

Textbook technology

■ A Virginia Tech instructor has designed a DVD chemistry textbook which costs \$50 less than its hardback counterpart

by Eric Beidel
News Assisant

Three sections of freshman chemistry students are not lugging around expensive, heavy textbooks this semester. Instead, they take home a DVD and pop it into their computer.

Chemistry instructor Ketan Trivedi has put a semester's worth of freshman chemistry onto an interactive DVD, first used this summer in distance learning courses in several places including Abingdon and Roanoke.

"It's like carrying your instructor home with you," Trivedi said.

The DVD has 10 chapters and several sections under each chapter, just as a traditional textbook would.

The difference, Trivedi said, is in the amount of interactive learning the DVD allows.

The DVD contains 88 different voices as well as videos, animations, practice problems and timed multiple choice questions.

It also includes an interactive periodic table, which speaks the names of the elements in a male voice for metals, a female voice for non-metals and yet another female voice for metalloids.

"Chemistry is like a language," Trivedi said. "It's like someone talking to you and this DVD is talking to you."

Trivedi and his company, Trivedi Technology Innovations International (T2I2), developed the DVD over the course of three years, looking at over 27 chemistry textbooks for guidance.

It took Trivedi three-and-a-half months to develop the first periodic table for the project. Even then, he wasn't sure if he wanted to continue with the project given the amount of time it required.

"Then I just went to work and students started helping with their feedback and that's what pushed it on," he said.

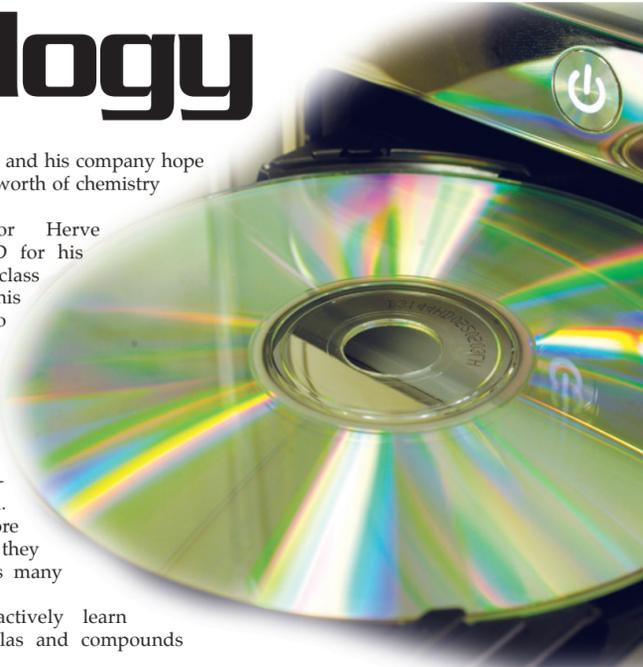
Within a year, Trivedi and his company hope to have a whole year's worth of chemistry on the DVD.

Chemistry professor Herve Marand uses the DVD for his freshman chemistry class for engineers and said his students have adapted to it rather easily.

"I think it was more of a challenge for teachers to make the transition, because students are much more computer-oriented nowadays," Marand said. "Some students are more auditory and this way they can hear the lecture as many times as they want."

Students can interactively learn about elements, formulas and compounds

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SGA voter drive sees slow start

■ Student organizations will hold an event on the Drillfield in the coming weeks to get students to register to vote

by Aaron Blackwell
Associate News Editor

The Student Government Association recently held a voting drive in connection with the Orange Effect, but it failed to meet the organization's expectations.

"It didn't go as successful as planned," said Puraj Patel, SGA vice president and a junior business information technology major.

Students who purchased Orange Effect T-shirts, also had the opportunity to fill out voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications.

About 200 students filled out the forms, Patel said.

"We sold 3,000 shirts from the office, and things got hectic," said Brant Snyder, SGA president and a junior finance major.

Last year's drive was more

focused on getting students registered to vote rather than having them apply for absentee ballots, Snyder said.

The SGA already has the same amount of absentee ballot applications as all of last year's drives.

The SGA is planning more voting application events this fall that will focus on voting separate from the Orange Effect event.

Some of the largest organizations on campus, in conjunction with the SGA, are planning a much larger drive to soon be held on the Drillfield, Patel said.

"It's going to be an on-going process," he said.

The SGA's goal for student absentee voting is 4,000 to 5,000 before Oct. 15, when all applications must be mailed to the state board of elections, Snyder said.

"The SGA believes that this will be a big enough number to get heads turning," he said.

Patel said that this would show that students care about important issues, namely higher education, and will get to the votes to count.

"(Problems) can ultimately be solved by voting," he said.

Car stolen from along Drillfield

■ The 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was reported stolen Sunday, and there was no sign of forced entry

by Tiffany Hoffman
Managing Editor

A maroon 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was reported stolen Sunday night from its parking spot along the Drillfield in front of Main Campbell Hall.

The owner of the car was visiting from Lynchburg, had locked her car and had her windows rolled up, Cook said.

The incident occurred around 8:45 p.m. and there are no known

witnesses.

There was no broken glass or sign of forced entry at the scene.

Cook said the police department is currently working to rule out people who may have had access to a key to the Cavalier.

The car is customized with a Lanzar television and a Pyle DVD player with a spoiler on the back.

The license plate number is JGU-9703.

Virginia Tech Police Detective Curtis Cook said this is the second legitimate car

theft from Tech's campus in the past seven years.

Cook said most alleged car theft reports are alcohol related when a person forgets where they park their car.

"We do have instances when vehicle parts are stolen from vehicles, but this is very unusual."

Lt. Vince Houston
Virginia Tech police

The only other official car theft Cook remembered was three years ago when a Blacksburg Transit van was later found at an apartment complex.

"We do have instances when vehicle parts are stolen from vehicles, but this is very unusual," said Lt. Vince Houston.

Cook said that anyone with information regarding the stolen vehicle should call the Tech police department at 231-8122.

Tech groups work to deter rape

■ The Tech Men's Group, Women's Center and Theta Chi fraternity co-sponsor the White Ribbon Campaign, a movement to stop violence against women

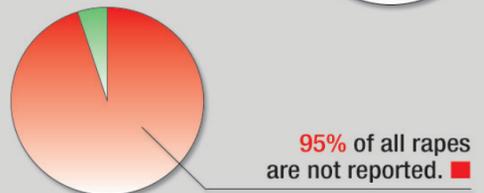
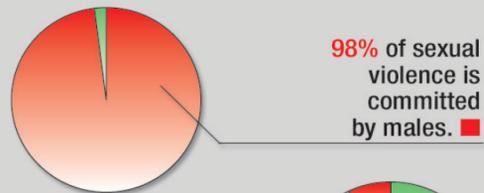
by Alexandria Michael
Staff Writer

Tech community to deter rape

Alexandria Michael

While only five forcible sex offenses were reported to the Virginia Tech Police Department in 2002, a U.S. Department of Justice study from 2000 shows on a campus of 25,000 students, as many as 875 women may be sexually assaulted each school year. Many people do not report sexual assaults because they feel ashamed or do not realize what happened to them is considered rape, said Christine Dennis, the counseling and advocacy coordinator of Tech's Women's Center. "We as a society do a lot of victim blaming," Dennis said, "I'm just as concerned about what we can do from the other end — the perpetrator." The Justice Department study said as many as 95 percent of rapes are not reported, with most victims claiming their reason for not reporting the incident was because they do not want family or friends to find out. Other reasons are fear of reprisal and not wanting the perpetrator to get in trouble, especially since nine out of ten victims know their assailants beforehand and often times it is a friend, classmate or someone they

Sexual Violence



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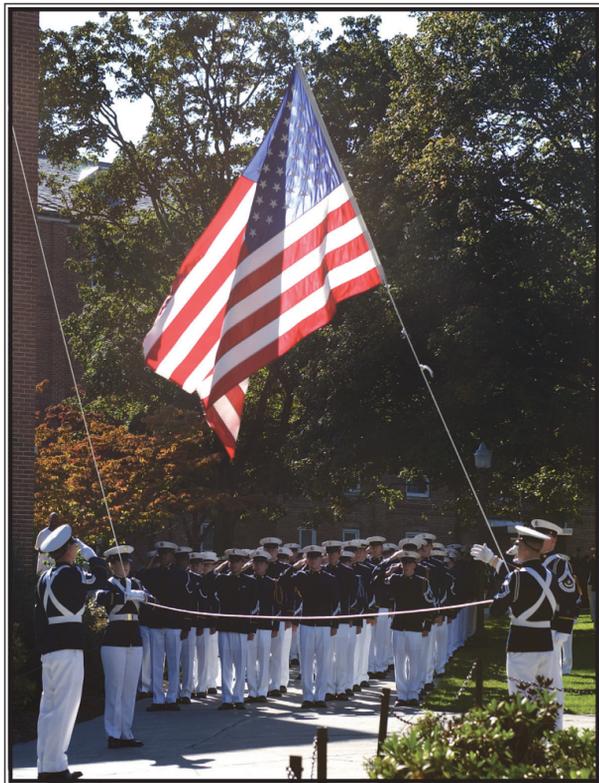
"We are not a very good environment nationally," said Pat Brown, executive director of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley.

Dennis said most women are accustomed to being careful in parking lots but in reality, most rapes occur in one's home or at a friend's house.

The important thing for students to remember is there are support services available even if someone does not want to report the crime, Dennis said. Tech students have the options of filing a judicial referral or civil action, among several other choices.

Tech's Office of Judicial Affairs is able

In remembrance



ELEANOR HOPSON/SPPS

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets held a formal retreat ceremony on the Upper Quad in remembrance of the Sept. 11 attacks. The flag was raised at half staff, and a cannon was fired.

News in Brief

More than 4,000 dead after Italian heat wave

ROME (AP) — At least 4,175 more elderly Italians died this summer compared with the same period last year, Italy said Thursday, in its first official report on the number of deaths related to the blistering heat wave that swept through Europe.

The toll was the second-highest after France, where the government reported a startling 11,435 deaths.

The Italian Health Ministry warned the figure could go as high as 5,000 once all data are in.

While stopping short of blaming the deaths entirely on the heat, officials stressed the scorching temperatures played a key role.

"The relationship between heat and mortality can certainly be established," said Enrico Garaci, president of the ministry's Superior Health Institute.

L.A. doctors separate twins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twin girls, born joined from the stomach to the hip, were successfully separated early Thursday, doctors said.

Surgeons at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles began the nearly 24-hour operation Wednesday morning, delicately separating a number of the girls' internal organs.

The 9-month-old girls were listed in serious but

stable condition Thursday evening in an intensive care unit.

Drilling rig collapses in La.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico collapsed Thursday, dumping more than 40 workers into the water before they were rescued.

The Coast Guard said all 41 people on the rig went into the water off the Chandeleur Islands near the Louisiana and Mississippi coast.

Vessels in the area quickly rescued most of them, and two were picked up by Coast Guard helicopters and flown to a Gulfport, Miss., hospital, Lt. Rob Wyman said.

Arrest made in 18-year old crime

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police made an arrest in a long-dormant murder case after matching fingerprints found at the scene with those of a man who lived in the neighborhood where the killings took place.

Reed Brett, 47, was arrested at his home Wednesday and charged with killing a woman and her son during a robbery in 1985.

Police said one of the few clues was a fingerprint found at the scene.

But, in the days before computer databases were commonplace, detectives were unable to match the print to a suspect.

Bush administration: Don't expel Arafat

by Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has notified Israel it is opposed to the expulsion of Yasser Arafat even though "he is part of the problem and not part of the solution" in the tense standoff with the Palestinians.

"We think that it would not be helpful to expel him because it would just give him another stage to play on," spokesman Richard Boucher said as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government threatened to oust Arafat from the West Bank.

"The Israeli government is very clear on what our views are on these things and I think understands clearly our position," Boucher said.

While the administration tried to restrain Israel, Secretary of State Colin Powell said there must be a freeze on Jewish settlements and the removal of unauthorized outposts on the West Bank.

In an interview with Al-Jazeera, the satellite network that blankets the Arab world, Powell also said "there are problems" with the security fence Israel is constructing to separate itself from Palestinian-held territories.

Still, Powell said in an interview Wednesday that was released Thursday, "it is very difficult to get these obligations met

or dealt with in the presence of continuing acts of terror on the part of Hamas and other organizations."

Powell and Boucher repeatedly have spoken out against expulsion of the president of the Palestinian Authority, emphasizing that the effect could be to build him up.

Israel apparently is not heeding the advice. After Sharon met with his security Cabinet on Thursday the Israeli government issued a statement that called Arafat a "complete obstacle" to peace and said he would be removed.

Immediate action was put off, however, and Arafat emerged from his office building in Ramallah flashing a victory sign to hundreds of supporters.

Meanwhile, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel proposed that Arafat be expelled but only if such a move is coupled with a political overture to the Palestinians that includes abandoning some Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

"It's time Arafat move on," Martin Indyk said at the Brookings Institution, where he heads a Middle East policy center. "But it is clear he is not going to go quietly."

Nor, he said, is the Israeli government prepared to expel the Palestinian leader, who is confined to his battered West Bank headquarters and shunned by the Bush administration as entangled in terrorism and corruption.

Indyk said Arafat's expulsion should

not be put forward as an Israeli response to terrorism but as part of a larger plan to break the stalemate in peacemaking with the Palestinians.

Israel, for instance, should offer to withdraw from Jewish settlements and thereby assure the Palestinians that the territory they would control would be continuous, said Indyk, ambassador and assistant secretary of state in the Clinton administration.

Speaking at the same forum, former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres faulted the Israeli government as not having "kept its promise" on halting settlement activity.

Peres, temporary head of the opposition Labor party, said Israel should not act out of anger, even if it was justified. "While we have to fight terror we must be careful not to escalate the situation," he said.

Peres urged Sharon's government to deal with Ahmed Qureia, the new Palestinian prime minister. Qureia "understands terror and peace do not work together, and he prefers peace," Peres said.

At the same time, Peres, who shared the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Arafat and then Israeli-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said he was against expulsion even though Arafat was a problem.

"Occasionally you have to live with problems without solving them," Peres said.

He criticized the Israeli government for its treatment of the 74-year-old Arafat, saying it had "tortured him mentally."

Textbook: DVD a recommended text

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through trial and error, something that wouldn't happen with a traditional textbook, Marand said.

"Students don't mind playing with a computer for a while to learn these compounds," he said.

Trivedi said using the DVD has made his lectures fresher and allowed the students to be more involved.

"I don't want to sound like a textbook in the classroom," he said. "With the DVD, students can hear a different voice for a while."

Trivedi and Marand make

the DVD a recommended text for their classes and say there have only been a couple cases where students didn't have the computer access needed to use the DVD out of the classroom.

The DVD costs just under \$70 compared to a traditional chemistry textbook, which

costs around \$125, Trivedi said.

Ten students have been very involved with Trivedi and the project, and the students' input has made the project what it is, he said.

Thus far, Trivedi said their response has been overwhelmingly positive.

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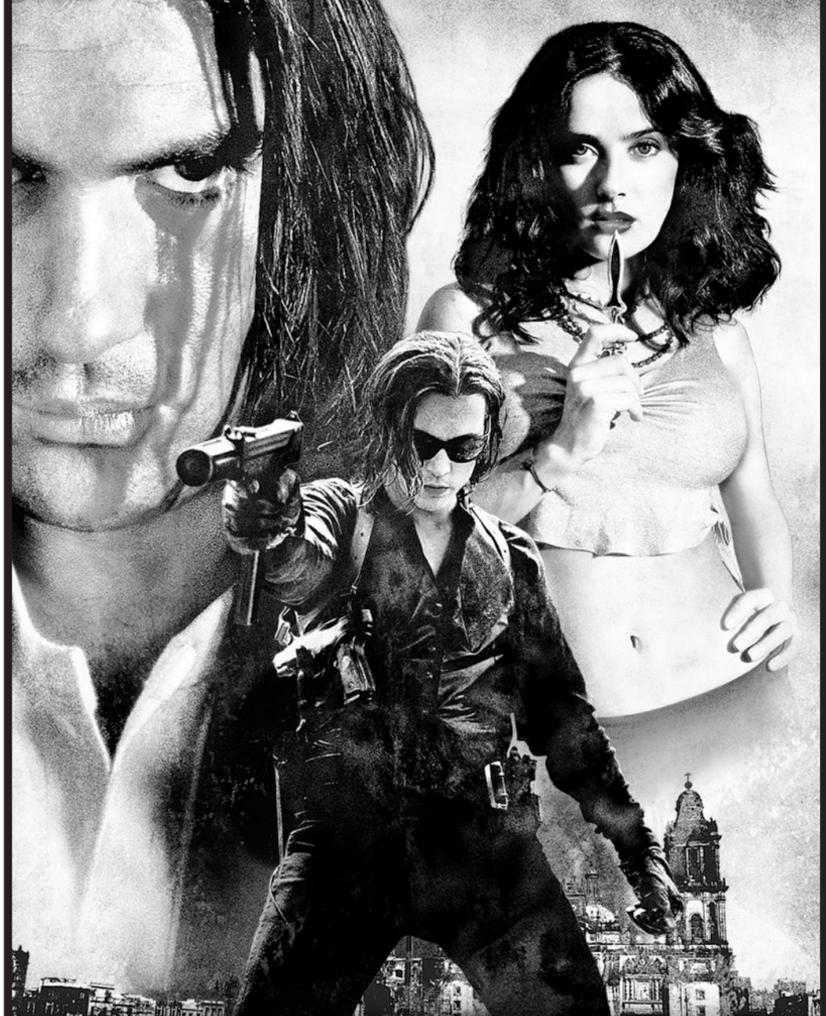
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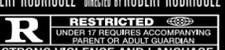


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U.S. soldier hurt in Iraq battle

by **Hrvoje Hranjski**
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Attackers fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. military convoy west of Baghdad Thursday, touching off an intense firefight that left at least one American soldier wounded, the military said.

Tanks and other vehicles from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment came under attack in Fallujah, part of the dangerous "Sunni Triangle" region about 60 miles west of the capital, U.S. Army Capt. Jeff Fitzgibbons, coalition spokesman in Baghdad, told AP Radio.

Other "U.S. forces responding to the scene came under fire and returned fire at houses nearby," Fitzgibbons said.

One U.S. soldier was wounded, said Fitzgibbons and a Pentagon official who spoke on condition of anonymity. There was no information regarding casualties among attackers.

Two U.S. military trucks were also destroyed during the fighting along Highway 10, the officials said.

The Fallujah region has been one of the most dangerous for U.S. soldiers. Support for ousted dictator Saddam Hussein runs strongest in the region.

Associated Press Television News pictures from Khalidia, 20 miles west of Fallujah, showed a burning tank transport truck, a burning 5-ton truck and at least one burning Humvee.

Kanaan Ali Ibrahim, a witness, said the convoy was moving from Habaniya to Ramadi when Iraqi "mujahedeen" ambushed it with rocket-propelled grenades.

A small crowd gathered at the scene of the attack and began shouting jubilantly "Allahu Akbar," or God is great, and "Oh, Iraq, we sacrifice our lives and blood for you."

An Abrams tank could be seen on the APTN video and there was the sound of a prolonged gunbattle, with the shooting appearing to be coming mainly from the tank and other heavy guns. The Iraqi guerrillas that carry out such ambushes normally carry only Kalashnikov automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades.

Earlier, an American soldier died Thursday in a highly unusual accident, the military reported. The soldier was killed and two others were slightly injured when a tire they were changing on a "heavy expanded mobility tactical truck" exploded, the U.S. Central Command said. The incident occurred near Balad, 45 miles north of Baghdad.

Meanwhile, the top American military man in Iraq said Thursday the country was becoming the key battlefield for the U.S.-led war on terrorism — a war he said would not end quickly.

"It's clear to me that this is the next battleground in the global war on terrorism that we have been on now for two years," Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters. "It's a war that will continue for some time. But there's absolutely no question in my mind that the American people are committed to winning this war."

He said the increasing threat of terrorist attacks in Iraq was "a natural follow-up battle in that war on terrorism" that began with the U.S.-led ouster of the Taliban regime and its al-Qaida allies from Afghanistan.

“ There's absolutely no question in my mind that the American people are committed to winning (the war against terrorism).”

Ricardo Sanchez
U.S. military

U.S.: North Korea has stopped reprocessing plutonium

by **John Lumpkin**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Plutonium reprocessing activity at a key North Korean site has apparently ceased, U.S. officials said Thursday.

It is unclear why the North Koreans stopped work at their reprocessing plant at Yongbyon, the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Presumably, they either chose to stop or had technical problems at the plant. Unless something broke, the plant could be restarted at any time.

The plant turns spent nuclear fuel rods into plutonium that can be used in nuclear weapons. It's the only one the North Koreans are known to have. At the same site is a nuclear reactor that can make the spent fuel rods.

Also Thursday, officials said North Korea appears to be developing a new intermediate-range ballistic missile capable of reaching the United States. The missile hasn't been tested.

The North Korean move at its nuclear site in Yongbyon was first reported in Thursday editions of the Los Angeles Times.

The U.S. officials declined to say precisely when activity at the Yongbyon stopped, although other officials had said as recently as last month that low-level reprocessing was under way.

The North Koreans restarted the reactor at Yongbyon in late February. They are also thought to have accessed some 8,000 ready-to-reprocess spent fuel rods that had been in storage.

Reprocessing work may have begun sometime in the late spring or summer.

It is unclear whether North Korea could have reprocessed enough spent fuel to make a nuclear weapon. Washington estimates they already have at least one or two.

Experts had previously estimated that running the plant at full speed could make five or

six new nuclear weapons out of the 8,000 rods at the rate of one a month. But officials had previously described the activity at Yongbyon as small in scale.

The North Koreans claimed they finished reprocessing the rods in April, but Western intelligence officials don't believe them.

Their new missile may have a range of 9,400 miles, a distance within the range of any U.S. state or territory, two U.S. government officials said.

Until now, the limit of North Korea's missile range was thought by U.S. defense experts to have been Alaska or Hawaii for heavier payloads and the western half of the continental United States for lighter payloads.

Whether Pyongyang could reach U.S. targets with a nuclear warhead is not clear; officials are not certain whether their nuclear weapons are small enough to fit on their missiles.

Some officials said the new missiles based on Russia's SS-N-6 "Serb," a Soviet-era, submarine-launched ballistic missile. This suggests cooperation, at a minimum, from Russian scientists or other entities, the officials said.

The administration has raised the issue with Russian government officials, who indicated surprise and disapproval of the activity, according to the U.S. officials.

However, other U.S. officials said the North Korean missile may be based on an indigenous design, rather than a Russian one.

North Korea's possession of missiles with a range covering almost half the planet could add a troubling dimension to its dispute with the United States over its nuclear weapons program.

In the absence of a proliferation agreement, the North could cap its missiles with nuclear warheads, leaving U.S. cities vulnerable to attack.

Metro faces up to 80 million dollar budget shortfall in 2005

by **Candace Smith**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Metro riders could be paying more and getting less beginning next year as the transit agency grapples with a budget shortfall of up to \$79 million.

Metro's budget committee faced several unpleasant options Thursday when they got a peek at the spending plan. Agency officials said options for closing the shortfall include implementing a multiyear fare hike, cutting in-house expenses, changing or cutting service and increasing the amount that local jurisdictions contribute.

"Folks are going to have to expect another fare increase to cover these costs," said David Catania, board member and D.C. Council member.

The overall operating budget is forecast to jump \$89 million to \$989 million from fiscal year

2004 to 2005.

"The increases are intolerable," said Jim Graham, board chairman and D.C. Council member. "All of this has to be very carefully examined to see if it's justified."

Metro is paying more for health insurance, pensions and paratransit services. Agency officials are particularly concerned with MetroAccess, the popular Americans with Disabilities Act paratransit program, which is growing at a rate of 25-35 percent a year. People with disabilities who qualify can get curb-to-curb transportation service for \$2.40 a trip. Metro officials said they could shave \$4 million by offering users free bus and rail service if they got to a station or stop on their own.

Even with that incentive, paratransit would grow at least \$7 million a year, General Manager Richard White said.

"It's going to break Metro," Catania said of the service.

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Rockets fired at base in Afghanistan

by Aleksander Vasovic
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two bases housing international peacekeepers in the Afghan capital came under rocket attack Thursday, but there were no reports of injuries, a spokeswoman for the peacekeepers said.

The attacks came with tensions high and security tightened on the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Afghanistan on Thursday also welcomed a proposal from Germany and the United States that international peacekeepers for the first time be deployed in areas outside the capital.

The first attack Thursday occurred in the eastern part of the city at the main base housing German and Canadian soldiers of the International Security and Assistance Force, said British Maj. Sarah Wood, a spokeswoman for the peacekeepers.

A small rocket hit the top of a shipping container in the corner of the camp, Wood said. She said there were no reports of inju-

ries or other damage.

In a second attack, Wood said, a second rocket landed about half mile southeast of a different Canadian base in the city about an hour later.

Kabul Police Chief Gen. Basir Salangi said a third rocket came down west of the city's airport, which is also used by the peacekeeping force, about four miles from the main base.

Nehmatullah Jalali, a police intelligence official, said the attack on the main base appeared to have been carried out by Taliban insurgents and al-Qaida.

The attacks came just a day after Germany and the United States asked NATO to consider expanding the mandate of the 5,000-strong peacekeeping force beyond Kabul to help protect reconstruction teams outside the capital.

NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said Thursday that the alliance is examining the request.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and aid agencies have long called for the peacekeep-

ers to expand its operations outside Kabul, but Western nations have been reluctant to do that, fearful of spiraling costs and getting sucked into a wider conflict.

Karzai's government exercises almost no control outside Kabul, and wide swaths of the country are under the influence of local warlords with private armies, sometimes involved in factional fighting. The government is also facing a wave of Taliban guerrilla attacks in the south and east.

Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali said Thursday that expanding the mission of International Security and Assistance Force was getting "wider support."

"There's a common cry for the expansion of the ISAF to other parts of the country and I hope this will make a difference," Jalali told a press conference in Kabul.

Recent weeks have seen an increase in fighting throughout the country, though the capital had been immune.

On Monday, suspected Taliban rebels ambushed and executed four Afghan aid workers for a Danish charity in southeastern Ghazni province.

World memorializes Sept. 11 attacks

by Michael McDonough
Associated Press

LONDON — World leaders and relatives of victims joined others around the globe in paying tribute Thursday to the thousands of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks with services that included a tree-planting ceremony in Australia and the opening of a memorial garden in London.

Governments marked the second anniversary of the attacks by pledging to pursue the campaign against terrorism alongside the United States, with some suggesting similarities between the strikes on New York and Washington and acts of violence in their own countries.

In London, Princess Anne opened a garden of remembrance near the U.S. Embassy dedicated to the 67 British people killed at the World Trade Center. A twisted metal girder from the buildings is buried under the garden.

"It's particularly important to us because many families, my own included, had no remains returned to us," Jim Cudmore, who lost his 39-year-old son, Neil Cudmore, in the attacks, said of the garden.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder branded the attacks "cowardly" and warned that work remained to be done in the war against terrorism.

"This battle that we are fighting along with our American friends is not yet won — neither in Afghanistan nor anywhere else in the world," Schroeder said at the Frankfurt International Auto Show.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan remembered all those killed by terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks, including U.N. personnel who died when a bomb exploded at the world

body's Baghdad headquarters last month.

At Yokosuka Naval Base just south of Tokyo, U.S. military personnel held a wreath-laying service, while people across Japan paid their respects at memorials to the thousands who died, including 24 Japanese.

"Why were those innocent citizens victimized?" asked Japan's prime minister, Junichiro Koizumi. "The people's anger against terrorism will never peter out."

In Baghdad, the U.S. administrator for Iraq and the commander of American forces joined about 100 civilians and soldiers for a moment of silence at Saddam Hussein's former Republican Palace in Baghdad.

L. Paul Bremer and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez bowed their heads as a Scottish bagpiper played "Amazing Grace."

At the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, U.S. Charge d' Affaires Joseph Mussomeli laid a wreath by the mission's flagpole, where the U.S. flag was at half staff.

In Australia, hundreds of expatriate Americans and volunteers planted 3,000 trees in a Sydney park in remembrance of the dead, among them at least 10 Australians.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard said the battle against terrorists would not end anytime soon.

Top Russian officials also paid homage to the victims of Sept. 11, saying Russia's solidarity with the United States was born from shared experience.

"The day on which the black cloud of dust from the collapsed skyscrapers overcast the blue sky over New York will go down in world history," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said.

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Retired general likely to enter presidential race

by Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark has told friends he is likely to become the 10th Democratic presidential candidate, a move that could shake up the crowded field just four months before the first ballots are cast.

Clark, 58, has not made a final decision, but the Arkansas resident is aggressively recruiting campaign staff and plans to announce his intentions next week, friends and party officials said on condition of anonymity.

Clark confirmed that he was putting a campaign plan together but chalked it up to the type of "parallel planning" common in the military.

"If you want to find out whether you're going to go ahead, you have to have financial resources and you have to have staff available," he told The Associated Press.

While mulling his options, Clark has met with several presidential contenders who covet his endorsement and might consider him for a

vice presidential slot. He met Saturday with former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who said it is too soon to talk about political alliances.

"There is a lot of vetting that would have to be done before you would have those kinds of discussions," Dean said when asked whether he had discussed the vice presidency with Clark.

A senior adviser to another Democratic contender described Clark's talks with his candidate as "almost an audition for the vice presidential sweepstakes."

If Clark were to enter the race, it would be to win the nomination and not simply position himself for the No. 2 slot, friends said.

Clark has a resume that unnerves potential rivals — Rhodes scholar, first in his 1966 class at West Point, White House fellow, head of the U.S. Southern Command and NATO commander during the 1999 campaign in Kosovo.

A Clark White House bid would grab the political spotlight and undercut the strengths of several in the nine-way Democratic race.

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Celebration of Diversity overlooks social injustice

Nicholas Kiersey

Once again brothers and sisters, we have celebrated the paragon of Virginia Tech's liberalism — the annual Celebration of Diversity.

Once again we have assembled to applaud and stamp our feet in affirmation of each other's differences and the rich heritage we all contribute to the academic experience. And rightly so! Rightly so.

For no one will dispute diversity is a very worthwhile goal in our time. We live in an era presenting itself to us as something of a cultural commotion.

Culture has us spooked — and how!

The political and social boundaries our western civilization has learned to take for granted over the generations of modern times have become decidedly porous — and thus less meaningful.

We are no longer sure of just what type of world we live in.

Our efforts to define it seem hopeless, and in frustration we become nostalgic for the comfort of those times when borders were hard and our global neighbors seemed distant. And rightly so! Rightly so.

For culture has proven to be an extremely unstable foundation for global politics.

It has penchant for the irrational, for misbehavior, for violence.

Because of this, we are compelled to create tools for disciplining culture, compelled to make it somehow fit into our vision of how the world ought to be. And rightly so! Rightly so — if and only if we can look at our civilization in the mirror of time and be deadly sure it too has not somehow been subject to cultural coding.

For if we cannot match the story we westerners tell ourselves about ourselves with our actions then we are guilty of a fundamental arrogance. And if, as I suspect, we are guilty of such arrogance, then our campus' celebration of diversity is revealed to be nothing more than a useless exercise in self-congratulation shrouded in a dense fog of myth and ideology.

For what possible positive impact can come from such a consensual hallucination?

Does a pageant of campus organizations — many premised upon principles of exclusion and bigotry — contribute in any positive way to overcoming the obstacles to true diversity?

In a time when this country is embarking on a pseudo-religious crusade against a phantasmal enemy with nothing but a self-righteous faith in the non-culturality of its actions as a warrant, does a diversity celebration do anything but absolve us from our responsibility to speak truth to power?

With the stakes so terribly high, is it right for us — through our deafening silence — to participate in the rising tide of neo-conservative fundamentalism sustaining its own legitimacy by constructing a Matrix-like, geo-political simulation populated by a host of cultural terrorists all seeking to undo the plans of our great leaders?

Those are the guardians who incidentally champion an intensification of lawlessness in the global economy.

The economy uniformly serves to impoverish, displace, enslave, mistreat and lobotomize — all while simultaneously demanding sacrifice, obedience, patience and the good manners to suppress the lesser of those cultural angels leading to radicalism.

And all this in order to promote a world ordered by a normative vision dictating freedom be understood as nothing more than the right to consume fast food until we burst, drive ridiculously inefficient vehicles and surf 10,000 channels of reality TV reruns.

And all to make an infinitesimally small proportion of our species an immorally large amount of money.

Can we be serious? Can we be so arrogant? If our campus' response to this travesty we call a Celebration of Diversity is anything other than a complete and utter disgust, I fear what we have just celebrated would be more profitably considered diversity's funeral.

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BEN CAPOZZI

ELF fosters environment of terror

Jim Kennedy

How is it possible for a domestic terrorist to operate freely? Heck if I know, but you could ask the Earth Liberation Front.

For years, this left extremist group has vandalized and committed arson — all under the pretense of taking back the environment.

Since 1997, this group has caused more than \$40 million in damage through only a dozen or so major attacks on car dealerships, resorts and other commercial institutions.

Aside from the common dealership arson and vandalism of sport utility vehicles, this group has set fire to a number of government buildings, ski lodges and mills.

They have caused jobs to be lost, families to be torn apart and lives to be ruined. There is no remorse, only the promise of future attacks.

Their final goal is to rid America of all people who supposedly exploit and destroy the environment.

In order to protect the environment, they choose to use fire which — last time I checked — is a destructive force all its own.

Amongst the crazy mission statement is the idea of educating the public on the atrocities committed against the environment and life.

Not only are these people hypocrites, they are cowards.

They hide behind a loosely woven organization anonymous to authorities and its own members.

Whenever there is an attempted operation in the name of ELF, the higher-ups only take responsibility if it is successful, and denounce it if it is not.

Sadly, it took roughly seven years to garner the first ELF arrest, and since then, the arrest ratio seems to be staying about the same. It will be forever difficult to catch them — like catching a Machiavellian rat.

Our law enforcement needs more resources to catch these punks. I know only a small percentage can be caught, but hopefully some of the smaller groups will take a hint and cease operations.

I would try them as terrorists, just as Zacharias Mousaoui was tried.

I'm from Richmond, more specifically, Short Pump. If anyone has been there, you know it's an SUV holy land.

There have been numerous attacks carried out against mothers trying to grocery shop and teenagers trying to go to high school (without getting their windows bashed in.)

Since I left home for Tech, there have been two more attacks on various SUV dealerships in Richmond. They are hardly a respected lot, seen more as a mindless nuisance than a liberation group.

They are worth as much to the environment as the Ku Klux Klan is to racial harmony.

"To cause as much economic damage as possible to a given entity that is profiting off the destruction of the natural environment and life for selfish greed and profit," is the ELF's primary mission according to their literature.

What they do not tell you is their

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own subsidiaries on the grass roots level send donations.

As stated before, the ELF does not have an exact hierarchy, only an above-ground press office handling anonymous claims of action.

People send money to this office with the intention of funding other ELF groups.

This office does not spread the donation money. In fact, they keep it to themselves (and I assure you, they make quite a profit).

Is this not the very type of greed these guys are trying to erase?

They have managed to brainwash their followers with idealistic rhetoric sounding so noble, but in the end, it is nothing short of organized crime.

Far be it for me to tell them how to run an illegal embezzlement operation — I don't think I'm capable of sinking to their level.

If I were an impressionable, idealistic imbecile, however... I'd join in a heartbeat!

Jim Kennedy is a regular columnist for the Collegiate Times.

Letter to the Editor

Removal of Ten Commandments restricts freedoms

The removal of the Ten Commandments in the Alabama Supreme Court is still a source of national debate.

As we ponder this question, I think we must set aside opinions and deal with the facts in order to clearly understand this matter.

After considering the opposing arguments and the facts, I assert the Ten Commandments deserved to stay in the courtroom.

The presence on the monument did not force anyone to obey God's law, as the Bible proves it is not God's way.

Rather, the absence of the Ten Commandments monument reveals an attempt to force Christians to conform to the ways of others.

A CNN-USA Today Gallup poll clearly shows only one in five Americans approve the removal of the Ten Commandments.

Most people do believe it is constitutional to dis-

play the monument in a courtroom.

No direct reference to the Ten Commandments or a separation of church and state exists in the First Amendment.

What is interpreted is a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut, where he mentions a wall between the two institutions.

This is a principle found outside of the Constitution — yet it has been historically altered to drive religion out of schools, media and now courtrooms.

If anything has been violated, it has been the wishes of the American majority.

The Constitution does not grant rights for a state church, but it makes sure no law is made limiting the free exercise of religion.

This country was built upon Christian doctrine.

Unless the Ten Commandments are returned, we are rejecting the Constitution, the true intent of America's founding fathers, and our God.

Gregory Jones junior, communication

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Features

Dickie Roberts: A falling star

Jason Bayer

You wouldn't think cameos could save a movie, but if this movie could be saved, that's what did it.

Director Sam Weisman has had his share of working with child actors, having directed numerous television shows including "Who's the Boss" and "Family Ties," and he doesn't hesitate to call in some of his old co-workers for "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star."

The movie certainly is full of laughs but kills itself by trying to add too much sentimental fluff.

If all stupid comedies would follow the footsteps of "Zoolander" and not try to offer any real cinematic value, the world would be better off, but alas, such is not the case here.

It starts off so well. A parody of an "E! True Hollywood Story," it illustrates the heyday of child star Dickie Roberts (David Spade) as he captures America's hearts with his cute face and witty catch phrase.

Interviews with his deranged stage mother show his life start going downhill at about age eight when she abandons him and says dressing him up for auditions was becoming too much of a strain.

The parody fades into Dickie trying to stage a comeback by doing a celebrity boxing match where he is mercilessly beaten by Emmanuel Lewis, that's right, the kid who played Webster.

He is soon left by his girlfriend Cyndi (Alyssa Milano) and realizes his only chance at making the big comeback he dreams of is by landing the lead role in a new Rob Reiner film.

"Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star"
Synopsis: David Spade plays a former child star trying to make a comeback by hiring a family to help him recreate the childhood he never had.
Cast: David Spade, Alyssa Milano, Ashley Edner, Jon Lovitz
Director: Sam Weisman
Running Time: 99 min.
Rated PG-13 for crude and sex-related humor, language and drug references.

The problem is that the role entails him to play an ordinary guy — a role basically impossible to do since he has lived a childhood anything but normal.

The main plot of the movie comes to light when he realizes his only chance of getting the role is to hire a family to treat him like a child so he can experience the childhood he never had.

The movie's highlights are clearly the number of former child actor cameos. Dickie's poker buddies include Dustin Diamond (Screach from "Saved By The Bell"), Barry Williams (Greg from "The Brady Bunch"), Danny Bonaduce and Corey Feldman. The end credits are probably the best part of the movie with a song about child actors sung by a large number of former ones, including Raj and Rerun from "What's Happening!!"

David Spade does a good job fitting into the role of Dickie, regardless of script errors, and adds a lot of his own personal comedy styling.

His bouts with trying to adapt to childhood again and relearn-

ing all the things he should have learned as a kid are humorous in themselves.

The movie's downfall is clearly defined: the filmmakers thought Dickie would be a character that audiences would want to feel for rather than just to laugh at.

Understandably, the plot has to have some way of trying to get the audience to view Dickie as something more than a loser by his own doing and, rather, his out of the ordinary childhood is to blame — but they didn't do a good job of it.

The plot rolls along with joke after joke and then hits about a minute-long dialogue where Dickie reflects on his childhood four or five times during the movie.

This might not seem awful, but it is.

It completely interrupts the flow of the movie because it's not him just being sentimental, it seems as though he is on the verge of crying.

These parts of the movie made me want to boo and throw popcorn at the screen, but out of respect for the cleaning crew at the theater, I refrained.

All in all, it's a pretty light-hearted movie with above average laughs for its type of comedy.

Unfortunately, the premise is hilarious and it could have been done much better with just a bit more editing.

If you are a David Spade fan, or just like laughing at former child actors, check it out, otherwise, you're better off watching "I Love the 80's" on VH1.

Jason Bayer writes movie reviews for the Collegiate Times.

New morning talk show hosts will 'Live it Up'

by Frazier Moore
 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — On Monday morning, as Regis and Kelly seat themselves before the cameras for the esteemed "Live," another pair of co-hosts just a few blocks away will be launching their own live, syndicated daytime talk show.

Say hello to "Living It Up! with Ali & Jack" (check local listings).

Ali Wentworth, 36, is a pretty, quick-witted actress and comic whose credits include the Fox sketch-comedy series "In Living Color," the films "Office Space" and "The Love Bug" and a road-tripping feature for "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Jack Ford, 52, who resembles a younger, strikingly handsome version of the actor William Devane, is a former trial lawyer who, during two decades in TV news, reported for NBC, then for ABC as anchor-correspondent

on "Good Morning America" and "20/20."

Ali is a charming cutup. Jack is easygoing. Even during lunch with a reporter last month, before any test shows had been taped, Ali & Jack displayed the sort of chemistry befitting the ampersand linking them.

"I got her phone number off the wall at the Port Authority," Jack replies when asked what brought them together & Ali, not missing a beat, recites the message he found: "Looking for a co-host: 50s, gray hair, good-looking."

The truth is a little more routine. King World, producers of the series, reckoned there was room in the TV universe for a twist on the Regis Philbin-Kelly Ripa standard. There were lots of auditions. It was Ali & Jack who clicked.

"We were fortunate," says Jack. "We got along right away. Besides, we reflect different backgrounds and where we are in our lives. My kids are 21 and 17. Ali's daughter is a baby. All that lends itself to good conversation."

If the formula (host chat, celebrity guests, studio audience, some comedy and music) sounds comfortably similar to "Live," Ali & Jack represent the X factor.

"We'll basically be Living It Up the whole hour," vows Ali, rolling her eyes.

"Not our favorite title," Jack agrees.

"We think somebody in the mailroom came up with it as a joke," says Ali, "and it stuck."

"When I told my family, 'Well, they're

gonna go with Living It Up,' my son, who's in junior high school, said, 'Y'know Dad, there's a Ja Rule song called Livin' It Up.' He says, 'I'll play it for you.' And it's the most obscenity-laden."

"It's our theme song," Ali cuts in.

A native of Washington D.C., Ali Wentworth was working in Los Angeles two years ago when she met and shortly thereafter, wed George Stephanopoulos, a former adviser to President Clinton who became an ABC News correspondent.

"We reflect different backgrounds and where we are in our lives ... All that lends itself to good conversation."

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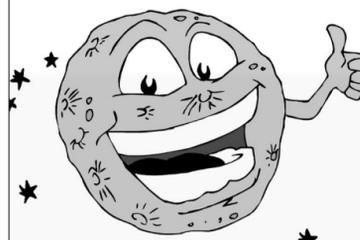
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Va. comic hits big time

by Donnie Johnston
Associated Press

CULPEPER — After six tough years of playing to all kinds of audiences, Alex Scott is on the verge of hitting the big time in comedy.

"I'm finally really starting to make a name for myself," said the 30-year-old Culpeper and they know who you are."

These days, Scott said he can walk backstage at "Saturday Night Live" and get the glad hand and high fives from friends who work on the popular NBC show.

It wasn't always so. Scott remembers nights in 1997 when he slept in Central Park, performed in the subway and had his parents in Culpeper wire him \$20 so he could eat.

In those days, he did his stand-up routines for free — sometimes four or five times a night — at any club with an open mike. He did it for the experience.

"I was working open mikes for four years before I made any money," said Scott, a 1990 Culpeper High graduate.

He was so desperate for exposure that he and a friend set up a microphone in a subway and did comedy for six hours, making \$10 to \$15 in tips. Another time, he performed for free at a coin-operated laundry.

"The guy who owned the laundromat knew that people washing clothes didn't have anything to do while they were waiting, so he wanted to do something to entertain them," Scott said.

Bale set to star in Batman prequel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Holy casting news! An "American Psycho" has been picked to star as Bruce Wayne in a new "Batman" movie.

Christian Bale will don the cape and mask in a film to chronicle the early career of The Dark Knight, Warner Bros. Pictures announced Thursday. "Memento" filmmaker Christopher Nolan will direct the movie, which is set to begin filming in early 2004.

"What I see in Christian is the ultimate embodiment of Bruce Wayne. He has exactly the balance of darkness and light that we were looking for," Nolan said

in a statement. Bale, 29, made his breakthrough in Steven Spielberg's 1987 "Empire of the Sun," playing a boy trying to survive in a Japanese-run POW camp in China.

His other credits include "Swing Kids" (1993), "Velvet Goldmine" (1998) and "Shaft" (2000). Bale's most infamous role was the yuppie serial-killer in 2000's "American Psycho."

Warner Bros. is trying to resurrect the "Batman" franchise. The character became a top box office draw after director Tim Burton and star Michael Keaton made two hit movies "Batman" (1989) and "Batman Returns" (1992).

Court frees Hank Williams recordings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Nashville court has freed for release 150 "lost songs" recorded by the late country legend Hank Williams.

The catalog was ruled to be the exclusive property of the singer's heirs — son Hank Williams Jr. and daughter Jett Williams.

Since the late 1980s, Jett Williams has had transcription discs of pre-produced segments that Williams recorded in 1951 for "Mother's Best Flour Show," a 15-minute show that once aired on WSM-AM 650.

The discs contain live versions of some of his greatest hits, plus 40 songs that were never commercially released, such as "On Top of Old Smokey" and "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain."

There is enough material for four new original Hank Williams albums, said Keith Adkinson, Jett Williams' husband and the attorney who filed the suit.

"It's like Hank came back and visited us on his 80th and presented us with a whole new fruit basket of wonderful things," Adkinson told The Tennessean newspaper.

Williams would have celebrated his 80th birthday on Sept. 17. He was found dead in the back seat of his Cadillac on New Year's Day 1953. The official cause of death was heart failure.

Over the years, Jett Williams has been approached by companies that wanted to market the recordings, Adkinson said. But they have been in a legal tangle since late 1997, when she filed an injunction against Legacy Entertainment Group LLC and its two principals.

Adkinson said Legacy was telemarketing an adulterated version of the recordings that they got from Williams' former bassist. Hank Williams Jr. also was a plaintiff to that lawsuit.

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- ΦΚΤ** Phi Kappa Tau
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Sept 10 (6:00-7:45)pm 3rd Floor AJ Cross Over Lounge
Sept 14 (1:00)pm at Clumps
- ΘΔΧ** Theta Delta Chi
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Sept 12 (6:00-7:45)pm Pritchard 3rd Floor Lounge
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- ΠΛΦ** Pi Lambda Phi
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Sept 10 (8:15-10:00)pm 3rd Floor Crossover Lounge AJ
Sept 17 (8:15-10:00)pm 6th Floor Pritchard
- ΘΧ** 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
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- ΣΧ** Sigma Chi
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- ΣΝ** Sigma Nu
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Green returns to Hokie secondary

by Michelle Hershman
Associate Sports Editor

Eric Green had just finished a summer workout in the weight room when he went outside to put in some extra practice with the other guys. He was backpedaling and turning around to catch a pass when it happened.

He planted his foot wrong. He heard the pop. He felt the pain. He didn't want to admit it, but deep down, he knew he had torn the ACL in his knee. This was in 2002.

One year later, after reconstructive knee surgery, Green was back in action and participating in two-a-day practices. He was covering a teammate when it happened. He jammed his shoulder. He heard the pop. He felt the pain. The MRI produced bad news once again: a torn posterior labrum.

The cornerback for the Virginia Tech football team whose high school coach described as possessing a God-given athletic ability refused to let history repeat itself. He would not miss another season.

"It crushed me," Green said of his ACL injury. "I've been playing football since I was seven years old and I've never had to sit out a season. Sitting out a whole season, it just taught me a lot. It made me realize everything happens for a reason."

Green said he believes his first injury made him stronger both mentally and physically, helping him deal with his recent shoulder injury.

"It's another obstacle in the way that I have to work through," he said. "It's not bothering me right now, it feels fine. I rehab twice a day, morning and afternoon. We're talking about maybe having surgery after the season but I'm not thinking about that right now. I'm just worrying about playing right and I'm trying my best to rehab it and hopefully it'll heal on its own and I won't have to get the surgery."

To help him through the rehabilitation process, Mike Goforth, the head athletics trainer, is taking precautionary measures such as forgoing workouts causing him to apply too much force to the shoulder. Goforth said he thinks protecting the injury, along with working the rotator cuff and taking anti-inflammatory medicines might allow Green to make it through the 2003 season.

Tech's athletics trainers, particularly Goforth, played a key role in helping Green through his knee injury last year. Whenever the redshirt junior's determination was low and he felt like giving up, Goforth and the other trainers were there pushing him forward, Green said. They put together a workout routine with cardiovascular activities, physical therapy and strengthening activities using the underwater treadmill to get him back into shape.

"I was the first person to ever use (the treadmill)," said Green, who is originally from Clewiston, Fl. "I think that's a big key, a big part of my coming back so fast. I was able to run a 4.4 40-yard dash five months after my surgery so it really paid off going through that hydrotrack."

When Green became more mobile, Goforth said he took him up to the gym and let him dribble and shoot a basketball, a common practice for an ACL injury.



Hokie cornerback Eric Green (1) rejoins the Virginia Tech secondary after tearing the ACL in his knee which caused him to miss the 2002 season.

"My goal is to get them to feeling natural," Goforth said. "They've been walking around with a stiff leg now for weeks and they just don't feel like they're back in the swing of things. So whether it's playing basketball or dancing, whatever they can do to make themselves feel natural, I want to get them involved in that activity as quickly as possible."

While the trainers and physical therapist worked on Green's knee, head coach Frank Beamer and the coaching staff tried to keep him mentally sound by keeping him around the program and the other players. Green agreed watching his teammates helped to motivate his rehabilitation and desire to get back on the field.

His injury not only cut off his 2002 season, but it adversely affected the whole team.

"It affected our defense and special teams," Beamer said.

"You know, he's the corner we were counting on and all the sudden he wasn't there. So we ended up playing a couple of freshman kids last year that we wouldn't have and there's quite a bit of difference between a freshman and Eric Green with his experience. So he affected our whole football team. Really, we're a better team when Eric's out there on the team for us."

In 2001, prior to Green's first injury, he contributed two tackles against Florida State in the Gator Bowl and blocked two kicks on the season. He also blocked a punt as a true freshman in 2000. In his

sophomore year of high school, Green said he remembers jumping over the center to block a field goal, one of the three blocks he had in high school. He said his knack for blocking kicks comes from the right attitude.

"It's just something I've always taken seriously," he said. "I think the biggest part of that is confidence. I go out there every time with the mind frame that I'm going to block every kick and sometimes that's what I do."

Memories of success in his first two seasons and the desire for playing time overrun any thoughts of injury and possible surgery in Green's head. Two games into the season, Green has registered five tackles for the Hokies, and he is ready to conquer the field and compete for a starting position at cornerback.

With the likes of DeAngelo Hall and Vinnie Fuller also striving for the position, it won't be easy, but Green takes the competition in stride. As a backup, he said he hopes to start soon, but until then his thoughts are on the game and doing whatever he can to achieve a win.

Though he has not timed a recent 40-yard dash, Green said he feels his speed is possibly better than it was pre-injury. Beamer agreed, saying the cornerback looked as athletic as ever.

With a completely healed knee and a determination to work through his shoulder injury, Green will step onto the field this season as a perpetual threat to any opposing kicker and team.

Men's soccer team hosts first tourney

by Brent Anderson
Staff Writer

After a victory against Villanova University on Sunday, the Virginia Tech men's soccer team will face Appalachian State University at home tonight.

The game is scheduled for kickoff at 7:30 p.m. at Moseley Field.

The match is just one of four to be played in the Virginia Tech Classic this weekend, the first-ever soccer tournament hosted by the Hokies. Georgia State and Radford University will also participate in the tournament.

Tech (3-1 overall, 1-0 Big East) looks forward to hosting the event and continuing their winning ways.

"It will give our players a chance to have two great home games back to back," head coach Oliver Weiss said. "It will also expose us to teams from a different area of the South that we normally don't get to play."

While Appalachian State's record is 1-1-1 so far this season, they return almost everyone from a team that was 12-5-1 last year. They also have a strong goalkeeper and central defender.

"They are a very well-coached unit, and always have a good game plan to beat quality teams," Weiss said.

For Tech to come out on top, they will need to rely on key offensive players, such as Peer Rogge and Bailey Allman.

Rogge, a sophomore from Schleswig, Germany, is a crafty midfielder with attacking talents, who has an eye for penetrating passes. Allman, a junior from Virginia Beach, is a tricky forward with a good

nose for the ball who uses his deceptive speed to set up teammates for scoring opportunities.

Rogge led the Hokies last game with five shots, including the only goal of the match, while Allman had four shots on the day.

The defense will also be counted on to maintain its intensity — led by seniors Lasse Mertins and Harold Russell.

Sophomore goalkeeper Chase Harrison will seek to continue his strong play as well. Last game, Harrison made four saves and racked up his second shutout of the year.

However, the coaching staff expects all of their players to win every game and get better throughout the season. The team wants to continue attacking with numbers and provide opportunities for their forwards.

Despite having a number of first-year players who have seen significant time this season thus far, the team is getting closer to finding its rhythm, lineup and formation. This kind of chemistry will propel them in tight matches and stressful situations, as will be the case this weekend.

The Hokies will play at 2:30 Sunday against Georgia State University to close out the tournament. GSU is 4-0, and Weiss said his team will have a better idea of what to do against them after watching them play Radford on Friday.

"We will not underestimate any opponent regardless of previous records or results," Weiss said. "We will also not get intimidated by anyone regardless of their reputation or perception."

CFL waiting for call from OSU's Clarett

by Rusty Miller
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — If Maurice Clarett wants to play in the Canadian Football League, he'll have to make the first call.

The Montreal Alouettes own the CFL rights to the suspended Ohio State running back, but general manager Jim Popp won't pick up the phone to start negotiations.

"If he has any intent of giving up college — hires an agent and automatically becomes a professional — or it is deemed he can't play in college anymore ... then this organization will wait for him to contact us," Popp said Thursday.

Indeed, Popp thinks Clarett should stay in school and weather the season-long penalty handed down Wednesday.

"I'm a true believer that all players should try to get their college education," Popp said. "They can only play pro football so long. He needs to get his degree. That's the best thing that can happen to him."

It's among Clarett's options. He could stay at Ohio State and go to class while on scholarship, waiting for his suspension to end. He also could ask to be released from his scholarship and transfer to another school. Clarett would still have to sit out at least the mandated suspension season.

If he moved to another Division I-A school, he would also have to sit out a transfer year. If he transferred to a school in Divisions I-AA, II or III, though, he would not have

to sit out the transfer year. The NFL isn't a possibility — unless Clarett challenges the league's rule that requires players to be out of high school at least three years.

The CFL doesn't have that sort of requirement. The Alouettes (9-2) have the league's best record and lead their division by 4 1/2 games. Then again, they also have two established tailbacks.

Popp selected Clarett for the Alouettes' negotiation list this summer, shortly after word of the player's off-field problems arose. But while acclaimed NFL rookies can get millions of dollars in signing bonuses, the CFL is not nearly as lucrative.

The average salary in the CFL is about \$34,000. And the 18-game regular season is more than half finished.

"He's not going to come up here and make a bunch of money. That isn't happening," Popp said.

"This is an option to continue his football year and he can better himself as a human being and can prepare himself for the NFL."

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger said Wednesday that Clarett was guilty of 14 violations of the ethical-conduct bylaw for lying to investigators and two violations of receiving preferential treatment or benefits because he is an athlete.

The NCAA received the university's report Wednesday and will review it, but will not comment on what it contains, NCAA spokeswoman Kay Hawes said.



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Spicer looks for leadership role

by **Jin-Gak Bae and Jim Kennedy**
Staff Writers

Leadership inevitably brings pressure, and the Virginia Tech volleyball team's outside hitter thrives on pressure.

"Oh yeah, the more pressure the better," Annie Spicer said when asked about her role on the team this year.

The Lady Hokies are looking to Spicer to take more of a leadership role this season as Tech embarks upon another journey toward the Big East Tournament under head coach Greg Smith.

"Last season was a big step for us," Spicer said. "It was huge for us to beat Notre Dame (Big East champs in 2002) last season. That gave us the confidence that we can play with the elite in the Big East."

With the loss of All-Conference Big East players, Ana Lang and Cheryl Stinson, Spicer will have big shoes to fill and high expectations to conquer this year.

Spicer is one of three returning starters from last year's 20-11 season, finishing No. 2 in the Big East. Tech has a solid mixture of youth and experience this season. The younger players are expected to have a significant impact on the women's team.

"We are a very young team, but have the potential to be a great team," Spicer said.

Spicer played as a true freshman in 2001 and had an immediate impact. She was awarded with an All-Big East honorable mention — starting in all 28 games.

Since entering Tech, Spicer has not missed a start.

This year she hopes to improve on her service aces by adding a jump serve in her repertoire. Last season, she led the

team with 44 service aces and ranked No. 4 in the Big East.

She is expected to improve on these numbers as she implements a wicked jump serve.

"It killed me that I didn't jump serve last year," Spicer said. "It wasn't working too well for me. I worked on it all summer, improving on it."

Spicer started off strong, recording her career record 25 kills in the Hokie Classic. She was also named the MVP in the classic.

Despite her success, Spicer continues to be driven, in order to become a better player.

"I am definitely working on different shots just rather than hitting my hardest every time," she said. "That's my biggest problem right now. I need to be smarter on my shots."

Originally from Illinois, she said she was drawn immediately by the beauty of Tech's campus, specifically the rural beauty Blacksburg possesses.

"I particularly love the Hokie stones here at Tech," said Spicer, a junior geological sciences major.

As for plans after graduation, she said she is still unsure. However, she has aspirations of possibly playing professionally overseas or relying on her education to attend law school.

"My sister plays overseas in Portugal, but I couldn't play my position as an outside hitter, because I'm too short for my position," she said. "If it doesn't workout, I am thinking about teaching or attending law school."

In her free time, Spicer likes to take advantage of her surroundings in Blacksburg.

"I enjoy going camping whenever I can," she said.

The Hokies will return home Sept. 16 to host Radford University.

Central Michigan MVP ready for UVa

by **James Prichard**
Associated Press

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Jason Feldpausch's attitude toward Virginia is anything but cavalier.

The Western Michigan safety still respects the Cavaliers' offense, even though it fizzled in a 31-7 loss at South Carolina. The defeat dropped the Cavaliers, then ranked 15th, out of the AP Top 25.

Virginia played without starting quarterback Matt Schaub, who separated his right shoulder in the Cavaliers' season-opener 27-0 home victory over Duke. He'll also miss Saturday's game against the Broncos at Waldo Stadium.

"They have weapons at the running back position and the receiver position," Feldpausch

said. "I don't think that's any indication of how good their offense is, how many yards they had last week. So we're going to have to prepare."

It will be the first-ever meeting between the Cavaliers (1-1) and the Broncos (1-1). Western Michigan will make return trips to Charlottesville, Va., in 2005 and 2006 under the schools' three-game deal.

Western has given Saturday's contest an added measure of importance by deeming it the school's "Centennial Celebration" game in recognition of the university's founding in 1903.

The Broncos routed William & Mary, another school from the state of Virginia, in their home opener last weekend. Western Michigan quarterback

Chad Munson threw for six touchdowns and 450 yards, both school records, en route to a 56-24 victory.

Defensive end Jason Babin had 12 tackles for Western while Feldpausch made five stops and blocked a punt.

"He's a rolling ball of nails," Virginia head coach Al Groh said Thursday. "He's all over the place. They line him up high. They line him up low. They line him up inside, outside. He plays the deep field, he blitzes, he blocks punts."

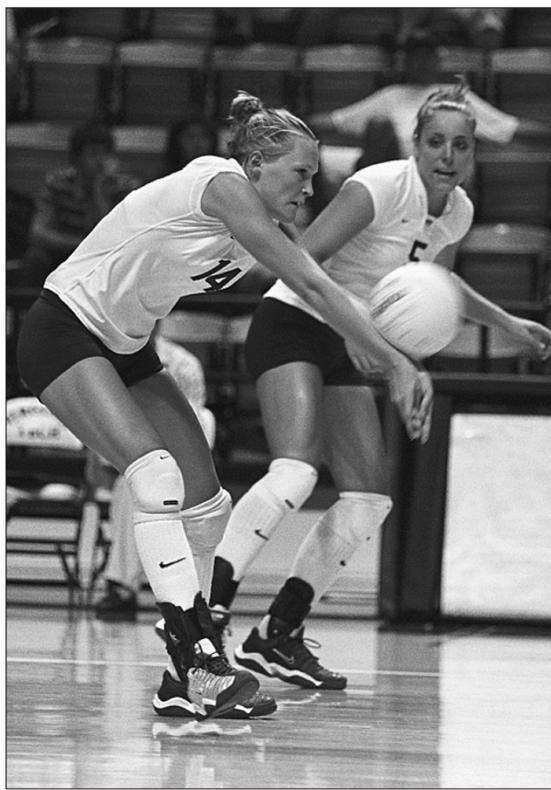
"Obviously, this is a player with significant talent but most particularly he strikes us as a player who's got a real passion for the game."

As a senior at Fowler High in 1998, Feldpausch earned Class D all-state honors after rushing

for 1,920 yards and leading the Eagles to a state title. Fowler also won state football championships during his freshman and sophomore years in 1995 and 1996.

A two-way player in high school — he also played cornerback — college recruiters ignored Feldpausch because of his size. He ended up at Western, where he earned a spot on special teams in the 2000 season as a 5-foot-9, 160-pound walk-on.

Feldpausch then hit the weights in an effort to bulk up and help him land a spot on the defensive squad. His coaches told him at the end of the season that he needed to improve his skills on defense if he wanted a shot at a scholarship.



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Annie Spicer is one of three returning starters for Virginia Tech on a volleyball squad with many young players.

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Monday, September 15th
8.15-10.00pm
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