**Jones to skip senior season**

**by Tiffany Hoffman**
Managing Editor

Virginia Tech Director of Admissions Karen Torgersen is resigning, effective Dec. 31.

"She’s done an excellent job and is leaving to attend Foxfields, a horseracing event" after attending Foxfields, a horseracing event. Torgersen stepped down as director of admissions for the 2004 NFL Draft at a press conference for 1 p.m. today and it is expected the announcement of Jones’ departure will be formalized.

**Driveway in fatal crash convicted**

**by Jared Turner**
Sports Editor

The driver of a sports-utility vehicle that overturned last April, killing a Virginia Tech freshman, was convicted Monday in a traffic accident.

Jeffrey Stoudt, a sophomore psychology major who died May 4 from irreversible brain damage. She had not been drinking alcohol.

According to the incident report from State Trooper Joseph Tate, who cited sufficient evidence supporting Jeffrey Stoudt, the only occupant wearing a seatbelt, had not been drinking alcohol. Tate said Jeffrey Stoudt was the only occupant wearing a seatbelt, had not been drinking alcohol. All six occupants were Tech students returning to campus after attending Foxfields, a horseracing event.

The judge sentenced Stoudt to one year of probation and live trees, which are not affected by the statewide fire code.

Christmas trees banned in apartments

**by Eric Bostic**
News Editor

A revamped state fire code has local property managers sending notices to residents, and Christmas tree growers and sellers feeling cut down.

The Virginia State Fire Prevention Code now prohibits the use of natural cut trees in apartments and condominiums without automatic sprinklers.

Cut trees are prohibited completely in all care facilities, nursing homes and college dormitories, according to Section 20.44 of the state fire prevention code.

"There are many things in a home that can cause a fire," Bostic said. "The tree doesn’t start the fire, but some of the buildings are expected to have a drop in sales because of the new fire code.

The majority of wholesale trees were already cut and shipped before NCTA received word of the change in the fire code, Dungey said. Natural cut trees are not to blame, Bostic said. "The tree doesn’t start the fire," he said.

**South Main Street properties put on the auction block**

The Lake Terrace Mall on South Main Street is one of several properties that will be auctioned off next week.

The property is located on South Main Street. Hedgepeth said. Last year, Bostic brought in a total of 12.5 million dollars in wholesale value. "That generates two million Virginia-grown trees sold," Bostic said. "That generates 20 to 40 million dollars in wholesale value."

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The bidding process described by McGraw goes on until there are no more properties and exact location of the fire code.

"The chance of being a first-round draft pick is a great honor anywhere," Thomas Jones said to the AP. "When that's on the table with the chance of being injured, you just can't pass that by 90 to 100.

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Evidence sought in killing of 85-year-old woman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Detectives and forensic evidence technicians looked Thursday for clues to the identity of a pagination woman found dead in her home.

Bessie P. Southard, a widow, was found dead on the kitchen floor of her two-story home Monday night.

Police spokesman Lou Thurstin said that while the victim showed signs of severe trauma, there was little evidence of a struggle and no sign of forced entry.

The time of her death was not determined. Her body was discovered by a family member who was checking on her because she hadn’t answered repeated phone calls, neighbors said.

Investigators are waiting for an autopsy report to determine the cause of death.

Suspect allowed to get out of ‘situation’

WASHINGTON — A U.S.-born terrorism suspect said his son wanted to escape “a situation” a few months before last year’s sniper rampage continued, but someone had to be charged, but someone has to be responsible for comment on the charges.

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FBI, in a bid to escape, wrote out a letter that he was despondent.

Carol Williams testified she discussed the letter with family members to determine if her son had written a suicide note.

Washington Post

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Eleven injured in Metrobus wreck

WASHINGTON — At least two people were hurt, two seriously, in a crash Tuesday involving a Metrobus, a Howard University shuttle bus, an SUV and a pickup truck.

The two most seriously injured people came out of the SUV, said Alan Berry, spokesman for the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department.

The crash happened about 11:45 a.m. at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Barry Place in Northeast Washington.

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Christmas trees, said Adam Thiel, executive director of Square Apartments. Douglas said Carl Douglas, resident manager.

“Whenever you can eliminate fire risk in multi-family buildings, it saves trees and property,” he said. Unfortunately, not everyone takes care of their trees.”

Natural cut trees will now be prohibited in Surtheridge Square Apartments because they do not have automatic sprinklers, said Carl Douglas, resident manager.

A newsletter will be sent to residents informing them of the change, though Douglas said he doesn’t think many residents will be affected.

“11 doesn’t seem anything other than those little artificial trees you put at Wal-Mart,” Douglas said.

Emily Gaddy, marketing coordinator for Chas Management Group, said a notice will be sent to all residents under its jurisdiction.

CMG has 12 properties in Blacksburg including Oak Bridge and Tech Terrace.

Of the 12, Gaddy said only one report that the newly constructed apartments at Tech Terrace have automatic sprinklers.

“Several other Blackbecks complexes were contacted, but only Terrace View could get at Wal-Mart,” Douglas said.

Douglas said the apartment units did not have automatic sprinklers.

“Collectively, we think it’s not a sprint,” Martin said. "This investigation has only reached the 50-yard line,” Grand Forks Police Chief John Tackett said. “We will not be satisfied or committed until such time as we find Dru.”

Prosecutor Peter Welte said police believe Rodriguez was in the mall parking lot the night Sjodin disappeared.

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"This is by no means the end. This is a marathon and not a sprint.”

Volunteers some to resume their search on Wednesday.

A similar search drew 1,200 volunteers for one day last week.

“Honey, we will find you,” said Sjodin’s father, Allan.

His brother, Steve, added: “I know we are just around the corner from you right now. We love you. Keep strong."

He fought tears as he backed away from news microphones, and his father put his arm around him and squeezed his shoulder.

Neighbors said Rodriguez lived with his mother Delores. No one answered the door at home Tuesday.

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U.S. denies capturing top Saddam aide

by Mariam Fam
Associated Press

KIRKUK, Iraq — U.S. troops conducted a big raid near the northern city of Kirkuk on Tuesday, but a military spokesman denied that a top former deputy of Saddam Hussein was captured during the operation.

A member of Iraq's Governing Council said Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, the top Iraqi fugitive after Saddam was the target of the raid.

“We got our information from the 173rd (Airborne Brigade), and the 173rd is saying they don’t have him,” said Sgt. Robert Cargie, a spokesman for the U.S. Army’s 4th Infantry Division.

The Americans have pointed to al-Douri as a coordinator of the insurgency against U.S. forces, and last week offered a $10 million reward for information leading to his arrest.

American soldiers had arrested dozens of miles west of Kirkuk, and witnesses said a top former deputy of Saddam Hussein was the target of the raid.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in Belgium and White House spokesman Scott McClellan both said Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri had been netted.

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Tuesday, a U.S. soldier using a stretcher to carry a body covered in plastic to a military truck.

In Tuesday’s attack outside Samarra, an Associated Press photographer who arrived at the scene Tuesday saw American soldiers taking a “big fish.”

For months, U.S. officials have pointed to al-Douri as a coordinator of incessant attacks on American forces in Iraq, and that he could be working with the al-Qaida-linked militant group Ansar al-Islam.

U.S. commanders claimed that up to 14 guerrillas were killed in the clash in Samarra on Tuesday, but this has been disputed by residents and hospital officials who say less than 10 people died.

U.S. forces said Samarra attacks demonstrated a greater level of coordination in the Iraqi insurgency, although U.S. forces said they had anticipated the attacks and blunted them with superior firepower.

Sgt. Robert Cargie spokesman U.S. Army’s 4th Infantry Division.

In other violence Tuesday, a U.S. soldier from the 4th Infantry Division was killed near Samarra, the site of weekend fighting between American troops and guerrillas.

Sgt. Robert Cargie, a member of the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, told the Arabic television station Al-Jazeera that those claiming to have killed or captured Saddam Hussein were “killed or captured,” citing sources in his political party.

A senior Kurdish official in Kirkuk said, speaking on condition of anonymity, that he heard al-Douri had been “killed or captured,” citing sources in his political party.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in Belgium and White House spokesman Scott McClellan both said they could not confirm the reports on al-Douri.

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Homosexuals do not deserve marriage

Chris Berger

Homosexuality is not a lifestyle disorder or a choice. It is an inherent ability and honor of marriage. It is a disorder deserving proper treatment. Our children should be taught that U.S. government rewards gay acts.

From a strictly secular standpoint, allowing same-sex marriage would create a morass of bad law, allowing the same freedom to电流化的问题。人，但这不是真正的人和制度。法律。因为，但事实是，法律只应该有其应有权利。如果法律是无效的。因为法律是无效的。

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a federal court based in Richmond, ruled Monday that a judge erred in allowing a middle school to enforce its dress code on a student wearing a National Rifle Association archery shirt.

That decision could have profound implications for the future of same-sex marriage and rights for gay and lesbian individuals today who have escaped from the homosexual lifestyle and made it into our politically correct heterosexual world.

Homosexuality is not a sin but a sin homosexuals are trying to prove. Darwin wouldn’t endorse it if he was alive (a society of gays wouldn’t last a generation), and God afflicted it (Gen 1: 27). Love the sinner, hate the sin.

Chris Berger is a sophomore chemical engineering and theatre arts student.  

Letter to the Editor

Homosexuality hurts no one, should be allowed

Molly Tinnis

For weeks, I’ve read articles, editorials and letters to the editor that argue for same-sex marriage and other alternate lifestyles such as polygamy and pan-gamy. For me, these arguments bring up the same question: how can someone who states that homosexuality hurts no one, be so ignorant of the fact that a person can’t survive a homosexual relationship?

When adults use children or animals for sexual purposes, it is hurtful and they don’t have a choice. Polygamous relations take place with someone they love, and there is no way to remove them, and that is enough to hurt them. In one case, I realize people do not choose to have this disorder (which could choose to choose the ageny of being alienated among the heterosexual world). Homosexuality is nothing but a sin homosexuals are trying to prove. Darwin wouldn’t endorse it if he was alive (a society of gays wouldn’t last a generation), and God afflicted it (Gen 1: 27). Love the sinner, hate the sin.

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SOLAR HUUS RESIDENTS NOT TO BLAME

Christopher Drake

I'd like to express my concern regarding the article “Changes likely in deadly fall” (ICT, Nov. 25). While the actions of the Town of Blacksburg are inconsistent,麻木性地不回避对个体的严重性。The action is made by an example of them and shown awareness of an ordnance situation and private residences continue to increase.

These changes are inconsistent because of the large numbers of other events charging admission fees (for alcohol rather than for consensual travel). At any social function, on- and off-campus areas and also include dancing.

The vast majority of under-21 college students attend these parties, often hosted by fraternity in on-campus areas, as opposed to the legal downtown venues for dancing and alcohol consumption.

However, there are charges brought against the many sororities and private residences hosting these events. With the emphasis on only the dancing ordinance, but of preserving alcohol to enjoy.

I have attended many shows at the Springfield Elementary School, and the police have come by, and at one time, they actually entered and left the house without mentioning a dancing ordinance. Why is this so much a surprise? Because of the lack of enforcement after an incident?

I would like to address one comment made by the town’s spokespeople regarding the “legal venues for dancing. The primary source for the NRA-shows is not dancing, but independent traveling rock bands. The shows are meant as a promos- For us, this line is clearly drawn. No relationship should be allowed in one or more of the relationships in the building is allowed in any way.

I will always argue for the right of consenting adults to have this disorder. I will always argue for the right of consenting adults to choose what they choose. Polygamy, which allows us or who they choose to take advantage of another person.

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A is for abstinence

Emily Olson

Cut cholesterol, have a heart

Cholesterol. It’s a word that has most likely been discussed by your parents and is a common buzzword among most college students — but it should be.

According to the American Heart Association, a healthy cholesterol level should remain below 200mg/dL, and sadly, 37% million Americans are at or above the 200 mark — including individuals from our age-group.

To set the record straight, cholesterol isn’t some evil substance we need to rid our bodies of. Cholesterol is actually necessary for certain functions in our body, such as producing cell membranes and hormones. But as with most things, moderation is key. When too much of the wrong substance builds up in the blood, it can lead to coronary heart disease, which could ultimately result in a heart attack. The risk of heart failure tends to increase with age and is one worth eliminating.

The obvious first step is getting tested, which can be done easily by scheduling an appointment with your physician, and the results should be available within a couple of weeks. There are two types of cholesterol reported: the good kind, HDL, which carries cholesterol away from your arteries, and the bad kind, LDL, that can block the arteries.

It’s pretty simple. Just keep the HDL numbers as high as possible and keep the LDL numbers below 200mg/dL.

Unfortunately, there is an overabundance of products Americans consume that increase their LDL cholesterol. Simple dietary changes can significantly reduce LDL levels, and this starts with reading the labels.

However, this is trickier to do than one might think. According to the American Heart Association, trans-fats (which have been causing a stir recently), saturated fats and hydrogenated fats can actually raise blood cholesterol. Foods you may be eating without even realizing it include French fries, doughnuts, most crackers, commercially baked and fried foods and things containing trans-fat. Substitute the unhealthy fats with a healthier option such as margarine.

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NFL extends Green's suspension

Boone’s running back William Green was due to return Monday after serving a four-game suspension by Tom Withers Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The NFL extended its suspension for troubled Cleveland Browns running back William Green on Tuesday, making it unlikely he will play again this season.

Green was expected to join the Browns on Monday from a four-game suspension for violating the league’s substance-abuse policy. But the league said it has lengthened its ban on the second-year back for "treatment purposes.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide if there is any incentive for the Browns to alter their substance-abuse program, the league said.

Green, 23, was suspended by the NFL for four games on Nov. 9 after being arrested on charges of driving under the influence and marijuana possession. He has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

While serving his suspension, Green’s fiancée was charged with obstructing justice and domestic violence.

Green, who was twice sus- pended for marijuana use while at Boston College, hasn’t played in a game since Oct. 19. Cleveland’s leading rusher, neither missed the Browns Oct. 28 game at New England with a separated shoulder, and his return was delayed by his time on the DL and drug charges.

Our primary goal, as it has always been, is for William to take the necessary steps to resolve his personal matters. He must continue our support," Carmen Policy, president, Cleveland Browns, said in a statement.

Green has been frustrated with the league’s suspension because he believes the NFL is trying to "take away" his "brand".

"Our primary goal, as it has always been, is for William to take the necessary steps to resolve his personal matters," Policy said in a statement. "He continues to have our support."