The Virginia Tech Women’s Center will be distributing wallet cards and information about the Tech Women’s Center. The cards will include tips on reducing worry and is intimate knowledge of personal safety. He said that Buddhism is more connected with the physical plant, many of the school’s new facilities do qualify as “green” technology. Though meditation deals with any regulation or precaution taken to benefit the environment, the university’s new buildings are being constructed to meet those standards. The cards include high energy usage so good we go up using an offshore and I don’t want to go right.

Isabel’s effects were still evident Monday: Nearly 1.5 million customers remained without electricity. Heat meals in were short in supply. Elderly residents had to be startXed from their flooded homes. And hundreds of roads were shut down because of sunken vehicles. At least 5 deaths have been blamed on the storm. 2 of them in Virginia.

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Federal job panel held

by Christina Priya

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Tech students first-hand look at what these people do in a day-to-day basis, what their backgrounds are, and what opportunities are available to them, according to Delores Wilson, career coordinator for the College of Sciences.

Each speaker was able to give a brief description of the agency, what positions are being offered, the concentrations needed, and the benefits of the agency.

Karen M., a mid-Atlantic regional recruiter for the CIA who requested not to initiate her last name, received much interest from students.

"The CIA’s hiring requirement is up 45 percent this year and has remained steady since 9/11," Karen M. said.

The agency receives more than 200,000 resumes, but Karen M. said she encourages people to only apply once. There is also a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be considered for any position.

Once someone is accepted for a position, there is a lengthy period of tests and clearance including drug and polygraph tests. Karen M. said that non-renewal Linguists are the number one occupation in demand right now, receiving a signing bonus up to $57,000 and incentive pay.

The Department of Defense speaker, Human Resources Directorate Director Geanee Cothren, concentrated on civilian positions within the agency, an area named the Civilian Personnel Management Service.

"We recruit at schools that produce good people, good citizens. Virginia Tech is one of those schools," Geanee Cothren said.

Gorther also explained that there is opportunity to move in and build one’s career within the Department of Defense, in addition to the normal government benefits. Representing the FBI, Special Agent Katie Land shared both sides of opportunity at the Bureau, agent and non-agent.

She also commented that all positions are available and everyone works together for one goal, although the application process is difficult. Land called it a “loyalty test to apply” since one would need to apply many times before receiving a response.

The FBI is looking for students who are self-motivated, someone who takes the initiative and has confidence. Tech is a prime institution to recruit from because of the curriculum and the quality and maturity of the students," Land said.

Federal: Forum used for recruitment

U.S. asks for money for Iraqi firefighters

By Alan Frank
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The administration wants $100 million for an Iraqi witness protection program, $290 million to hire, train and house thousands of firefighters, $9 million to modernize the postal service, including establishment of ZIP codes.

The Bush administration document, obtained by The Associated Press, goes far beyond the details officials have publicly provided for how they would spend the $2.5 billion they have requested for reconstruction.

The 53 pages of justifications flesh out the size of the task of rebuilding the country, almost literally brick by brick. It also paints a painstaking picture of the damage Iraq has suffered.

The war and subsequent lasting destroyed over 105 firehouses throughout the country. There are no tools or equipment in any firehouse. Two thousand new recruits must be trained because the agency previously used conscripts, “almost all of whom deserted,” Berry said.

Ane and other border protection agencies should get $290 million, the report said.

The report’s estimated cost of surrounding Iraq’s fire service, including hiring and training 500 firefighters: $290 million. It is estimated that firehouses are still operating without a capacity beyond the capabilities of the firemen and women who worked in the country.

The most expensive piece of that package was $66 billion to finance military operations in both countries and elsewhere.

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9/11 mastermind:
Plan called for 10 planes on 2 coasts
by John Solomon
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, has cast doubt on that theory because they were the only two operatives assigned to him for the plot.

Laden and al-Mihdhar were among the four original operatives bin Laden assigned to him for the plot. Atta and al-Hazmi settle in the United States, because of the hope to fracture the alliance.

The power of applied intelligence.
by Steven Hurst
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber, his body wrapped in explosives and his car filled with 50 pounds of TNT, struck a police check point outside U.N. head- quarters in Baghdad on Monday, killing an Iraqi policeman who stepped him and wounding 15 people.

A U.S. military spokesman at the scene said the bomber, who also died in the 8:40 a.m. blast, was trying to get into the U.N.- compound at the Canal Hotel, where a truck bomb a month ago killed 23 people including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. Monday’s attack wounded two U.N. workers.

The attack, apparently timed to start attempts by Washington to win U.N. legitimacy for the U.S. occupation of this Arab country, could diminish the world body’s willingness to become more deeply involved in Iraq’s reconstruction. The United Nations already sharply reduced its willingness to contribute peacekeepers and money for the reconstruction effort. Annan has said he wants assurances of security for U.N. personnel in Baghdad along with any expanded role.

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Praising new security arrangements around the hotel, a U.S. military officer at the scene credited Iraqi police with pre- venting an even greater tragedy.

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Hokies must show more respect

By Amber Baines
Texas A&M student

As a Virginia Aggie, I could not have been more excited to come see Texas A&M play in my home state. I’d like to thank all of those Virginia Tech fans who made the mother-of-all-game week trips a fun and memorable one for those other devoted Aggies and myself.

Our first encounter was with Tech fans in Blacksburg, where we saw a sign that said “Aggies! Keep up the good game!” and “you guys played great” many times, and that showed a respect for the policy, which they are all expected to have.

I got to my car in the general parking lot for thinking what a great bunch of sports guys you were, but, sadly, my good feelings were doomed certainly upon noticing that the entire passenger side of my car had been “kicked,” presumably by an overzealous Hokie. Nor did I have anything on my car anywhere which would take offense other than a window sticker proclaiming that I am a female student of A&M. Now, I don’t blame the entire school for the actions of one ignorant person, but I thought you might like to know that your reputation as an honorable university has been tarnished by this caretaker.

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The three-judge panel said the election, previously scheduled for Nov. 5, must wait until six counties still using punch card ballots can upgrade to more reliable voting machines.

The judges chose for the new panel are more conservative than the three who made the original ruling, and some legal scholars said it was likely the earlier ruling would be overturned. Depending on the outcome, the case could be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. For now, Monday would be the registration deadline for the Oct. 7 election.

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The Associated Press

Putnam, Jaffe said the defense had specifically requested access to all information about POW-MIA affairs.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe McLean continued: “And investigators would have to submit regular summaries of their findings, but the Vietnamese government wouldn’t sign on for this arrangement.”

Jennings said she was encouraged by the Vietnamese government’s willingness to trust the U.S. to promote increased cooperation and view he is willing to trust the Vietnamese government to make the effort succeed.

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Smith has many fond memo-ries of Tech, specifically the band he was part of. "I developed a combo band and see played around all at the college to make money so I could afford to live in Blacksburgh," Smith said. "One time, I had to quit for two quar-ters because they did not offer the courses I needed."
Hokies come up short at Tech Invitational

▪ Losses to Cleveland State and Northern Illinois over the weekend, dropped Tech to 6-8 on the year

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Jones justifies Heisman hype

Rajan J. Nair Nanavati

I don’t want to jinx it so early in the season, but Thursday night, we might have won it. We heard about it all summer long before the season, but we just may have seen it.

I’m not rolling out the band- wagon so quickly, but you can fairly assume we’re warming up its engine — just don’t accuse me of jumping on it in the race.

All off-week, if you heard the name “Kevin Jones” in a sentence, the word “Heisman” quickly followed it. Everyone talked about Jones being a Heisman candidate, including ESPN.com.

The athletics department is doing its best to promote the biggest superstar the football team has had since Michael Vick walked the streets of Blacksburg. Heck, I couldn’t talk to the guy without mentioning the H-word.

Fast forward two weeks, two games, two injuries and 140 yard-losses on the field later, all that Heisman talk may have sounded a little silly. Sure, 140 yards and two touchdowns in two weeks are respectable, but what is he going to be doing for two weeks against weaker teams, so what is he going to be doing against a defense like Texas A&M?

All he did was simply throw his hat back in the race and prove to everyone that he’s still the Heisman candidate we all knew he could be. He broke tackles and dragged tacklers with him when he didn’t out run them anymore. When the game was on the line, he was Mr. Dependable, carrying the team on 125 yards and two touchdowns in the second half alone, crushing the will of a very, very good Texas A&M defense.

He didn’t look as indecisive when choosing holes behind the line. When times were so critical I could see him making readjustments in the line, around the line of scrimmage to stop plays, and he would make his line give him instead of being tackled in the backfield for a loss. His runs were strong, swift and efficient — a description, which sounds a lot like the Heisman Trophy Hopeful Hokie Ernie Davis. Enough for Jones for the last week of the game, but perhaps the most encouraging thing coming from Thursday night’s effort is my eyes: he didn’t fumble the ball despite the wet field conditions.

It is equally important to note that Jones has the opportunity to succeed in Tech’s offense this year, and if he keeps running like he did against the Aggies, a Heisman campaign is not farfetched.

Stereoid testing hits close to home

by Ronald Blum Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball’s biggest sluggers look as if they’ve lost a little pop in their bats.

For the first full season since 1995, it appears neither Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa nor any of the game’s top power hitters will reach 50 home runs.

Could it be because baseball started testing for steroids this season? Some players think so.

“You look at the homeruns numbers and you look at the averages that have gone down this year,” said Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox, a two-time American League MVP. “I think it’s a telltale sign that it’s having a positive effect.”

Before the 1994-95 strike, players hit at least 50 home runs just 18 times. Babe Ruth hit 60 in 1927 was the only one to hit 60 until Roger Maris had 61 in 1961.

Then came an unprecedented power binge. Since the strike, players have reached 50 in three seasons and Mark McGwire did it twice, hitting 61 in 1998. Then in 2001, Ruth’s mark fell to 59.

Going into the final week of the season, Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers led the majors in home runs with 47. Bonds had 44 for San Francisco, tied for second with Barry Zito.

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Sports Notes

Men’s soccer: Hokies win Dayton Marriot Flyer Classic

Ben Nason was crowned Most Valuable Player last weekend in the Dayton Marriot Flyer Classic as the Hokies took home first place for the second straight year.

A win over IUPUI on Sunday netted the tournament title for Tech, who improve their record to 1-0-1.

Nason tallied assists on both goals versus IUPUI, one of them to Ken Jones, who put home the winning goal. Nason now has four assists on the season.

Three other Hokies earned a spot on the all-tournament team in addition to Nason. Goalkeeper Chase Harrison, Josephine and Lenore Mattina also received honors.

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Crawford named Big East Defensive Player of the Week

Heisker senior Michael Crawford was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Tech’s 25-10 win over Texas A&M on Thursday.

Crawford posted a career-high 10 tackles in the game, 11 of them unassisted.

The Aggies’ offense only recorded 55 total yards in the second half against Tech’s defense. He leads the Hokies with 32 tackles on the season, five of them coming in last weekend.

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