

Virus blasts into students' computers

by **Bryan Nieder**
News Assistant

The Blaster worm virus affecting computers throughout the nation has found its way into the operating systems of Virginia Tech students.

Although it continues infecting students' computers, new approaches have been adopted to help users alleviate the problem.

Affecting Windows 2000 and XP users, the Blaster worm has infected an estimated 20 percent of the computers in the residence halls, said Clark Gaylord, communications research engineer for Tech.

Gaylord said the worm, unlike a virus propagating via e-mails, spreads through network users and exploits vulnerability in the Windows operating system causing infected computers to unexpectedly crash multiple times.

"If you're infected then it will try to infect others just like a common cold," he said.

As a result, Get Connected, the technical support staff at Tech, has seen an increase in requested assistance for on-campus computer troubles.

Anne Sheppard, manager of student support programs, said unlike other years, the staff has been forced to handle Blaster-related problems and put other computer hook-up inquiries on hold.

"We've had viruses in the past but this one ranks at the top," Sheppard said.

The reason for the worm's success lies in a mistake with the Windows operating system as well as user negligence.

"(The worm spreads) because (there) is a vulnerability in all Microsoft 2000 and XP and the users have not been keeping up to date," Gaylord said.

Gaylord said users can easily prevent the infection through regularly executing the prompted update patches Windows provides.

Matt Brady, a senior business management major and a Windows XP user, said he did not regularly perform prompted Windows updates and as a result, his computer was infected the Blaster worm.

Brady said his computer began starting, crashing and then restarting for several days before the problem matured to a point where the computer's background was the only thing to appear when the computer was turned on.

For users, the Blaster virus is usually an inconvenience resulting in poor performance and machine crashes but can be fixed

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Survivor challenges Tech grads

by **Tiffany Hoffman**
Managing Editor

Competing on the losing team of a skateboard competition in Neal's tobacco warehouse in Danville 14 years ago, Jon Dalton, now 29, had no clue that in 2003 he and another Virginia Tech graduate would be competing for \$1 million in Survivor: Pearl Islands.

Dalton graduated from George Washington High School in 1992 and then continued on to Tech where he gained the education necessary to pursue a career as an art consultant. After completing his undergraduate education, he lived in Greensboro, N.C., Washington D.C., and Portland, Ore. before settling in California.

"Each time he moved it was with a girl in college," said Jean Cooke, Dalton's grandmother. "He loves girls."

According to his biography on CBS.com, Dalton's favorite hobbies are girls, music and television and his favorite sport is college football.

Being the oldest of her eight grandchildren, Cooke said she couldn't be more proud of Dalton than when she found out he had been selected for Survivor.

"We were tickled to death and we have a lot of faith in him," she said. "He's real smart and cunning so he should be really good at that."

Matthew Payne, a Danville native and 1993 graduate of Dalton's high school said he remembers Dalton as being really goofy in high school with a sense of humor.

"He was just kinda skinny, curly-headed and kinda lanky," Payne said.

"But that was high school. Now he could be a



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CBS ENTERTAINMENT

Michelle Tesauo and Jon Dalton were both selected to be participants in CBS's Survivor: Pearl Islands. Both Tesauo and Dalton are graduates of Virginia Tech.

totally different guy."

As a member of the Drake tribe, Dalton will work with seven team members to compete against the Morgan tribe.

Each week, one member of either tribe will be voted off until the remaining members combine to be one tribe.

As of now, one of Dalton's Drake tribe members

is Michelle Tesauo, 22, also a graduate of Tech.

Tesauo graduated in 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in business and marketing. Originally from Pittstown, N.J., Tesauo now resides in Washington, D.C.

According to CBS.com, Tesauo was in the

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Out-of-state students flock to Tech

■ Regardless of the tuition hikes, many incoming out-of-state freshmen still say Tech is a better value than comparable universities

by **Erin Zlomek**
Staff Writer

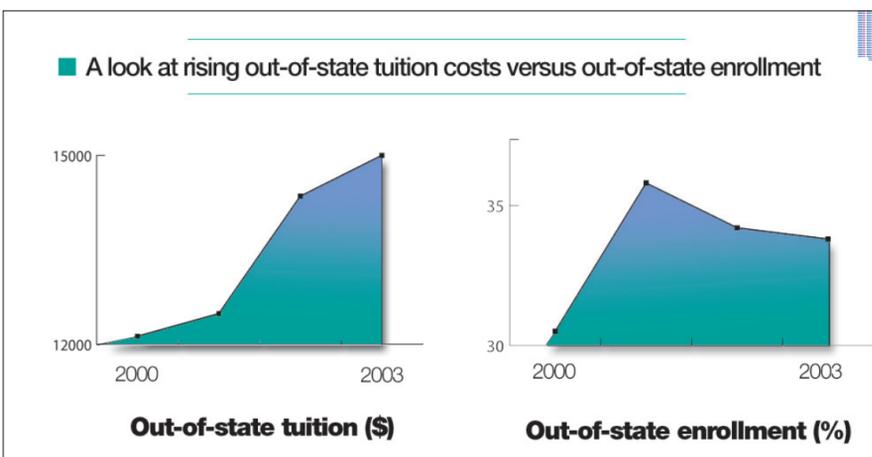
Although out-of-state tuition has increased each year since the fall of 1999 the number of non-native freshmen enrolling at Virginia Tech has stayed consistent.

The percentage of out of state freshmen enrolling at Tech has been between 30 and 35 percent since the fall of 1999.

According to figures presented by the University Relations website, Tech's out-of-state tuition has increased \$3,185 during the past four years.

Despite the tuition hike, some current non-resident freshmen still found Tech to be a better value than other comparable universities they had considered.

"It's a heck of a lot cheaper here," said Andrew Smith, a freshman general engineering major and New York resident.



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Smith said he browsed other universities in his home state, before deciding on Tech.

Amy Widner, public relations coordinator for undergraduate admissions, said Maryland is where most out of state freshmen hail from, followed by Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina and New

York. Widner said she believes it is Tech's high-interest majors, such as the engineering program, that draws the out-of-state population.

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Mary Mac Daddies



ELEANOR HOPSON/SPSS

Carbon Leaf performed downtown Thursday night for the Welcome Back Kick-off Concert. The annual event also featured a pep rally and concert by New York band, Lonehawk.

Student groups showcased at fair

by **Eric Beidel**
News Assistant

Around 200 student organizations at Virginia Tech will take part in the annual Student Organization Showcase from 4 to 8 p.m. today in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom.

The showcase is an opportunity for members of the campus community to learn about and possibly join some of the over 500 organizations on Tech's campus, said Kim Mitchell, assistant director of student organizations.

Organizations will be putting up displays in Commonwealth Ballroom as well as in the concourse directly outside the ballroom.

The showcase will feature representatives from religious, academic, service, international, Greek organizations and pretty much everything in between, Mitchell said.

"There are so many different types of organizations," she said. "There isn't a type of group we don't have representing themselves at the showcase."

Along with their usual display

area, close to 20 organizations will participate in a talent show and some groups will be performing skits, Mitchell said.

The showcase is a boost in recruitment for the participating organizations, said Puraj Patel, vice president of the Student Government Association.

"It's definitely been helpful in the past," Patel said.

"It's a really good way to get our name out there and make known the general opportunities available to students."

Patel said the SGA will use the showcase not just to recruit but to inform students about the services his organization can provide them.

"We want to concentrate on what SGA can do for the student body," he said, "and let them see that we can be helpful to them in a lot more ways than they know."

The Virginia Tech Union is able to reach a good number of students, particularly freshmen, through the showcase each year, said President

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News in Brief

Amtrak train crashes into dump truck

MANASSAS (AP) — An Amtrak train traveling nearly 80 mph struck a dump truck at a railroad crossing Thursday, killing the truck driver and injuring six people aboard the train.

All of the injuries were minor, according to Amtrak spokesman Dan Stessel. The engineer was admitted to a hospital for treatment of a leg injury. The train involved was the Crescent, which left New Orleans Wednesday morning, heading to New York. At the time of the crash it had 277 passengers and a crew of 12.

Escaped child molester gets life

LOUISA, Ky. (AP) — Nearly two months after slipping away from a courthouse as a jury convicted him of child sex abuse, a former Baptist minister was in court this time to hear his sentence: life in prison, plus 20 years. Truman Evans, 57, walked outside the courthouse July 1 as a jury deliberated his fate, saying he needed fresh air. He fled and was found two weeks later in Ohio.

On Thursday, Evans sat silently beside his attorney as Judge David Hagerman berated him for the sex crimes.

Bridge collapses in India, kills 23

BOMBAY, India (AP) — A concrete bridge collapsed in

western India on Thursday, sending two rickshaws, motorcycles and a van filled with teenagers plunging into a river and killing at least 23 people, police said. Eight of the dozen high school students in the van were among the dead, said Assistant Inspector General of Police R.P. Upadhyaya.

Justice Dept. gets hanging case

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said Thursday it would ask the Justice Department to investigate the hanging of a black man because of allegations that he was murdered by law enforcement officials.

The commission criticized police in rural Belle Glade for treating the death of Feraris "Ray" Golden as a suicide from the beginning, rather than investigating "foul play," according to a letter sent by commission director Les Jin to U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Roller coaster record broken

BERLIN (AP) — An American roller coaster devotee climbed off a ride at a German amusement park Thursday after spending 192 hours — or eight days — in the careering cars, smashing his own previous record.

Richard Rodriguez, 43, began his latest record attempt Aug. 20 at the Holiday Park in the southwestern German town of Hassloch.

WTO providing drugs for poor nations

by Naomi Koppel
Associated Press

GENEVA — A World Trade Organization panel agreed Thursday to allow poor nations access to inexpensive copies of drugs to fight such diseases as AIDS and malaria, after the United States dropped its objections.

Approval by the WTO's council on intellectual property set the stage for the entire 146-member organization to make a final decision on the plan.

But weary diplomats adjourned for the night after a marathon session that extended into early Friday, and WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell said that final decision wasn't likely

until trade ministers meet Sept. 10 in Cancun, Mexico.

Thursday's agreement resolved a dispute among panel nations over whether poorer countries should be allowed to ignore some patent rules in importing drugs from cheaper generic manufacturers.

U.S. representatives endorsed the plan after it was amended to include safeguards against drug smuggling, a key concern of the United States and its pharmaceutical research industry.

"This decision is extremely important for many African countries who need to be able to import generic drugs which are affordable and who don't have the capacity to produce them," said South Africa negotiator

Faizel Ismail.

Under WTO rules, countries facing public health crises have the right to override patents on vital drugs and order copies from cheaper, generic suppliers. However, until now they could only order from domestic producers — useless for the huge majority of developing countries that have no domestic pharmaceutical industry.

U.S. pharmaceutical research companies were concerned that a deal to allow countries to import the cheaper drugs would be abused by generics manufacturers and could also lead to drugs being smuggled back into rich countries.

All sides have accepted that the problem has to be settled

for humanitarian reasons and because of the effect it has had on the public perception of the WTO — the 146-nation body that sets rules on international trade.

The statement approved late Thursday says that rules allowing countries to override patents "should be used in good faith to protect public health ... not be an instrument to pursue industrial or commercial policy objectives."

It calls for special measures to prevent drugs being smuggled back to rich country markets, including special packaging or different colored tablets.

The wording of the statement was agreed by a core group of negotiators from the United States, Brazil, India, Kenya and South Africa.

Power outage causes chaos in London

by Jack Garland
Associated Press

LONDON — Power went out in parts of the capital and southeast England on Thursday, bringing much of the London Underground and many regional trains to a halt and stranding hundreds of thousands of rush hour commuters.

Electricity was cut for about 40 minutes before it came back on at about 7 p.m., said EDF Energy, which handles power transmission for the affected areas of London. The outages appeared to be confined to south London and Kent, a county southeast of the city.

Overland train service was temporarily halted in those areas but problems on London's aging subway system were more wide-

spread and longer-lasting.

A spokesman for the Underground said 60 percent of the subway system was halted at the height of the evening rush hour, including the majority of services in central London. Workers evacuated affected trains and stations but it would take "some time" to return service to normal, London Underground said. Some subways began running later in the evening.

London Mayor Ken Livingstone told Sky News about 500,000 commuters were affected on the Underground and on train lines.

He also told Channel 4 News that up to 150,000 people lost power, and he demanded an investigation.

"There's no indication of any terrorist involvement, but it is an

absolutely horrendous position because it has caught the rush hour," he said.

Jenny White, 20, was stuck outside Victoria station in south London, trying to get home to Longfield, Kent.

"I've been here for ages now," she said. "The queue for the cabs is about a mile long and there's nowhere I can get a bus, there are so many people out there."

Area pubs were packed with stranded commuters.

"It's quite amazing that a big city like London can be brought to a standstill like this," teacher Valerie Chalancon said.

EDF spokesman Gareth Wynn said the power problem originated in two high-voltage lines belonging to the national power grid that help supply the Wimbledon area of southwest

London.

It was unlikely the problem was caused by sabotage, he said.

Ann Gibson of National Grid, which runs the national power network, said electricity was restored to the lines where the problem began.

Clarification

Due to a production error, headlines were placed with incorrect stories in the news briefs section of the Wednesday, August 27 issue of the Collegiate Times.

The Collegiate Times regrets this error.

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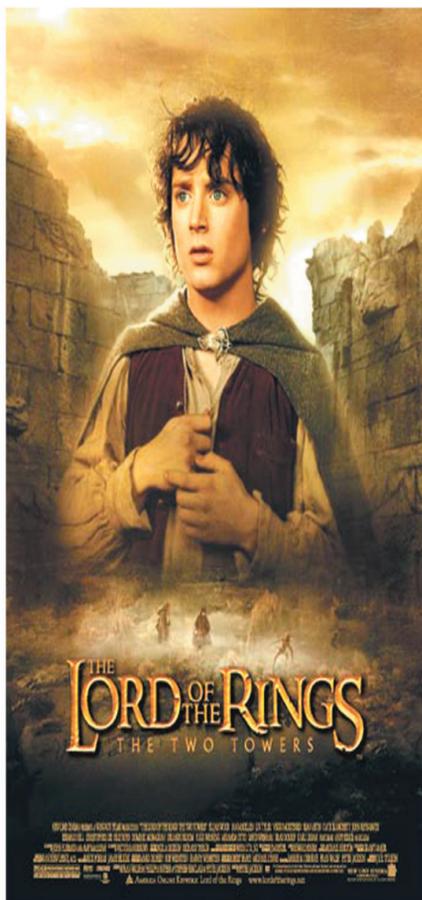
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N. Korea to prove possession of nukes

by George Gedda
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rejecting U.S. disarmament demands, North Korea said Thursday it will prove to the world that it possesses nuclear weapons by carrying out a nuclear test, a U.S. government official said.

At a six-nation meeting in China that included the United States, North Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Yong Il also said, according to the U.S. official, that his country has the means to deliver nuclear weapons, an apparent reference to its highly-developed missile program.

The State Department declined comment on the deliberations in Beijing except to reiterate that the U.S. goal at the conference is to focus on "the complete, verifiable and irreversible elimination" of North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Wie Sung-rak, director-general of the South Korean Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau, injected a positive note, saying in Beijing that another round of talks probably will be held after the current round ends on Friday. Efforts to confirm Wie's statement with U.S. officials were unsuccessful.

North Korea had confirmed privately to U.S. officials last April during talks in China that it possessed nuclear weapons but Kim's statement Thursday is believed to have been its such acknowledgment in a formal setting.

Present for Kim's presenta-

tion at a guest house in western Beijing were Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly and representatives from China, South Korea, Japan and Russia, in addition to North Korea.

U.S. intelligence has not detected overt signs that North Korea is preparing to conduct a nuclear weapons test, said one U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity. But such a test would presumably be underground, so preparatory work would be difficult to detect, the official said.

There was speculation here that North Korea could carry out a nuclear test on Sept. 9, the anniversary of the formation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, as the country is known officially.

With the exception of North Korea, all governments represented in Beijing had expressed varying degrees of opposition to the communist country's nuclear programs.

The administration believed that a broad international front — including North Korea's neighbors — in support of a denuclearized Korean peninsula would induce Pyongyang to retreat from its nuclear ambitions.

Officials also hoped that North Korea might show flex-

ibility given U.S. promises to offer security guarantees to Pyongyang as well as measures to assist the country's stricken economy.

In addition, the administration found encouragement in signs that China was increasingly opposed to North Korea's program. As a major donor of food and energy aid to North Korea, China has been thought by U.S. officials to be in position to play a decisive role in restraining Pyongyang.

But the North Korean rejection of the U.S. nuclear disarmament proposal appeared to be complete. According to the official, Kim said there was no evidence of any U.S. intention to abandon its policy of hostility toward North Korea. He also rejected U.S. suggestions that North Korea open up its nuclear facilities to international inspection.

The administration official, asking not to be identified, said China's delegate appeared visibly angry over Kim's statement but responded in a moderate tone.

The official said that when Russia and Japan attempted to point out some positive elements of the U.S. presentation, the North Korean delegate attacked them by name and said they were lying at the instruction of

the United States.

North Korea has insisted for almost a year that Washington and Pyongyang negotiate a non-aggression pact. But the administration has shown no interest. American promises of no hostile intent toward North Korea apparently have not satisfied Pyongyang.

It is widely suspected that President Bush generated anxiety in Pyongyang by including North Korea, along with Iran and pre-war Iraq, as a member of an "axis of evil" in January 2002.

Also, the White House, in a September 2002 global strategy report, threatened to stop North Korea and other hostile nations before they are able to attack the United States with weapons of mass destruction.

Although there is no clear evidence of a connection, North Korea in the months after the report was issued took a series of steps that caused alarm in Washington, Northeast Asia and beyond.

They included Pyongyang's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, cancellation of an eight-year freeze on its plutonium-production program and assertions that reprocessing had begun on spent nuclear fuel rods — an essential step toward production of nuclear weapons.

The administration began exerting pressure on North Korea starting last fall after receiving information that the country had launched a uranium-based nuclear weapons program.

Survivor: Both were active at Tech

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student ambassador program for the Pamplin College of Business and worked as an airport media-marketing intern, a lifeguard and in the summer, worked with the Universal Cheerleaders Association while at Tech.

"It's interesting of all the colleges in the world that two be from the same college," said Colleen Sullivan, director of primetime publicity for CBS Entertainment.

"But, sometimes people have common things."

Sullivan said the program looks for type-A, charismatic

personalities but does not consider geographic location in the casting process.

The last time Sullivan said she remembered this kind of thing happening was two contestants from Survivor: Amazon were from the same small town in Maryland.

Sullivan declined to comment on whether she believed these common backgrounds would lead to a form of alliance.

Due to confidentiality agreements, neither Tesauro or Dalton were allowed to comment on the show.

The season premiere of Survivor: Pearl Islands will be Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.



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Michelle Tesauro and Jon Dalton will team up with six other contestants to form the Drake tribe.

State: Business attracts students

Freshman Kaitlin Hertling supports this theory.

"Tech has better classes for my major," Hertling said.

"None of my state schools had really great business programs."

Widner said that Tech does not have the budget to do any out-of-state advertising in order to attract more non-residents.

"We do some targeted mailings to students who have expressed an interest, as well as to regions that have shown interest in the past," she said.

"(Otherwise) it is three to

four times harder to entice an out-of-state student to attend Tech than an in-state student."

The admissions office was advised to increase out of state enrollment for this year.

"We were told by the (board of visitors) to try and get 300 more out of state students for this year. (These students) are still evaluated by the same criteria," Widner said.

Tech's biggest competitors for out of state students are usually those students' largest home state schools. Widner said.

For the 2003-04 school year Tech admis-

sions boasts 33.8 percent enrolled freshmen as non-residents.

This number has dropped from last year's 34.2 percent, however Widner said that the number of out-of-state students in the entire student body has increased from 24 percent in 1998 to 28 percent in 2003.

If tuition continues to escalate not all out of staters are inclined to stay.

Christopher Reed, a freshman business information and technology major from Pennsylvania said he is one of them.

"If tuition goes up anymore it will cost a lot more to come here than any of the other schools I was accepted into," he said.

"I don't know if it would be worth it."

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Amy Widner
public relations coordinator,
undergraduate admissions

Colombian video shows three American captives still alive

by Vanessa Arrington
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — A videotape now under study by the FBI shows that three Americans captured by rebels six months ago are alive, officials said Thursday.

The three American contract workers were seized Feb. 13 by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, after their small plane crash-landed in southern Colombia.

A senior FBI official said the bureau had a copy of the tape but declined to provide details, saying "it is an ongoing investigation at this point."

"It shows the men alive," said a U.S. official on condition of anonymity. It is the first "proof of life" of the three, the official said.

The three captives — Marc Gonsalves, Keith Stansell and Thomas Howes — worked for Pentagon contractor California Microwave Systems, and reportedly were on an intelligence mission when they fell into the rebels' hands.

A fourth American, Thomas Janis, and a Colombian army sergeant aboard the single-engine Cessna were executed by the rebels.

The U.S. government has given billions of dollars in aid and training to the Colombian military to support its war against two rebel armies and to wipe out cocaine and heroin production. Some of the most hazardous missions are being carried out by U.S. civilian contractors.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Philip

Reeker confirmed the existence of the video and said the U.S. government holds "the terrorists responsible for the safety and well-being of the hostages."

"We have been working with the government of Colombia to obtain the safe release of the American hostages without making concessions to the terrorists holding them," Reeker said, without elaborating.

J. Cofer Black, the U.S. State Department's counterterrorism coordinator, visited Colombia Wednesday and said the United States will never negotiate with terrorists.

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Schwarzenegger tries to broaden appeal

by Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger sought to broaden his appeal Thursday in the state's ethnically diverse heartland, as a Hispanic advocacy group criticized him for supporting English as the nation's official language.

His leading rival in the gubernatorial recall campaign, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, touched on an issue dear to Californians — gas prices — as he accused oil companies of price gouging leading into Labor Day weekend.

Bustamante, a Democrat, vowed to bring the companies under state regulatory control, as he began what shaped up as a frenetic day of campaigning by gubernatorial candidates.

Before Schwarzenegger arrived in the state's farm belt, the nation's oldest Hispanic civil rights group called on him to step down from the advisory

board of U.S. English, a group that seeks to make English the official language of the United States.

Bustamante, meanwhile, defended his membership in a Hispanic student activist group while he was in college in the 1970s. The group criticizing Schwarzenegger, the League of United Latin American Citizens, said the Austrian-born actor's advisory board position brings into question his commitment to Hispanics.

"It just seems like all the issues that we support he doesn't," said Gabriela Lemus, the league's director of policy and legislation. The league said it is not taking a position on whether Gov. Gray Davis should be recalled and will not endorse a replacement candidate.

Spokesman Sean Walsh said Schwarzenegger believes English should be the official language.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger

came to this country with a few dollars in his pocket and not speaking the English language, and he realized the importance of learning to speak English as quickly as possible to achieve your American dreams," Walsh said.

Bustamante began the day's campaigning with an appearance at a Sacramento gas station in which he called for amending the state constitution to bring big oil companies under state regulatory control.

"Californians are being gouged, and under current law we are powerless to do anything about it," he said, reminding

voters they will be paying the highest gas prices in the nation this weekend.

Other front-running candidates in the race to replace Davis if he is recalled Oct. 7 were also busy around the state.

Former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth held a town hall-style meeting in San Diego, telling about 75 people that if elected he would convene a special legislative session on his first day in office to address the state's budget. He said he would ask lawmakers to place a measure on the March ballot asking voters for a constitutional amendment to impose spending caps.

"... Schwarzenegger came to this country ... not speaking the English language, and he realized the importance of learning to speak English ... to achieve your American dreams"

Sean Walsh
spokesman

Suspected Taliban hideouts bombed

by Noor Khan
Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — U.S. fighter jets and helicopters bombed suspected Taliban hideouts Thursday in Afghanistan's rugged southern mountains following intense battles between the insurgents and Afghan troops, officials said.

The troops were trying to flush out the Taliban from Zabul province when the guerrillas attacked with heavy machine guns in the Chinaran mountains, Haji Granai, an Afghan military commander, told The Associated Press by satellite telephone from Chinaran.

Khalil Hotak, chief of provincial intelligence, said the fighting lasted four hours with the Taliban guerrillas entrenched in a gorge, making it difficult for the Afghan and coalition forces to move against them.

Five Taliban bodies were found in a bunker, and four Afghan soldiers were wounded, he said.

Two U.S. bombers and two helicopters helped, Granai said as explosions boomed in the background.

There was no independent confirmation of the account, and no comment from the U.S. military.

In fighting earlier this week, Zabul's governor, Hafizullah Hashami, said about 40 Taliban and three Afghan soldiers were killed in the ongoing operation to clear guerrillas from the province.

Khalil Hotak, the head of intelligence in Zabul, said troops were

also searching village homes.

He said the insurgents were led by Mullah Arif, who is in contact with the Taliban's fugitive chief, Mullah Mohammed Omar. He gave no evidence to back his claim, saying only that he had intelligence information.

A spokesman for Kandahar's military chief, Mohammed Yaqub, said two other prominent Taliban commanders, Mullah Dadullah and Mullah Shafiq, were leading the fighting in the area.

Dadullah was a powerful commander in the Taliban regime who is suspected of spearheading attacks against foreigners in southern Afghanistan in recent months.

Shafiq was a Taliban governor of the southeastern province of Khost. The U.S.-led coalition dismantled the Taliban in late 2001 for harboring terrorists.

Two fighters arrested in the area two days ago told investigators they were recruited by the Taliban and fighters loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

They said they received \$650 from the two groups, Hotak said.

A former prime minister who has since fallen into disfavor, Hekmatyar has so far eluded U.S. efforts to arrest or kill him. The renegade warlord has issued calls for a jihad, or holy war, against foreign troops in Afghanistan.

Also on Thursday, Col. Rodney Davis, spokesman for the U.S. military at Bagram Air Base, just north of the capital, Kabul, said a band of insurgents attacked coalition forces near the village of Shkin in eastern Paktika province Wednesday.

Fair: Wide variety of groups participating

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Brooke Randa.

"It's really a great (public relations) tool," she said.

The VTU's setup will include two large displays outlining all of their shows for the fall semester, Randa said.

"We're not just recruiting, but letting students know what speakers and artists are coming to campus and when," Randa said.

"We're doing this for the students."

Along with the more tradi-

tional organizations like the SGA and VTU, Mitchell said the showcase will include a number of nontraditional groups like the Human-Powered Submarine Team.

The award-winning team builds and races its own submarines and will be bringing along one of the human-powered submarines to the showcase, Mitchell said.

Generally, the showcase attracts around 2000 students each year and Mitchell said there will be an organization for everyone.

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NASA should continue space exploration legacy

Kate Lynch

Is the universe a dust ball on the back of some kind of life form in another galaxy?

Are the years passing in our lives only a few seconds in the world of another entity? Are we the only ones out there?

These are all questions being answered through fantasy television shows such as Star Trek and Deep Space Nine.

Popular movies such as Signs and Contact have depicted other life forms.

We all speculate and imagine what could be in outer space just as Columbus and previous explorers wondered what could be across the immense expansive waters.

They persevered and discovered another world, the New World, and we should do the same.

With the recent crash of the shuttle Colombia, many critics of NASA are asking why we should continue to fund space travel when people are being killed and billions of dollars seem to be getting wasted.

The race to space is over and a majority of people's excitement about the space program is dwindling.

This needs to change. We can not trivialize the deaths of the people who gave their lives for the goals of the space program.

The program needs more funding and research.

It is a positive step having President George Bush remain faithful to supporting the programs of NASA and promising continued governmental funding, but without the support of the masses, future space exploration will never reach its potential.

I am far from saying NASA has made no mistakes. I think the quality of safety procedures and shuttle assembly should be scrupulous and checked until perfection.

Communication and attention to fine details needs to improve. The mistakes made could have been prevented but what mission has successful attempts every time?

If all the explorers in the history of our world had turned back after hearing news of others' failed endeavors, the world would still be flat and leeches would still be drawing our blood.

We need to unveil our sense of adventure and firmly support space exploration.

Kate Lynch is the editorial assistant for the Collegiate Times.

Understanding your rights and campus essential to showing spirit

John Robertson

It's that time of year again.

It's time for hundreds of you to arrive at my office in various states of emotional distress with serious legal problems. For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Student Legal Services attorney.

This office has been in existence for longer than most of you have been alive.

It may come as a surprise to some of you to have access to an attorney at all.

For most of you, however, this information doesn't mean much until you have a serious problem compelling you to seek help.

Yesterday, about half a dozen students came to see me describing their problems as nightmares.

This doesn't begin to truly describe the nature of these problems to any of you who haven't suffered similar legal trouble.

Try to imagine what it would be like to have a legal problem costing you thousands of dollars, months of legal headaches, and/or criminal charges.

Imagine problems so severe they could not only get you suspended or expelled from school, they could land you in jail and they could have a lasting effect on your ability to get into graduate school or to get the kind of job you want.

Sadly, this is typical. I'd like to spare all of you this sort of trouble. But I need your help.

You see, as the only attorney for all 26,000 of you, there may be little I can do once you've been unfortunate enough to encounter legal difficulty. I can describe in great detail the pos-

sible outcomes of your situation.

I can attempt to provide some degree of damage control but to be really effective I need to be able to teach you to avoid these problems.

If you take the time to learn, I believe we have the power to effect some amazing changes together.

Today is Hokie Spirit day. Wearing a T-shirt in the school colors is a fair way to show spirit but it doesn't effect lasting change.

"You are 26,000 strong, not counting the hundreds of thousands of alumni who came before. If you can collectively provide \$52 million for an enlargement of Lane Stadium, imagine what you could do to forward student objectives locally or throughout the state."

It doesn't bring more money to the school to pay for raises or for more professors to fill teaching positions. It doesn't pay for more commuter parking or public transportation.

It doesn't pay for more class offerings.

It doesn't give you any more information to know what to do if you are stopped by the police, or if your landlord won't fix something at your apartment.

You are 26,000 strong, not counting the hundreds of thousands of alumni who came before.

If you can collectively provide \$52 million for an enlargement of Lane Stadium, imagine what you could do to forward student objectives locally or throughout the state.

Sooner than you know it, you'll be in charge — in the workforce, in the government and so forth.

So, here it is—my challenge to you: take one hour a week to actually do something to advance your common concerns. How, you might ask? Here's how:

1. E-mail your student government association, and tell them you want to be put on the listserv for future messages. You'll stay in touch this way and you'll be part of the force behind change in this community.

2. Read the Collegiate Times regularly to stay aware of issues of student concern and to see the effect you're having as your efforts develop.

3. Resolve to start getting educated about your legal rights and obligations as an adult. I will help you to develop this knowledge in future columns, presentations, seminars, virtually anywhere you invite me to participate.

This information will help you advance your agenda.

These three steps may seem simple enough, but this is just the beginning.

As I said before, you have the power to effect change for the better in this community and to leave a legacy for future Hokies.

All you need to do is commit yourself to doing it.

What better way to show your spirit?

John Robertson is the director of Student Legal Services at Virginia Tech.

Letter to the Editor

Another day, another dollar misguided

The new semester has begun, and while it might seem this is a new beginning for many, I find it begins with the same old stuff.

While academic departments struggle to meet the needs of students, having cut various classes, labs and faculty positions, the athletics department continues to soar with expansion plans for Lane Stadium.

While I know the academic operating budget and the athletics department budget are two separate entities, I find it interesting the new stadium expansion, estimated to cost \$52 million, is coming at a time when the university is facing a \$54.3 million shortfall for academic funds.

Did anyone else happen to catch this fact? Isn't Virginia Tech an academic institution first, with athletics second, as a supplement to the college experience?

Since when have we become a sports franchise first and consequently let academics suffer?

Was it the 1999 national title run, or was it earlier?

It seems clear what has happened to the university and it's a shame to say the least.

Tech and the people in charge seem to have their heads screwed on backwards. If they were concerned about the rising cost of education and the reduction in

funding, they would take more action than simply calling for tuition increases, then turning around and approving massive expansion projects with no direct or immediate benefit for the academic departments.

Some argue increased exposure through sports helps bring in more donations, but how much of this really goes to academic departments? Are we willing to let this school become known for sports rather than academic excellence?

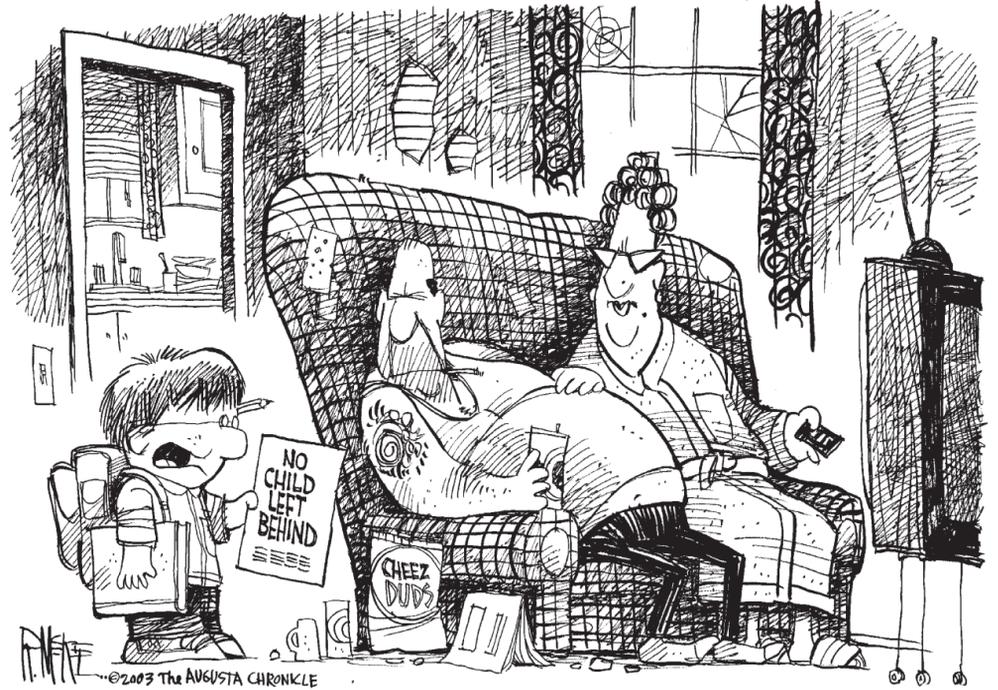
Do we really want to gain a reputation similar to Florida State, whose academic departments are rarely noticed because football and parties take the spotlight?

It's incredibly frustrating to watch this unfold over my four years as a Hokie because this school will fade off as fast as Rutgers' chances for a winning season. We build all of these grandiose new buildings on campus and show off their empty classrooms, because we lack the faculty to teach in them.

How can we continue to provide a low-cost, high-quality education opportunity for anyone who wants it and stay true to our land grant roots?

Simple answer: we can't — certainly not with the way things are going. Maybe someday academics will once again be the main topic of discussion for this university rather than who will be our starting quarterback. But the debate will have to wait until later; the professors have cancelled classes again for a weeknight football game.

John Holst
senior, civil engineering



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Sept. 11 transcripts released to public

by Sara Kugler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After a plane struck the first of the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, callers from the top floors of neighboring tower were told by Port Authority police to remain where they were.

According to transcripts made public Thursday, a male caller from the 92nd floor of the second tower told a Port Authority police officer, "We need to know if we need to get out of here, because we know there's an explosion."

The officer asked if there was smoke on the floor, and the caller replied that there was not.

"Should we stay or should we not?" the caller asked.

"I would wait 'til further notice," the officer replied.

"OK, all right," the caller said. "Don't evacuate." He then hung up. A second, similar call — with the same police response — came in a short time after the 8:46 a.m. crash in the first tower.

No one in the top floors of the tower survived after the second plane hit around the 80th floor shortly after 9 a.m.

The evacuation of 2 World Trade Center — and when it began — has been a source of

some anguish to relatives of those who died. Some survivors have said they were advised to remain in the building.

But the transcripts provide the first look at the extraordinarily difficult decisions faced by both occupants of the towers and Port Authority personnel as they struggled to respond to the attack.

"In general, they show people performing their duties very heroically and very professionally on a day of horror," said Port Authority spokesman Greg Trevor.

The transcripts included phone calls and radio transmissions involving 33 Port Authority employees and three other people. Last week, a judge ordered the Port Authority to release the transcripts at the request of The New York Times.

In other calls, a man reached police from the roof of one building, while the assistant manager of the Windows on the World restaurant called to report people stranded on the 106th floor. "We need direction as to where we need to direct our guests and our employees, as soon as possible," she says,

citing increasing smoke.

"We're doing our best ... we're trying to get up to you, dear," replied a PA officer. "All right, call back in two or three minutes, and I'll try to find out what direction you should try to get down."

There were also accounts of people, in disbelief, calling about people plunging from the buildings to their deaths.

"Yo, I've got dozens of bodies, people just jumping from the top of the building onto ... in front of One World Trade," says a male caller. "People. Bodies are just coming from out of the sky. ... up top of the building."

"Bodies?" replied a female operator.

Some of the victims identified themselves by name on the tape, while others' voices were recognized by co-workers.

The transcripts resulted in mixed emotions among family members, some of whom were angered by their release while others believed they will be productive in trying to determine what happened. Some declined to even view the transcripts before their release.

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Greg Trevor
Port Authority spokesman

Virus: Number of instances declining

Continued from page 1

with an operating system patch, Gaylord said.

"(My computer) was ready the next day, but it was an excruciating day," Brady said.

Although they do not have statistics for the number of cases fixed thus far, the number of instances have certainly gone down, Sheppard said.

The number of Blaster-relat-

ed computer problems at Tech is comparable to other colleges, said Gaylord. As opposed to students at other schools however, Tech students are allowed to do more with their network connection giving them the knowledge needed to fix the problem on their own.

Get Connected has set up a website with instructions explaining how students can rectify the problem at <www.antivirus.vt.edu/cleanup>. In addition, a CD has been produced by Get Connected to automatically perform the process of cleaning up the worm. CDs will be available at Tech Connect and at the Math Emporium beginning today.

'Dream' speech commemorated

by Louise Chu
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Arms linked, a crowd of 300 marched Thursday through downtown Atlanta and the neighborhoods where Martin Luther King Jr. grew up to mark the 40th anniversary of the slain civil rights leader's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Political and community leaders, including presidential candidate Al Sharpton, led the march through the city's historic Sweet Auburn district to a rally that eventually drew about 400 people at the MLK National Historic Site.

Rep. John Lewis, who helped organize the original March on

Washington in 1963 where King delivered his oration, reflected on the progress made since then.

"In 1963, I was on the outside protesting, looking in," Lewis said.

"But because of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and because of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, I am now on the inside making laws.

"I wish Medgar Evers, President Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy ... and many others were here today to see how far we've come."

Coretta Scott King focused on the legacy of her late husband's words.



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Features

Carbon Leaf helps rock pep rally

▪ The band played songs off their new double album *5 Alive*, as well as hits from their first CD

by Anne-Henley Beck
Staff Writer

Carbon Leaf, an up-and-coming Richmond-based band performed in the annual Welcome Back Kick-off Concert in downtown Blacksburg, starting at 6:30 p.m. last night.

To begin the set, they started with an upbeat tempo, delving into "Home" and other songs off their latest album, *5 Alive*.

An eclectic mix of songs, including hits *The Boxer*, *Mary Mac* and *7 Brides For 7 Sinners* uplifted the crowd to cheering, dancing and bouncing up and down.

"They do a good job about moving around stage and putting emotion into it. They act like they are into their music; they don't just stand there," said sophomore general engineering major Eric Rose.

Clapping his hands and dancing around on stage, lead singer Barry Privett involved the audience with the music as much as possible. The band members used a variety of instruments throughout the concert, including a mandolin played by guitarist Carter Gravatt and a pennywhistle played by Privett, producing a unique collaboration of sounds.

"They sound like a mixture of Phish and Dispatch. They use a lot of different instruments," said junior political science major, Alexandra Sommers.

The band combines a blend of original beats with the knowledge of past performers and musical idols, such as the Beatles, Sting and even Bach.

The combination provides an organic new age rock.

As the name suggests, the band is two very different things put together.

"We are modern, but have a



ELEANOR HOPSON/SPPS

Lead singer Barry Privett and the rest of Carbon Leaf performed last night at the Welcome Back Kick-off Concert, sponsored by the Student Alumni Association.

rooted background from jazz, bluegrass, rock and other types of music," band member Terrel Clark said.

"Being in a band is like being in a family. There are good times and bad times, but it's pretty amazing to see how people react to the music we wrote."

Terrel Clark
Carbon Leaf band member

The band plans to release a new studio album at the top of the year following the double-disc live CD effort.

"We would love to go internationally," said band member Barry Privett. "We'd like to get played on the radio and reach as many people as possible."

The band began playing together at Randolph Macon College, and continued after

the graduation of Clark and Privett, the two oldest band members. The eventual result was what one band member called "a healthy long term career."

The band admits that it's not always a pleasant life. Two of the band members are married. Travel is year round and living in a van isn't always easy, as Clark confessed.

"The performance keeps you going," he said. "Being in a band is like being in a family. There are good times and bad times, but it's pretty amazing to see how people react to the music we wrote. It's a different feeling than anything else."

The band, Barry said, strives to leave the audience with an impressionable mark and to have listeners walk away with a bright spot in their days.

"We try to have a good vibe

and avoid a lot of crap," Clark said.

After finishing *Raise the Roof*, the band's last song dedicated to the crowd, the audience thanked the band by cheers and applause for more.

The band took stage for one last song and waved goodbye.

Pharmacy Prophets avoid 'metal-rap' label

Phil Comey

The age of "metal-rap" seems to have swallowed the sound of most modern rock of today, however the new CD from Pharmacy Prophets has ditched the turntables and taken that walk down the rock and roll path.

"Songs of Death and Happiness," released April 25, is the first independent CD from the Arlington-based rock group.

The band is made up of four members including one Virginia Tech alumni, Jeff Jones who graduated in 1993.

The new album is described by the band as a "modern classic rock album," and for those that need a precise label, this will suffice.

Lead vocals are done by Steve Bowes who also plays rhythm guitar. Though at times his voice is so gruff, he may be mistaken for a member of the Dillan family, he shows the potential to carry a soft melody on tracks such as "Devil."

At other times a collaboration of the band members vocals ring out as a chorus that blends together as well as freshman year and roman noodles.

An example of the bands simple, yet effective lyrics come on the song "Figurine." She holds a glass figurine, and her eyes are closed and she's so serene, and I wonder, How did she get that way.

Guitarist Wes Fleming shows promise, with some very creative ballads and with some definitive classic rock sound welded in.

His solos are much welcomed and a break from the occasional monotony of some

of their weaker song's such as "Pray."

Drumming done by Eric Scorce is nothing to write to mom about, however goes well with the mild rock sound that the band optimizes.

Classic rock shows its influence on the band in tracks like "Century," and many song intros are quite reminiscent of the classic rock era.

Though the basic sound stays true throughout the whole CD, songs like "Earlgray" and "Scar" show the band is not afraid to kick the tempo up a little bit.

Heartfelt songs such as "Figurine" and "Lighthouse" will surely leave the more sentimental listeners a little teary eyed, while the tough crowd will pretend they just have something in their eye.

The band shows some serious potential in the modern rock department, though for me the sound lacked two things.

First, the bravery to try some more creative avenues of sound, and second the ability to rock out a bit harder.

But fans of the classic guitar, drums, and vocal combination will feel snug and cozy in their familiar world.

Despite criticism good or bad, the band boasts the achievement of being one of the most downloaded songs on the Washington Post download site for the week of May 7.

So for those who have been starving for some modern rock with a sprinkle of classic rock on top, dig in.

However for those hungry for some more edgy exploring sounds that hit a little harder, I sound skip this meal.

Phil Comey is an associate features editor for the CT.

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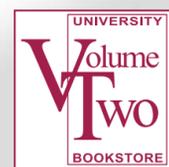
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Sports

Hokies look to slay Knights in opener

by Rajan Nanavati
Sports Editor

It seems odd for the Virginia Tech football team's season opener Sunday, as Hokie fans are far more concerned about the details of their pre-game parties and post-game festivities, taking a Tech victory as all but guaranteed.

However, when the Hokies take on the Golden Knights of the University of Central Florida this weekend to kick off their 2003 season, both the coaching staff and the players alike realize the sleeping giant of a football team they will face is far more dangerous than it

appears.

"This football team right here, I think, is a scary football team coming in," Tech head coach Frank Beamer said.

"You got a team that knows how to throw the football, you got a quarterback that can throw the football (and) you got defensive guys that are very athletic that fly around.

You put all those things together and this is a football team that certainly can beat us and have the potential to beat us."

The quarterback Beamer refers to is the Golden Knight's

senior Ryan Schneider, one of the top passers in the school's history and the unquestioned leader of a very potent offense. Schneider has broken many of former UCF star Daunte Culpepper's records and is well on pace to break almost all of Culpepper's records by the end of this season.

Schneider calls the signals for an offense ranking sixth in the nation in passing offense and No. 11 overall in total offense. In addition, Schneider is the highest-rated passer in the country who is returning to school in 2003.

The Hokies have faced Schneider in Lane Stadium once before in 2001 but under much different circumstances.

He was just a sophomore then, early in his first season of being the main man under center.

In the 46-14 victory by the Hokies, Schneider threw a touchdown pass early but threw a career-high three interceptions allowing Tech to seal the victory.

Tech must find answers to questions of its own during Sunday's matchup.

The Hokies are coming off a series of sloppy scrimmages and practices and the coaching staff is hoping while the energy level and focus will obviously be much greater during the actual game situation, the bad habits and little mistakes won't carry into the actual game.

"They love to play in (high profile) games like this," Beamer said.

"We certainly need to mentally and physically get ready to play a team that's very capable."

Defensive end Nathaniel Adibi has been limited this week in practice due to problems with his knee but will play Sunday, the coaching staff said.

University of Central Florida, at a glance



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5 touchdowns

Kicker Carter Warley's struggles from last season have continued during practices and scrimmages as it seems he is having trouble developing a comfort level kicking the ball, hindering his consistency.

While the offensive line has gained experience by playing younger players during parts of 2002, the unit is perilously thin in depth and an injury could create a sense of panic among the coaching staff.

Despite these questions the team faces, the level of optimism among the players and coaching staff is just as high as the fans.

Everyone realizes a victory Sunday over a quality opponent will be a great springboard into a season with high bowl aspirations.

Richardson convicted of domestic violence

■ The conviction of the Warriors guard furthers a tumultuous offseason for Golden State

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Jason Richardson of the Golden State Warriors was convicted Thursday of a misdemeanor domestic violence charge stemming from an assault on his ex-girlfriend.

Roshonda Jacqmain testified Wednesday that Richardson, 22, pushed her so hard that she fell and struck her head against a wall, putting a large hole in it.

The incident took place April 29 at Jacqmain's apartment, where Richardson had gone to pick up their 3-year-old daughter.

The 6-foot-6, 220-pound Richardson, a Saginaw native who left Michigan State after his sophomore season to turn pro, testified that he was acting in self-defense, according to The Saginaw News.

The trial began Wednesday. The jury deliberated 1 1/2 hours before reaching its verdict, Saginaw County Prosecutor Michael Thomas said.

Richardson remained free on bond pending a sentencing hearing, which was not immediately scheduled, Thomas said. Richardson faces up to 93 days in jail and \$500 in fines.

A message seeking comment from Richardson's attorney, Jeffery Taylor, was left at his Southfield office.

A two-year starter for the Warriors, Richardson averaged 15.6 points and 4.6 rebounds last season.

Young investigations ordered by IOC

by Steven Wilson
Associated Press

SAINT-DENIS, France (AP) — The International Olympic Committee asked U.S. Olympic officials and track's world governing body Thursday to investigate allegations regarding American runner Jerome Young's competition in the Sydney Olympics despite a positive drug test.

IOC President Jacques Rogge sent a letter to the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Association of Athletics Federations strongly urging them to pursue the matter.

Rogge also asked the World Anti-Doping Agency to assist

the inquiry by using all means and powers at its disposal.

The IAAF's rule-making council said it could only reopen the case if the athlete comes forward and admits to the positive test.

The IOC intervention came a day after a report in the Los Angeles Times stating Young tested positive for steroids in 1999 but was cleared to run in the 2000 Olympics.

Young won a gold medal as part of the U.S. 1,600-meter relay team.

On Tuesday, Young won the 400 meters at the World Championships here for his first individual title. He is set to run in the 1,600-meter relay this weekend.

Pistons reacquire guard Hunter

by Larry Lage
Associated Press

DETROIT — The Pistons traded Michael Curry to the Toronto Raptors for Lindsey Hunter on Thursday in a move that will give Detroit more depth at point guard.

Curry started at small forward last season for Detroit, which had the best regular-season record in the Eastern Conference. Hunter, a former draft pick of the Pistons, joins point guards Chauncey Billups and Chuckie Atkins with Detroit.

Hunter played in just 29 games last season because of an assortment of injuries, averaging 9.7 points and 2.4 assists. He missed 11 games with a sore right knee, three with a strained hamstring and 39 with a sore back.

The 32-year-old spent the first seven seasons of his 10-year career in Detroit.

"We're very comfortable with Lindsey after having him play here in the past," Detroit president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said. "We know what type of energy and effort he brings to the game."

Curry, a defensive specialist, started 77 games last season, averaging 3.0 points and 1.6 rebounds. The 35-year-old shared time at small forward with Tayshaun Prince and Corliss Williamson.

Curry has one year and \$2.8 million left on his contract, while Hunter has one season and \$3.3 million — \$2 million guaranteed — left on his.

Prince's emergence during the playoffs meant Curry was expendable and Hunter's return to Detroit may make Atkins expendable.

Curry is a favorite of new Raptors coach Kevin O'Neill, who served as an assistant in Detroit the past two seasons.

"He knows that I believe in his system," Curry said. "I can sell the guys on his system. I'm here to help with that as well as the things I can help with on the court."

The Pistons have decided not to bring back their three oldest players from last season: Curry, Clifford Robinson and Jon Barry.

Dumars traded Robinson, a 14-year veteran, to Golden State last week for Bob Sura, an eight-year veteran. He also allowed Barry, an 11-year-veteran, to sign with Denver as a free agent.

"I knew that there was a chance some of the older guys wouldn't be there," Curry said. "I think Joe Dumars wants to bring in a lot of young guys and get started with the older guys being maybe 28 years old. He's started a good base."

"He rolls the dice with that, but he's rolled the dice before and he's had some success."

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Colas helps lead veteran defensive line

by John Wardach
Staff Writer

In 2002, defensive end Cols Colas was tied for No. 1 at Virginia Tech and No. 4 in the Big East for sacks with nine. He could easily exceed those numbers this year with an older and more experienced defensive line.

The double threat of defensive ends in Colas and Nathaniel Adibi is a valuable weapon for the Hokies, and the depth at end is only one part of a Tech team currently ranked No. 9 in the preseason AP Poll.

"We have the potential to be as good as our 1999 team," Colas said.

A standout player, Colas provided the team with 51 tackles last season and led the team with 19 tackles causing opponents a loss of yards. With sub-4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash, Colas is a good complement to Adibi, the other defensive end with outstanding technique and skill in pressuring opponent's quarterbacks.

"I think the quarterback is the most important position on an offense," Colas said. "If you can get him out of the game early, it's going to be an easy job after that."

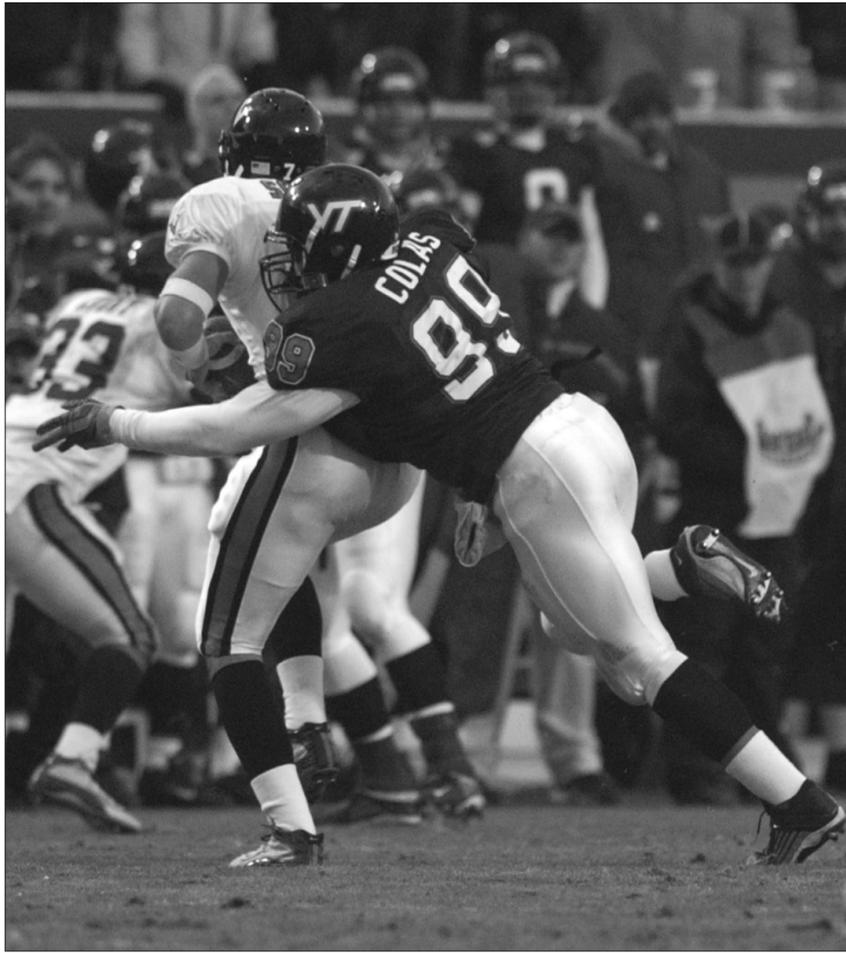
Knee surgery kept him out of the spring game and put him in non-contact situations during practice. After a full recovery, he is excelling in the weight room, bench pressing 420 pounds.

Earning Super Iron Hokie Honors in 2000, Colas previously had a 34-inch vertical jump. Posting the fastest 10-yard dash on a team including DeAngelo Hall, Kevin Jones and Marcus Vick is especially impressive for a defensive end weighing in at 241 pounds.

The combination of speed, strength and experience will make Colas hard for an offensive line to contain.

Even more important to Colas than his pass rushing expertise is his team leadership.

"My goal is to be a team leader and show the younger



ROBERT DRAKE/SPPS

Senior defensive end Cols Colas ranked among the top ten leaders in sacks in the Big East conference last season, and will look to improve those statistics in 2003.

guys how it's done," he said. "I lead by example."

Under the leadership of Colas and Adibi, sophomore Darryl Tapp and freshman Chris Ellis have been progressing nicely at defensive end.

Nominated for the Hendricks and Lombardi awards, Colas' speed makes him a dangerous weapon at end. However, he was recruited as a running back for the Hokies, choosing Tech over Boston College.

With Lee Suggs and Shyrone Stith in the depth chart at half back, Colas wanted to contrib-

ute as soon as possible, even if it meant specializing on the other side of the ball at defensive end. He would make a big impact during the 2000 season with key quarterback hurries against Miami.

The Tech coaching staff was the clincher for Colas to sign with the Hokies. Coming from Plantation, FL., the differences between his hometown and Blacksburg were like night and day. His teammates, especially his class, are what Colas said he is going to miss most about Tech.

"Out of a class of 25, there's only 12 of us left," he said. "They're the ones that stayed. That's what I'm going to miss."

With his athleticism and focus, Colas has got what it takes to help the Hokies finish their Big East bid at the top, and don't be surprised if he ends up playing on Sundays next year.

No appeal likely for Bryant case records

by Jon Sarche
Associated Press

DENVER — Prosecutors in the sexual assault case against Kobe Bryant said Thursday they will not appeal a judge's order to release some of the sealed court records.

The documents slated for release will not threaten Bryant's right to a fair trial or the privacy rights of the woman who has accused the NBA superstar of rape, District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said.

Last week, Judge Frederick Gannett ruled the arrest warrant and related documents could be released to the public.

More detailed documents, including the arrest affidavit and search warrant, were to

remain sealed. Gannett put his order on hold and gave attorneys 10 days to appeal.

Chris Beall, an attorney representing media organizations seeking the release of all the records, said his clients will decide by the Tuesday deadline whether to appeal.

Bryant's attorneys did not immediately return a call for comment.

The documents Gannett said could be released are likely to reveal little not already known by the public about the case, legal experts say.

Beall has said without a look at the other documents, the public has no way of knowing whether the sheriff's office acted properly in arresting Bryant.



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Carlisle emerges as Pacers' top choice

by Dan Gelston
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Rick Carlisle was passed over by Indiana when the team was looking for a coach three years ago and hired Isiah Thomas. It turns out Carlisle will likely get another chance to lead the Pacers.

Carlisle is the top choice of Larry Bird, who, in his first move as Pacers president of basketball operations, fired Thomas Wednesday and paved the way for the return of his former assistant.

"He's my first choice," Bird said. "We've got other guys on the list, so if we can't work anything out with Rick, we'll just move on."

The relationship between Carlisle and Bird dates to the 1980s, when the two were teammates on the Boston Celtics. Carlisle also was an assistant for Bird's Pacers from 1997-2000 before Thomas was hired by current Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh.

Carlisle spent the past two seasons as coach of the Detroit Pistons before being fired in May —despite winning two straight division titles and the 2002 NBA Coach of the Year award.

Bird spoke with Carlisle on Tuesday and Wednesday about the vacancy. Numerous phone messages were left for Carlisle.

"I think a new coach coming in is going to bring some freshness, a new style and hopefully he can play the game the way I like it to be played," Bird said.

Carlisle, in his first head coaching job, helped turn Detroit from a lottery team into one of the top teams in the East. He led the Pistons to a 100-64 regular-season record and a 12-15 postseason mark.

Like Carlisle, Thomas was abruptly fired after three seasons and a 131-115 regular-season record. The Pacers made the playoffs all three years with one of the youngest rosters in the league, but never advanced past the first round.

At the end of the season, Thomas received a public vote of confidence from Walsh. When Bird was hired as president in early July and Walsh became CEO, the power shifted.

The Walsh era is done. This is Bird's team now.

"I was disappointed that Larry and I didn't get a chance to work together," Thomas said. "I truly felt we would have been good together. I'm disappointed we don't get a chance."

Thomas, who was in Puerto Rico with the U.S. men's basketball team at the Olympic qualifying tournament, arrived in Indianapolis early Wednesday and went straight to Conseco Fieldhouse to meet with Bird.

Baaqee at middle of Tech's defense

by Michelle Hershman
Associate Sports Editor

Fast forward to the year 2009. Virginia Tech linebacker Mikal Baaqee has graduated with a degree in psychology, is playing for his favorite team, the New England Patriots, and is raising a family. That's the picture for the future in Baaqee's crystal ball.

For the year 2003, however, the only thing in the picture for the 5-foot-11-inch, 240-pound linebacker is the upcoming football season. With the game against University of Central Florida on Sunday and last Saturday's scrimmage chock full of errors, the pressure is on.

However, Baaqee's outlook for Tech's first game remains positive.

"(Coach) Beamer wasn't too happy with us because we weren't concentrating (Saturday), but I think guys have gotten their focus back, started concentrating again," he said. "We definitely have a positive outlook, you always need someone telling you you're not working so hard to make you work a little bit harder."

Another source of motivation for the redshirt junior comes from his mother, Susanne Bilal.

"My mother, she's the inspiration of my life," Baaqee said. "She makes me want to work hard."

If it wasn't for his mother and his brother, he said, Baaqee might not have started his football career. Following the path of an older brother took him down the

long road made of Hokie stone.

"I got into football because of my older brother," he said. "I always wanted to do everything he did."

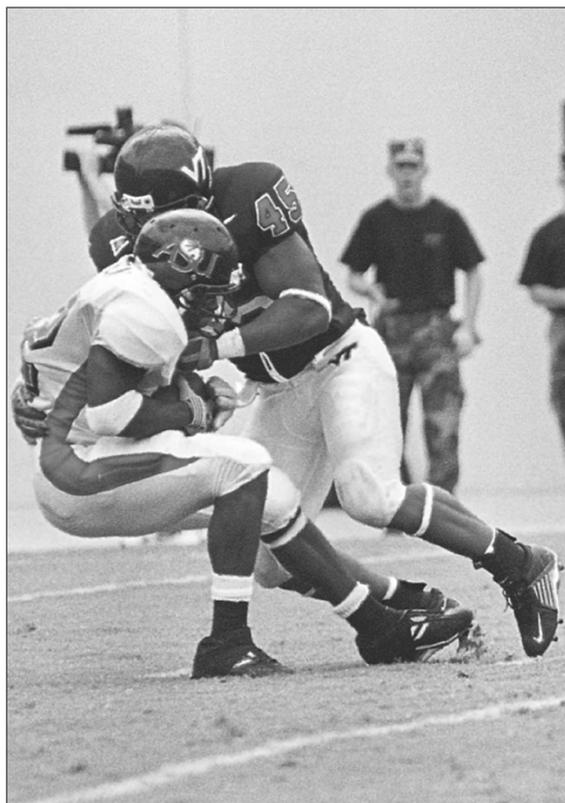
Earning honors such as the No. 3 linebacker in the Atlantic Region while playing at DeMatha, a prep school in Maryland, put Baaqee into the eyeline of Tech recruiters along with two other Big East schools and four non-conference schools. Hokie coaches were the clincher for Baaqee when deciding which team to join.

"Basically it was between Tech and Penn State," he said. "Tech has DeMatha alumni and Coach (Billy) Hite and Frank Beamer and all them. I'm from DeMatha high school and Coach Hite, the running backs coach, is from the same high school. And then Beamer and all them are real close with my high school coach and they just thought it would be a good fit for me."

The fit turned out to be perfect as Baaqee became a vital part of the Hokies' defense. Last season, he led Tech in tackles with 112 — the first to achieve the feat since 1987. His strength on the inside line has led to a Butkus Award nomination and being picked as the No. 9 inside backer by Lindy's.

The Boston, Mass., native doesn't let his success go to his head, though.

"I didn't get all those 112 tackles by myself," Baaqee said. "I got it from my defensive tackles, my defensive ends, my corners and safeties and my other linebackers. So without those guys



STAFF/SPPS

Mikal Baaqee (45) led the Hokies in tackles last season, and hopes to again shut down opposing offenses.

helping me, I wouldn't have led the team in tackles."

He also attributes his hard work on the field to the friendships he's made on the team. Being close to teammates makes him want to play harder for

them, he said.

Come Sunday, Baaqee and his teammates will need to muster up all their strength and speed and go full force against a UCF team Beamer called, "very capable."

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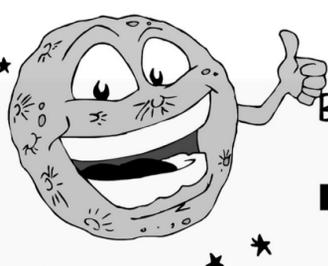
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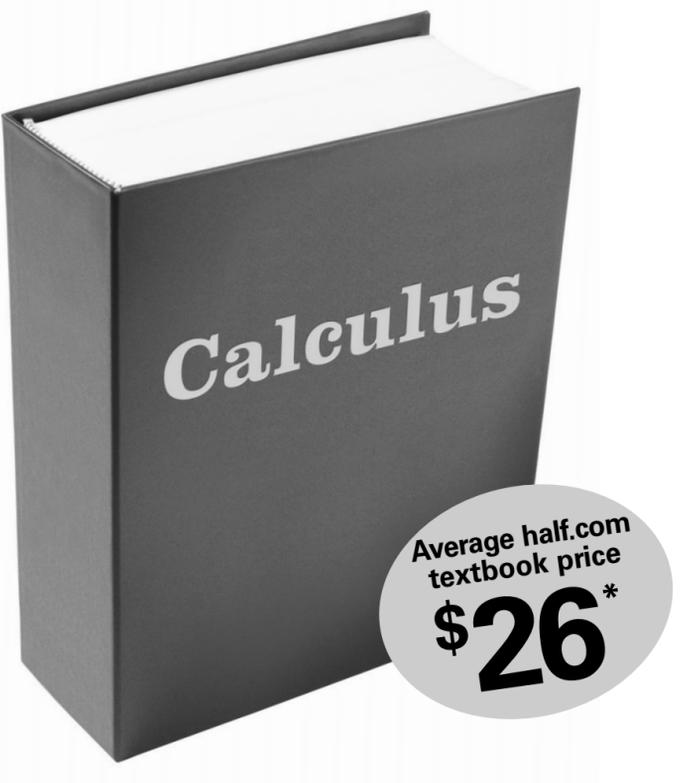
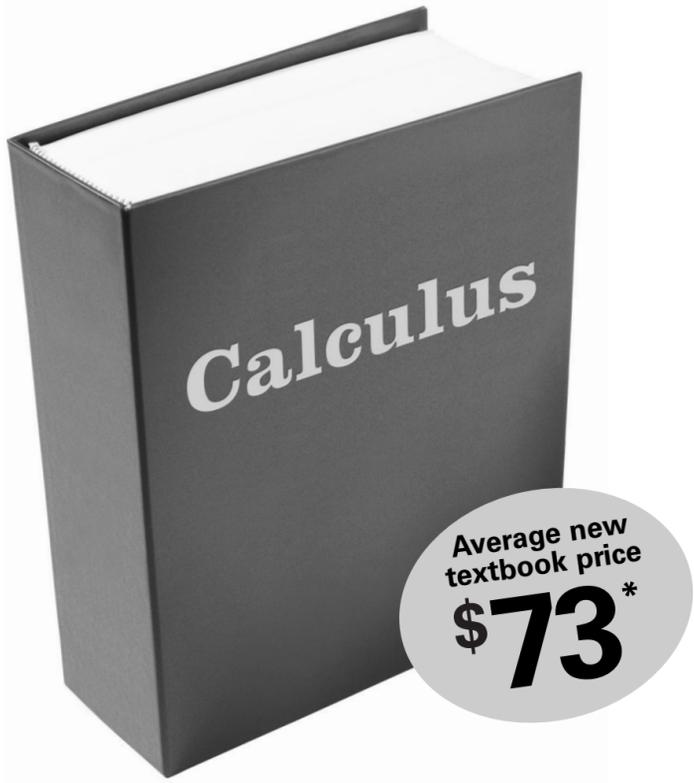
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Office of Student Programs All Professional, Administrative and Support Staff

Administration
Housing and Dining Services
Judicial Affairs
Residence Life
Fraternity and Sorority Life
Human Resources
Planning and Business Services
Public Relations and Information
Technology
Student Ambassadors

Supporting Offices & Organizations

Athletics Department
Corps of Cadets
Cook Counseling Center
Student Life and Advocacy Office
Hokie Hi Committee
Hokie Passport Office
Get Connected '03
Parking Services
Physical Plant
Residence Hall Federation
Schiffert Health Center
School of the Arts
Sigma Chi
Student Alumni Associates
University Unions & Student Activities
Virginia Tech Police
Women's Center

Team Hokies

Alpha Chi Omega
Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Kappa Psi
Alpha Phi
Alpha Phi Alpha
Alpha Sigma Phi
Campus Crusade for Christ
Chi Delta Alpha
Chi Omega
Circle K
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
Delta Sigma Phi
Delta Sigma Pi
Delta Tau Delta
Enlightened Gospel Choir
Filipino American Student
Association
VT Fencing Club
German Club
Korean Campus Crusade for Christ
Latin Link
LGBT
Phi Kappa Tau
Pi Beta Phi
Pi Kappa Alpha
Phi Gamma Delta
Phi Sigma Pi
VT Men's Rugby
VT Women's Rugby
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Sigma Kappa
Sigma Nu
Sigma Pi
Society of Women Engineers
Theta Chi
Zeta Beta Tau
Zeta Tau Alpha

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Rosemary Blieszner
Evan Bohnen
Tina Bohnen
Tom Brown
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Kate Carroll
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Dave Ford
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Alan Raffo
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