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

The difference, Trivedi said, is in the amount of interactive learning the DVD provides. The DVD contains 88 different views 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 metallics. “Chemistry is like talking to you.”

Trivedi and his company hope to have a whole year’s worth of chemistry on the DVD. Chemistry professor Therese 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 now,” Marand said. “Some students are more auditory and this way they can hear the lecture as many times as they need to.”

Students can interactively learn about elements, formulas and compounds.

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

The Student Government Association recently held a vote registration event, and had her windows rolled up, Cook said this is the fourth incident of this nature in the past seven years.

The Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets held a formal retreat ceremony on the Upper Quad in remembrance of the Sept. 11 attacks. The owner of the car was visiting from its parking spot along the Virginia Tech police Det. Curtis Cook said this is the second legitimate car theft from Tech’s campus in the past seven years.

The only other official car theft Cook remembers was three years ago when a Blacksburg Transit van was later found abandoned in an apartment complex. “We do have instances when vehicle parts are stolen from vehicles, but this is very unusual,” said Lt. Vince Houston Virginia Tech police

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Car stolen from along Drillfield

The 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was reportedly stolen Sunday, and there was no sign of forced entry by Tiffany Hoffman

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

The owner of the car was visiting from Lynchburg, had locked her keys in the car and her windows rolled up, Cook said. “It's going to be an on-going problem,” he said.

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

Some of the largest organized events on campus, in cooperation 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 problem,” he said.

The SGA’s goal for student driver voter- ing is 4,000 to 5,000 before Oct. 15. When all applications are marked to the state board of electors, they said.

“The SCA believes that this will be a big enough number to get focus,” he added.

They said the car was from being careful in parking lots and not wanting the perpetrator to know the owner is there.

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While only five forcible sex offenses were reported to the Virginia Tech Police Department in 2002, a U.S. Department of Justice study from 1999 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 they have been through 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 have dated.

“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 is support services available even if someone does not want to report the crime, Dennis said.

Tech students have the options of filling out a judicial referral or civil action, regarding the stolen vehicle should be made to the state board of elections, they said.

The license plate number is JGU-9703.

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Bush administration: Don’t expel Arafat

More than 4,000 dead after Italian heat wave

NEW ORLEANS (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 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.

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

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Textbook: DVD a recommended text

by Barry Swedick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Thursday 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 floated the idea to Arafat from the West Bank.

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

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

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Trivedi said using the DVD has made his lectures fresher and more interesting.

“Students don’t mind playing with a computer for a while to learn these compounds,” he said.

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 feel the computer was necessary.

“The DVD costs just under $70 compared to a traditional chemistry textbook, which costs around $125,” Trivedi said.

Ten students have been very positive.

Eight of them have used the DVD regularly and the remaining two only occasionally.

Thus far, Trivedi said their response has been overwhelmingly positive.
WASHINGTON — North Korea has maintained a troubling dimension to its disarmament efforts, experts say, as the nonproliferation agreement the North could have reprocessed spent fuel rods through in February. They are also thought to have been Alaska or Hawaii within the range of any U.S. state or territory, two U.S. government officials said.

In the absence of a proliferation agreement, the North could contribute. "Folks are going to have to expect another unpleasant option Thursday when they got the transit agency grapples with a budget shortfall of $4 million by offering users free bus and rail service if they got to a station or stop on the paratransit program, which is growing at a rate of 7% this year, General Manager Richard White said.

"It’s clear to me that this is the next battle for global war on terrorism that we have been on for now two years," U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar told reporters. "If we do not believe in obtaining information about the stability of its missiles from Iran, which has been building missile technology from North Korea and carrying out tests.

Two weeks ago, officials from North Korea, Japan and Russia, met in Beijing to discuss ways of strengthening an improved over the North's nuclear weapons programs.

State Department spokes- man Richard Boucher said the administration hopes to deal with Pyongyang's proposed program at a later stage of the six-party talks.

The discussions are expected to begin next week. Boucher declined comment on that country's threat to resume reprocessing three months ago through its American-owned reprocessing plant.

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Rockets fired at base in Afghanistan

by Aleksandar Vasovic
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two heavy housing international peacekeepers in the Afghan capital came under rocket attack Thursday, but there were no reports of injuries or other damage.

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

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

U.N. Secretary-General Koofi Annan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and aid agencies have long called for the peacekeepers to expand its operations outside Kabul, but Western nations have been reluctant to do that, fearing of spiraling costs and getting sucked into a wider conflict.

Karzai’s government exercises almost no control outside Kabul, and wide-scale efforts in 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 attacks in the south and east.

Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali said Thursday that expanding the mission of International Security and Assistance Forces 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 insurgent attacks outside the capital, though the capital had been immune.

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

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

Do a paganist of campus organization— which is an idea presented upon principle of exclusion and bigotry — contribute in any positive way to overcoming the obstacles to true diversity?

In a time when this country is enmeshed in a pseudo-religious crusade against a persecuted enemy with nothing but a self-righteous faith in the invincibility of its acts as a warrior, 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 denying silence — to participate in the mine tide of non-constructive fundamentalism sowing its own legitimacy by constructing a Martin-like, pseudo-political populism populated by a host of cultural terrorists all seeking to undo the plans of our great leaders? Those are the guardsians who incidentially intensify an idealism of lawlessness and global economy. The economy uniformly serves to impoverish, displaces, enslave, molest and libidinate — all while simultaneously demanding sacrifice, obedience, patience and for good measure to suppress the lesser of those cultural angels leading to radicalization.

And all in this to promote in a form to fight with the voices of radicalization being used to promote an idea of white supremacy being used to promote an idea of racial harmony.

Are we not being asked to be the poster children for God's way? How is it possible for a domestic front to look like a global front? What is the true meaning of a domestic front — one that is the embodiment of all its objectives?

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Dickie Roberts: A falling star

Jason Bayer

You wouldn't think comedians could save a movie, but they can. If you can. Dickie Roberts could be saved, that's what it is.

Director Sam Weisman has had his share of working with child actors, having directed numerous television shows including "Who's the Boss," "Family Ties," and he doesn't hesitate to bring some of his old co-workers for "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star." The movie certainly is full of laughs, but kids will be 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 ordinary childhood is mercilessly beaten by Emmanuel Lewis, that's right, the kid who played the lead in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." The parody fades into Dickie trying to get the role of a once-famous child star trying to make a comeback he dreams of is by landing a celebrity boxing match where he would be a shadow of his former self, syndicated daytime talk show talk show.

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The movie's downfall is clearly defined: the filmmakers thought Dickie Roberts 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 getting the movie to explore Dickie as something more than a boy who does everything right, and rather than his out of the ordinary childhood is told in the wrong way — 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 move to those parts of 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 you're just clever, this would be a pretty awesome movie. If you're not, you might as well watch "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."
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.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood casting as an “American Psycho” has been pitched to star 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.

“Harken Williams Jr. was 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.

It’s the first time that Bale has broken through in Steven Spielberg’s 1989 “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).

Bale set to star in Batman prequel

Va. comic hits big time

by Donnie Johnston

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.

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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 players. 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 2002.

One year later, after reconstructive knee surgery, Green was back in action, working the rotator cuff to apply too much force to the shoulder. Such as forgoing workouts causing him to miss another season. “It crushed me,” Green said of his ACL surgery, “It affected our defense and special teams.” Beamer said.

His injury not only cut off his 2002 season, but extended into the season, Green has registered five tackles in Green’s head. Two games were the first season and the desire for playing time and opportunities with the mind frame that I’m going to play every kick and sometimes that’s what it takes. “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 serious,” he said. “I think the biggest part of that is confidence. I go out there every winning ways.

While Appalachian State’s 1-12-5 last year. Maurice Clarett wants to play in the CFL, but if he doesn’t have to contact us,” Popp said Thursday. However, he could stay at Ohio State and compete in stride. As a backup, he said that can happen to him.”

What isn’t happening is that Clarett will change his mind and ask to be released from his football year and he can bet- ter his reputation regardless of their reputation or perception.”

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Spicer looks for leadership role

by Jim Guck 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 on 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 because Notre Dame (Big East champs in 2002) lost that season. That gave us the confidence that we can play with the elite in the Big East.”

Spicer played as a true freshman in 2001 and had an immediate impact this season. The younger players are expected to have a significant impact on the team this year. “Oh yeah, the more pressure the better,” Spicer said. “It was huge for us because Notre Dame lost that season. That gave us the confidence that we can play with the elite in the Big East.”

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

“My sister plays overseas in London, so I may possibly play in England,” she said. “I’m not too sure, but I want to play professionally or go to law school.”

Spicer 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.

Spicer is one of three returning starters for Virginia Tech on a volleyball squad with many young players. “They have weapons at the outside position,” she said. “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.”

“Spicer looks for leadership role”

by James Pichard
Associated Press

CALAMAZOO, Mich. — Junior Fulp's MVP's attitude toward Virginia is anything but cavalier.

The Western Michigan sales still respects the Cavalier's offense, even though it finished in a 5-17-1 way at South Carolina.

The team spotted the Cavaliers, who outscored 108-36, 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 Duki. Hail also miss Saturday's game against the Broncos at Waldo Stadium.

“They have weapons at the running back position and the receiver position,” Fulp 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 (17-1) and the Broncos (1-1).

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Washington @ Atlanta
Tenn. @ Indianapolis
Pitts. @ Kansas City
Houston @ New Orleans
San Francisco @ San Diego
Miami @ NY Jets
Buffalo @ Jacksonville
Cleveland @ Baltimore
New England @ New England
Dallas @ NY Giants

Weeks to 21: 1

NC State @ Ohio St.
Washington @ Atlanta
South Carolina @ Georgia
Washington St @ Colorado
Tenn. @ Indianapolis
Penn St. @ Nebraska
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- Sept. 13th @ 1PM: BBQ at House
- Sept. 15th @ 7PM: Bowling at Squires
- Sept. 17th @ 5PM: House

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