



Survey cites concern for economy

Only 42 percent of Virginians favor an increase in spending for public colleges and universities

by Jared Turner
News Assistant

Virginians are becoming increasingly concerned with finding jobs, while less than half of Virginians favor increased spending for higher education, according to the recent Quality of Life in Virginia Survey, conducted by the Virginia Tech Center for Survey

Research. The survey indicates a decline from last year's survey in the percentage of Virginians who rate the commonwealth as either an excellent or a good place to find a job. It dropped 7 percent this year, from 63 to 56 percent, according to CSR co-director Susan Willis-Walton.

Despite Virginians' growing concerns about the state of the economy, only 42 percent of citizens favor increased spending for public colleges and universities.

"I think the fact that just over two-fifths of our respondents aren't college graduates themselves might make them be a little less enthusiastic

about support for higher education in the commonwealth," said Alan Bayer, CSR co-director.

Bayer said that of the 1,099 citizens interviewed in the survey, only 58 percent were college graduates.

Bayer also attributed the majority of citizens' lack of concern for increased spending in higher education to an overall lack of information about the deficiency of funds state colleges and universities now receive from the state legislature.

"Perhaps the state council of higher education and public colleges and universities haven't done a good job of publicizing the severe budget cuts with the legislature in recent years,"

Bayer said.

Another possible explanation for the discrepancy between Virginians' economic concerns and lack of concern for college funding may stem from the confidence most citizens already have in Virginia's system of higher education.

According to the survey, 87 percent of state residents rate college or university education in Virginia as either excellent or good.

"(Virginians) think higher education is already doing a great job with the funds they have," Willis-Walton said.

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Cav. Daily reporters fired for plagiarism

by Eric Beidel
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The University of Virginia's student newspaper recently fired two staff writers for borrowing both conceptually and textually from outside sources without attribution, according to a Nov. 5 editorial in the Cavalier Daily.

The Charlottesville Daily Progress identified the students as undergraduates Tonya Dawson and Demetra Karamanos. The Cavalier Daily did not name the students in their editorial.

"We don't want to place sole blame on the writer and shirk institutional responsibility or distance ourselves from the incidents," the editorial stated.

Dawson lifted "ideas, phrases and even complete sentences and paragraphs ... from outside sources" for seven movie and album reviews over the past year, according to the editorial, which did not give Dawson's name.

A retraction in the Sept. 2 issue of the Cavalier Daily said portions of Dawson's articles were taken from The Boston Globe, Dallas Morning News and the New York Daily News, among other publications.

More recently, Karamanos plagiarized material from a column on Slate.com for her Oct. 27 column entitled "Fashion's Practical Joke: Mooning and the Low-Rise Obsession," according to a retraction published by the Cavalier Daily on Oct. 29.

"These things don't happen on a regular basis here," said Justin Bernick, editor-in-chief. "These are the only instances where we've had to deal with this type of seriousness."

Bernick said the two student reporters were fired as soon as the incidents were brought to the attention of the newspaper's editors. He did not comment on how the plagiarism was discovered.

Bernick said once a reporter writes a story, he or she sits down with one or two section editors and they read through the story together. The managing editor has the final read-through. As editor-in-chief, Bernick said he reads stories for potentially libelous material.

Dawson and Karamanos were unavailable for comment.

"While we don't specifically outline plagiarism guidelines in our ethics code, we expect that all writers, as students at the university, abide by the tenets of the honor code," the editorial states.

It is still unknown whether Dawson and Karamanos will face the university's Honor Committee.

Jazz band regroups, performs show

The jazz program has had frequent changes in professors within the past five years, but continues to perform for full audiences

by Jessica Pritchard
Staff Writer

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

Special guest guitar player, Cyrus Pace was featured in the program.

The band was conducted by Alan Weinstein, who is new to Virginia Tech as an assistant professor in the department of music.

Before teaching here, Weinstein was, and still is, a resident artist at Roanoke College.

"I love the students. They are really great kids who are self-motivated," said Weinstein.

Weinstein said that one of the great things about the band is that not all of the members are music majors. According to Weinstein, there are a wide variety of academic focuses among the band members, which makes the band that much more unique.

Last year's budget cuts greatly reduced the flexibility within many academic departments, including the music department, which suffered the loss of two professors including the vocal jazz professor. This is the first time in about 30 years there has been no vocal jazz program.

"We're doing what we can. I don't really have any solutions," Weinstein said.

Yet, Weinstein also said that the music department shouldn't be pitied over any other department because everyone is feeling the added stress from last year's cuts.

Not only the professors and other staff members are feeling the cuts, but the students are also feeling the added pressure, Weinstein said.

Some students are being forced to take courses that they wouldn't normally take and are being



JOHN CRUTCHFIELD/SPPS

The Virginia Tech Jazz Orchestra hosted a concert in Haymarket Theatre last night. Special guest Cyrus Pace was featured on guitar.

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 this year than from last 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 Marian Reed, a sophomore marketing management major.

Many 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 Bredland, a freshman business major.

Even though the Orchestra 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 vocalist, Matt Blevins.

"I liked how they had a singer. I wasn't 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 Erin Zlomek
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Two Virginia Tech professors are improving cell-phone-sized video cameras to enhance national security in military operations and natural disasters.

Thomas Hou and Scott Midkiff in Tech's computer engineering department are working off an Information Technology Research grant from the National Science Foundation to further develop video network research.

"In military applications, (the United States) will want to monitor certain areas for urban warfare. In these cases, they will want to use video surveillance," Midkiff said. "(The idea is) to do as much (observation) with electronic equipment, versus using people."

This technology would be used rather than manpower in potentially dangerous situations.

"In the old days, if (the military) wanted

to monitor a harbor, they would send people out in boats — of course those people are at risk," Midkiff said. "You really sort of use technology to be your eyes instead of people; (this way) the potential loss is reduced."

Midkiff said that the focus of the project with Hou is to improve the way these cameras use power so they 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," Midkiff said.

Hou has suggested doing this by combining the use of smaller inexpensive cameras with the use of bigger, more powerful ones in a two-layer model.

"With this two-level scheme, you have low-level simple devices gathering video information and sending what they need to the (more advanced devices)," Midkiff said. "Then these can do more processing and more communication."

Midkiff said that people still might be required to deploy the cameras, but at least they would not be out there for very long.

"(By improving the way these cameras use power) you can minimize how often

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Licensing agency seeks to eliminate derogatory logos

by Alex Coleman
Staff Writer

Bad sportsmanship is finding less room to breathe at Virginia Tech, as efforts to eliminate it go beyond weekly announcements at Hokie football games.

The Virginia Tech Licensing and Trademark Administration is focusing on preventing the Tech logo and name from appearing on objectionable material. Licensing rules pertain to any product bearing a number of Tech trademarks, including the Hokie Bird and Tech's "VT" logo.

"Really anything that is in bad taste is not allowed. A company not only has to have our permission to reproduce our trademarks but the other school's permission (when including their trademark) as well, or face possible legal action," said Locke White, director of licensing and trademark administration.

"We turn down anything in bad taste. I am sure there are some products (of poor taste) out there, but it is not because we have approved them. We just have not caught them ... yet."

This includes some t-shirts that were available at Tech's last Miami game that proclaimed "F*** Miami" across the front. These were not licensed and not available at bona fide merchants in Blacksburg, said Katie O'Neil, a salesperson at Sayre Sports on Main Street and sophomore animal science major.

This ambition is common to other schools as well. "There are limits and restrictions as to the degree of 'inflammatory or derogatory' materials that we

would allow the Virginia logos to appear placed on," said Andrew Rader, athletic director for marketing at the University of Virginia.

But good-natured rivalry is a growing trend between schools, White said.

Jerry Diffell, the off-campus Tech Bookstore

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Local bookstores have limits on what they sell with the 'VT' logo, but still cater to the rivalries.

News in Brief

Investigators pin origin of August energy failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's worst blackout began with three power line failures in Ohio and should have been contained by operators at FirstEnergy Corp., a three-month government investigation concluded Wednesday.

The report by a U.S.-Canadian task force said the FirstEnergy operators did not respond properly, allowing the Aug. 14 outage to cascade, eventually cutting off electricity to 50 million people in eight states and Canada.

Sniper's ex-wife testifies in court

VIRGINIA BEACH (AP) — The ex-wife of convicted sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad testified at his sentencing Wednesday that he had threatened to kill her three years ago, after the couple separated.

"He said ... 'You have become my enemy, and as my enemy I will kill you,'" Mildred Muhammad told the court.

She said John Muhammad also said in early 2000, the year they divorced, that he wouldn't let her raise their three children.

WTC memorial design unveiled

NEW YORK (AP) — The

eight designs unveiled Wednesday as finalists for a World Trade Center memorial remember the dead with quiet gardens, reflecting pools, inscribed names and lights for lost lives.

All eight designs, selected from a pool of 5,200, list the names of those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, as well as the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

The names are inscribed on granite walls, glass panels and stone columns, some alphabetically and others according to where the individuals died.

U.S. cracks down on targets in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. Air Force used some of the largest weapons in its inventory to attack targets in central Iraq in an escalating crackdown on suspected guerrilla strongholds, the military said Wednesday.

A pair of 2,000-pound satellite-guided bombs were dropped late Tuesday near Baqouba, 30 miles northeast of Baghdad, on "camps suspected to have been used for bomb-making," said Maj. Gordon Tate, a spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division.

Near the northern city of Kirkuk, fighter-bombers dropped 1,000-pound bombs on "terrorist targets," he said without elaborating.

It was unclear whether the airstrikes caused any casualties, Tate said.

Survey: Basic schooling stressed

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Willis-Walton also said many Virginians might simply fail to recognize the connection between education and landing a job.

"I don't know if the public sees higher education as a route to employment," she said.

While most Virginians do not favor additional funding for higher education, 59 percent of state residents advocate more spending toward high school and elementary education.

"(Virginians) think secondary education has more room for improvement and needs funding more than higher education," Willis-Walton said.

According to the 2002 post-graduation report for Tech, the percentage of students who gained employment within six months of graduation was 62 percent, coinciding almost exactly with the 63 percent of Virginians who rated the commonwealth as an excellent or good place to find a job last

year. The 2002 post-graduation report includes December 2001, May 2002 and summer 2002 bachelor's degree graduates.

The Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute both provided funding for the Quality of Life in Virginia Survey.

The survey had a margin of error at 3 percent and a 95 percent level of confidence.

Logos: Shot glasses also not sold

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manager, demonstrated an example of such rivalry products. Tech Bookstore is selling a ball cap, "Rivalry Week, ESPN Gameday," with the University of Virginia and Tech logos and date of this year's game on the front.

"The majority of customers appreciate good taste," Diffell said.

"VT's licensing is very agreeable to work with."

Blacksburg merchants find that sales are not affected by any lack of rivalry product availability.

As for products of ill taste, "We try to stay above that fray," Diffell said.

While some customers do look for such items, sales remain unaffected in their absence and customers have not been upset.

Dana Napier, manager of Sayre Sports said good sportsmanship efforts have been positive

in sales.

"We have no products that slander other schools and have never requested approval (for them)," she said.

There are some items that customers simply will not find on the shelves. Diffell noted that Tech lighters and shot glasses have not been available for some time.

White said that shot glasses have been prohibited for a couple of years now and Diffell explained that lighters are no longer available for fear of litigation against Tech in the event of destruction caused by such merchandise.

However, one may find candleholders or toothpick holders in the place of the old shot glasses, Diffell said.

Some Tech students said they would like to see more choice in Tech rivalry products.

Eugene Jeribitski, a sophomore mechanical engineering

major, said he would like to see more rivalry products of good taste available.

Favorites such as the "Good, Bad and Ugly" shirts and "Friends Don't Let Friends ..." cannot be found in Blacksburg any longer.

"I don't understand the reason for that (lack of availability). If they're in good taste and there's no vulgarity, those shirts should be available for all students, UVa and Tech," Jeribitski said.

Rader said they are available in Charlottesville.

White could not explain the absence of the two mentioned shirts, saying he was unfamiliar with them.

The general speculation from vendors in Blacksburg was that some items simply run out of production and are not reordered.

Grant: Cameras may record weather

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you put new cameras out there," Midkiff said.

In addition to military operations, these inexpensive, disposable cameras can also be used to gather information after natural disasters.

Following a major hurricane, these cameras can be spread out in key areas to not only record video, but also temperature readings and wind speeds as well. Should harsh weather conditions return, damage to the cameras would not pose a huge financial loss.

In this situation, strategically placed trucks would serve as relay centers for the recorded information.

Midkiff said this method is preferred, as opposed to laying down cable for expensive cameras that could be destroyed.

The NSF ITR grant for this research was awarded to Hou in addition to money already awarded by the Office of Naval Research.

"The ITR program is always looking for new ways of leveraging information technology, computers and networks to solve system-type problems," Midkiff said.

Hou and Midkiff are hoping to complete this research by the end of the 2006 school year.

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NATIONAL ISSUE

Action against plagiarism necessary

The journalism industry has been no stranger to scandal. The high profile case of former New York Times reporter Jayson Blair, and the release of "Shattered Glass," a movie chronicling many details surrounding Stephen Glass, a former reporter for New Republic magazine have put reporters under a harsh spotlight.

That same spotlight has now been cast onto student journalists. The Cavalier Daily, a student newspaper at the University of Virginia, has removed two students from their staff positions for plagiarizing ideas, sentences and entire paragraphs from various media outlets.

The newspaper was right to take those actions. Student journalists pride themselves on their professionalism, and should be held to the same standards as their more experienced counterparts.

No factor, including the pressures of classes and homework, can serve as an excuse for a student journalist to fabricate their work.

In addition, students are constantly reminded of the ethical ramifications of cheating and plagiarism in class by signing honor pledges on exams and having the honor code posted around halls. These added forces contradict the argument that a lack of experience on the part of student journalists is to blame for the mistake.

In addition to sanctions from the newspaper, the students should have to face the university Honor Committee. Although the student newspaper is independent from the university, student journalists are still students. Plagiarism is clearly an offense of the university honor system.

The Cavalier Daily's code of ethics states "Student journalists should be accountable to the University community for their reports and the University community should be encouraged to voice its grievances against the student newspaper." The university should be able to take the appropriate action against these students.

Time for marriage and government to divorce

Keith Parsons

It's time to end the debate about marriage once and for all. Then we can all breathe a sigh of relief, without worrying about running into stupid protests full of hisping voices or shouted hallelujahs. Since homosexuals and Christians will never agree on marriage, it is time for the government to back out of the argument entirely.

The proposition is this: the utter and complete abolition of all government recognition of the institution of marriage and all benefits derived thereof. It's hard to imagine why these benefits even exist in the first place.

They seem like holdovers from an earlier time when the government felt, incorrectly, that it needed to promote and reward what was at heart a religious institution.

This is the perfect solution for many reasons. First, it is completely fair. We will be able to dispense with the quibbling over whether gays get civil unions or true marriages.

We won't have to deal with the painful legalization process creeping through all 50 states, with protests and griping along the way. Once we remove what is being fought over, there will be no reason to fight.

Second, it makes certain the issue does not come up again. Sure, we all know that if things go on without this change, gays will get recognition of their unions and soon full benefits. However, some day, somebody will want to do something else controversial.

The North American Man/Boy Love Association's movement to legalize relations with younger people comes to mind. People may want to marry multiple spouses, or even to marry their clone. The point is not that these things are good or bad, or in any way like gay marriage.

The real point is that the issue will come up again and we'll have more protesting and more griping and more stupid court cases. Unless, of course, we do the sensible thing and get rid of these purposeless and controversial benefits before all this can happen.

Third, removing the compensation of tax benefits for married couples will return marriage to what it is meant to be and what most people view it as — a personal commitment to one another to love and live together.

If people weren't hopping into marriages for money or tax breaks, or any of the other B.S. that make up the legal benefits of marriage, then just maybe the divorce rate wouldn't be so high.

Furthermore, any of the benefits that are currently associated with marriage that seem indispensable to modern society can be moved into other venues. Those dealing with children can take effect when you create or procure children. Those dealing with inheritance can be replaced by a normal will, and so on.

Marriage itself will return to the realm from where it came — religion and the personal community. Churches can marry couples or couples can marry themselves, but it will no longer mean anything in a legal way.

Christians can have their ceremony and get rings and do all the things they want, and so can gays, lesbians, perverts, clones and anybody else who feels like it. Uncle Sam will simply turn a blind eye to the proceedings.

The best part about this course of action is that it sends two very important messages to the two sides in this conflict. It tells the Christians that if they don't share then they will get screwed. And it tells the homosexuals that griping won't get you what you want. And if everybody learns their lesson, there will be more sharing, less griping and everyone will be happier.

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Real people disagree with war

A.J. Broadbent

I have a serious problem with the letter, "Real Americans believe, support war effort," (CT, Nov. 18). In the title, the author suggests those who disagree with the war and the ongoing occupation of Iraq are not real Americans.

This made me very worried, because last time I checked, I was a citizen of the United States who disagreed with the war and ongoing occupation of Iraq. I guess I should pack my bags and wait for Immigration and Naturalization Services to come to my door and relieve me of my citizenship for being unreal.

The fact is, it doesn't matter if supporting the war makes you a real American. The real people in the real world disagree with the war in Iraq.

One of the first points the author makes is about how Democrats are exaggerating the current situation in Iraq for their own personal gain. That is all well and good, but where are the facts to back up this statement? I searched the whole article and did not find one fact or statistic.

In an effort to improve upon the author's thoughts, I will supply the reader with actual facts.

The only people exaggerating the war efforts are the members of the current administration. This can be seen perfectly in the Jessica Lynch story.

The administration provided the media with a great story on how Lynch was rescued behind enemy lines. She was then labeled a hero and became "America's Girl."

What did Lynch have to say about it?

"(The government) used me to symbolize all this stuff, it's wrong," said Lynch, in her first interview since the ordeal. But, I guess she

is exaggerating too. After all, what does a former prisoner of war know?

The author also claims that we did not go to war with Iraq solely over weapons of mass destruction. The author is correct, because we also went to war based on the lie that Saddam Hussein was affiliated with Osama bin Laden.

Anyone familiar with the Middle East knows Hussein and bin Laden are enemies. Bush linked Sept. 11 to Iraq in almost every speaking engagement leading up to the war. Not until the truth came out about the weapons of mass destruction and the bin Laden links did Bush start to focus on liberating Iraq.

On March 16, 2002, the vice president of the United States, Dick Cheney, appeared on "Meet the Press" and said Hussein has "been absolutely devoted to acquiring nuclear weapons. And we believe he has, in fact, reconstituted nuclear weapons." Three days later we went to war.

The author also refutes points made in a previous column, "War in Iraq may be this century's Vietnam," (CT, Nov. 14). The author points out, "The only glaring similarity between the two wars (Iraq and Vietnam) I see is the fact the military is not being allowed to fight the war as well as they are trained to."

My response: Jeez, great of you to think so, but hey, it's OK to not know the facts. Here, let me inform you. According to Reuters news source, "The U.S. death toll in Iraq has surpassed the number of American soldiers killed during the first three years of the Vietnam War."

Seems a little more than similar to me. Since we are talking death tolls, let's try this one on for size: The civilian death toll in Iraq since the start of the war is anywhere from 7,878 to 9,708.

In the most extreme case, that is

triple the number of innocent lives that were lost in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. But hey, we are liberating the people of Iraq!

So what if thousands of people are going to die? Of course, the U.S. Government cannot confirm this number because, according to a spokesman for Gen. Tommy Franks, "We don't do body counts."

One of the last points the author makes is that we did not go to war alone, that we had support from responsible allies.

Oh yes, the famous Coalition. I wonder if the author ever looked at the countries that made up the Coalition.

Here are a few, for those interested: Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Hungary, Italy (69 percent of the population opposed the war), Japan (70 percent of the population opposed war), Latvia, Nicaragua, Philippines, Poland and Palau.

Well, it's great to know that we are supported by mostly small nations with little or no army. In case you do not recognize some of these countries, here is a list of some familiar Un-American countries that opposed this war: China, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Venezuela, Vietnam and 120 other countries.

This is an unjust war and occupation against an undeserving people. The use of laser-guided missiles and state-of-the-art military technology has left nothing but thousands of innocent people dead.

This war and occupation does resemble Vietnam in the worst of ways, and must end soon.

It is up to those "Un-Americans" out there to stand up and fight for change.

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Features

What's a Hokie?

Some folks say Hokie is the name for a fearsome clan of turkeys that roam 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-Wood").

Hok-e-lanto, famous as a warrior, was also known for being an established musician, teacher, harvester, builder, medicine man and councilman. Basically, he was a smart, talented and fair guy with a sense of rhythm.

Wa-hoo-uva (which means "Big-flat-fish"), another one of the tribe's brave 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 Wa-hoo-uva's ego and Hok-e-lanto challenged him to a game of fustabol.

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

Should Hok-e-lanto win the game, Wa-hoo-uva would have to climb every tree and paint the leaves in the tribal colors of maroon and orange. (I think we all know how that game turned out.)

The next year, and every fall afterwards, Wa-hoo-uva challenged Hok-e-lanto to a rematch of fustabol, in an attempt to save face.

Today, we honor the spirit of Hok-e-lanto at each football game

with the tribe's war dance, the Hokie-Pokie, and each fall we, as

Hokies, continue the tradition of fustabol and play the Wahoos in a game of football.

Heather Spencer won second place in the "What's A Hokie?" contest. She won a five \$300 gift certificate to the Tech Bookstore. Yesterday's third-place submission was by Alison Sharp. She won a \$250 gift certificate to Tech Bookstore. Check out the contest winner in tomorrow's Collegiate Times.

Adult swim puts twist on internships

by **Eliot Kriviski**
Features Editor

More and more internships seem like practices in paper-shuffling and coffee-jockeying rather than the way to get a stronger foothold in the professional workplace.

Yet, for Dana Coleman and Dhivy Jayaseelan, their internship experience involves throwing parties at bars, handing out free DVDs and showcasing piñatas in the shape of cartoon characters.

Both Coleman and Jayaseelan are Virginia Tech's first campus representatives for Adult Swim, a late-night block of shows on the Cartoon Network aimed at older viewers.

Their job is to market Adult Swim in a different way so as to attract more viewers, and thus far, the pair have put on two events this semester at local venues, having contestants play games and win free Adult Swim paraphernalia.

The last event for the semester will be held at 10 p.m. tonight at Sharkey's.

Yet, doesn't it seem like a lot of responsibility for just two students to take on the whole marketing campaign for a campus with a student body of more than 25,000?

"I don't really consider it work," said Coleman, a sophomore marketing and psychology double major. "Everyone just enjoys it so much."

"It is a lot of work, but I don't really think about it," said Jayaseelan, a junior marketing major.

When the job entails handing out free merchandise, such as T-shirts and Space Ghost masks, maybe it isn't all that hard to enjoy one's work.

That was the idea from the beginning, said Stacy Moscatelli, marketing manager for the "Toonami" and "Adult Swim" segments of Cartoon Network's programming.

Moscatelli is also partly responsible for starting the campus representative pro-

gram.

Moscatelli said that since "Adult Swim" is a block of programming aimed toward viewers aged 18 years and older, the campus representative program was initiated to involve students in that age range to market to their peers.

"We tried to communicate to the (college) audience though the audience," Moscatelli said.

According to Moscatelli, he campus representative program started in January 2003 at a few select campuses in the United States and has since moved on to 29 schools nationwide. Other schools involved with Cartoon Network's Campus Representative program are the University of Florida, UGA, UCLA, and UC to name a few.

"We've been particular about hiring and didn't want just anyone," Moscatelli said. "We wanted smart, outgoing ... people. We were really amazed by the quality of interns, even by ones outside of business majors."

Both Coleman and Jayaseelan, being marketing majors, received a major-wide e-mail from the head of their department, Don O'Reily, saying that Cartoon Network was hoping to expand its program to Tech, and the two sprung at the opportunity.

"I basically jumped at (the internship) because it was Cartoon Network," said Jayaseelan, a self-professed fan of cartoons.

Coleman also admitted a special affinity for old Scooby-Doo cartoons, and although not an initial watcher of "Adult Swim," soon became a fanatic after being exposed to the programming.

"(It's) such quirky humor that you usually don't see," Coleman said.

Fandom and content matter aside, it was not necessarily easy for the two students to intrinsically launch a marketing campaign and stage promotional events.

"Our first event was at the Hokie House and we had no idea what we were doing," Jayaseelan said. "Now, our third time around, we feel a lot more comfortable."

Internships are important for any student wishing to gain entrance into a suitable career.

One need only look at the plethora of career fairs put on by different colleges and departments to see the emphasis placed upon internships.

Yet, the prospect of an internship does not necessarily guarantee a job.

As internships are chances for students to try out different lines of work, they are also chances for companies to try out different kinds of employees. An internship allows companies to get a feel for what kind of person they do or do not want working for them.

And not everyone has a chance for as much fun as Coleman and Jayaseelan.

"(The campus representative program) was not designed as an employment opportunity. If head count allowed for it, I would hire them," Moscatelli said.

Yet, Moscatelli said she sees the campus representative program as beneficial in the end.

"It gives them marketing experience with a big marketing firm and (what) you can't learn out of a book," Moscatelli said.

"The skills we're learning — marketing, negotiation with venue owners — are all universal," Jayaseelan said.

Perhaps experience is the most important thing. As the workplace becomes more competitive, more employers are looking not only for employees with a good amount of work experience, but also a diversified work experience.

"I think people are too involved with schoolwork, and there are other opportunities," Jayaseelan said.

"It's necessary to get off the beaten path. If you're not enjoying what you're doing, it's not worth doing."



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by **Robert Jablon**
Associated Press

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Jackson's spokesman called the allegations "scurrilous and totally unfounded."

The 45-year-old King of Pop was accused of multiple counts

of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14.

A decade ago, Jackson was also accused of molestation but was never charged because the youngster refused to testify.

"I am sad that there is another victim out there. I feel bad for the family. I feel bad for the victim. Beyond that, I feel it is a sad thing for all those involved," District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon Jr. said at a news conference.

Jackson was believed to be in

Las Vegas working at a recording studio.

"Get over here and get checked in," the prosecutor said.

Sneddon would not say when or where the alleged crimes took place or how old the youngster was.

He said an affidavit outlining the details will be sealed for 45 days.

But Brian Oxman, an attorney who has represented the Jackson family over the years, told CBS that the case involves the alleged

molestation of a 12-year-old boy at Jackson's Neverland Ranch, the storybook playground where the singer has been known to hold sleepover parties with children. Oxman is not representing Jackson.

CBS immediately pulled a Jackson music special planned for next Wednesday on his greatest hits and the impact on pop culture of the former child star who got his start with his brothers as a member of the singing-and-dancing Jackson 5.

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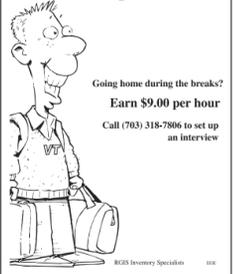
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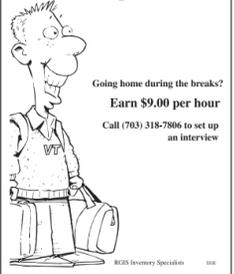
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center

It’s so hard to say goodbye

HOKIE ENIORS DEAL WITH THE PROSPECTS OF MOVING ON

by **Rajan Nanavati**
Sports Editor

One last time for them to sit together with the rest of the team and eat their pre-game meal. One last time to be moved by Head Coach Frank Beamer’s pre-game motivational speech. One last time for them to walk from Jamerson Center, under the ground that bears their practice field, through the tunnels leading to Lane Stadium.

One last time to jump up and touch the Hokie Stone before running through the two lines of cheerleaders and the band while 65,000 Virginia Tech fans are jumping up and down to Metallica’s “Enter Sandman.” One last time to battle on the gridiron in front of the Blacksburg faithful screaming their lungs out, cheering them on.

For 14 Tech senior football players, they will be suiting up as the soldiers of Lane Stadium for the very last time in their careers. They will be honored in a pre-game ceremony in front of the fans who have watched each and every one of their careers unfold, as they stand side-by-side with their family members, some of whom will be traveling to Lane Stadium for the very first time to watch their child play.

This will be one of the largest and most successful graduating classes Tech will have ever



ANDREW LEONARD/SPPS

Senior defensive end Nathaniel Adibi (83), may be forced to miss his final home game due to an injured right hand.

seen. Many of them came in as wide-eyed freshman with no idea how much four to five years of college football would change their lives.

“This is a proud moment to see these kids come through here and develop and win as many ball games as they have,” Beamer said. “It’s a sad moment because they’re not going to be with you after this year. They’re going to go on and be successful in whatever they do.”

Tech will lose five starters on defense, a group comprised of two members of the secondary (Michael Crawford and Garnell Wilds), arguably their top line-backer (Vegas Robinson) and

another two members of their defensive line (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 few new faces in the crowd to support them.

“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.”

“I know its going to be pretty emotional,” Colas said. “My brothers and sister are coming up here, (and) this is the first time they’ve been to Blacksburg. I have a couple cousins coming to see me play for the last time. That’s going to be important for me. I told myself I’m not going to cry, but I guess on Saturday I’ll get to feel what they’re feeling.”

Offensively, Tech will be losing four seniors, including their top wide receiver (Ernest Wilford), tight end (Keith Willis) and two of their interior linemen (Jake Grove and Jacob Gibson). Reserves Chris Shreve and Steve Canter will also be graduating.

“This is all I’ve known for the last five years,” Grove said. “It’s gonna be tough, but I’m just looking forward to going through it one more time. Football teaches you a lot about life, it’s really been a great experience, one I’ll cherish for the rest of my life.”

“I’m not going to cry,” Grove joked. “I’ve got an image to maintain.”



ROBERT DRAKE/SPPS

Wide receiver Ernest Wilford has been the focal point of the Hokies’ passing attack, registering 595 yards and three touchdowns on 38 receptions this season.

“It’s starting to hit me, man,” Wilford 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.”

Wilford also took a few friendly shots at the defense, making a Joe Namath-like

prediction about the pre-game emotions.

“The first cry baby on the team will be Cols Colas. It’s going to be Cols or Adibi. They’re two of the toughest teammates on the team,” Wilford joked, implying they will be the first to crack. “I definitely won’t cry, I’m not a

cry baby. I’m going to be more astonished than anything, I don’t see myself being all teary-eyed.”

The special teams unit will also be affected by the graduating players. Place kicker Carter Warley and holder/punter Robert Peaslee will also be lost to graduation.

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