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## Tech, Steger, Rocovich named in complaint

▪ A lawsuit filed has listed Tech as one of seven schools that deny enrollment due to immigration status

by Eric Beidel  
News Assistant

A hearing to determine whether illegal immigrant plaintiffs can remain anonymous in a suit challenging the admission policies of

Virginia Tech and six other state colleges and universities has been pushed to Friday.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and attorneys from the Washington D.C. law firm Arnold & Porter filed suit last Wednesday against Tech, George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Community College, James Madison University and the College of William and Mary.

The lawsuit alleges these institutions are applying an admission

policy denying otherwise qualified applicants from enrolling because of their perceived immigration status.

Tech President Charles Steger and John Rocovich, rector of the board of visitors, were specifically named in the complaint filed by MALDEF. The university as no comment on the issue, as the Attorney General's office will be responding on behalf of all universities involved, said Larry Hincker, university spokesman.

Currently the plaintiffs are identified as Jane Doe 1, 2 and 3

and John Doe 1 and 2. An association of illegal immigrant students called Equal Access Education is also a plaintiff in the case. The five student plaintiffs are natives of Central and South America.

The hearing Friday will help in determining whether or not the plaintiffs will be able to remain anonymous, said David Orta, a partner with Arnold & Porter law firm and co-counsel in the lawsuit.

"We are allowed to proceed

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“ Upon information and belief, Virginia Tech has adopted an admission policy that denies admission to students who are not United States citizens or lawful permanent residents, and who are believed to have an ‘illegal,’ ‘unlawful’ or ‘undocumented’ immigration status but are otherwise eligible for admission. ”

SOURCE: maldef.org; complaint for injunctive and declaratory relief

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ELEANOR HOPSON/SPSS

Freshman Jeff Fink donates a dollar to the Theta Chi “Hokies Helping the Homeless” philanthropy. Theta Chi members Steve Belcher, Paul Heroman and B.J. LaCross solicited donations on the Drillfield.

## Theta Chi raises funds for homeless

by Tiffany Hoffman  
Managing Editor

A blue couch and two grocery carts containing Easy Mac, clothes and towels are set up on the south side of the Drillfield for Theta Chi's “Hokies Helping the Homeless” philanthropy project.

“We need to raise awareness,” said Paul Heroman, a member of Theta Chi and a senior political science major. “People think that just because we’re in Blacksburg, Va. and not in a big city that there aren’t homeless people, but there are.”

According to The 2001 Virginia Rural Homeless Survey conducted by the Center for Housing Research, Southwestern Virginia has the highest homeless population in the state, with an estimated 18,824 people. New River Valley accounts for 8.4 percent of the total homeless population in rural Virginia.

Lane Etheridge, the Theta Chi philanthropy chair and a junior communication major, said he got the idea for the “Hokies Helping the Homeless” project when he was eating on campus and realized how much food

went to waste. The fraternity brothers then organized their 76-hour drive.

Every night, rain or shine, from Monday at 9 a.m. until Thursday at 4 p.m., the brothers will be taking turns sitting on the couch on the Drillfield and soliciting to passersby. Even though there were only three people to walk by between midnight and 4 a.m. the first night, Heroman said they were going to continue to be there every hour of every day.

“We can’t just do it when the weather’s nice — the homeless don’t have that option,” Heroman said.

As of Tuesday night, the organization had raised more than \$300 for the New River Family Shelter. Non-parishables are being donated to Montgomery County Assistance Program and the Interfaith Food Pantry in Blacksburg.

“This year is a learning year, but so far it has already surpassed our expectations within the first two days,” Heroman said. “People may walk by once and not have a dollar, but they won’t walk by twice and not give us something. We’re here 24 hours a day.”

## Program to encourage diversity awareness

▪ Performers will present their own cultural experiences at Virginia Tech tonight at the annual Celebration of Diversity, held in Burruss Hall

by Bryan Nieder  
News Assistant

The sixth annual Celebration of Diversity will be held tonight at Burruss Hall, highlighting racial and philosophical diversity at Virginia Tech as well as fostering the diversity awareness goal of the Student Government Association.

The student-organized and performed event will be broken into three main parts: a portion devoted to displaying facts about different cultures and diversity at Tech, and a section allowing performers to express their personal cultural experiences at Tech.

Organizational and individual performances will round out the event. Thirty organizations and individual participants will be participating in the evening activity.

The one-and-a-half hour show will intermingle the three sections to keep the audience attentive, said Program Director for Multicultural Awareness Programs Laurie Brogdon, a senior communication major.

“There’s diversity in the program because all of the acts contacted us,” Brogdon said.

She said the affair is not only focusing on minority groups; rather, it will present the diverse political, racial and religious cultures on campus.

One act on the diverse program bill is the Hoorah Cloggers, who will be performing a dance to the background of traditional music from the southern Appalachian region.

Speeches from organizations like the Young Democrats will supplement the singing and dancing of other groups.

Terry McGuire, the Young Democrats president and a senior environmental policy and planning major, said his 3-to-5-minute speech will touch on the group’s support for a diverse school environment.

“Virginia Tech is extremely lacking in diversity,” McGuire said. “When you go to a school that does not reflect the real world it is hard to get a true education.”

Some of the organizations participating will not even be performing, but rather will show their support in different ways.

The Residence Hall Federation, though not putting on an exhibition, is strongly encouraging its staff to attend the event, said RHF board member Toby Quaranta, a sophomore political science major.

RHF President Kelly Williams, a junior management major, said the event will also call more attention to the recent diversity initiative planned by the SGA.

“I think this year it will be better supported because it was better advertised,” Williams said.

Brogdon said this year is a little different because the event has more faculty support.

She said MAPS hopes for 3,100 people to attend the event and has already confirmed some Tech officials like Tech’s president, Charles Steger, and Provost Mark McNamee.

The event will be held in Burruss tonight at 7 p.m.

## Chlamydia rates rising at Tech

▪ Schiffert Health Center offers safe sex programs to prevent diseases and pregnancy

by Sara Zeckoski  
Staff Writer

According to the Center for Disease Control, there has been a steady rise in the number of chlamydia cases in both men and women.

Numbers on the disease here at Tech, seem to reflect that increase.

The statistics of Schiffert Health Center show cases of chlamydia have nearly doubled between the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years, rising from 36 to 66 cases.

In the most recent survey conducted by the CDC in 2001, 450 out of every 100,000 women and 100 of every 100,000 men have been infected with chlamydia.

However, according to Board Certified Registered Nurse Jeannie Baker of Schiffert Health Center, determining the number of STDs on campus is extremely difficult.

“A lot of students go off campus because they feel uneasy, even though everything is confidential and medical and student records are kept separate,” she said.

She believes many students prefer to go to inconspicuous local doctors about personal issues such as STDs, because they feel uncomfortable being in a place on campus with their peers and faculty.

Though the exact statistics on whether or not there is a rise in certain STDs on campus cannot

be determined, the importance of promoting knowledge about STD testing and prevention is extremely important.

“People always fall into the denial category until it’s too late,” said Ken Thurman, a junior business information technology major.

“They think to themselves ‘that can’t happen to me, the odds are too small—that only happens to bad people.’”

There are a variety of programs on campus to help keep students informed about the latest ways of STD prevention or treatment.

The Health Education Department on campus offers many safe sex information programs, including contraception classes and “safer sex family feud,”

as well as the peer education program.

Any campus group can schedule a “Peer Ed” program where a group of peer educators give a presentation about safe sex and STDs.

They also provide informative tables at many events and employ a wellness team to promote health awareness on campus.

Schiffert also offers several safe sex programs as well as information on its website about safe sex and STDs. Information on testing is also available at <www.healthcenter.vt.edu>.

Testing for most STDs at Schiffert is free or inexpensive and testing is completely confidential.

### A growing concern?

Chlamydia cases reported at Schiffert

2000-2001

33

2001-2002

66

National occurrences of chlamydia

Men

100 per 100,000

Women

450 per 100,000

SOURCES: Schiffert Health Center and Center for Disease Control

A.J. MANDRACCHIA

## News in Brief

### Radford pet shop owner, employee convicted

RADFORD (AP) — A pet shop owner and an employee were convicted of multiple counts of keeping too many animals in cages and failing to adequately clean the containers.

Alexander M. Nelson of Roanoke, owner of Classy Critters Pet Center, was found guilty Monday of five counts of failure to provide adequate care for an animal. He was fined \$250.

Nelson, 40, also was convicted of marijuana possession. Radford General District Judge John Quigley suspended Nelson's driver's license for six months. Stephen R. Sorrow of Radford, the store's operator, was found guilty of seven counts of failure of a pet shop to provide adequate care for an animal. He also was convicted of six counts of failure of an owner to provide adequate care of an animal. He was fined \$650.

### Ceiling collapse traps worker

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A ceiling on the top floor of a building under renovation in downtown Buffalo collapsed Tuesday, injuring a construction worker who was trapped in the rubble for more than an hour.

A demolition crew was using an excavator to break down a wall on the top floor when part of the ceiling fell in, authorities said.

"I heard a hell of a noise. Immediately guys were screaming 'Go get the police, go get somebody.' So I ran down and got help," said Mike Daruszka of Ellicott Maintenance, who was outside the building at the time.

### Former guardian faces fraud charge

RICHMOND (AP) — The former guardian of a missing 10-year-old with AIDS was indicted on charges of allowing the girl's Medicaid benefits to needlessly continue.

Kim Elizabeth Parker, 48, will be arraigned Thursday in Henrico County Circuit Court on three felony counts of medical-assistance payment fraud, prosecutor Michael Feinmel said Monday. If convicted, she could be sentenced to a maximum of 60 years in prison.

Gordon Ragland, director of Henrico Social Services, said the charges only compound the frustration surrounding Brittany Williams' disappearance.

### 1 killed in Coors plant explosion

ELKTON, Va. (AP) — One person was killed and another was missing after a storage tank exploded Tuesday at a Coors Brewing Company plant, company officials said.

Two employees of industrial contractor E.A. Breeden, Inc., of Elkton, were welding near the tank when it exploded, Coors spokeswoman Janet Wendelken said in a news release.

## Tel Aviv bombing kills 7, hurts dozens

by Matthew Rosenberg  
Associated Press

RISHON LETZION, Israel — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a bus stop crowded with soldiers at rush hour Tuesday. At least six other people were killed, a television report said.

The blast wounded at least 30 people, 15 of them seriously, rescue service workers said.

The bomber struck at a busy bus stop near both the Assaf Harofeh Hospital and the Tsrifin army base near the Tel Aviv suburb of Rishon Letzion. Crowds fled the area screaming.

Israel's Channel 1 TV reported the bomber and six bystanders were killed. Hospital doctors said most of the injured were soldiers.

Security officials said there were many soldiers at the bus stop, where ambulances quickly lined up to take away the wounded.

Three bodies lay in the street, and police said they believed the suicide bomber was among them. The walls of a nearby bus shelter were spattered with blood from the attack, which occurred about 6 p.m., just as the soldiers were returning home.

Israeli officials quickly

blamed the Palestinian Authority.

"The attack today is further indication that the Palestinian Authority is doing absolutely nothing whatsoever to rein in terrorists or to dismantle the terror infrastructure in their areas," said David Baker, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who is visiting India.

Palestinian legislator Saeb Ereket condemned the attack, saying the Palestinians urge the United States and the international community to "de-escalate the violence and implement the road map."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

An official from the militant Hamas group did not say whether the group was behind the attack, but the group has threatened revenge for recent Israeli airstrikes targeting its leaders.

"This operation, whoever is behind it, is a natural reaction for the bloody aggression against our people, the assassination of our people, the killing of our children, demolishing our houses, and terrorizing our innocent people," said the Hamas official, Abdel Aziz Rantisi.

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David Baker  
spokesman for  
Ariel Sharon

## Pennsylvania halts porn block notices

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The state attorney general agreed Tuesday to stop sending notices that forced Internet providers to block access to hundreds of child porn Web sites, but promised to use the state courts to achieve the same result.

The policy of sending the "informal" notices was "developed at the request of the Internet service providers" as an alternative to the court orders required under a 2002 Pennsylvania law that authorized the blocks, said state Attorney General Mike Fisher's spokesman, Sean Connolly.

"We are perfectly willing to obtain a court order to stop child pornography," Connolly said after a federal judge approved the agreement.

The agreement followed a lawsuit filed Tuesday by the Washington-based Center for Democracy & Technology and the American Civil Liberties

Union of Pennsylvania. The lawsuit contended that forcing Internet providers to block access to child porn Web sites also cuts off access to legitimate sites. It called Fisher's notice policy a "system of secret censorship."

The suit also challenges the constitutionality of the law, which allows judges to issue blocking orders without giving advance notice to affected Internet providers and without ruling on whether the material in question is illegal. It imposes a first-offense fine of \$5,000 for providers that do not comply.

"Child pornography has no place in a civilized society. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania's Web-blocking law does little to stop child pornography, but does a great deal to violate the protections of the First Amendment," said Alan Davidson, associate director of the Center for Democracy & Technology.

### Corrections

In Friday's issue of the Collegiate Times, Mike Schroder was misquoted in the article "Showcase makes damp debut."

Also in Friday's issue, the story "Parking changes affect tailgaters" incorrectly stated that the Litton Reaves Hall parking lot would be closed to tailgaters. The lot will be open to Hokie Club members.

In Tuesday's issue, the headline for the story "\$87 million request may pass" should have read "\$87 billion request may pass."

The Collegiate Times regrets these errors.

STOCK MARKET REPORT — 9/09/2003 —			WEATHER		TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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NASDAQ	1873.43	▼ -15.19		Mostly cloudy	Mostly clear	Mostly sunny	Mostly clear	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	
S&P 500	1023.17	▼ -8.47		Highs: 73° - 78°	Lows: 45° - 49°	Highs: 70° - 76°	Lows: 50° - 55°	55°/75°	60°/75°	

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# Complaint: UVa, JMU also in lawsuit

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with fictitious names under the law, but we need permission from the court," Orta said.

According to the complaint filed by the plaintiffs' counsel, John Doe 2, who came to the United States as a minor, was denied admission to Tech and GMU.

"He has an exceptional grade point average and falls within acceptable academic ranges to attend GMU and Virginia Tech," the complaint stated, "It is believed that his applications to GMU and Virginia Tech were rejected because of his immigration status."

Karen Torgersen, director of undergraduate admissions at Tech, said she couldn't confirm if Tech denied admission to any of the plaintiffs because of the applicants' anonymous status.

"We have not rejected a student because of their immigration status," Torgersen said. "If we have rejected one of these students, it is because of reasons other than that."

The university does students people regardless of immigration status, Hincker said. However, they must show a green card or

Visa, stating that they can enroll.

The plaintiff's counsel said in a written statement the policies being challenged are the result of a Sept. 5, 2002 memo issued by Attorney General Jerry Kilgore, stating, "Illegal or undocumented aliens should not be enrolled in Virginia public institutions of higher education."

The matter might be different if it didn't involve higher education, which is too competitive not to follow the advice in Kilgore's memo, said Carrie Cantrell, a spokesperson from the attorney general's office.

"It's not a right, it's a privilege to attend Virginia colleges and universities," Cantrell said. "The plaintiffs have not followed the laws of society and don't deserve the privilege."

Students like the plaintiffs do deserve that privilege, said Anna Maria Cherez, president of Tech's Latin Link and a junior industrial and systems engineering major.

"They have lived in the United States for most of their lives, go to school and work, making them eligible candidates to receive a higher education," Cherez said. "The opportunity to succeed should not be denied to them."

# Judge: Sept. 11 lawsuits may proceed

by Larry Neumeister  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The crashing of a hijacked jetliner was the kind of "foreseeable risk" that the airline industry should have guarded against, a judge ruled Tuesday as he permitted lawsuits related to the Sept. 11 attacks to proceed.

U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein said negligent security screening could have contributed to the deaths of 3,000 people in the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the crash of a hijacked plane in Pennsylvania.

American and United Airlines, the Boeing Co. and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey had attempted to get the suits dismissed, arguing they had no duty to anticipate and guard against deliberate, suicidal aircraft crashes. The defendants also argued any alleged negligence on their part was not the cause of the deaths and injuries.

In his 49-page ruling, Hellerstein said that while it may be true that terrorists had never deliberately flown airplanes into buildings, "airlines reasonably could foresee that crashes causing death and destruction on the ground

was a hazard that would arise should hijackers take control of a plane."

"The intrusion by terrorists into the cockpit, coupled with the volatility of a hijacking situation, creates a foreseeable risk that hijacked airplanes might crash, jeopardizing innocent lives on the ground as well as in the airplane," he added.

"In order to be considered foreseeable, the precise manner in which the harm was inflicted need not be perfectly predicted," Hellerstein wrote.

The judge said the evidence he had seen does not support Boeing's argument that the invasion and takeover of the cockpit by the terrorists frees it from liability. The plaintiffs argued Boeing should have designed its cockpit door to prevent hijackers from invading.

He also said the Port Authority, which owns the World Trade Center property, "has not shown that it will prove its defense of

governmental immunity as to negligence allegations made by WTC occupants."

Messages for comment left with lawyers on both sides of the litigation were not immediately returned.

The decision was based on the cases of about 70 of the injured and dead.

As a result of the ruling, court officials were preparing for a possible legal onslaught at the Manhattan courthouse as early as this week as some people choose lawsuits over applying to the federal victims compensation fund. To receive a payout from the fund, families must agree not to sue airlines or other entities.

Dec. 22 is the last day families may apply to the federal victims compensation fund, created by Congress to provide financial aid to the families of those killed or injured in the attacks, and to protect the commercial aviation industry from crippling litigation.

As of late August, 2,275 claims had been filed.

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Alvin Hellerstein  
U.S. district judge

# 6 hurt in car bomb attack in Iraq

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded outside an office used by U.S. soldiers in northern Iraq late Tuesday, killing one Iraqi and wounding six Americans, the U.S. military said. Another 41 Iraqis were injured.

The wounded included children from nearby houses and Iraqi Kurdish guards. Firefighters battled to put out car fires at the scene of the blast in Irbil, the largest city in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Shane Slaughter, U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said that the six injured Americans were Department of Defense personnel.

He did not say if they were military or civilian.

He said that the military was investigating the bombing, which occurred at 10:05 p.m.

There were no claims of responsibility.

U.S. soldiers flew to the site by helicopter and cordoned off the area together with local Iraqi Kurdish fighters, reported CNN-Turk, a Turkish subsidiary of U.S.-based CNN.

A Turkish reporter at the scene said by telephone that the blast collapsed the front of the two-story building.

He said that most of the injured were from nearby houses.

Television footage showed Kurdish women wailing and men running in panic with a burning car behind them.

A Kurdish man could be seen carrying a toddler with a bleeding head in his arms.

The footage also showed the four-wheel-drive vehicle that apparently carried the bomb was intact but badly burned. Its chassis was in one piece.

Authorities in Irbil, about 200 miles north of Baghdad, called to residents over loudspeakers to donate blood for the wounded, CNN-Turk said.

Northern Iraq has been the most stable part of the country since the ouster of Saddam Hussein.

# Acting Iraqi president would welcome Turkish force

by Steven Hurst  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's acting president would welcome up to 10,000 Turkish peacekeepers if they are sent under a U.N. resolution and deploy in the far west of the country away from Kurdish territory, his spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman for Ahmad Chalabi, a member of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council's nine-member presidency who is serving for September, appeared to contradict earlier statements by the newly named foreign minister, Hoshiyar Zebari. Zebari, a member of Iraq's large Kurdish minority, said a few days ago that nations bordering Iraq should not send troops.

The 4th Infantry Division, meanwhile, reported another soldier was seriously wounded in a mortar attack Monday near the town of Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad. Division spokeswoman Maj. Josslyn Aberle had no other details.

A Turkish force in Iraq is an extremely sensitive issue because of the large Kurdish population near the Turkish border, where some Kurdish rebels took refuge after fighting a 15-year rebellion in Turkey.

An estimated 37,000 people died in that fighting, and Turkey is concerned that instability in Iraq could re-ignite the war. Turks and Kurds have a centuries old animosity.

The Kurds have never had an independent country and Turkey is worried the Iraqi Kurds may be trying to carve out a separate homeland in northern Iraq that could inspire Turkish Kurds.

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul said Tuesday he expects his government to decide whether to deploy Turkish peacekeepers to Iraq by the end of this month and believes lawmakers would support deploying a force.

Turkey is under heavy pressure from the United States to send troops but is keenly aware that such a move could divide the ruling party and threaten the government's stability.

Turks overwhelmingly opposed the war in Iraq and many question whether their soldiers should risk dying for a mission they largely don't support.

The influential Turkish military backs the mission.

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Turkish military general

"This is going to be a very important visit," Kanbar said.

In Cairo, Egypt, the Arab League granted the fledgling Iraqi Governing Council the Baghdad seat on the 22-member pan-Arab body early Tuesday. The decision was the league's first officially

recognizing the U.S.-picked council as a legitimate authority and gives a boost to the U.S.-led occupation.

Later Tuesday, Zebari took his country's seat. People in Iraq generally welcomed the Arab League recognition, but many said they felt it had been granted under U.S. pressure.

While sporadic attacks continued against U.S. forces, Tuesday marked the eighth day running that the U.S. military reported no combat deaths.

Since President Bush declared major combat over on May 1, 149 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq, 11 more than the number of deaths during heavy fighting.

Washington has asked other countries to help stabilize Iraq. On Tuesday, Denmark decided Tuesday to send 90 more soldiers — not because of the U.S. call, but to reinforce the 400-strong contingent that has been there since June.

Also Tuesday, firefighters contained an oil fire blamed on saboteurs on the major Turkish-bound pipeline, while witnesses said three U.S. soldiers were wounded when their Humvee hit a mine on the road near Fallujah.

The U.S. military confirmed the incident but had no details. Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, has proven one of the most dangerous places for the U.S.-led occupation force.

# New case of SARS found in Singapore

by Yeoh En-Lai  
Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Additional tests confirmed that a laboratory technician in Singapore has SARS, officials said Tuesday, the first reported new case of the illness since it was declared contained in June. The World Health Organization said more tests were needed.

It still wasn't clear how the 27-year-old Singaporean man, a postdoctoral student studying the West Nile virus, contracted severe acute respiratory syndrome, but it was an isolated case, a Ministry of Health statement said.

Twenty-five people who came in contact with the man have been ordered into home quarantine, the statement said.

WHO spokesman Dick Thompson described the laboratory results as "perplexing" and said more tests were needed, preferably in another country according to standard practice.

"We don't have confirmation yet of SARS. What we do have is a report of a case from Singapore. The case itself does not fit our case definition," Thompson said, stressing he was not casting doubt on Singapore's results. "We are urging that people take necessary precautions as if this were SARS but at this moment it doesn't fit the clinical definition of SARS."

Thompson noted that the man was a virologist and smay have been subjected to some occupational exposure. None of his contacts have developed a fever so far.

"Even if it does turn out to be a SARS case it seems to be a well isolated case," he said.

The World Health Organization announced that SARS had been contained in early July after removing the last SARS hot spot — Taiwan — from its list of infected areas.

The case is Singapore's first in four months.

Acting Minister of Health Khaw Boon Wan said the man had no recent travel history and no known contact with any SARS patients.

Khaw also told reporters that he thought the man posed a "low public health risk" because he was isolated quickly.

SARS virus samples were handled at the Environmental Health Institute lab at the National Environment Agency where the man worked, Khaw said.

He refused to speculate on whether the man may have gotten sick from samples in the lab.

Daniel Wang, director general of the National Environment Agency, said the SARS virus was cultivated there for other labs to conduct diagnostic tests.

# Rush Delta Chi



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## Rush Dates

<p>Tues., September 9<sup>th</sup> 8:15 - 10:00 pm Pritchard 6<sup>th</sup> floor</p> <p>Tues., September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:45 pm Pritchard 6<sup>th</sup> floor</p>	<p>Tues., September 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 7:45 pm AJ 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</p> <p>Food Provided by: Sycamore Deli Dominos Pizza Chick-Fila</p>
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# IFC FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT



**ΔΤΔ** Delta Tau Delta  
 Sept 8 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge

**ΚΣ** Kappa Sigma  
 Sept 10 (6:00-8:00) pm at the House  
 Sept 15 (6:00-8:00) pm at the House  
 Sept 19 (5:00-7:00) pm at the House

**ΦΔΘ** Phi Delta Theta  
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 12 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 12 (8:15-10:00) pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge

**ΦΓΔ** Phi Gamma Delta  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge

**ΦΚΣ** Phi Kappa Sigma  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 13 (6:00-7:45) Paintball in Riner  
 Sept 18 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge

**ΦΚΨ** Phi Kappa Psi  
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge

**ΣΠ** Sigma Pi  
 Sept 9 (7:00-8:30) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor  
 Sept 11 (8:00-9:30) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor  
 Sept 15 (8:00-9:30) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor

**ΘΔΧ** Theta Delta Chi  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm AJ 3rd Floor Cross Over Lounge  
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

**ΘΞ** Theta Xi  
 Sept 12 (8:00) pm Football at Blacksburg Middle School  
 Sept 16 (8:00) pm Info Session at House  
 Sept 18 (7:00) pm Meet Brothers at the House

**ZBT** Zeta Beta Tau  
 Sept 9 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 15 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 17 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge

**ZΨ** Zeta Psi  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 17 (6:00-7:45) pm House Dinner

**ΠΚΑ** Pi Kappa Alpha  
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 13 (1:00) pm at the Oak Lane House

**ΠΚΦ** Pi Kappa Phi  
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 15 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 17 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

**ΑΕΠ** Alpha Epsilon Pi  
 Sept 11 (8:15-10:00) pm at the house  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm Football on Dietrick Lawn  
 Sept 18 (8:15-10:00) pm at the house

**ΑΓΡ** Alpha Gamma Rho  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm at Litton Reaves Study  
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm on Dietrick Lawn  
 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45) pm Litton Reaves Study

**ΑΣΦ** Alpha Sigma Phi  
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm at Oak Lane House  
 Sept 15 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

**ΑΤΩ** Alpha Tau Omega  
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 17 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge

**ΔΣΦ** Delta Sigma Phi  
 Sept 9 (6:00-7:45) pm AJ 5th Floor cross over lounge  
 Sept 15 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 19 (3:00) pm at Cox's Driving Range

**ΔΧ** Delta Chi  
 Sept 9 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge  
 Sept 14 (1:00) pm BBQ at the house

**ΦΚΤ** Phi Kappa Tau  
 Sept 8 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge  
 Sept 14 (1:00) pm at Champs

**ΠΛΦ** Pi Lambda Phi  
 Sept 8 (8:15-10:00) pm 3rd Floor Crossover Lounge AJ  
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge  
 Sept 17 (8:15-10:00) pm 6th Floor Pritchard

**ΣΑΕ** Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
 Sept 10 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 12 (6:00-7:45) pm 5th Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge  
 Sept 16 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge

**ΣΧ** Sigma Chi  
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm Oak Lane House  
 Sept 16 (8:15-10:00) pm Oak Lane House  
 Sept 19 (6:00-7:45) pm Oak Lane House

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 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
 Sept 15 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge  
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**ΣΦΕ** Sigma Phi Epsilon  
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 Sept 15 (6:00-7:45) pm Pritchard 4th Floor Lounge  
 Sept 19 (7:00) pm BBQ at House

**ΘΧ** Theta Chi  
 Sept 10 (8:15-10:00) pm Pritchard 6th Floor Lounge  
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# School vouchers pass in House

by Ben Feller  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats failed Tuesday in an effort to add billions of dollars for public schools and accused Republicans of breaking the deal that sealed bipartisan support for a tough education law.

The debate came as the Senate worked on a spending bill for labor, health, human services and education for the next budget year. Democrats want to set aside more money than President Bush and GOP congressional leaders have proposed for poor schools, early education and college aid, among other areas.

Meanwhile, the House on Tuesday approved a \$10 million private-school voucher plan for at least 1,300 poor students in the District of Columbia. The program would be the first federally funded voucher plan, and the Senate is expected to consider a similar experiment for the nation's capital soon.

The House, which voted 205-203 Friday to include the vouchers in the city's budget proposal, reaffirmed that decision Tuesday

in an even closer, 209-208, vote. House members then approved the budget, 210-206.

In the Senate debate, a measure offered by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.V., would spend \$18.5 billion on Title I, which provides aid to poor children and helps more than 90 percent of the nation's school districts. Bush and the Senate have proposed more than \$6 billion less — \$12.35 billion for the budget year beginning next month.

Democrats said Bush promised the higher figure in No Child Left Behind, the landmark education law that demands higher performance from students and teachers, particularly in low-achieving, poor districts.

"What happened to his commitment to education?" Byrd said. "I tell you what happened. Once the president signed the No Child Left Behind act, and

the cameras stopped rolling, and the sound bytes faded away, the president walked away from the job of funding education."

Republican leaders say they're putting more federal money into education than ever, fueled by increases during Bush's term, and that future-year spending levels for programs such as Title I were caps, not promises.

Byrd's amendment failed, 51-44. Bush told a crowd at a Florida elementary school Tuesday that with his latest spending plan, Title I money is on pace to have increased 41 percent since he became president.

"We're putting money behind what we said we would do," said Bush, who has devoted time over the last few days to his education spending record and the law's demands for greater accountability and achievement.

*"Once the president signed the No Child Left Behind act, and the cameras stopped rolling ... the president walked away from the job of funding education."*

Sen. Robert Byrd  
 D-W.V.

# U.S. says Iran not complying with treaty

by George Jahn  
 Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The United States suggested on Tuesday that Iran was violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, and urged other nations at a U.N. atomic energy agency meeting to join in pressing Tehran to prove it's not running a covert weapons program.

In a closely watched address, chief U.S. delegate Kenneth Brill focused on a report outlining discrepancies between past Iranian statements on the nature of Tehran's nuclear program and findings by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The report, by IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei, mentions traces of weapons-grade enriched uranium and other evidence that critics say point to a weapons program.

"The United States believes the facts already established would fully justify an immediate finding of noncompliance by Iran."

unfettered IAEA inspections. But that depended on the outcome of the meeting of the agency's board of governors, chief Iranian delegate Ali Akbar Salehi said.

"We wish there will be an agreement," Salehi said. "We'll wait to see what the outcome is, but we have kept all of our options open."

Asked what he expects from the resolution, ElBaradei said he hoped "the board calls on Iran to accelerate its cooperation ... and to make sure that in the next few weeks, we should be able to clarify all the important issues that are outstanding."

He said he hoped Iran was serious about signing the additional protocol, adding he was encouraged by Iran's pledge to the board that it would in the interim act as if it were already in force.

The United States accuses Iran of working on a secret nuclear weapons program. ElBaradei's recent confidential IAEA report to the board said traces of highly enriched, weapons-grade uranium were found at an Iranian nuclear facility.

The report also said Iran was conducting tests that experts say make little sense unless the country was pursuing nuclear weapons.

Tehran insists its nuclear programs are for generating electricity and says its equipment was "contaminated" with enriched uranium by a previous owner.

Brill, the U.S. ambassador to the IAEA, accused Iran of "stalling and stonewalling" on the true aims of its nuclear activities.

# Boston clergy agrees to settle

by Denise Lavoie  
 Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Archdiocese agreed Tuesday to pay \$85 million to 552 people who claim sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests devastated their lives, giving victims long-awaited recognition of their pain and the U.S. church a chance to move forward from its worst scandal ever.

The deal is the largest publicly disclosed payout by a U.S. diocese to settle molestation charges.

Finalized after months of negotiations, the pact came with a new pledge from the church to prevent abuse in the future and a sense from victims that the burden of their anguish has been lightened.

"This piece of paper means one thing to me and many men I represent here today. From this day forward I am not an alleged victim of clergy abuse. I am recognized, I'm a survivor," said Gary Bergeron, who sued for molestation by the late Rev. Joseph Birmingham.

Under the agreement, victims will receive awards ranging from \$80,000 to \$300,000. Award amounts will be decided by a mediator, based on the type of molestation, the duration of the abuse, and the injury suffered.

Parents who filed lawsuits claiming their children were abused will receive \$20,000.

The church also will provide for psychological counseling for victims for as long as they want it, and will put some victims on advisory boards monitoring the abuse problem.

# Marines report malaria symptoms

■ A large number of soldiers stationed in Liberia have contracted the disease

by Pauline Jelinek  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Navy doctors are investigating what one official called an incredibly high rate of malaria among Marines and sailors who were briefly in Liberia last month on a peacekeeping mission.

Forty-three patients have been evacuated from their ships off the West African shore to hospitals in Germany and the United States, 13 confirmed with one of the most common types of the mosquito-borne illness, falciparum,

said Capt. Greg Martin of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The 43 represent almost 20 percent of 225 Marines and Navy personnel who went ashore last month.

Officials are closely watching the rest, an unknown number of whom also are reported to have complained of symptoms, Martin said.

"There are a lot of questions about this," he told a press conference Tuesday in the Washington suburb of Bethesda, to where most were taken.

He said doctors are uneasy because the cases represent "an incredibly high attack rate" among those deployed.

Doctors are looking into three possibilities, he said:

That type of malaria has become resistant to the drug the Marines have been taking; troops didn't take it correctly; the drug had gone bad or there was a flaw in its manufacture.

All going ashore are being switched to another antimalarial in case resistance is the problem, doctors said.

In addition to the confirmed cases, seven Marines tested positive in initial blood tests but have not been confirmed as having the disease, officials said.

Five are of the cases are serious, including two patients with cerebral malaria, but all are expected to recover, said Lt. Cmdr. David Blazes, who is caring for those brought to Bethesda.

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## Editorial NATIONAL ISSUE

### Senior year vital to student maturity

Imagine graduating high school with no senior year, no feeling of being at the top or your final opportunity to be first string, no senior prom or farewell parties. Not to mention taking four years of a foreign language or taking advanced placement classes.

A new Florida law is about to do the unthinkable by giving an option to certain students to graduate in three years in order to create more space in the crowded Florida schools.

Eligible students can graduate with six fewer credits, as long as they double up on English classes and take two years of a foreign language. They can skip elective credits such as physical education, art and life management courses, all courses helping create well-rounded people.

This law is going to send young, immature students into the world where they cannot even vote. Students who plan to join the military must wait a year and those applying to college are at a disadvantage while competing with other students who took challenging courses their senior year.

Senior year is not only important for academic maturity, but vital to further developing students as young adults capable of handling college or whatever lies ahead.

### Saddam's costume party should concern Americans

Daniel Goodman

If I were a betting man, I'd say Saddam Hussein was really good at hide-and-go-seek as a little kid.

Just look at the facts — the man has successfully managed to dodge authorities for a long time. Some people still believe he's residing in an elaborate underground maze located somewhere in Iraq.

This seems farfetched. After all, the man is accustomed to royalty. He's used to living in lavish palaces, fully equipped with butlers, cooks, Iraqi babes and nuclear weapons. And now we suspect him of living in a dirty underground bunker made of gravel and sand? If Hussein is indeed alive and well this very moment, than he's alive for one good reason: Hussein has a really big closet full of great disguises. Masks, costumes, wigs — you name it. Whatever the disguise, Hussein's got it. There's no way he's sitting underground all day.

Now there are those who say a criminal on the run doesn't need a wide array of masquerades to evade the entire world for months on end. These people bring attention to the fact Osama Bin Laden has managed to escape capture for several years now without the help of elaborate disguises. Well, this is because Bin Laden has a very distinct advantage over his Iraqi partner in crime. Bin Laden doesn't need to alter his identity when he goes out bar-hopping with his Taliban brethren. This is due to Bin Laden's resemblance to other members of the local population.

But the distinction between Hussein and Bin Laden is Hussein doesn't look like the rest of the crew he hangs with. He's got the big bushy mustache just oozing with individuality. And this is why I'm convinced the man wears disguises.

What kind of disguises, you ask? My guess is Hussein has an outfit for every occasion, and this includes certain attire that pays respect to his favorite celebrities. For example, did you see Britney Spears kiss Madonna at the MTV Video Music Awards?

My gut feeling tells me we did not see the real Britney up there on stage, but we saw Hussein instead. Again, I can't back this up, but doesn't it make sense?

So maybe my disguise theory is more implausible than plausible. But the fact

remains, Hussein is most likely alive and he's probably not making sandcastles in a cold, clammy bunker. So what exactly does a man who lost everything do to pass the time? Well, chances are he's up to no good. After all, he can't be in a very pleasant mood because we essentially fired him from his job and then killed his sons, but there is a slim chance Hussein is done with being cruel. Maybe he's ready to settle down and take up a simple hobby he can get really good at, like video games.

I doubt it. I'd say the man is in some way conspiring with his cohort in crime, Bin Laden. The mere thought of old man Hussein and Bin Laden getting together for a few drinks and discussing the future demise of the United States is scary. Chances are these two men probably don't even hang out with the same crowd, let alone regularly talk to each other.

Regardless, they still have a common enemy and they're both on the loose. The mere idea of two men as evil as these two not being behind bars is chilling.

With this said, whether it's in a sand bunker or a Porta-potty, Hussein continues to run around somewhere, perhaps planning to someday reclaim the evil throne he once presided over. Oddly enough, Bin Laden similarly runs around somewhere, conceivably plotting a series of cowardly attacks while he hangs up Justin Timberlake posters on the walls of his camouflaged cave.

Now I'm not condemning our country's efforts to catch these two men, for I'm sure they are doing the best they can with the resources they have available. Instead, I'm merely wondering what in the hell these two men are doing out there. It's not that I'm really scared or anything. I'm just really curious. Is no one else as interested in their whereabouts as I am? It seems like our country is too preoccupied with all this reality TV junk and not focusing enough attention on the world's most gruesome twosome.

These two men could literally be anywhere. They might have been at the cool party you were at last weekend — we just don't know. And until they're captured, everyone should be fully aware of the fact our country has yet to capture two really dangerous men who really hate the United States. Don't be scared. Just be curious.

Daniel Goodman is a junior communication major.

### Textbook sales add unnecessary costs

Scott Gayzik

Textbooks. They're cumbersome, can cause hours of uninspired reading and often wind up collecting dust. But their most prominent attribute is also their least desirable one: they are extremely expensive.

Ask around and you'll hear the same story here in Blacksburg and all over the country. Students are routinely being sent into a state of shock at the price of their books and supplies. It is not uncommon for students to spend upwards of \$500 on books in one semester alone.

Considering the ever-rising cost of tuition, room and board, the price that today's students are being forced to pay for books is completely unacceptable. This price-gouging tradition has gone on long enough, and its time to bring to light why students are getting hit so hard in the wallet and what can be done to stop it.

The Consumer Price Index, which is compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor, is a reliable indicator of price changes over time of a wide variety of goods. Thankfully our government has been keeping track of textbook prices and the sad truth is the index has increased about five and half times over the last 25 years.

In other words, the book you just paid \$100 for cost your parents about \$18. For those of you whose interests lie in slightly less academic pursuits, the CPI for beer over the same time period has only increased two and a half times. These statistics are available for all those interested at <www.bls.gov/cpi>.

Changing gears from price to practicality, one begs the question, why are students constantly being asked to buy new editions of textbooks?

Granted in advanced fields of study such as nanotechnology or bioinformatics, keeping up-to-date is essential for Virginia Tech to maintain its status as a top research institution.

But there are at least as many fundamental classes taught at Tech where the information presented in the class hasn't changed in literally hundreds of years.

Take Calculus for example; the field hasn't changed appreciably in a century. Ask freshmen taking Math 1205 and they will tell you they are required to buy a Calculus book which is in its 5th edition, retailing for about \$135.

However, a quick trip to any of the many online booksellers shows the 3rd edition of the same book can be bought in "nearly new" condition for under \$10. I can't say for sure what you get for the extra \$125 but I'll bet it isn't much.

So just where is all this money going anyway? According to the National Association of College Stores, a leading resource and advocate for the higher education retail market, the largest portion, about 32¢ of every dollar spent on a textbook, goes to the publisher. The NACS can be accessed online at <www.nacs.org>.

The publisher demands a large portion of the profit because modern textbooks are dramatically different from their now archaic predecessors. Large fonts, obnoxious and distracting color on every page and margins large enough to park your car on mean more paper wasted and higher price tags.

Additionally textbooks now come with CD-ROMs and web-based content so they can tout themselves as multimedia marvels. However, thanks to standard bookstore policy of not accepting buybacks if the

software seal has been broken, these supplemental materials often go unused.

These bells and whistles attribute to the skyrocketing costs without ever really improving the content of the material. All the while your professors, who in some cases are the authors of these books, are stressing quality over fluff in your papers and homework.

So what can be done to corral these runaway prices? For those students who really want a personal copy of the book, shopping around is the best advice.

As I mentioned before there are plenty of options for buying cheap used books online for a fraction of the price in campus bookstores.

Book-sharing pools among classmates are also becoming a popular trend in universities across the country so the costs of a text can be spread among several students. However, if you are like many of the students who have a hard time affording books or just don't want to buy a copy out of principle there are few alternatives.

Consequently the number of students who are simply not buying the textbook is on the rise, a side effect that will ultimately hurt the student and the university.

One might think Tech's library system could be a resource to access textbooks, but unfortunately there are not copies of every textbook used at the university on reserve. Skeptics may deem such a feat impractical due to the sheer volume of classes at Tech but providing at least one copy of the texts wouldn't be so hard if the editions didn't change so often.

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Features

# Vertical Horizon's new CD all set to 'Go'

Phil Comey

You finally got the Vertical Horizon song "Everything You Want" out of your head. Then you turn the radio on and there it is, seeping right back into your ear: another song by the pop rock foursome.

The album "Go" is the latest release by the rock group Vertical Horizon, hitting stores Sept. 23. With roots in Washington D.C. as well as New England, this is the band's fifth album.

This album follows Vertical Horizon's multi-platinum selling CD "Everything you Want," flaunting such tracks as "Everything You Want" and "You're A God."

There is no doubt this is going to go out of the stores.

First, pop rock thrives on one solid notion. A catchy chorus equals one hard to forget and most likely popular song. Well, picture a whole CD with this element and that's what you've got with this album.

Also every one of these

songs is clearly radio friendly. The album deals with concepts reaching a broad range of people, including relationships, separations and basic human experiences.

Finally the spectrum of sound on the album is surprisingly diverse for a band I previously pictured as one-dimensional.

Lead singer and songwriter Matt Scannell shows the band's last album success was no fluke. Clearly he is the driving force for the band. His voice is versatile, smooth and frankly addictive.

His lyrics show some real tendencies to pluck those emotional strings, with lines like "I feel your breath all around me now, and everything else disappears."

The guitar and bass playing, done by Keith Kane and Sean Hurley, respectively, can rarely be ignored and seem to take different turns on every track.

They compliment Scannell's voice and seem to have the ability to change emotional overtones in any song, on a dime.

Drumming done by Ed Toth holds to modern rock etiquette and completes the four-person band nicely.

Songs like "Sunshine" and "Forever" will have you singing in your car, as the person behind you wonders why you are sitting at a green light.

Then songs like "Goodbye Again" and the absolutely sad "Underwater" are going to be heard blaring out of the room of the person on your hall who just got dumped.

It's rock that's not going to scare away the children, but at the same time has enough backbone to satisfy a U2 or Collective Soul fan.

The first single off the album will be "I'm Still Here," and though it is not a bad song, it throws me off a bit considering any other track on the CD is better.

Some may complain the CD is short, hosting only 11 tracks. But it's clear effort was poured into each individual song, leaving you wondering if there is a bad one on the whole CD. It's hard to believe I'm saying this, but there isn't.



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**Vertical Horizon's new CD "Go" will be released Sept. 23. The band will be playing shows at Longwood and Georgetown.**

However, as a self-appointed critic, I feel it necessary to distribute some negative comments. So here it is: hard rock fans may want to avoid this CD.

If you didn't like their singles mentioned in the beginning of the article, you will most likely not like this album as well. Though tracks like "One of

You" might just lure you back.

Vertical Horizon is set to play two shows in Virginia. They will play at Longwood University in Farmville on Oct. 4, and at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. on Oct. 10.

*Phil Comey is an associate features editor for the Collegiate Times.*

# Simon and Garfunkel reunite for new tour

by David Bauder  
Associated Press

NEW YORK—Dusting the cobwebs off their friendship, the folk-rock duo Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel announced Tuesday they were reuniting for a concert tour of North America this fall.

Shows begin Oct. 18 at The Palace at Auburn Hills, outside Detroit.

The 1960s favorites, who last recorded together in 1975, have sold more than 40 million albums in the United States with hits like "The Sound of Silence," "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Mrs. Robinson."

They're titling the tour "Old Friends," but the men have had a contentious relationship until the ice broke earlier this year when they performed "The Sound of Silence" together at the Grammy Awards.

"I never actually thought that we'd lost our ability to sing together and have a blend," Simon said. "What we had was a friendship that was estranged, and the Grammys was an opportunity to put that behind us — that's exactly what we did."

Garfunkel said it was "truly a joy" to sing again with Simon, whom he's known for 50 years.

"It's family, the two of us," he said. "Our moms know each other. They're still alive. There has been a deep, buried affection for the last decade or so and it was the Grammys that forced it out of burial."

The duo sang three songs at The Bottom Line nightclub in New York City: "Old Friends," "Homeward Bound" and "The Boxer." Simon strummed an acoustic guitar and Garfunkel struck a familiar pose, clasping his hands in front of him as he reached for high notes. Both wore jeans.

"How terribly strange to be 70." This line from "Old Friends" has far more resonance than when Simon wrote it — both men will turn 62 during the tour.

They will stick almost exclusively to old Simon & Garfunkel material, with maybe one or two songs from the intervening solo years.

# Hitler's filmmaker dies at 101

by Tony Czuczka  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Leni Riefenstahl, the legendary filmmaker reviled and revered for movies she made about Adolf Hitler and his Third Reich and one of the last confidantes of the Nazi dictator, died Tuesday. She was 101.

Riefenstahl died at her home in the Bavarian lakeside village where she had lived for 20 years, the kind of idyllic setting reflecting the well-groomed aesthetic of her films and art. No cause of death was announced.

She made four films for Hitler, the best known were "Triumph of the Will," her masterpiece recording the Nazi's 1934 rally at Nuremberg, and "Olympia," a meditation on muscle and movement at the 1936 Berlin Olympic games.

Both films accented her artistry, but more troubling to her critics, presented the Nazis to the world as peaceful and tolerant. Her portrayal of Olympic sports was sensual and stunning; her depiction of the Nuremberg rally shows Hitler in godlike poses and apple-cheeked children handing him flowers.

German Culture Minister Christina Weiss said Riefenstahl's life tragically demonstrated the inseparable link between art and politics.

"Her career shows that . . . art is never unpolitical, and that form and content cannot be separated from one another,"

Weiss said.

Born Helene Bertha Amalie Riefenstahl on Aug. 22, 1902, the daughter of a heating firm owner started out as a creative dancer. A knee injury made her shift to movies, where she featured in daredevil silent roles set in the Alps.

In 1932 she starred in the self-directed "The Blue Light," which celebrated Germany's Alpine mystique — and reputedly enthralled Hitler.

That same year, Riefenstahl, then 30, heard Hitler speak at a rally and wrote to him offering her talents. In her memoirs, she rapturously described her first impression of him.

"It seemed as if the earth's surface were spreading out in front of me, like a hemisphere that suddenly splits apart in the middle, spewing out an enormous jet of water, so powerful that it touched the sky and shook the earth," she said. "I felt quite paralyzed."

Many suspected Riefenstahl of being Hitler's lover, which she denied.

After the war, Riefenstahl spent three years under Allied arrest. Though war tribunals ultimately cleared her of wrongdoing and she could point out

she never joined the Nazi party, the suspicion of being a Nazi collaborator stuck.

As late as 2002, Riefenstahl was investigated for Holocaust denial after she said she did not know Gypsies taken from concentration camps to be used as extras in one of her wartime films later died in the camps. Authorities eventually dropped the case.

Riefenstahl herself seemed ambiguous about how close she was to the Nazi center of

power. She said she knew nothing of Hitler's "final solution" to exterminate the Jews and learned about concentration camps only after the war. But she also said she confronted the Fuehrer about anti-Semitism.

Speaking to The Associated Press just before her 100th birthday on Aug. 22, 2002, Riefenstahl dramatically said she has "apologized for ever being born" but she should not be criticized for her masterful films.

"I don't know what I should apologize for," she said. "I cannot apologize, for example, for having made the film 'Triumph of the Will' — it won the top prize. All my films won prizes."

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Leni Riefenstahl  
filmmaker

# Slip 'N Slide makers sue over use in movie

■ Wham-O is asking to have the movie "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star" removed from theaters

by Gary Gentile  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The makers of the Slip 'N Slide filed a lawsuit Monday over a scene in the hit movie "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star," which shows actor David Spade skidding to a painful halt on the summertime water toy.

Wham-O is asking a judge to order the film out of theaters as long as it contains the Slip 'N Slide scene, or for a disclaimer to be added urging viewers not to try the maneuver made by Spade.

In the movie, Spade jumps belly first on the yellow plastic sheet without first inflating it with air and water. He then coats the slide with oil and crashes into a fence.

The scene has been used heavily in television and theater ads to promote the film, which was No. 1 at the weekend box office.

The lawsuit, filed against Paramount Pictures and Happy Madison Productions, charges the filmmakers violated its trademark by using the product

without permission.

Wham-O also claims the scene violates the product's safety guidelines, which limit the use of Slip 'N Slide to children between the ages of 5 and 12 weighing less than 110 pounds and under 5-feet tall.

Guidelines also state the slide must first be inflated and wet and users should also be wet before diving on the plastic. The company is concerned the scene might prompt adults to imitate Spade's action, which could lead to injury and lawsuits.

"Paramount believes the claims are entirely without legal merit," said studio spokesman Rob Friedman. Representatives of Happy Madison did not immediately return calls Monday seeking comment.

The product was taken off store shelves in the 1990s after a series of adult accidents. Wham-O became a privately owned company in 1997 after being put on the market by its former owner, Mattel.

When the product was reintroduced in 1997, the new owners added an inflatable bumper and other safety features, Wham-O said.

Monday's lawsuit mentions one legal action brought by a Wisconsin adult who became paralyzed after diving onto the slide while intoxicated. The plaintiff in that case was awarded \$12.3 million in damages, according to Monday's lawsuit.

# Yesterday's Crossword Answers

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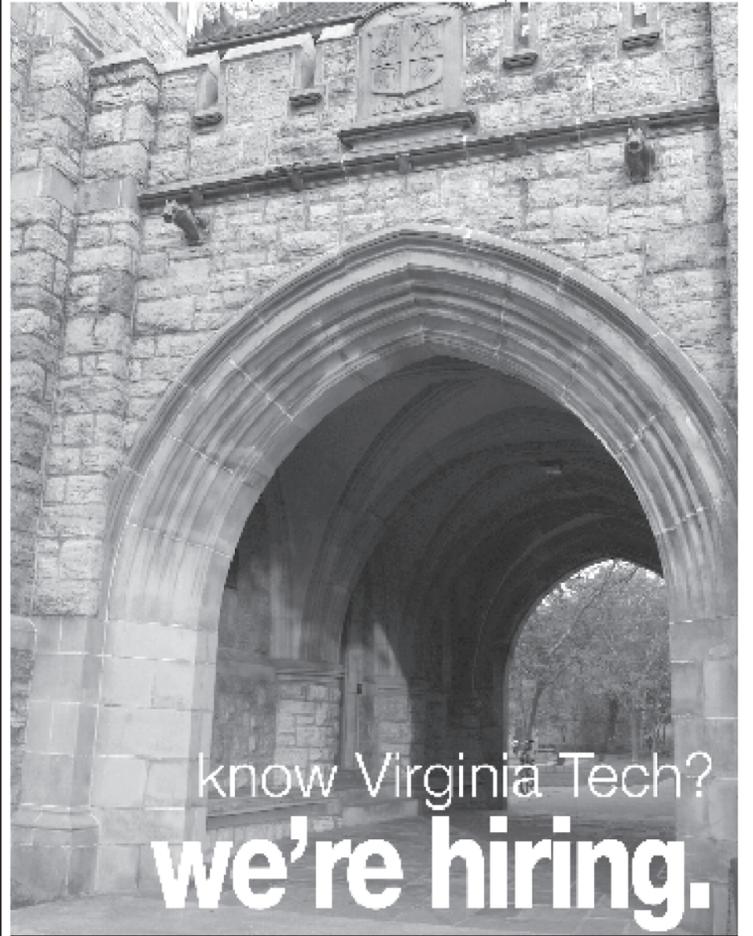
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## Sports

# Hokies beat High Point in N.C. tourney

■ The Virginia Tech volleyball team lost to both Texas Christian University and Wake Forest University in this weekend's tournament

by Aaron Marks  
Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech volleyball team scored a 3-0 victory over High Point University before suffering two losses last weekend at the Outback Steakhouse Invitational in Raleigh, N.C.

In the final day of the classic, the Hokies were downed 3-1 by Texas Christian University and 3-2 by host North Carolina State University.

"It was a disappointment," said head coach Greg Smith. "It was a good learning experience though. We learned where we need to go and what we need to do better."

The weekend started off strong with Tech's win over High Point.

Junior Annie Spicer led the Hokies with 16 kills and four service aces, and freshman Colette Ramirez recorded 10 kills. Junior

Kaitlin McPeak set a new career high in service aces with three.

The win was the third time this season the Hokies have shut out their opponents.

Tech went into the match against the Horned Frogs with a positive outlook but couldn't capitalize on the seven unanswered points they posted in the first game. TCU pulled out the 30-20 win.

After a come-from-behind win in game two, Tech lost the tie-breaking third game by a score of 31-29. TCU used the momentum from the game to seal the victory in game four with a score of 30-24.

"I felt like we should've beat them," Smith said. "They have gotten better (since last year). We broke down mentally and our passing broke down. That's what really hurt us."

Spicer led the Hokies, recording a double-double with 19 kills and 15 digs. Sophomore Melissa Markowski tallied 50 set assists and sophomore Ashley Bayer totaled a team high 16 digs in the match.

Tech found themselves down quickly in their final match against the Wolfpack, falling behind 2-0 by scores of 30-26 and 31-29.

Strong serving from Bayer and Emily Smith led the way as Tech turned the momentum with wins of 30-23 and 30-13 to

tie the match 2-2.

N.C. State came back to win the final tiebreaker match by a score of 15-12. Spicer led the Hokies with 17 kills in the match, followed by Katie Esbrook (15), Jenny Hill (11) and Allie Kupec (11).

The losses dropped Tech's overall record to 4-3, but they still are looking to make it to the Big East Tournament.

"We have the talent there, it's weather or not we achieve that potential," Smith said.

Winning on the road will be a factor in Tech's success as well. The Hokies have circled in tough away matches against Notre Dame, University of Miami and the University of Connecticut.

"We were fortunate enough to have those teams at home last year," Smith said. "This year we have to go on the road to get those wins and it'll be tough."

Along with tough games on the road the conference itself has become stronger overall.

"The goal is to match and exceed what the conference is doing," Smith said. "I believe we can do that, as long as we work hard."

Smith also said if the team members are working hard and improving, then they are achieving their goals every day.

## Sports Notes

### Women's soccer: Jessica Myers earns conference recognition

Virginia Tech women's soccer player Jessica Myers was named the Big East Co-Offensive Player of the Week on Monday after leading the Hokies to three victories last week.

The senior from Richmond scored two goals against American University to lead the Hokies to a 3-2 double-overtime win on Sept. 2. Myers scored a goal in Friday's 2-0 victory over Miami and then produced the game-winning goal against Marshall University on Sunday, boosting the Hokies to 3-0 on the day.

Myers is now fifth in career goals with 14. She shares this week's league honor with West Virginia's Chrissie Abott, who scored four goals and added an assist at the James Madison tournament.

Tech will return to action at 7 p.m. Thursday to host James Madison University on Moseley Field.

### Women's tennis: Zawacki-Woods to replace former coach Lisa Hart

Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Jim Weaver announced that Terry Ann Zawacki-Woods will replace Lisa Hart as head women's tennis coach. Hart resigned to accept a similar position at Washington State University.

Zawacki-Woods served as head coach at Charlotte for the past three years. In her first year, the 49ers received the program's first-ever national ranking of No. 59 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

Zawacki-Woods served as assistant coach at Michigan for three years before moving to Charlotte. Under her coaching, the Wolverines produced two Big Ten Sportswomen of the Year and earned a second-place finish in the Big Ten Conference in 1998.

Zawacki-Woods was a two-time All-American at Wake Forest, and was ranked No. 6 in the nation, becoming the first Deacon player to be nationally-ranked all four years. As a Deacon, she led the team to three ACC finals and three top-15 finishes nationally.

# Vanderbilt restructures athletic program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt will eliminate its athletic department in a major shakeup designed to curb the bills of big-time college athletics.

Vanderbilt will continue playing intercollegiate sports, but the reorganization merges the departments that control varsity and intramural athletics, putting sports under the central university administration, the school said Tuesday.

"There is a wrong culture in athletics, and I'm declaring war on it," Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee said at a news conference.

No NCAA sports programs

or jobs will be eliminated, but just about everything else will change at a school that has run one of the country's cleanest programs in the last half-century. That includes the elimination of the athletic director position, which Todd Turner has held for seven years.

Turner has been offered a job as special assistant to the chancellor for athletic and academic reform, a position in which he would advance "a national agenda for the reform of intercollegiate athletics."

"Let there be no misunderstanding of our intention: Vanderbilt is committed to com-

peting at the highest levels in the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA, but we intend on competing consistent with the values of a world-class university," Gee said. Vanderbilt's sports programs have had mixed success in recent years.

The football program has lost 18 straight Southeastern Conference games and 27 of its last 28 SEC games. The women's basketball team went to the NCAA regional tournament last year and lost in the second round while the men's basketball team finished 11-18. The men's tennis team was second in the nation.

Vanderbilt's move comes at

a time of much debate in college sports about how schools run their programs, and follows numerous scandals across the country. Gee said the traditional structure for collegiate athletics was "broken."

"At least (Vanderbilt) has a chance for success because it has athletes and academics in the same enterprise," he said.

Last season, Georgia and Fresno State withdrew their men's basketball teams from postseason play because of academic fraud, while St. Bonaventure forfeited two games when players boycotted after a player was declared ineligible.

# U.S. sprinter White charged with doping

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) — U.S. sprinter Kelli White committed a doping offense at the World Championships and should be stripped of her two gold medals, track and field's governing body ruled Tuesday.

The International Association of Athletics Federations sent White's case to U.S. track officials for disciplinary action.

White should be disqualified and stripped of the medals she won in the 100 and 200 meters last month in France, said IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai. A final ruling could take months.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency must schedule a hearing with White. If it decides not to disqualify White and remove the medals, the IAAF would take the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.

White, the first American woman to sweep the two sprints at the worlds, tested positive for modafinil after winning the 100 on Aug. 24.

She passed a drug test after winning the 200 four days later.

The IAAF gave White until Tuesday to produce medical

documents explaining her use of the drug. She said her personal doctor prescribed the medication for the sleep disorder narcolepsy.

"The explanation has been studied and turned down," Gyulai told the Associated Press. "Our experts have determined the stimulant is performance-enhancing."

Modafinil is not on the sport's list of banned drugs, but the IAAF said it falls under the category of related substances.

White denied taking the medication to enhance performance and said she did not know it

contained a banned substance. However, she did not declare modafinil on her doping control form as required or apply for a medical exemption to use the product.

White said last week she will fight to keep her medals.

"Whatever I have to do to keep them, I will do that," she said.

Last Wednesday the IAAF ruled modafinil was a minor stimulant, similar to ephedrine, and carries a penalty of a public warning and disqualification. The decision allowed White to continue competing.

# Ohio State ready to cut ties with Clarett

by Rusty Miller  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett was charged Tuesday with lying about items stolen from his car, and Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said the school is ready to cut ties with the star running back.

Clarett was charged with misdemeanor falsification, said city attorney spokesman Scott Varner. If convicted, Claret would face up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. But probation is likely the harshest sentence a judge would impose, said city prosecutor Stephen McIntosh.

Tressel said he does not expect Claret to return this season to the defending national champion Buckeyes. He would recommend Claret be released from his scholarship if the request was made by Claret, the coach said.

Claret has already been suspended indefinitely from the team, and probably will not play for the Buckeyes this season. He is also being investigated by the NCAA.

Tressel was asked if it was time for Claret to move on.

"I think that he needs to make, along with his family, whatever decision he thinks is best for him," Tressel said.

If Claret's career at Ohio State is over, the running back's last carry would rank among the most memorable in school history.

He scored on a 5-yard run in the second overtime in a 31-24 victory over Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, giving the Buckeyes their first national championship in 34 years.

Alan C. Milstein, the Claret family attorney, said he wasn't surprised by Tressel's comments or the misdemeanor charge.

"Nothing Ohio State does surprises me," he said. "I don't think the family recognizes what Ohio State's actions and motivations are, either."

Milstein declined to comment on whether Claret would consider transferring.

If Claret transferred to another Division I-A school, he would have to sit out a year in addition to any suspension or ineligibility handed down by the NCAA.

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