Nation still mourns, remembers death of Kennedy

Tech professor cadets compile vignettes

For four days, the nation stopped in front of the TV to watch what would happen next

by Tiffany Hoffman

Managing Editor

After 40 years of conspiracy theories and speculation, Kennedy is still a figure of fascination. He continues to captivate the imaginations of citizens of the United States and around the world. Perhaps no single person has captured the imagination of the nation like John F. Kennedy. He remains a symbol of hope, idealism, and possibility for his generation and beyond.

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The code of ethics, however, only stated the newspaper encourages their writers to observe their standards.

by Christina Peña

News Editor

Even though the Cavalier Daily is an independent newspaper, the University of Virginia's Honor Committee must investigate the plagiarism incidents committed by two of its student journalists, said Casey Mignerey, honor committee chair and fourth-year government major.

"It's under our jurisdiction, but I cannot confirm or deny the cases being dis- cussed by the committee," Mignerey said.

The Cavalier Daily also stated its writers should be held accountable to the university community for their reports in their code of ethics.

Saturday "Kennedy" would make every possible attempt to prevent violations of these standards, and will encour- age their observance by all members," as stated in the code of ethics.

But, if the case does go before the Honor Committee for plagiarism, it could also go before an Honor Court, since "the university's Honor Committee does not have a provision for atypical cases of plagiarism, it could also go before an Honor Court," Mignerey said.

Students who commit honor offenses have the option of making a "consci- ence exception," in which they deny their actions were wrong. Students could appeal such cases to an Honor Court.

In this case, the Honor Court will hear the appeal of three students charged with plagiarism.

"We've notified everyone in the building there was a 'skipper' was also Virginia Tech slang for golf course, tossed a spewing bottle down stuck cherry bomb fuses in them," Hickam said. "(The Tech cadets) liked what VMI did, so (they) decided to do it bigger and better," Hickam said.

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"They say you could see the shockwave move up the stands," said Col. Rock Roszak, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets' Squadron, had the idea to make a Civil War- even knocked a VMI player to the ground."
Bush, Blair project unity on Iraq, terrorism

LONDON (AP) — The death of thousands of anti-war protesters rallying for a march on Parliament, Prime Minister Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair discussed the war on terrorism Thursday just hours after bombs killed more than a dozen people in Turkey.

The blast shuttered the British consulate and the Linden Hotel in Istanbul, killing at least 12 people and wounding nearly 45.

Seventy flights were put on the highest alert after the blasts at the high-security headquarters of the HSBC bank and the British consulate occurred five minutes apart at about 11 a.m.

Among the dead was British Consul-General Roger Short, the Admiralty news agency quoted U.S. Ambassador Eric Edelman as saying.

The blasts followed a pair of bombings Saturday that killed 23 people, plus the bombers.

Jackson on route to face warrant

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson left Nevada on Thursday en route to California, where he faces an arrest warrant alleging multiple counts of child molestation.

Jackson left North Las Vegas Airport aboard a board late Thursday morning on a flight to Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, according to an employee of Vitalit, a Santa Monica leasing company.

The jet carrying Jackson, his entourage and hundreds of bodyguards was expected to land within the hour at the airport, located in Goleta.

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Blacksbergs normally receive 25 to 30 inches of snow each year, Perry said.

The winter of 2001-2002 was not as harsh because the area was under an El Nino pattern, which kept moisture confined to the south, he said.

The pattern became more neutral last year, however, and those same conditions continue to prevail, he said.

The Prediction Center released projections for the entire country.

The southern portion of the United States, including areas like Texas, Oklahoma and the Pacific Northwest are expected to receive above-normal rainfall, while the Midwest and Florida are projected to be dryer than usual.

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Hokie fans tracking around for the football game can expect driver and milder conditions with temperatures in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

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To the editor:

The Skipper represents the spirit of our great school and its entire student body. We get an idea in our head and we just go out and do it and don’t sit back and ask someone else to do it for us. Homer Hickam, author of the book that became the film “Hickam,” says it’s the spirit of the Skipper.

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Democrats use negative spin on war, attempt to steal office

Bryan Nieder

The author of the article “Real people die behind the camera” (CT, Nov. 6) argues that the media’s criticism of American efforts in the Middle East serves no purpose. I disagree with yesterday's column is the author really trying to minimize or trivialize the terrible fact that Americans are being killed or injured in the war? The answer is yes. But it is hard to disagree when the facts are in front of you. Today’s column is the author really trying to mislead one's audience or intentionally cause confusion?

Dennis Lehman is right in his attempt to steal the spotlight away from the American public. The media is in the business of informing the public about what is happening in the Middle East. The author’s article is a prime example of how negative spin on the war has been used to try and steal the spotlight away from the American public.

Michael Sutphin

In response to yesterday's column "How many more deaths would follow?" (CT, Nov. 9), I would like to point out that although the author has a valid point about the negative impact of the war, it is not fair to use the same language and tone as the one used in the article.

The fact that the author is using language that is similar to the statement "How many more lives will be lost?" is an attempt to mislead the reader and to steal the spotlight away from the American public.

It is important for the media to be honest and accurate in their reporting of the war. The author’s article is a prime example of how negative spin on the war has been used to try and steal the spotlight away from the American public.

Michael Sutphin is a sophomore communication major.
A four-man ensemble who began the show, Troy Schultz stuck out as crowd pleasers and entertained both fraternity bands and non-fraternity bands.

The show, sponsored by Virginia Tech’s literary magazine Silhouette, featured six bands representing both fraternity bands and non-fraternity bands.

Though all acts clearly had their fans, some crowd members began to dance, sing and even bring in their own hand-made instruments.

The sound of the band’s string instruments, including an upright bass, was a pleasant surprise to some fans.

Some people were confused when the group started to play a song about the Virginia Tech tragedy.

Some of the fans in attendance had come from various places such as Top of the Stairs in Blacksburg, Hodson said.

Though music theory and practice were part of the show, there were also some surprises for fans who were not familiar with the Virginia Tech community.

The band has a good fan base and receives recognition from fans through DC101, a rock radio station in D.C., and through MTV’s “Making a Band” program.

They can kind of watch our progresses as early as 8 a.m., the group begins to set up their equipment with generators, satellite television sets, food and beer.

The tailgaters have barbecue grills with cook-offs among themselves, with some cooks even bringing wild game to grill, such as deer, said Jim Nabti.

Two years ago, someone even brought a hot tub for people to use, Nabti said. Steamthingie Tailgaters also hosted the Baltimore band, The Dangertones, a few weeks prior to the University of Miami game. Nabti said he hopes to have more bands next year.

The Dangertones are a band that has performed in Blacksburg several times at the place which is one of the Tech’s official tailgates, Frost said.

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Frost suggests that anyone who is interested in finding out more about the band industry should learn about it.

“You’re not gonna get any younger,” Frost said. “Just work it.”
Lyric seeking performers for downtown New Year’s bash

by Brandon Morgan
Associate Features Editor

On New Year’s Eve, the Lyric Theatre in Downtown Blacksburg will be livened up by a variety of performers who will demonstrate their talent at the Kickin’ Off the New Year Community Performance Showcase.

This year’s community showcase will be sponsored by the YMCA, the Downtown Merchants and the Lyric Theatre. It will host various performances including poets, musicians, actors, dancers, athletes, performing actors or any other individual or group with something to share.

The goal of this event is to bring the Blacksburg community together. Students as well as local residents will welcome and attend the event. The YMCA hopes to achieve this unity with a showcase of talent among the community.

"A healthy community is one that can (embrace) its diversity and celebrate itself," said Shannon Turner, artistic director and emcee for the showcase. "A showcase is an ideal opportunity to do both."

The success of the show depends on how the community can come together.

"The more sets between campus and community we can make is more successful in my mind," Turner said.

The showcase offers an opportunity for new performers or to get their name out to the community. It’s important for new performers to showcase their talent to the community, said Turner. Performers can get other gigs because of this, she said.

The showcase not only brings the community together, but brings the performers together as well.

Performers who have participated in previous shows have gotten together and performed at other gigs like the YMCA Craft Fair, Turner said.

The showcase is not a competition of talent and will not hold a competition between performers.

"It would be hard to compare the different performers," Turner said. We want to create a celebratory atmosphere rather than a competition, she said.

The YMCA welcomed all types of talent and would only turn down auditions appropriate for families. Logistical reasons would also prevent someone from performing.

For example, if the performer needs a piano, YMCA would not do it, said Turner. "The Lyric Theatre doesn’t have a piano on stage and YMCA doesn’t have the resources to bring in a piano for the act," Turner said.

Some groups have already confirmed their slot for the showcase. A symphony orchestra and new rock band from last year’s showcase, will perform. The Renaissance Music Academy and some poets will also be displaying their talent.

This is the third year the YMCA and Downtown Merchants have sponsored the community performance showcase. In previous years, the showcase took place during the summer. The YMCA decided to host the show on New Year’s Eve to create an upbeat and entertaining atmosphere.

"There was a wide range of talent," said John Greene, Squires Ticket Office manager. "I’m happy to see this going to happen this year because it’s a good atmosphere for it. It’s upbeat entertainment."

Tickets will go on sale in early December and will be available at the YMCA’s Lancaster house on Washington Street, the YMCA Thrift Shop on South Main Street, Fringe Benefit and at the Lyric Theatre.

Auditions for the showcase will take place Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre, Cell. 252-8890 or e-mail showcase@treda to reserve a time slot.
This week nine of the 2003 CT sports picks.

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Virginia Tech @ Maryland: 135-85
Virginia Tech @ Michigan: 133-87
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**Game of the Week Comments**

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**Men’s Team vs. Morgan State**

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**Men’s Team vs. Old Dominion**

**Dec. 4th at 7:00pm**

**MEN’S TEAM vs. MICHIGAN**

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**MEN’S TEAM vs. WEST VIRGINIA**

**Dec. 10th at 7:00pm**

**MEN’S TEAM vs. GEORGIA TECH**

**Dec. 13th at 5:00pm**

**MEN’S TEAM vs. OHIO STATE**

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**MEN’S TEAM vs. UCSB**

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**MEN’S TEAM vs. ST. JOHN’S**

**Dec. 26th at 4:30pm**

**MEN’S TEAM vs. LOUISIANA TECH**

**Dec. 28th at 7:00pm**

**MEN’S TEAM vs. UCF**

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**MEN’S TEAM vs. NORTHERN ILLINOIS**

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Atlantic Coast Conference. Big East vessel, onto the deck of the Virginia Tech jumping ship from their result of the University of Miami and jumping, political pressure and lawsuits national level. team to display its prominence at a

The Big East ends in the friendly confines of Lane Stadium, where the Hokies host the Golden Eagles in their first home game of the 2003 season. "I think the ACC is going to be a great league, maybe the best in the country," said head coach Frank Beamer. "I look forward to going to different stadiums and playing different teams, but I look back and we'll always be indebted to the Big East. I think we've been good for the Big East, and the Big East has been good for us."

Ironically, after being left out from the first round of expansion of the ACC despite being one of the original candidates to join the conference, Boston College accepted an ACC invitation to become the conference's 12th team in mid-October.

The game between the two defecting programs bears significant implications for both teams conference rankings at the end of the season, and their post-season bowl aspirations as a result. A victory over the Hokies would give the Golden Eagles their seventh win of the season, giving them bowl eligibility, and perhaps a possible at-large bid over the Hokies should Boston College defeat Tech.

Should Tech win on Saturday night, and gain help by a few losses within the conference within the next two weeks, the Hokies would give the Golden Eagles their seventh win of the season, giving them bowl eligibility, and perhaps a possible at-large bid over the Hokies should Boston College defeat Tech.

Tech's home finale for the 2003 season. "(Knight is) definitely a great running back, and he has great offensive line," said defensive end Nathaniel Adibi, who will also be playing in his last game as a member of the Hokies, despite suffering a fractured right thumb against Temple. "I think that's one thing that separates him from the other backs we've played against. He's tough, fast, hard-runner."

Being the last home game of the season, 14 seniors will be honored before the game during Senior Day celebrations on Worsham Field. Defensive members Adibi, Vegas Robinson, Cole. Cole, Michael Grimsfield, Garrell White, and Jim Davis will be playing their last game in front of the Lane student faithful, along with offensive members Jake Graves, Ernest Willard, Jambie Gibson, Doug Earlick, Keith Willis, Steve Carter, and Chris Shreve. Kicker Carter Stanley and placeholder Robert Peaslee are also among the graduating class.

The last time the two teams met, Tech pulled out a 20-11 victory in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The Hokies have won eight of the 10 meetings the two teams have had since Virginia Tech became a member of the Big East, and they will hope to have the conference on another high note.

The game will be nationally televised on ESPN, with kickoff scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Lane Stadium over the past four seasons.