the Voluntary Action Center's annual Wine, Food and Arts Festival on Saturday evening.

The event, sponsored by and held at the Donaldson Brown Hotel, attracted social service agency representatives, clergy, retirees, youth, VAC patrons and local business owners alike.

"We always think of volunteers as people who give back ... but volunteering is really the best way to find our own worth," said the Rev. Jonathan Webster, keynote speaker and chaplain of the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

The VAC is a non-profit organization that serves to recruit and provide volunteers to various

charitable organizations across the New River Valley. The festival is held every November to raise money for VAC programs, as well as to present awards to distinguished volunteers in the community.

Webster, Penny Franklin of the Montgomery County School Board, and Del. Jim Shuler were all honored for their life-long commitment to volunteerism.

"Volunteering is so important because one does it for a long-term benefit or for a larger cause than their own interests," said Taiya Shiner, community collaboration coordinator working with the VAC. "At the same time, a lot of people begin a volunteer project, they build a relationship with a person, a community, or an individual, that they wouldn't have known otherwise ... and they often find that their life has become richer."

Tickets for the festival were

made available to anyone for a donation of \$15 at the door. The VAC made a profit of more than \$3,000 for their cause.

"We used this as a way to try and make the (event) accessible to a wide variety of people and encourage a larger diversity in our group," Shiner said.

Twelve local restaurants made food donations, more than 10 local businesses donated retail items and more than 25 artists submitted original works, including pottery pieces made by nationally renowned artists in Floyd County, to be bid on in a silent auction.

"The money will go directly to the operating cost of the programs needed to provide services to (low income residents of the New River Valley)," Shiner said. "The beneficiaries of tonight's event specifically are the people who benefit from some of the programs (put on by

the VAC), such as the Attire for Hire program."

The VAC's Attire for Hire program provides formerly unemployed graduates of job-training programs with the proper business clothes needed to enter the work force.

Shiner also said there were many local businesses that may not have donated retail goods, but instead offered services that made the night run smoothly.

"A lot of recognition should be paid to the framers who were willing to work with us in order to help make our product more valuable," Shiner said.

Though about 100 people were in attendance at the night's event, Shiner praised the close to 200 people responsible for its production.

"Volunteerism counts," Shiner said, "it makes a difference. The volunteer, as well as the recipient, benefits."

Alexandria arson similar to D.C., Md. fires

by Marty Niland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The serial arsonist who has set more than 30 fires at homes in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Md., is believed to have struck in Alexandria, the head of the Arson Task Force said Monday.

Investigators believe a Sunday morning fire at a house in the 4400 block of Braddock Road is similar to 12 arsons in Prince George's and 18 arsons and an attempted arson in the district, said Prince George's Fire/EMS

Chief Ronald Blackwell.

"It's based on the time of day the fire occurred (between midnight and 6 a.m.), the location of the fire — outside the structure — and because we believe an ignitable fluid was used," said Blackwell.

No one was injured in the Alexandria fire, which was set at about 4:50 a.m. and quickly put out. Alexandria fire officials notified the Arson Task Force on Monday afternoon, and evidence from the scene was sent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Blackwell did not know if anyone at the home got a look at the

person who started it.

The fires are believed to have started on March 5. An 86-year-old woman was killed in a June 5 fire in Northeast Washington. Investigators have conclusively linked 11 of the fires, based on evidence at each scene.

This was the first time the arsonist has struck outside Washington, D.C., and Prince George's County, but Blackwell said the development didn't surprise him.

Federal, state and local authorities are working with the task force to identify a suspect. They have pursued more than 300 leads, but no arrests have

been made.

"We've got physical evidence and we've conducted a lot of interviews, but in these types of cases it's generally a tip from the public that gets these cases solved," said Blackwell.

The chief made a televised appeal to the arsonist last month to contact the sniper task force, but so far, no one has called claiming to be the person investigators are seeking, Blackwell said.

Investigators believe the person setting the fires has been seen only once, when he tried to set a fire Sept. 14 on Anacostia Avenue in Northeast Washington.

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FALL SPECIAL

Sniper: Muhammad may face death penalty

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appointed attorneys two days later.

Prosecutors presented a mountain of circumstantial evidence, but nothing to show that Muhammad pulled the trigger in the Meyers shooting.

The jury, in convicting Muhammad, agreed with prosecutors who argued Muhammad was "captain of a killing team," even if his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, may have been the shooter.

The evidence against Muhammad included the .223-caliber Bushmaster rifle that prosecutors said was used in most of the shootings, including all of the shootings that occurred over a three-week span in metropolitan Washington in October 2002.

The rifle, found in Muhammad's car when he was arrested last year, inflicted gruesome damage on its victims, and jurors saw stomach-turning crime-scene photos, despite protests by defense lawyers that the photos were gratuitous and prejudicial against their client.

The gun was found strapped behind the back seat of Muhammad's specially modified 1990 Chevrolet Caprice. Prosecutors said Muhammad adapted the car into "a killing machine." The back seat was unhinged so that it could flip up and provide access to the trunk. The windows were tinted, and a hole was cut into the trunk, allowing a person to fire the rifle from inside the trunk.

Malvo, 18, a Jamaica native who was 17 at the time of the sniper spree, had a father-son relationship and was quietly obedient to Muhammad, witnesses said.

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert said during closing arguments that Muhammad molded Malvo into "an instrument of death and destruction."

At the height of the killings, the area was so terrified that sports teams were forced to practice indoors, people kept their heads down as they gassed up their cars, and teachers locked their classroom doors and drew the blinds on their windows.

Some school systems in Virginia closed for several days after police found a note tacked to a tree at one shooting scene: "Your children are not safe anywhere, at any time."

The nature of the relationship between Malvo and Muhammad was a crucial element in the trial. Defense lawyers contended that prosecutors had no evidence that Muhammad had brainwashed Malvo. Because of that, they argued that prosecutors had failed to prove a capital murder case and that Muhammad should at worst be convicted of first-degree murder, with a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Prosecutors must prove one of two "aggravating factors" for the jury to recommend a death sentence: that Muhammad would present a future danger or that the crimes demonstrate "a depravity of mind."

Arnold sworn in as Calif. governor

by Tom Chorneau
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Arnold Schwarzenegger was sworn in Monday as the 38th governor of California, completing a meteoric rise from bodybuilder and action hero to leader of the nation's most populated state in a historic recall election.

The 56-year-old Austrian immigrant took the oath of office on the steps of the Capitol before an audience of 7,500 dignitaries and supporters.

Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Shriver, held the Bible while California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George administered the oath.

"I am humbled, I am honored and I am moved beyond words to be your governor," Schwarzenegger said after being sworn in.

In a nod to his wife's famous uncle, Schwarzenegger added: "In the words of President Kennedy, 'I am an idealist without illusions.'"

Although he had no prior experience as an elected official, the Republican Schwarzenegger was swept into office in the Oct. 7 election that ousted Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, reviled by the voters for his handling of the state's ailing economy.

The ceremony, while steeped in tradition, was void of the pageant-

ry often associated with California inaugurations.

Bitterness over the divisive recall vote and the state's financial troubles prompted Schwarzenegger to put a damper on livelier festivities.

Former Miss America Vanessa Williams, who appeared with Schwarzenegger in the 1996 film "Eraser," sang the national anthem.

Nearly 740 journalists were expected to cover the ceremony. Fifteen dignitaries from 13 countries were in attendance, including representatives from Canada, Egypt, Austria and Mexico.

The new governor was surrounded by his four children, who had remained out of public view during much of the recall campaign.

Later in the day, Schwarzenegger was to attend three events: a luncheon inside the Capitol rotunda for state and federal officials, a private family gathering across the street and an invitation-only reception sponsored by the state Chamber of Commerce.

He was scheduled to return to the Capitol by mid-afternoon to start the business of running California's government, a job that became more daunting over the weekend when his chief financial deputy pegged the state budget deficit at \$25 billion.

Abroad: Brazil, Italy among destinations

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matches up one student to each employer. If the local chapter can find a job for an international student in an on-campus research facility or at a local company, then a Tech student is sent abroad.

The job listings provide the desired major, the amount of pay and whether a second language is required. Most of the internships do not require a second language.

In addition, IAESTE handles the visa paperwork for the students, which alleviates this responsibility from employers. Each student will have the needed practical training visa.

Before the local chapter was started, Tech students participated in the program and traveled to countries such as Norway, Brazil and Italy.

"I worked north of Milan, Italy, during the summer of 2003 doing product testing at a plastics company," Denney said. "By far, the best summer of my life."

Denney also said he was able to travel on the weekends to other major cities in Italy and neighboring countries.

However, in order for international stu-

dents to travel to the Blacksburg area before this year, the employers had to take the reception responsibility.

"The creation of the local chapter will hopefully encourage more employers to participate, because we can help with the reception of the student, minimizing additional effort to the employer," Denney said.

Local chapter members will pick up the international student from the airport, arrange housing and provide chances to interact with other international students at Tech. Plans are underway for an international dinner and movie night.

A student from Germany will arrive in January within the exchange program — the first international student to be received by the local chapter. The chapter plans to give him a tour of the area, participate in outdoor activities and take a trip to Washington, D.C.

After only three months of operation, IAESTE has received two sponsorships from the College of Engineering and the Chase Management Group.

Each professor normally has to pay the exchange student for his/her work during the internship, which can cost thousands of

dollars. But now the College of Engineering is offering participating professors 30 percent of the costs required to create and maintain the internship.

Chase Management Group has already given a small donation to IAESTE.

"We wanted to do something for the Tech community," said Rob Wallace, leasing consultant for Chase Management Group. "This benefits our name and helps IAESTE progress. It helps international students as well."

On Dec. 3, CMG and IAESTE will set up a tent with an information table and food near McBryde Hall. Wallace said a housing deal for the exchange students is also a possibility.

"In the changing market place, cultural awareness is becoming essential to business success," Denney said. "Also, awareness is important in understanding others and embracing our differences in order to avoid unnecessary conflict. IAESTE at Virginia Tech is one local chapter that is focused on those two goals."

IAESTE will be having a meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in 341 Squires Student Center to explain IAESTE and answer student questions.

Hawk: Novel accurately portrays events

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"The whole day was so surreal, just one event after another to the point where it was ridiculous," Eversmann said. "You did what you were trained to do and digested it later."

On that October day, Matt Eversmann was a 27-year-old sergeant in charge of a group of men called Chalk Four, sent to set up a perimeter around the buildings in order to capture two of Mohamed Farrah Aidid's lieutenants.

The mission was supposed to take 45 minutes, instead it took 18 hours. Eighteen hours of combat with 150 American Task Force Rangers taking on a city with 10,000 armed Somali Militia. The lieutenants were captured as planned, but the timing of the mission went wrong when one of the Black Hawk helicopters was shot down when a rocket-propelled grenade destroyed the tail and caused it to lose control.

As soon as the Black Hawk

went down, the mission changed from one of surround and capture to a mission of rescue. The Rangers had to get to the Black Hawk before the armed Somalis did in order to save the wounded and retrieve the bodies of the dead.

When the Black Hawk was shot down, Eversmann said the first thought in his head was that it was incredulous.

"It wasn't in the script (for a Black Hawk to be shot down)," Eversmann said.

But Chalk Four didn't have a second thought about what their new mission was.

"It happened so quickly but there wasn't a second's deliberation of what the course of action would be," Eversmann said. They knew that they had to get to the crash site and protect the survivors.

When the Black Hawk crashed, the nose folded onto itself, trapping the bodies of the pilots inside. It took the Rangers all night to cut through the twisted metal to get to the bod-

ies of the men. When the time came and passed for when the mission was supposed to have ended, it went unmarked by Eversmann.

"I lost track of time, it was suspended," he said.

All told, 18 American soldiers died in the mission. The book and the movie both cast a negative light on the success of the mission, particularly the failure to capture Aidid himself.

"There is no doubt that it was a success," Eversmann said. "(We were) disappointed that we couldn't stay and capture Aidid, but you have to accept the decision, though it is frustrating."

That was 10 years ago. Matt Eversmann is now 37 years old and spoke about his experience with a sense of honor and even a touch of humor.

Eversmann said he enjoyed speaking to the students at Tech. He said he was delighted at how many people came and that the students were a fantastic audience.

He commenced his speech

with a word of thanks to all the military families, stating that they are what make the difference in the hope of American soldiers and they are the ones that help bring them home safe.

He went on to state that the novel "Black Hawk Down" by Mark Bowden is a fairly accurate description of the events that occurred on October 3 and 4, 1993.

He said the movie was also fairly accurate despite a few dramatic additions for the screen.

He recounts the many times he is asked about Josh Hartnett, who played his character in the movie, "Black Hawk Down." He said his usual response is, "He is a vegetarian while I like to eat red meat."

Eversmann said the movie captures the nightmare of urban combat, but it doesn't accurately capture the emotions and the reality of what these men went through that day. "Black Hawk Down" was shown directly after Eversmann's speech.



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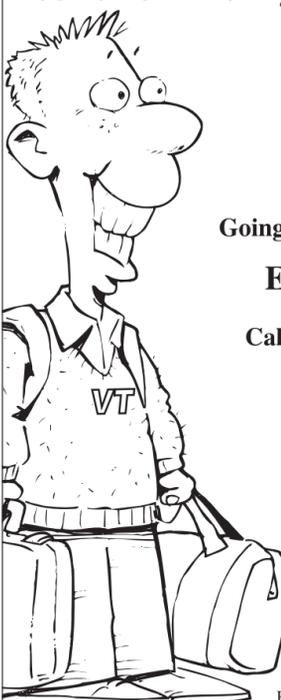


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AARP approves of GOP Medicare plan

by **David Espo**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Republicans won the blessing of the politically influential AARP Monday for their Medicare prescription drug bill, but Sen. Edward M. Kennedy countered with a scathing attack, saying the legislation included a "\$12 billion slush fund to lure seniors" into private coverage.

At the White House, President Bush arranged to meet with lawmakers who spent months negotiating the deal and now must find the votes to pass it.

William D. Novelli, CEO of the AARP, said in an Associated Press interview that his group would "pull out all the stops" to pass the legislation, including a three-day television advertising campaign this week.

The bill is not perfect, he conceded, "but the country can't afford to wait for perfect."

On balance, it's the right thing for seniors in America and

their families."

Kennedy, D-Mass., his party's leading spokesman on health matters, said the legislation offers private insurance more money to insure each senior than traditional Medicare spends. At the same time, he said \$12 billion in additional incentives amount to a "slush fund."

Kennedy and Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y. also attacked a proposal for direct competition between traditional Medicare and the new private plans, a program they said would increase premiums for seniors opting against managed care.

"This debate is no longer about providing a prescription drug benefit for seniors. Instead, it has become a fight to preserve Medicare for current and future beneficiaries," said Rangel, the senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.

Supporters of competition argue it will control the cost of Medicare over the long run.

Two U.S. troops killed in incidents in Iraq

by **Jim Gomez**
Associated Press

TIKRIT, Iraq — Two U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in separate incidents north of Baghdad, while an American patrol killed three people at Baghdad's gun market after apparently mistaking the test firings of customers as an attack, officials and witnesses said.

Earlier, in a show of force backed by tanks and mortars, U.S. forces assaulted dozens of suspected guerrilla positions in Saddam Hussein's hometown before dawn, killing six alleged insurgents and capturing others, officials said.

Faced with a deteriorating security situation, the military in past days has reacted with heavy raids and dramatic bombings in central and northern Iraq in an effort to intimidate the resistance. U.S. forces fired a satellite-guided missile armed with a 500-pound warhead at a target near Tikrit on Monday, the second use of the weapons in as many days.

The military also announced that soldiers in the city of Ramadi west of Baghdad arrested Kazim Mohammed Faris, a suspected organizer of the Fedayeen guerrillas responsible for anti-U.S. violence.

The American soldiers were killed Monday near the town of Balad, 45 miles

north of Baghdad, the military said.

One soldier died and two others were wounded when insurgents engaged their patrol with small-arms fire at 7:30 a.m. Another died when a convoy was struck by a roadside bomb near the town at 7:48 a.m., the statement said.

More than 400 U.S. service members have died since military operations began in Iraq, more than half of them since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat operations there over.

Meanwhile, an Italian official resigned from the U.S.-led administration running Iraq, saying it has only angered Iraqis and encouraged attacks with its policies.

"The provisional authority simply doesn't work," Marco Calamai told reporters Sunday as he resigned as special counselor to the coalition in the province of Dhi Qar, according to the Italian daily newspaper Corriere della Sera.

Calamai said only an interim authority headed by the United Nations could turn things around.

In Baghdad, a U.S. patrol opened fire at the gun market, a witness and Iraqi police Maj. Ali Rykan said. The three dead included an 11-year-old boy. Four people also were wounded, hospital and police officials said.

Iraqis reacted with anger also from a

U.S. sweep for weapons in the middle-class Baghdad neighborhood overnight.

Some 2,000 troops of the 1st Armored Division sealing off a 20-block area in the Azamiyah district and searching every building, arresting 21 people and seizing weapons.

Residents said those arrested included men who had revolvers or bird guns that could not have presented a serious threat to the security of the occupying forces.

"Of course everybody has weapons," said Samir al-Hadith, an engineer who works in Saudi Arabia and had returned to Baghdad to check on his home. "There are so many thieves nowadays. We have to defend our families."

In Tikrit, U.S. forces carried out more than 38 attacks from Sunday night to early Monday, destroying 15 suspected safehouses, three training camps and 14 mortar firing points, said Lt. Col. William MacDonald, a spokesman of the 4th Infantry Division.

Six suspected Saddam loyalists were killed and 21 arrested, he said.

"Clearly, we're sending the message that we do have the ability to run operations across a wide area," MacDonald said. "We have overwhelming combat power that we will utilize in order to go after groups and individuals who have been conducting anti-coalition activities."

5 suspected al-Qaida fighters killed

by **Paul Haven**
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Suspected al-Qaida terrorists attacked a contingent of U.S. and Afghan troops in eastern Afghanistan, sparking a fire-fight in which five fighters were killed, a spokesman for the U.S. military said Monday.

The attack occurred Friday in the Barmal district of eastern Paktika province, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Bryan Hilferty told The Associated Press.

"Anti-coalition forces attacked U.S. and Afghan National Army forces in the Barmal area," Hilferty said. "We returned fire and killed five al-Qaida terrorists," he said, adding that eight Afghan soldiers were wounded in the clash.

He did not say what led coalition forces to believe the men were part of Osama bin Laden's terror network, as opposed to members of the ousted Taliban regime, who have also been carrying out attacks on U.S. forces and their Afghan allies.

Hilferty strongly denied allegations by Paktika police chief Daulat Khan that U.S. forces had killed six civilians in the area on the same day.

"We take our rules of engagement very seriously and I can assure you that these terrorists were not peaceful civilians," the spokesman said in an e-mail response to a written request for information about the incident.

Khan had said six civilians were killed when U.S. warplanes dropped a bomb on their vehicle on a road in

Barmal on Friday.

The military announced that U.S. and Afghan forces pursuing suspected Taliban insurgents through the steep, snow-covered mountains of eastern Afghanistan had confiscated rockets, mortars and other ammunition in recent days.

There has been no fighting since Friday in the operation, dubbed Mountain Resolve, which began Nov. 7 in Nuristan and Kunar provinces, Hilferty said.

An American soldier was killed on Friday when his vehicle struck an explosive device near Asadabad, the capital of Kunar. An American soldier also was reported wounded there, but it was not known if he was hurt in the same explosion.

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Binge drinking leads to more problems than fun

Henry Wechsler

The recent column, "Binge drinking problem exaggerated," (CT, Nov. 7) challenged the Harvard School of Public Health's College Alcohol Study definition of binge drinking as a "ridiculous notion (that) has led the public to view college students as out-of-control drunks."

The author went on to say this definition of binge drinking — five beers in one sitting for a male or four for a female — "should not be considered bingeing, but rather the point at which people become entertaining." That is a rather odd concept of what is entertaining.

Here are some "entertaining" facts: At high-binge campuses — those where more than half of students are binge drinkers — students who don't binge drink reported they have felt the second-hand effects of bingeing. Thirty-six percent of non-bingers said they've been insulted or humiliated, 16 percent had their property vandalized and 11 percent were pushed, hit or otherwise assaulted.

In addition, binge drinkers are major disrupters of campus life. Seventy-one percent of non-bingers said their sleep or study has been interrupted, and 57 percent have had to take care of an intoxicated student.

These rates are twice as high as those reported on low-binge campuses. Almost one in three college campuses are high-binge.

And just ask the neighbors. People unfortunate enough to live near a high-binge campus have reported twice as many second-hand effects damaging to neighborhood life, from litter to vandalism to violence.

What fun that must be for the "high life."

College-level binge drinking is the country's most serious public health problem on campuses today. According to the CAS 2001 survey of more than 10,000 full-time college students at 119 nationally representative four-year colleges in 38 states and the District of Columbia, 44 percent are binge drinkers. According to a recent study sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an estimated 1,400 college students die per year because of alcohol-related injuries, including 1,100 who die from drinking and driving.

Here is just a small sample of what binge drinking — using our five/four

drink measure — does for the drinker. Upon examining those students who binge drink regularly — nearly a quarter of all students — we found:

- Forty-two percent fall behind in their classes, compared to the 9 percent of students who drink, but don't binge.

- Twenty-four percent vandalize property, compared to the 3 percent of students who drink, but don't binge.

- Twenty-eight percent get hurt or injured because of their drinking, compared to the 4 percent who drink, but don't binge.

- Fifty-eight percent drink and drive, compared to the 18 percent of students who drink, but don't binge.

Attacking the measure of binge drinking won't change what is going on in the dormitories, fraternity houses, tailgate gatherings and private parties off campus. It won't change the number of visits on weekends to emergency medical facilities, the number of police incidents or the number of deaths.

So, when does "fun" cease to be fun?

The CAS is not the only national group using the term binge drinking in conjunction with the five/four drink measure. The United States Surgeon General established a 50 percent reduction in college binge drinking by the year 2010 as one of the nation's health goals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention use this measure of binge drinking in their state-by-state reports. And both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives adopted resolutions calling for national action to address college binge drinking based on this measure.

Binge drinking is not just an American problem, but an international one as well. The World Health Organization has stressed the importance of addressing this problem by devoting a conference to the topic. And reports from European countries, particularly England and Ireland, indicate a binge-drinking epidemic among youth in those countries.

The author said we are using counter-productive scare tactics and suggested "the most effective way to reduce alcohol abuse is to simply tell the truth and make sure young people understand the facts."

So let's take off those beer goggles and see the truth for what it is.

Henry Wechsler, Ph.D is the director of college alcohol studies at the Harvard School of Public Health

Letters to the Editor

Real Americans believe, support war effort

In response to the column, "War in Iraq may be this century's Vietnam," (CT, Nov. 14), I'd like to know from which Democratic candidate's debate rants the author obtained her facts regarding the war in Iraq.

If I had to venture a guess, I would say there is an autographed 8x10 glossy of Sen. John F. Kerry sitting on this Collegiate Times editor's desk. After all, we shouldn't forget that it was Kerry who brought the word "quagmire" back into popular use.

Kerry is leading the charge to convince the American people that the United States has failed in Iraq and is clearly trying to capitalize on the same old doom and gloom outlook that the left has used to secure votes for years.

Perhaps I'm too critical of Kerry, an honored veteran (Did you hear he served in Vietnam?). However, it seems to be entirely too convenient for Kerry or any other Democratic hopeful to exaggerate the current situation in Iraq for his own personal benefit.

You might want to hold on to this paper until President Bush starts campaigning for his second term so you can hold it up and say, "Bush is exaggerating the war, too!"

If Bush does inflate the success of the war to benefit his campaign, I will criticize that as well. Sadly, I feel a climate has been created in which optimism is outlawed and any statement concerning the positive outcomes of this battle in Iraq is automatically labeled exaggeration to the benefit of potential Democratic candidates.

The author demonstrated beautifully the evidence of this type of thinking penetrating the American public.

"The war in Iraq was intended to uncover and destroy weapons of mass destruction." No, sorry, that was never stated to be the sole intention of the war, yet somehow WMD have become the key rallying point for the doom-and-gloomers.

Let's not focus on the remarkable positives Iraqi citizens have experienced in the past eight months, but rather let's dwell on missing weapons Saddam bragged about having to his neighbors and refused to allow your multilateral United Nations inspectors to verify were destroyed.

If you think that kind of thinking is productive, then you are being taken as the biggest sucker of them all.

The only people to benefit from that line of thought are those trying to get themselves in the White House.

Finally, the pessimistic outlook that the author took, by supporting the ridiculous notion that the war in Iraq may be similar to the Vietnam War, is entirely erroneous.

The only glaring similarity between the two wars I see is the fact that the military is not being allowed to fight the war as well as they are trained to.

Whether you have a former National Guard airman or a former Navy seaman aboard a gunboat in the Mekong Delta as your Commander in Chief is irrelevant if the troops are not able to fight for their own protection and to get the job done.

However, a president who supports getting the job done correctly instead of just getting the job done as soon as possible has to be commended.

The war in Iraq has been going on for eight months, yet already you wish to compare it to the nearly 20 years between 1954 and 1973 in Vietnam?

I think, if you were to sit down and review the accomplishments of both wars, especially

with respect to civilian life, you would be rather impressed with the progress we have made in such a short time in Iraq.

I would urge all Americans to look back on the past eight months and try to find some hope for the coming New Year.

We did not "do it alone," we had plenty of support from responsible allies that recognized the threat in Iraq and fought by our side. We did not "take over Iraq," we led an overdue effort to liberate its citizens from tyranny.

We have shifted our military focus out of Europe and into the Middle East, where it can be more effective in fighting the forces that continue to threaten our security on a daily basis. We will not need to institute a draft to send soldiers to Iraq thanks to the continued bravery of our voluntary forces.

Have mistakes been made? Unquestionably, but that doesn't mean you give up just because the situation gets more challenging than you originally planned for. At least that's not what I remembered real Americans believing.

Sean Wohlman
senior, geography

Female casting displays artistic choice

I am writing in response to "Play adds modern twist to 'Hamlet'" (CT, Nov. 14). The author wrote, "the major weakness ... was the lack of male characters."

Although the females ... did a fine job, it is difficult for an audience to interpret male characters played by females."

The author quoted a student who suggested that there must not have been enough men who auditioned.

This observation is such an unfortunate interpretation of dramatic choices made in this production of "Hamlet."

The Elizabethan theatre has a long tradition of cross-gender casting. It was not a lack of male actors that led to the casting of women in male roles.

Instead, it was a decision made by the artists involved to look at a theatrical convention — in Shakespeare's time, all roles were played by men — and to explore it in reverse.

This production also incorporated a number of international elements, and explored other cultural traditions in the production. For example, the actors used Bharata Natyam, an Indian classical dance form. In this form, women typically play all of the roles.

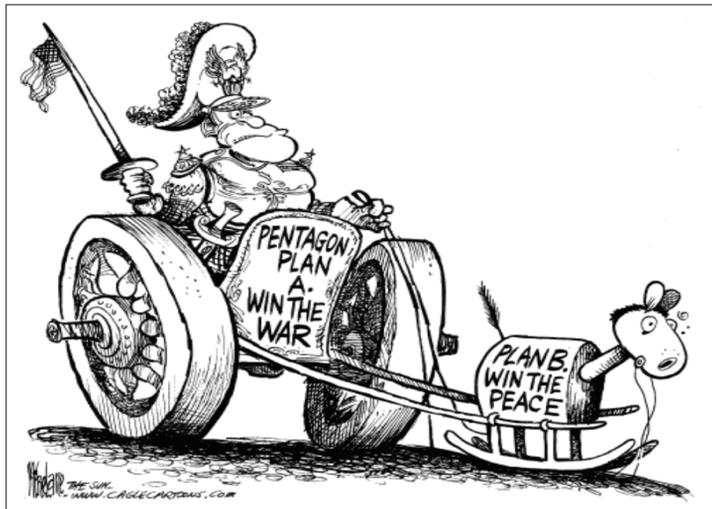
It was sad to read the author's review and realize she had not looked at so many of the elements that made this production rich.

It isn't fair to any production to assume a choice was made in default, rather than for its artistic value.

I wish the author had had a chance to speak with the performers, the directors and the artistic staff of "Hamlet" and to ask questions about the play's artistic choices.

A discussion of them and of this production's international elements could have started an interesting dialogue. It is this — not flat realism — that the theatre does uniquely well.

Lisa Johnson
alumnus, class of '96



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Features

Geography: More than just maps

■ Geography Awareness Week was planned to educate students about maps, foreign cultures and geography

by Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

The Geographic Society at Virginia Tech will be sponsoring Geography Awareness Week on campus Nov. 16-22. Members of the society will educate and entertain the Tech community about geographical issues.

The society's booth on the Drillfield showcases the geography department, the society and information about global efforts to promote geographic devices, said Susan O'Donnell, a senior geography major.

The booth will also provide brochures with crossword puzzles, information about other cultures and candy to give away, O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell said various geographic topics will be introduced, including a hands-on experience with the geography department's Global Positioning System on Wednesday at 3 p.m.

The GPS demonstration will involve a scavenger hunt, which will begin at 102 Major Williams Hall.

Lawrence Grossman, department head and professor of geography, said this event is being organized and managed by the students in the geography department, rather than the faculty.

William Preissner, a senior

geography major and society president, said the society sent out a survey to students enrolled in geography courses asking the students what kinds of events would get the Tech community excited about geography. Preissner said information about GPS and more information about different cultures were some of the most popular responses.

One of the society's goals for this week is to teach people that geography is about more than just countries and their capitals, O'Donnell said.

"Geography is not boring when you get into the definite aspects of it, like the GPS qualities," O'Donnell said. "When a person uses Mapquest online, they are using something that involves geography."

The society on campus is involved with more than just Geography Awareness Week, O'Donnell said. There are 12 members in the society, many who are actively involved in retreats and other trips that the society sponsors, O'Donnell said. Last month the society went on a camping trip to Wind Rock near Mountain Lake.

"This winter break, the geography department is sponsoring a study abroad that travels to Finland, Estonia and Russia and is worth three credits," O'Donnell said.

Another study abroad session will take place next summer in Cuba.

The society is planning other field trips and spring break trips to be available for any Tech student, O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell said the society also sponsors international luncheons



geography awareness week

When: November 16-22, 2003
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for foreign students to share their culture and cuisine with the Tech community.

Preissner said the GIS Day 2003 Conference is also being held Wednesday at the Montgomery County Government Center on Roanoke Street in Christiansburg. GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day is a global event that educates people of all ages about the uses of geographic information systems, according to the GIS Day website, www.cnr.vt.edu/gep/MCGISDay.html.

GIS represents computer software and data that is used by thousands of people worldwide to educate people and control the operations of government.

The events in Christiansburg include activities for all ages, such as workshops, door prizes, games and a drawing to giveaway a new GPS system at 4:30 p.m.

Tech's Geospatial Extension Program is one of the sponsors of GIS Day in Christiansburg.

The program extends opportunities and empowers organizations and individuals across Virginia by providing training and increased access to data resources.

Geography Awareness Week is celebrated nationwide with a different theme each year, O'Donnell said.

This year, the theme is "habitat," with a concentration on each country's environment and landscape, O'Donnell said.

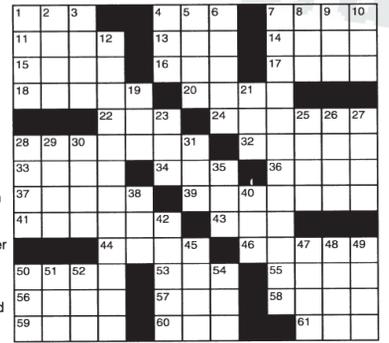
Tech's Geography Awareness Week does not have a "habitat" theme, but rather a goal to inform the community about geography and its many uses, both entertaining and educational.

Today the society has a booth on the Drillfield from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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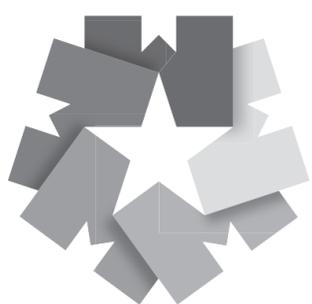
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Sports

Hokies get bid for NCAA tourney

by **Jana Renn**
Sports Assistant

The Virginia Tech men's soccer team received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament Monday. The Hokies will host a first-round game against the Tigers of Clemson University at 7 p.m. Friday at the Tech Soccer Stadium.

The selection marks the first tournament berth ever for Tech.

"We're doing something we've never done before, but we expect it," said head coach Oliver Weiss, who is only in his second year of coaching the Hokies. "We'd like to think this was one of our goals. We wanted to make the top four of the Big East, and we did that. We wanted to make the tournament, and we did that."

Clemson enters the game with a 9-7-3 overall record, which is considerably lower than the Hokies' 14-4-2 mark. However, the Tigers play in the ACC, which is more powerful in soccer than the Big East. Next season, Tech will join Clemson in the ACC.

"I think this game will be a preview of what you're going to see on this campus in the near future," Weiss said.

In last year's NCAA tournament, the Tigers knocked off No. 1-seeded Wake Forest University, which is also an

ACC member.

"What they have over us is tradition of having been there," Weiss said. "We're the newcomers, and we want to push some of these old timers out of the way and make it to the second round. I think we'll see a lot of goals, and a lot of action Friday night."

Even though Clemson has a lot more experience than Tech, the Hokies may be able to use their intense drive to pull off a victory.

"I'm sure (Clemson is) confident in their ability to do well, but we're hungry; we want a piece of the pie," Weiss said. "We don't want to wait until next year; we want it this year."

Having home field advantage could also swing the favor toward Tech's side if fan support comes through.

"I always like to sleep in my own bed the night before (a game)," Weiss said.

"It gives you a certain level of comfort. If the fans show up, we'll be able to play our best from their support."

The winner of Friday night's game will advance to the second round of the tournament against the No. 10-seeded Virginia Commonwealth University Rams.

That game will be played Wednesday, Nov. 26 at the Tech Soccer Stadium.



ANDREW LEONARD/SPPS

Bryan Randall gained 48 yards on the ground against Temple, including a game-winning 23-yard touchdown run in overtime. He completed 11 of 19 passes through the air and added a passing touchdown for Tech.

Hokies: Missed PAT in OT seals win

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the game.

Defensive end Nathaniel Adibi, along with defensive tackles Kevin and Jonathan Lewis, left the game with injuries and missed significant time in the contest. Adibi suffered an injury to his right thumb and underwent surgery that will keep him out approximately four weeks.

Kevin Lewis suffered a sprained MCL during the game and will miss anywhere from two weeks to a month as a result.

"We lost so many linemen, we just ran out of people," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "We tried getting their quarterback and grabbed for air. They pounded us. We just looked tired."

Unlike the University of Pittsburgh game, the offense gave the defense very little to play for against Temple.

While the Hokies did manage to give their defense a 17-point fourth-quarter lead, the offense could not register a first down during critical stretches

of the final period, keeping the defense on the field for most of the session.

Tailback Kevin Jones, who rushed for 148 yards during regulation, only had three carries for nine yards in the fourth quarter, as Tech unsuccessfully took to the air when they had the lead. Randall did not look efficient when he got his opportunity to make a statement by helping the Hokies win the game.

He was not able to attack the Temple defense in an effective manner despite having far more offensive talent than the Owls had on defense.

The Hokies managed to hold on for the victory in overtime, thanks to a missed extra-point attempt by Temple in the first overtime session.

"They came back on us, and we had a hard time getting them stopped," Beamer said.

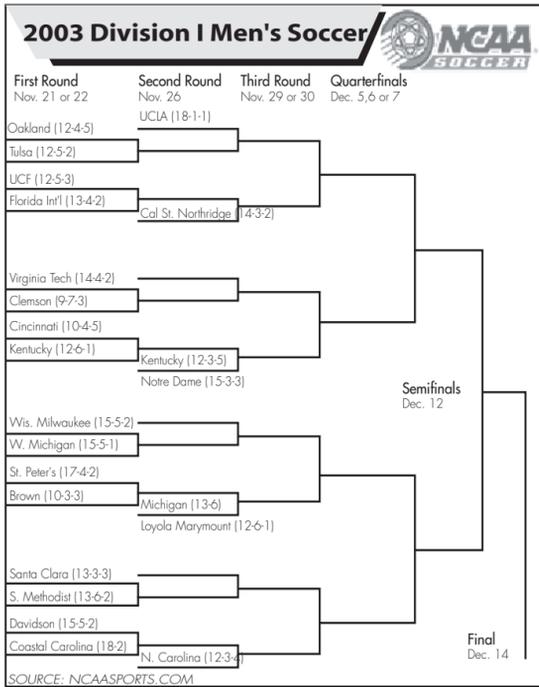
"I thought they deserve a lot of credit for how they played. Thank goodness we could get out of here with a win."

"We tried getting their quarterback and grabbed for air. They pounded us. We just looked tired."

Frank Beamer
Tech head coach

VIRGINIA TECH BOX SCORE						
Quarter	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Temple	0	0	0	17	6	23
VT	3	0	7	7	7	24
STATS						
	Temple	VT				
First Downs	22	19				
Rushing Attempts	43	41				
Net Rushing Yards	237	209				
Net Passing Yards	156	188				
Passes Attempted	30	25				
Passes Completed	15	15				
Had Intercepted	0	2				
Total Net Yards	393	397				
Penalties: Number - Yards	1-5	4-40				
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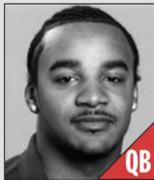
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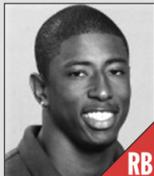
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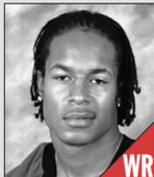
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Living on a prayer

■ The Hokies escaped Philadelphia with a 24-23 overtime win against the Temple Owls on Saturday

by Brent Anderson
Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech football team must have eaten Lucky Charms for breakfast Saturday morning, because the Hokies had some good fortune on their side in escaping Temple University.

For the second straight week, Tech witnessed a fourth-quarter lead disappear. This time, however, the Hokies managed to survive for a 24-23 overtime win.

"I worried about this game all week long," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "You just look at the video and see how hard Temple plays. They didn't play like a team that had just won one game."

After the Hokies allowed a 39-yard run to Temple quarterback Walter Washington on the first play of the game, the defense stopped the Owls on the next series when they tried to convert on a fourth down.

The Tech offense then went to work as running back Kevin Jones ripped off a 47-yard run on the third play.

The Hokies were unable to reach the end zone, however, and Carter Warley scored the only points of the half on a 26-yard field goal to put Tech up 3-0.

Quarterback Marcus Vick entered the game with a few seconds remaining in the first quarter. His second pass was completed for a 63-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Ernest Wilford.

However, it was called back because of offensive holding.

The Hokies continued to



ANDREW LEONARD/SPPS

Quarterback Marcus Vick completed 4 of 6 passes for 61 yards and an interception in limited playing time.

march downfield, but Vick was intercepted in the end zone after tight end Jeff King fell down on his route.

After halftime, Bryan Randall returned at quarterback and guided Tech downfield.

Jones capped off the drive by scoring on a nine-yard touchdown run.

The Hokies increased their lead to 17-0 early in the fourth quarter when Randall found Wilford for a 28-yard touchdown pass.

It appeared as if the Hokies would finish off the game and walk away victorious until the Owls countered with a strong finish.

Temple scored two touchdowns to finish two 80-plus yard drives and then tied the

game with 40 seconds left when Temple kicker Jared Davis hit a 37-yard field goal.

The Owls then had a chance to win in regulation after Randall was picked off by Johnathan McPhee, who returned the ball to the Tech 33 with nine seconds left.

Davis attempted a 50-yard field goal for the win, and the ball had plenty of distance but was pushed to the right, sending the game into overtime.

Tech started with the ball in overtime, and Randall kept the option on the second play for a 23-yard touchdown run. Warley made the extra point to put the Hokies up 24-17.

It didn't take the Owls long to retaliate. On their third play, Washington threw a quick screen pass to Zamir Cobb, who took the ball 22 yards for the score.

But on the ensuing extra point Davis hooked the ball left and missed it, allowing the Hokies to escape Philadelphia with a one-point win.

Jones followed up his 241-yard performance last week by running for 150 yards on 28 carries against the Owls, despite throwing up twice on the sidelines due to a bad pre-game meal.

It was his seventh straight 100-yard game — a school record. Despite Jones' strong performance running the ball, he was out-done by Washington. The 246-pound Temple quarterback had 151 yards rushing on 26 car-

ries — some of which dragged several Tech defenders for extra yards on his runs.

"Their quarterback did a heck of a job, we couldn't

get him tackled," Beamer said. "I've never seen a guy play against us that was that strong. I give him a lot of credit."



ANDREW LEONARD/SPPS

Nathaniel Adibi winces as trainers check his hand. Adibi is out at least 4 weeks after undergoing surgery on his right thumb.

28

Consecutive game streak in which the Hokies forced a turnover — a streak snapped Saturday

7

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