Jazz band regroups, performs show

The jazz program has had frequent changes in professors over the past five years, but continues to perform for full audiences by Jessica Pritchard Staff Writer

Despite the recent turnover of jazz professors, the Virginia Tech Jazz Orchestra presented an uplifting concert in Haymarket Theatre last night.

Special guest guitarist Cyrus Peterson was featured in the program. The band was conducted by Alan Weinstein, who is now Virginia Tech as an assistant professor in the Department of Music.

Before teaching here, Weinstein was, and still is, a resident artist at Temple College. "I love the students. They are really great kids who are self-motivated," said Weinstein.

Weinstein said that one of the greatest things about the band is that not all of the members are music majors. "We have a whole variety of academic focuses among the band members, which makes the band much more unique."

Last year's budget cuts greatly reduced the flexibility within many academic departments, including music programs, and it cut the positions of two professors including the vocal jazz professor. "We're only teaching above 30 years here. We've been in jazz program as a whole," said Weinstein.

"We do our work as can. We don't really have any solutions," Weinstein said.

Int. Weinstein also said that the music department shouldn't be the only one regarded for any job cuts because everyone is losing the added stress from lower funds.

Not only do the professors and other staff members work with the students, but the students are also losing the added pressure, Weinstein said.

"We're being kept to take courses that they wouldn't normally take and are being denied courses they want to take that won't fit into their schedules because of new limits within course selection.

"However, one would never have guessed things were any different than they had from last year by attending the show. It was a full house, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves."

"I enjoyed the concert because it was upbeat," said Marcia Ford, a sophomore management major.

"Most audience members were surprised to have a featured musician playing with the band, I liked how they had a guest come in. It was unexpected," said Colleen Stallard, a freshman business major.

Even though the Orchestralia has experienced a reduced number of members coming into the year, audience members said they thought the ensemble put on a great show, from the songs they played right down to their vocalists. Marika Felton.

"I liked how they had a singer 1 season's expecting it," said Brittany Johnson, a sophomore art major.

For upcoming events, visit the music department's website at www.music.vt.edu.

Grant backs video network research

Instead of using manpower in dangerous situations, cameras may be used in the case of military operations and natural disasters by Eric Zelone News Assistant

Two Virginia Tech professors are improving collaborative video camera systems to enhance national security in military operations. Thomas Hous and Scott Midkiff in Tech’s computing institute are working on an Information Technology Research grant to develop a video network that might be used to further develop video network research.

"More applications, (the military) will want to monitor certain areas for selfish threats, and in cases they want the camera to use video surveillance," Middell said. "(The idea is) to do as much (observation) with power they have more efficiently."

Middell said that the focus of the project with Hous is to improve the cameras so that they can last a longer period of time.

"We aren’t looking to extend the battery life of these cameras, but rather find a way for them to use the power they have more efficiently," Middell said.

Hous has suggested using the battery to continu- ing the use of smaller inexpensive cameras in applications where not as much power is needed in a two-layer model.

"In this thin film scheme, you have low-level simple devices gathering video information and propagating the data up to the more advanced devices," Middell said.

"These are the only instances where we’ve had to deal with this type of warfront," said Hous.

The two student researchers were faced as an incident as well. They were fired as soon as the incidents were discovered. Hous said once a reporter writes a story, he or she sits down with one or two editors and "edit and then through the story together."

The managing editor has the final read through the story. Then, Hous gets the story back to the editor of the piece.

"There are not many people who are editors and writers," said Hous.

Middell and Hous were unavailable for comment.

"If we don’t specifically outline plagia- rism guidelines in our office code, we expect that students, as the student, abide by the honors code and not plagiarize," said Hous.

It is still unknown whether Dawson and Karamanos will face the university’s Honor Committee.
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It’s time to end the debate about marriage and for all. Then we can get back to the more pressing issues about running into stupid problems all our lives. Since homosexuals and Christians will never see eye to eye, the government should get back out of the argument and let them settle it on their own.

The proposition is the utter and complete fallacy. No one can have a complete acceptance of the institution of marriage and all the benefits that come with it. People have to imagine why these benefits even exist in the first place.

They seem like holdovers from an earlier time when the government felt it necessary to forcibly institute marriage and force what was the facts to back up the stated I searched the whole article and did not find any fact or statement that supports this argument. In an effort to improve upon the author’s thoughts, I will supply the reader with factual arguments.

The only people benefiting from the war efforts are the members of the current administration. This is not seen clearly in the Vietnam War or the Afghanistan War.

The administration provided the media with a great story on how the war in Afghanistan was fought, and became “America’s Gift.” The administration has ignored about it!

It is apparent that we are not only allowing all students to attend but also the military to be emphasized by the normal will, and so can gays, lesbians, perverts, clones and so on.

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What’s a Hokie?

Some folks say Hokie is the name for a favorite clan of turkeys that run in droves around the country, none more prevalent than around the Virginia Tech campus. However, it’s a little-known fact that Hokie is derived from the name of an Indian warrior, Hok-e-lanto (which means “Fighting-Turkey-in-the-Woods”). Hok-e-lanto, famous as a warrior, was also known for being an established musician, teacher, historian, builder, medicine man and councilman. Basically, he was a smart, talented and fair guy with a sense of rhythm.

Wis-hoo-sa’s (me... I mean old-timey English) English means “Big-flat-fish”), another one of the tribe’s lesser warriors, was Hok-e-lanto’s only rival and, though just as well accomplished, thought the tribe should tell him so every day.

Eventually, the tribe tired of Wis-hoo-sa’s ego and Hok-e-lanto challenged him in a game of football.

Should he win, the tribe would honor him as chief until the next moon.

Should Hok-e-lanto win the game, Wis-hoo-sa would have to climb every tree and paint the leaves in the tribal colors of manoom and orange. (It is the tribal colors that game turned out.)

The next year, and every fall afterward, Wis-hoo-sa challenged Hok-e-lanto to a rematch of football, in an attempt to save face.

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### Classifieds

**BLOOD DRIVE**
alphabetic: A-Phi Omega
Red Cross Club

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  - sign up online: [filebox.vt.edu/org/redcross](filebox.vt.edu/org/redcross)

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**See us before you travel!**
Senior defensive end Nathaniel Adibi (83), may be forced to miss his final home game due to an injured right hand. 

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Offensively Tech will be losing four seniors, including their top wide receiver (Ernest Willis) and two of their interior defensive end (Nathaniel Adibi and Jim Davis). Davis may see some playing time against Boston College, his first of the season after tearing his pectoral muscle during the summer. Graduating defensive ends Adibi and Colas have chased and hunted opposing quarterbacks all season and will get to do it for the final time in Blacksburg, only this time they will have a free new fans in the crowd to support them. 

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"It's starting to hit me, man," Willis said. "My whole family will be here for the first time together. All my sisters, brothers, my mom and dad — they will all be here for the first time ever. Willis also took a few friendly shots at the defense, making a joke: "I'm not a baby, I'm not a baby. I'm not going to cry, I'm going to be more astonished than anything." 

"I've got a lot of friends and family coming, so I'll definitely try and show up for the game," Adibi said, commenting on his injured right hand. "I'm going to see if I can try and help the team."