

Green technology influences building

■ Green technology is more friendly to the environment, and is being used in many of Tech's new buildings

by **Ellen Blitz**
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Virginia Tech is subject to ongoing growth and development, and the area of construction is no exception.

New buildings are going up everywhere, and the campus is constantly expanding. While these new structures add needed classrooms, offices and labs that benefit students and faculty, the regulations university construction crews follow are something that impacts the community.

In this modern age, there is vast knowledge of what precautions can be taken to benefit the environment. The U.S. Green Building Council lays out these environment-friendly and efficient standards.

Instead of following USGBC standards, Tech bases all of its environmental regulations on those issued by the Environmental and Health Department.

The rating system the council uses is called Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The LEED rating system is used to

regulate green-technology building.

According to the USGBC website, the main purpose is to create a common standard of measurement for green design and construction. Tech's campus is not certified by LEED, but Leo Tolia, division head of project management at Capital Design and Project Management, said the university has practiced some LEED standards for several years.

Though the university is not completely environment friendly, said Bill Elvey, director of the physical plant, many of the school's new facilities do qualify as "green" technology.

Green technology deals with any regulation or precaution taken to benefit the environment.

The USGBC states five specific areas pertaining to green standards: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality.

"We follow aspects of sustainability design," Tolia said. This fits into LEED's category of sustainable sites.

Some of the university's new buildings are being constructed to work toward these standards. "Examples include high energy efficiency building systems and proactive design for indoor air quality through superior ventilation," Elvey said.

More information can be found on the USGBC website at www.usgbc.org.



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Katie Land of the FBI (left) speaks with senior math major Kim Myers about job opportunities within the federal government. A forum was held last night in McBryde 129.

Federal job panel held

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The prominent U.S. intelligence and defense agencies attended a small group panel to inform students about their respective agencies and recruit upperclassmen.

The Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, and the

Department of Defense were all in attendance.

"I got to put a name and face to the agencies and was able to gear them to my interest," said Kim Myers, senior mathematics major.

The speakers were invited to attend by the College of Science for the fourth year of the Federal Intelligence/Defense Employer Panel. The event gave

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Program fights sexual assaults

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A first-ever nationwide rape awareness and prevention event at more than 700 college campuses, including Virginia Tech, will be offering information to more than a million college students in an effort to fight sexual assaults.

The "Get Carded 2003" event, sponsored by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, will employ hundreds of local rape crisis centers and several thousand volunteers to inform students about resources concerning sexual assaults.

Jamie Zueback, a RAINN media contact, said National Crime Data reports people ages 16-24 are three times more at risk of being sexually assaulted than any other demographic group.

She said RAINN has always reached out at concerts and on-campus events but has never organized anything like "Get Carded."

"This is the first time we are doing a one-day concentrated effort on college campuses," Zueback said.

The Tech Women's Center will be distributing wallet cards and information about the National Sexual Assault Hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at information booth B in Squires Student Center.

The cards will include tips on reducing the risk of sexual assaults and steps to take if an assault occurs.

In addition, information concerning the National Sexual Assault Hotline will be disseminated, said Kristen Benson, Project Safe graduate assistant with the Women's Center.

Zueback said RAINN wants to be sure people know free, confidential counseling is available through the hotline they offer.

Benson said the Women's Center heard about RAINN's program by word of mouth and filled out an online form to be a participant.

"We are all recognizing sexual assault is a problem and are trying to get more information out there," Benson said.

Usually campuses have their own individual programs to raise awareness on these types of issues, but Benson said it's a positive sign that RAINN's program stretches across the country to different universities.

"It's wonderful that we have a more widespread range to raise awareness," Benson said. "It shows we are united across universities."

In addition to the RAINN program, the Women's Center is also holding several programs this week promoting healthy relationships.

Buddhist monk enlightens campus

by **Alex Coleman**
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Sexual morality and meditation techniques were among the many topics discussed in Friday's two-hour discussion with Bhante Rahula, an American Theravadin Buddhist monk from West Virginia.

Nearly 30 students attended the lecture and asked for advice on personal challenges such as how to stay content in a stressful environment.

Happiness is the lack of worldly worry and is intimate knowledge of one's own self, said Rahula.

Happiness and destiny are under your direct control and worldly distractions are a creation of the mind and therefore do not truly exist, he said.

Rahula said meditation is the method for eliminating the pain of distractions. He said meditation helps separate the mind from the world by understanding the world as a creation of the mind. Knowing this allows control over life's seemingly random events, he said.

Though meditation is often asso-

ciated with Buddhist practices, it is practiced in other faiths as well.

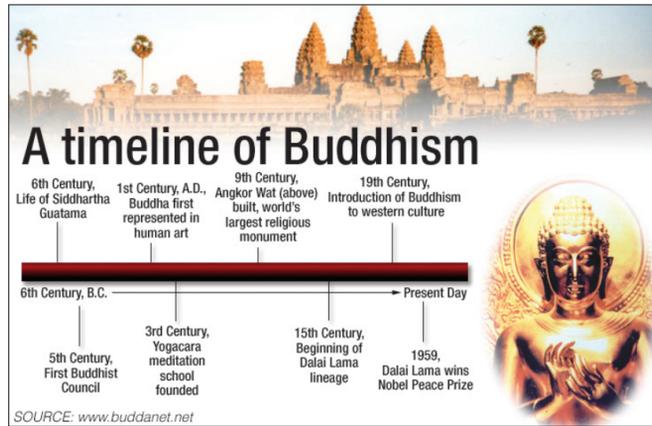
Even western faith can find usefulness in Buddhist practices that provide the meditation technology for a more effective prayer life, he said.

On Saturday, Rahula discussed mindfulness meditation and the importance of breathing technique. Rahula said that even though untrained attendees may suffer discomfort in their initial efforts, the pain would later be beneficial.

In addition to being a physical challenge, meditation may also be a personal struggle for college students. Because of peer pressure and college distractions, Rahula said it would be very difficult for students to successfully pursue meditation on campus without the necessary training.

In addition to his emphasis on meditation, Rahula also offered reflections on common ethics and human values.

Rahula noted particular difference between eastern and western faith. He said that Buddhism is more concerned with effective teachings than what is deemed as "truth." However,



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he also illustrated mutual values as simple as constraints on murder and sloth.

Rahula said he first began to follow Buddhism after a trip to India.

He said his spirituality has made him a more socially constructive individual.

At the very least, he said Buddhists

present themselves as less of a strain on society's resources.

He noted the Buddhist community has no large-scale outreach program. However, monks across the nation lecture and discuss their practices.

The Virginia Tech Multicultural Center sponsored this event.

Hurricane-ravaged residents return to work

by **Bill Baskerville**
Associated Press

RICHMOND — Four days after Hurricane Isabel barreled into the East Coast, thousands of people went back to work Monday without the benefit of home-cooked meals or hot showers, and encountered miles of blank traffic lights and downed power lines.

"No electricity, no water," said Jeanne Spahr, 39, of Dover, Pa., whose power went off Thursday as Isabel approached. "We've been pouring pond water to flush the toilet. It's not smelling so good. I grew up using an outhouse and I don't want to go back to that."

Isabel's effects were still widely evident Monday: Nearly 1.5 million customers remained without electricity. Hot meals were in short supply. Elderly residents had to be shuttled by boat from their flooded homes. And hundreds of roads were shut because of toppled trees and power lines.

At least 36 deaths have been blamed on the storm, 21 of them in Virginia.

North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware were declared federal disaster areas, and President Bush traveled to Richmond to be briefed on the recovery efforts.

Many residents were irritated that electric companies and government officials were unable to restore power four days after the storm hit.

"I understand that people are frustrated — I'm frustrated," said Douglas M. Duncan, the Montgomery County, Md., executive. "We're working, of course, with the power company to get power restored, but it's been very slow going."

Arenzo Jefferson, of Richmond, said he was lucky because he owns a vacant rental house where

his family has been sleeping since two trees crashed onto the roof of their home. Still, he was eager to get power restored to the family's home.

"I know they've got their hands full, but it's very, very inconvenient," Jefferson said as Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner toured his neighborhood to view the damage. "We lost all our food."

Along North Carolina's hard-hit Outer Banks, residents walked the trash-strewn beaches and ate breakfast in the few restaurants that were serving. Road crews had plowed the sand from major beach roads into 6- to 8-foot-high berms along the shoulders.

"Some of the stores are open, but they're not selling dairy products yet," said Erica Stephens, 30, of Kill Devil Hills, as she walked her dog along the sand. "We're trying to function. Everybody's trying to function."

Farther south along the Outer Banks, relief workers in boats brought food and supplies to residents of Hatteras Village, which was cut off from the rest of Hatteras Island when Isabel carved a new channel across the narrow ribbon of land.

"Thank goodness for the Salvation Army," Janet Aiken said. "They're serving up three hot squares a day to anyone who needs it. And the National Guard brought in a lot of water for us and set up the generators, so we've got electricity in some parts and enough drinking water."

She said volunteers with a boat had come by the island to pick up elderly residents or people with heart conditions. "That's just how

people are here," she said.

The Monday morning commute was especially difficult in southeastern Virginia.

The Midtown Tunnel, which carries 40,000 vehicles a day between Norfolk and Portsmouth, flooded during the storm Thursday and still was full of water. Authorities estimate it will be closed at least two weeks while they pump out the water.

"It's an adventure," said a jeans-clad Jennifer Ayers, who rode her bicycle a couple of miles from her Portsmouth home to catch a ferry across the Elizabeth River to Norfolk, carrying her office clothes in a backpack.

Motorists whose regular work routes remained opened still had to be careful, with many traffic signals out.

Police directed traffic at major intersections, but motorists were left to fend for themselves along many side streets. To make sure traffic moved as smoothly as possible, officials urged drivers to treat each intersection as a four-way stop. No major delays were reported Monday morning around the Washington area, despite nearly 200 signal outages.

Despite the exasperation over the pace of repairs, few government officials were casting blame, insisting everything humanly possible was being done to recover from the storm.

"In the fifth day without power, I know everybody's getting frustrated. As I've heard of individual community's concerns, I'm making sure they're dealt with as soon as possible," Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner said.

"I know (the state government has) got their hands full, but it's very inconvenient. We lost all our food."

Arenzo Jefferson
Richmond resident

News in Brief

Suspect in 'Virginia jihad' enters plea

ALEXANDRIA (AP) — One of 11 men accused of training to join a Pakistani terrorist group pleaded guilty Monday to aiding a conspiracy and gun charges, prosecutors announced.

Muhammed Aatique was among the 11 accused of preparing to join Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, which wants to oust India from Kashmir. It was labeled a terrorist organization by the government in December 2001.

The charges stem primarily from violations of the federal Neutrality Act, which bars citizens from engaging in hostile actions against nations with whom the U.S. is at peace — in this instance, India.

Police shoot gun-toting student

SPOKANE, Wash. — Police shot and wounded a 17-year-old boy who brought a gun to school and fired a bullet into a wall Monday.

The teenager was reported in good condition at a hospital.

Police said they were trying to establish a motive for the standoff, which took place in a third-floor science classroom at Lewis and Clark High School.

About 2,000 students and staff members were evacuated from the school around midday after it was learned the boy had a handgun. He fired a shot from the 9mm semiautomatic into a wall, but

no one was hurt.

ATV riders killed in collision

Two youngsters were killed and the sixth was critically injured.

The car's driver, Amanda Michelle Troupe, 29, could face homicide charges, investigators said. They were awaiting the results of blood tests on whether she had been drinking.

The woman's car crossed the center line about 9 p.m. Saturday before hitting the four-wheeler, said Joann Lacey, a State Patrol dispatcher.

Drunken drivers get tagged

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Some Florida Panhandle motorists convicted of drunken driving are being ordered to put bumper stickers on their cars that ask "How's my driving? ... The judge wants to know!!!"

Escambia County Judge William White said he hopes the bumper stickers, which include an identification number for each driver and a toll-free phone number, will reduce repeat offenses for driving under the influence of alcohol.

"We want to influence people to correct their behavior rather than just use this as sort of a monitoring system," White said.

White said he tried to use bumper stickers saying only "Convicted DUI" in the past simply to shame violators. He hopes the call-in stickers will be a stronger deterrent.

Federal: Forum used for recruitment

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

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 include her last name, received much interest from students.

"The CIA's hiring requirement is up 40 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 said that non-romance linguists are the number one occupation in demand right

now, receiving a signing bonus up to \$35,000 and incentive pay.

The Department of Defense speaker, Human Resources Director Ginger Groeber, 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," Groeber said.

Groeber also explained that there is opportunity to move around and build one's career within the Department of Defense, in addition to the normal government benefits.

Representing the FBI, Special Agent Katie Land stressed 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.

National Security Agency representative, Ken Moss reflected on its similarity to the CIA, including the hiring process and clearance process.

The two main sections that the National Security Agency emphasizes are signals, intelligence and information insurance, but there is a strong need for electrical and mechanical engineers, computer scientists, linguists and mathematicians.

"We have the largest computer facility in the world," Moss said.

The National Security Agency was widely unknown for many years, Moss said, but it is the nation's cryptologic organization and has the country's premier code-makers and code-breakers, according to their Web site.

All of these organizations offer an internship program, which have a November 1 application deadline. All agencies also stressed that a variety of positions are available, not just the ones that citizens would expect.

One cannot become active in the application process for an internship or position until junior and senior year.

"Fall of senior year is when we really want to talk to you for recruitment," Karen M. said.

U.S. asks for money for Iraqi firefighters

by Alan Fram
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.

A Bush administration document, obtained by The Associated Press, goes far beyond the details officials have publicly provided for how

they would spend the \$20.3 billion they have requested for Iraqi 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 looting destroyed over 165 firehouses throughout the country. There are no tools or equipment in any firehouse,"

according to the report, written by the Coalition Provisional Authority, the U.S.-led organization now running Iraq.

The report's estimated cost of rebuilding Iraq's fire service, including hiring and training 5,000 firefighters: \$290 million.

At another point, the report says the headquarters and three regional offices of the border police "will require complete renovation."

Two thousand new recruits

must be trained because the agency previously used conscripts, "almost all of whom deserted."

Reviving that and other border protection agencies should cost \$150 million, the report said.

The proposal was part of the \$87 billion plan that President Bush sent Congress on Sept. 7 for Iraq and Afghanistan.

The biggest piece of that package was \$66 billion to finance U.S. 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, told U.S. officials the plot was five years in the making and that a wave of suicide attacks was supposed to follow, say interrogation reports reviewed by The Associated Press.

Mohammed said the plan, first developed in 1996, called for hijacking five planes on each American coast, but was changed several times as al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden sought to improve the chances that the attacks could be pulled off simultaneously.

Mohammed, a key captive in the U.S. war on terrorism, also addressed one of the questions raised by congressional investigators in their Sept. 11 review. He said he never heard of a Saudi man named Omar al-Bayoumi who provided rent money and assistance to two airliner hijackers when they arrived in California.

Congressional investigators have suggested Bayoumi could have aided the hijackers or been a Saudi intelligence agent, charges the Saudi government vehemently deny. The FBI also has cast doubt on that theory after extensive investigation.

In fact, Mohammed claims he did not arrange for anyone on U.S. soil to assist hijackers Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi when they arrived in California. Mohammed said there "were no al-Qaida operatives or facilitators in the United States to help al-Mihdhar or al-Hazmi settle in the United States," one report says.

Al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi were on the plane that was flown into the Pentagon.

Mohammed portrays those two as central to the plot, and even more important than Mohammed Atta, initially identified as the likely hijacking ringleader. Mohammed said he communicated with al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar while they were in the United States by using Internet chat software, the reports say.

Mohammed said al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar were among the four original operatives bin Laden assigned to him for the plot, a significant revelation because they were the only two whom U.S. authorities were seeking for terrorist ties just before Sept. 11.

U.S. authorities continue to investigate the many statements

that Mohammed has made in interrogations, seeking to eliminate deliberate misinformation. But they have been able to corroborate with other captives and evidence much of his account of the Sept. 11 planning.

Mohammed told his interrogators the hijacking teams were originally made up of members from different countries where al-Qaida had recruited, but that in the final stages bin Laden chose instead to use a large group of young Saudi men.

As the plot came closer to fruition, Mohammed learned "there was a large group of Saudi operatives that would be available to participate as the muscle in the plot to hijack planes in the United States," one report says Mohammed told his captors.

Saudi Arabia was bin Laden's home country, although it revoked his citizenship in the 1990s and he reviled its alliance with the United States during the Persian Gulf War and beyond. Saudi authorities have suggested bin Laden has tried to drive a wedge between the United States and the kingdom, hoping to fracture the alliance.

U.S. intelligence has suggested that Saudis were chosen, instead, because many were willing to follow bin Laden and they could more easily get into the United States because of the countries' friendly relations.

Mohammed's interrogation report states he told Americans some of the original operatives assigned to the plot did not make it because they had trouble getting into the United States.

Mohammed was captured in a March 1 raid by Pakistani forces and CIA operatives in Rawalpindi. He is being interrogated by the CIA at an undisclosed location.

He told interrogators about other terror plots that were in various stages of planning or had been temporarily disrupted when he was captured, including one planned for Singapore.

The sources who allowed AP to review the reports insisted that specific details not be divulged about those operations because U.S. intelligence continues to investigate some of the methods and search for some of the operatives.

The interrogation reports make dramatically clear that Mohammed and al-Qaida were still actively looking to strike U.S., other Western and Israeli targets across the world as of this year.

Braun announces presidential candidacy

■ Carol Moseley Braun is the only black woman to serve in the U.S. Senate, and is considered a long-shot in the all-male contest

by **Nedra Pickler**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrat Carol Moseley Braun, the only black woman to serve in the U.S. Senate, formally declared her candidacy for the president Monday, forging ahead with a long-shot bid in an otherwise all-male contest for the White House.

"I am uniquely qualified to do the job of president, and I offer the clearest alternative to this current administration, whose only new idea has been pre-emptive war and a huge new bureaucracy," Braun said in an appearance at Howard University.

"A woman can fix the mess they have created, because we are practical, we are not afraid of partnerships and we are committed to making the world better for our children."

Braun stunned the political establishment in 1992 — the "Year of the Woman" — unseating an incumbent Democratic senator in the primary, two-term lawmaker Alan

Dixon, on her way to what was once considered an improbable victory in November.

Her election was heralded as an advance for women and minorities, but her popularity fell amid accusations that she exercised poor judgment in visiting Nigeria's brutal former dictator Sani Abacha and misused campaign funds.

A campaign finance investigation cleared Braun, but she lost her seat to well-funded Republican challenger Peter Fitzgerald in 1998. After the defeat, President Clinton appointed her ambassador to New Zealand.

Braun used her announcement speech to present her vision for the future — "an American renaissance" — and criticize President Bush's record on national security and the economy.

A fierce opponent of the U.S.-led war against Iraq, Braun said the United States will work to ensure a peaceful Iraq. "Americans don't cut and run, we have to see this misadventure through," she said.

Monday's kickoff schedule started with speeches at two historically black colleges — Howard and Benedict College in Columbia, S.C. Braun's final appearance was scheduled in her home town of Chicago, where she got her start in politics 25 years ago with election to the Illinois Legislature.

During months of campaigning, Braun

has struggled to build a fund-raising network. She has pleaded for financial support, especially when speaking to women's groups, but raised less than \$250,000 in the first half of the year.

Last month, she picked up her first two major endorsements from the National Organization for Women and the National Women's Political Caucus. Leaders of both groups said they would help raise money for her among their members, and their support gave Braun encouragement to continue her bid beyond the exploratory phase.

Braun ranks near the bottom in most surveys, but some polls show her with more support than some of her better-financed rivals. She ranks higher in some polls of black voters.

She has avoided much of the intra-party fighting of her rivals who confront each other in an effort to rise to the top of the field. Her criticism has been focused on President Bush's policies at home and abroad.

"America is at a tipping point — if we stay the course we are on now, we won't recognize this country five years from now," she said in Monday's speech. "But if we shift gears, try another way, tap some of the talent that has been relegated to the sidelines of leadership, we can heal and renew and save our country."

Iraq situation could destabilize other regions

by **Dafna Linzer**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf told an international conference on counterterrorism Monday that al-Qaida had become "a shadow of its past," but the situation in Iraq could stir more instability in the world.

"There is a growing sense among Muslims that Islam, as a religion, is being targeted and pilloried," he warned.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan opened the conference hours after the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad was attacked and said world leaders must deal with the roots of terrorism if they are to fight it more effectively. Like other world leaders, he emphasized that military campaigns were not the only way to fight terrorists.

Nearly 20 heads of state

joined Annan, counterterrorism experts and several terror victims in New York to discuss the conference's agenda on the roots of terrorism.

Few spoke in optimistic terms, whether characterizing current cooperation on counterterrorism or projecting future threats. No one, with the exception of the U.S. representative, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., recognized the Iraq war as part of the global anti-terrorism campaign.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov challenged what Moscow calls Western "double standards" on terrorism. Russia has often criticized Western

countries for condemning Moscow's war in Chechnya, where both Russian forces and rebels have been accused of brutalizing civilians.

French President Jacques Chirac made a thinly veiled reference to the U.S. occupation of Iraq when he discussed ways in which terrorism can take on "the mask of justice and solidarity."

"When a country is under foreign occupation, it unjustly captures the struggle for freedom for its own ends. When a community feels ill-treated, terrorism claims to act in its name," Chirac said.

As he pledged France's

continued cooperation in fighting global terrorism, Chirac proposed marking Sept. 11 as "World anti-terrorism day."

Besides Chirac and Musharraf, the leaders of Spain, Italy, Norway, Canada, Afghanistan, Portugal, Brazil and Indonesia were among those attending the conference. Israel and the Palestinians sent their foreign ministers.

President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell turned down invitations, leaving U.S. representation to Lugar, who was the only non-president or foreign minister to address the conference on behalf of a country.

Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, concentrated on weapons of mass destruction in his presentation and the threat posed by terrorist organizations eager to get their hands on them.

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Pervez Musharraf
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Car bomb explodes near U.N. compound

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 checkpoint outside U.N. headquarters in Baghdad on Monday, killing an Iraqi policeman who stopped him and wounding 19 people.

A U.S. military spokesman at the scene said the bomber, who also died in the 8:10 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 snarl 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 work here after the Aug. 19 bombing.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned that if the situation continues to dete-

riorate, U.N. operations in Iraq "will be handicapped considerably."

"I am shocked and distressed by this latest attack on our premises in Baghdad, Annan said at the United Nations.

"We are assessing the situation to determine what happened, who did it, and taking further measures to protect our installations," he said.

The blast, which could be heard over much of the Iraqi capital, took place a day before President Bush was to address the U.N. General Assembly. He was expected to offer an expanded U.N. role in rebuilding Iraq, a condition set by many nations for contributing peacekeepers and money to the reconstruction effort. Annan has said he wants assurances of security for U.N. personnel in Baghdad along with any expanded role.

The bomber in Monday's attack was blocked at a newly established police checkpoint on a street in back of the compound. As police inspected the bomber's car, he detonated the explosives.

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.

"I reiterate that he was not through the checkpoint, and he was not near the U.N. compound. That means security is working," said Capt. Sean Kirley of the U.S. 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The bomb exploded about 200 yards from any of the buildings or mobile offices inside the compound and about 400 yards from the hotel building itself. The truck bomb last month was parked outside the front of the hotel just yards from Vieira de Mello's office, when it exploded and brought down the facade, trapping him and several others in the rubble.

Kirley said the Iraqi police had a warning of Monday's attack shortly before it happened. He did not give details.

The power of the blast sent the hood of the bomber's car flying 200 yards. The detached arm of a victim lay more than 100 yards away.

Iraqi police Master Sgt. Hassan al-Saadi, among the first on the scene after the explosion, said he was told by wounded policemen that a gray 1995 Opel with Baghdad license plates approached the entrance to the parking area.

Iranian cooperation with U.S. to lessen

by Ali Akbar Dareini
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will scale back its cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog in response to the agency's Oct. 31 deadline for Tehran to prove its atomic programs are peaceful, Iran's representative to the agency said Monday.

Ali Akbar Salehi said on state television that Iran had been allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency more oversight than required under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty "to show our good will and transparency. On the strict orders of President Mohammad Khatami we allowed IAEA inspectors to take environmental samples and visit non-nuclear sites." "This has been beyond our obligations, but from now on we will act according to

the current regulations," Salehi said.

The United States has accused Iran of running a clandestine nuclear weapons program and wants the IAEA to declare Tehran in violation of the treaty.

A recent IAEA report to its board noted that traces of highly enriched, weapons-grade uranium were found at an Iranian nuclear facility, and said tests run by Iran make little sense unless the country is pursuing nuclear weaponry.

Tehran insists its nuclear programs are designed to generate electricity and that its equipment was "contaminated" with enriched uranium by a previous owner. The IAEA has pressed Iran to detail its nuclear program and sign a protocol letting agency inspectors conduct in-depth checks of facilities.

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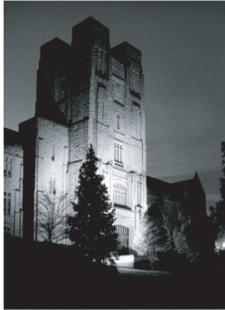
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Women's right to choose protected by privacy and confidentiality

Bridgette Smith

Before I scratch the surface of this highly controversial topic, I am going to make a few personal disclaimers. I am not a male-hating feminist.

I am, however, an optimist embracing advancement of society as a whole, in which no human being is judged based on their gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation in the institutions of government, religion, the work force or education. I believe in and embrace whole-heartedly the miracles and wonders of life, but most importantly the right to choose how one seeks life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

As of Sept. 17, the U.S. Senate passed a bill restricting the rights of women on the ever-eyebrow-raising topic of abortion. The only steps remaining are passage by the U.S. House of Representatives and the Johnny Hancock of our president. Based on reports of Senate representatives interviewed by the New York Times, the bill should be well on its way to becoming a law after this fall.

But, wait a second. Why, when we are in such a political upheaval with our actions overseas and in such an economic crisis financially, are our political — not social — representatives spending their time trying to obtain possession of a woman's right to make a medical decision? When did medical treatments become public policy, when in fact they are private?

On every medical file in every legitimately practicing doctor's office across this country, there are the words private or confidential

on the cover. These disclaimers ensure each individual's medical records and history are kept from the public.

What occurs in, on or through our bodies, in terms of illnesses or treatments documented in those files, is information only necessary for the patient and physician.

But, if this bill is made into law then we might as well take those words off every file in America because it will only be a matter of time before there is another medical practice an interest group finds fault in, and it attacks the government to take action.

The right to reproduction is a civil right we as a society take for granted. What happens when a woman becomes pregnant and, for whatever reason, does not wish to carry the pregnancy to full term?

It was decided in the 1978 Supreme Court case of Roe vs. Wade that medical procedures fell under the right to privacy. Why can't that be enough? Why is a woman not allowed to control her own reproduction? Why is there controversy, and how can this not be a deliberate attack on women and their rights under the law to control their bodies?

It is deemed fine by government and society for a woman to have the medical procedure of tubal ligation (having one's tubes tied) to ensure she can no longer bear children, but not an abortion to correct a non-desired conception.

Men do not have to deal with pregnancy to the same degree as women: the before — weight gain, mood swings, weird food cravings; the durings — let's just say labor and leave it with that; and the after — in terms of bodily and hormonal changes. Not to mention the lifelong

“When are we as a society going to realize social aspects of living including medical practices, are personal and private, not political debating material?”

responsibilities and alterations that having a child causes emotionally, mentally and financially.

Therefore, this bill in motion revokes the choice of a safe and legal abortion and ultimately punishes women and denies them equal rights under law. How does forcing a woman to bear a child not go against her pursuit of happiness if it is not something she wants?

Furthermore, how can we claim to be a “land of the free” when total freedom of choice is only available to you if you are male?

We can go into another country and fight for the rights of the Taliban women, but we won't even stand up and fight to maintain legal practices safeguarding our women and their right to chose and control their reproductive lives here in America.

When are we as a society going to realize social aspects of living, including medical practices, are personal and private, not political debating material? There are far more important topics concerning the state of this country, and world for that matter, in which we need our political leaders focusing and devoting their time.

When are we going to wake up?

Bridgette Smith is a junior horticulture major.

Letters to the Editor

Hokies must show more respect

As a Virginian 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-away-game road trips a fun and memorable time for three other devoted Aggies and myself.

Our first encounter was with Tech alumni at a gas station not more than 10 minutes after arriving in Blacksburg.

They told us how much fun they'd had the year before in College Station and thanked us for showing them a good time. We felt positive about our choice to make the trip and were looking forward to the day.

However, these feelings were soon shattered to pieces, and we began to realize why Tech fans who came to College Station were so appreciative of our Aggie hospitality.

As we walked across campus, we got nothing but negative comments and many loud boos thrown our way. We took it with a smile and offered a polite “howdy” back in return — that's just the Aggie way.

As the day wore on and apparently the students got more drunk, the comments and insults heightened. I just have to say I am nothing but disappointed and embarrassed by the actions of the students.

At A&M, football falls just below God, and yet we still have a reputation for showing our guests respect. It's one thing to be competitive and it's another to be down right rude, disrespectful and hateful.

I would suggest thinking about these differences and altering actions toward visiting teams.

Amber Rides
Texas A&M student

Hokie fans soil their reputation

I would like to compliment you Hokie fans for the sportsmanship you showed before, during and after the game last Thursday. Upon leaving the stadium after the game, I was greeted with “good game” and “you all played great” many times, and that shows a lot of class.

I got to my car in the general parking lot thinking what a great bunch of sports you guys were, but, sadly, my good feelings were dimmed considerably upon noticing that the entire passenger side of my car had been “keyed”, presumably by an overzealous Hokie. Not that it would matter, but I didn't have anything on my car to which anyone would take offense, other than a window sticker proclaiming that I am a former student of A&M. Now, I don't blame the entire school for the actions of one ignorant moron, but I thought you might like to know that your reputation as an honorable university has been tarnished by this cretin.

At A&M, another honorable university, anyone caught vandalizing personal property would probably get the hell beat outta them by anyone who happened upon them doing it, no matter who the property belonged to. That fact probably explains our low rate of vandalism incidents on-campus (31 in 2001). On the other hand, I note that the Collegiate Times reported 12 cases of vandalism at VT during the previous game alone.

So, what do I say when someone asks me what I think about the Hokies? Honestly, I'd have to say that they are gracious opponents—as long as you park off-campus—but they can't be trusted past your eyesight. I wish I could say differently.

Steve Higginbotham
Texas A&M alumni

Students, faculty deserve autonomy when making gameday decisions

Joey Card

The time rolls around nearly every year when a weekday evening football game occurs. For many students and professors this causes a lot of confusion about how to handle such a situation.

The university's policy is open enough to allow the professors to decide the fate of their classes and has always left it up to the students on how to handle their priorities. If the professor decides to hold class, the student decides whether or not to attend.

I believe the lack of a hard-lined policy is actually the best alternative to a solid yes or no concerning class scheduling during weekday games. It allows maximum flexibility, which is at a premium in the non-academic world. It also allows individual students to decide how best to deal with clashing priorities.

The world is full of tough deci-

sions that need to be made. And although this particular decision is not one of life and death, it deserves to be looked at and rationally thought through.

These are the exact sort of things college is designed to help us work out in our own lives, before the decisions of balancing work, family, hobbies and various other things fill our days.

The independence of college teaches us the ability to sit down, turn down the radio and off the TV and to think critically about life, to sit and ask ourselves, “what is important right now?” and even more difficult, to live by those decisions.

I enjoy football games just as much as the next guy and have been to more home games than I can remember. Standing through rain-drenched, snow-covered, rabid-fan-attending, key-shaking, wave-creating games has been a staple in my life for over seven years now.

Being a recent alumnus, I also dealt with the class/game conflict. I will

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mention, while attending Virginia Tech, Michael Vick did more for the value of my degree than almost anything I did in the classroom.

This is of course another topic that deserves it's own column. I'm not here to say what I did, because all in all it is not important.

What is important is Tech being a place that helps foster an environment of thinking students and faculty, even if the best policy is a vague one.

Joey Card graduated from Virginia Tech in 2002.

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Calif. candidates await court decision

▪ A panel argued the election should be postponed until punch-card ballots in six counties are updated

by **Beth Fouhy**
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The candidates vying to succeed Gov. Gray Davis prepared for what could be a final two-week push or just another month in a long campaign depending on how a court rules.

An 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was scheduled to hear arguments Monday afternoon on whether to uphold a ruling by a smaller panel last week that the election must be postponed until next spring.

The three-judge panel said the election, previously scheduled for Oct. 7, should wait until six counties still using punch card ballots can upgrade to more reliable voting machines.

The judges chosen 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 voters, Monday would be the

registration deadline for an Oct. 7 election.

Davis, buoyed by new poll results that show a slight drop in recall proponents, prepared for more campaign stops this week with high-profile Democrats, just days after he stumped with former President Bill Clinton and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Actor and Republican candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger outlined several proposals to cut air pollution in California by 50 percent by 2011. He promised to create a network of hydrogen fueling stations throughout the state to promote increased use of hydrogen-powered vehicles and said he would prevent coastal oil drilling and seek to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent within two years.

Following the speech, Schwarzenegger responded to environmentalists' digs at the gas-guzzling Hummers he drives, saying he would have one overhauled to run on less-polluting hydrogen.

He also criticized Davis' environmental record.

"Gray Davis has just started talking about the environment the last few days," Schwarzenegger said. But he backtracked

when reminded of recent legislation signed by the governor, saying, "I'm not aware of all those bills that he has signed the last year."

Gabriel Sanchez, a spokesman for Davis' campaign, scoffed at Schwarzenegger's claim.

"Gov. Davis has been active in protecting the environment throughout his entire 30-year career and to say otherwise is misleading and flat-out false," Sanchez said. Davis was scheduled to meet Monday with the governors of Oregon and Washington to announce a pact in which the three states would work together on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and combating global warming.

A statewide poll by the Public Policy Institute of California released Sunday showed 53 percent of likely voters want to oust Davis, down from 58 percent last month. Forty-two percent said they would vote to keep him in office.

It mirrored two other statewide polls released this month which showed that, while a majority of voters wanted to recall Davis, the margin has tightened.

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Vietnamese officers review MIA files

▪ U.S. officials hope to make similar arrangements with the Russian government for Soviet Union files

by **Robert Burns**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a bid to learn more about American servicemen who may have been held captive in Vietnam after the war, the military plans to hire retired senior Vietnamese intelligence officers to search classified Vietnamese government files, the Pentagon said Monday.

The unusual, if not unprecedented, arrangement has been approved by Vietnam and should get started within months, said Jerry Jennings, head of the Pentagon's office of POW-MIA affairs.

Jennings said in an interview he is willing to trust the Vietnamese government to make the effort succeed.

"We're assuming good faith on one thing: that the government wouldn't sign on for this just to rip us off for the pay for a retired individual for three months; that there is good faith in terms of this guy conducting an honest search," he said.

The retired Vietnamese officials would submit regular summaries of their findings, but documents that contained relevant information about POWs or MIAs would not be turned over to the United States.

Jennings, who was a CIA intelligence officer in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam war, said there has not yet been a selection of the one or more retired Vietnamese officers who would work under U.S. contract.

He said U.S. authorities would have some say in the selection, but the pool of potential candidates would be vetted first by the Vietnamese

government.

"We're going to have a right to look at the individual before he's signed on, and we're going to have the opportunity to ensure he has a background that would enable him to do what amounts to an archival study," Jennings said. He said he would be prepared to end the program in as little as three months "if we come up with a dry hole," or no new leads on missing Americans. The Pentagon says 1,882 Americans are unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, but none is listed as a POW.

The Vietnamese government has insisted it held no American servicemen after the war ended in 1975, but U.S. veterans groups cite U.S. intelligence reports that indicated Americans were known to have been alive in captivity in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and were not returned at the end of the war.

Ann Mills Griffiths, executive director of the National League of POW-MIA Families, said she is encouraged by Jennings' initiative, although she has some doubt that the Vietnamese will make it work.

"It has potential, if the Vietnamese government wants to take it seriously," she said in an interview. She complained, however, that Vietnam in the postwar years has had a "pretty sketchy" record of cooperation on MIA matters.

Jennings said he believes that an arrangement like the one he worked out with the Vietnamese might also work in Russia, where U.S. officials have been stymied for years in trying to gain access to sensitive KGB and other intelligence files of the former Soviet Union.

The work with the Russians has been aimed at determining whether American servicemen, captured in Korea during the 1950-53 Korean War, were transferred against their will to the Soviet Union.

Bomber's lawyers may claim others involved

by **Jay Reeves**
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Lawyers for serial bombing suspect Eric Rudolph may try to prove that other people were to blame for the deadly bombings at an Alabama abortion clinic and the Atlanta Olympics.

In court documents made public Monday, Rudolph attorney Richard Jaffe asked a federal judge for access to the names of as many as 566 people who were interviewed by FBI agents after the blasts.

Speaking during a conference with prosecutors and U.S. Magistrate Judge T. Michael Putnam, Jaffe said the defense

needed the information because it "may want to pursue the possibilities that a different person did them both, and neither was our client."

Records show that prosecutors resisted handing over all the names, partly out of concern over being sued under a federal law that requires authorities to protect the identity of witnesses and victims.

The government has said that material found in Rudolph's North Carolina home, truck and storage shed tied him to both bombings.

The conference with the lawyers and magistrate judge was held July 30, but a transcript of the proceeding was not previously released.

Investigators received many tips that went nowhere, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe McLean said during the meeting, and some of those people may now be endangered if they were contacted by the defense. "There were a lot of anonymous calls or calls where they said, 'You know my boyfriend did it, but don't tell my boyfriend because he'll kill me,'" McLean told the judge.

McLean continued: "And we've got an obligation under the Victim Witness Act not to let that information get out and have that person killed, because we're going to get sued."

Jaffe said such information was vital to Rudolph's defense because it could show that

someone else was responsible for the bombings. He said he wouldn't show the names to anyone, including Rudolph.

Putnam issued an order about two weeks after the conference barring either side from disclosing the names of potential witnesses.

While the ruling didn't specifically address Jaffe's request for names, an updated order could be filed.

Local prosecutors are seeking permission from the Justice Department to pursue the death penalty against Rudolph for a bombing that killed a police officer and critically injured a nurse outside a Birmingham abortion clinic on Jan. 29, 1998.

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Features

Alumnus' book chronicles Tech life in mid-20th century

■ Blair Smith went to Fork Union Military Academy and served in the navy for four years before attending Tech

by Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

Not many current Virginia Tech students understand the hardships their fellow Hokies had to endure while growing up and attending our university in the mid-20th century.

Blair Smith, a Tech graduate in 1962, has written a nonfiction book published this year by 1stBooks. "My Brother, Your Father" is about some of those mid-20th century hardships. It begins in 1944 with Smith's childhood in Clifton Forge, Va. and ends in 1986 when he and his immediate family move to Jacksonville, Fla.

"We have all heard the stories from World War II," according to

the 1stBooks' Web site, "how our boys, as prisoners of war, made escapes from the German prison camps, how our pilots crash-landed their bombers in China after a bombing run over Japan ... but how about the families that protected America at home, made the tanks, airplanes ... for our troops that were fighting on foreign soil?"

The author made further comments on his narrative.

"It is the story of three brothers that grew up in the western mountains of Virginia," Smith said. "The point is to show that children, like the way we were brought up, gained a lot of self-confidence by doing things on (their) own."

During the 1940s and 50s, Smith and his brothers learned to work extra jobs doing whatever they could do to keep busy. Employment laws were not as strict back then and there were no required permits to work.

"Most kids now-a-days have a lot of spare time on their hands,"

Smith said. "We had no adult supervision, even for football games. We'd just give someone a whistle ... and play."

Smith used his memory to write most of the stories in his book, but he did refer to an encyclopedia to obtain specific dates. His book includes facts about World War II, his family and his educational background.

"After I got out of Fork Union Military Academy, I went to the U.S. Navy for four years on the sub," Smith said. "Then I was at Emory and Henry College for one year and transferred to Virginia Tech. I was there from 1958 and graduated in 1962."

Smith enrolled at Tech when many changes were occurring at the university.

He was here when Coach F.O. Moseley led the football team to a 5-4-1 record in 1958, 6-4-0 in 1959 and 6-4-0 in 1960. Coach J.D. Claiborne replaced Moseley in 1961, leading the Hokies to a 4-5-0 record.

It's hard to imagine a time Tech football games did not have the Hokie Bird or VT slogans everywhere.

Smith has many fond memories of Tech, specifically the band he was part of.

"I developed a combo band and we played around at all the colleges to make money so I could afford to live in Blacksburg," Smith said. "One time, I had to quit for two quarters because they did not offer the courses I needed."

Blair Smith
Tech alumnus

"If you write a book, write from your heart. Don't give up — just keep struggling. It takes hard work."

Smith took summer courses to make up his time off from college and graduated in December of 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

Smith married Linda Ellen Kyle and had three children. He went to work for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company in Huntington, W.Va., and retired as director of planning in the mechanical department of CSX Transportation.

"I've been back (to Tech) a couple of times," Smith said.

"I believe it was for a Boston College game."

Smith concludes his book with a recap of the events that occurred throughout his life. He finishes with updates about his family and about life in Jacksonville, Fla. as a retired railroad worker, father and grandfather.

"If you write a book," Smith said, "write from your heart. Don't give up — just keep struggling. It takes hard work."

Jobs at temp agencies rising in popularity

by Jan Galletta
Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Just when David Crisp thinks he's heard it all, a client shows up wanting a worker for a job that likely won't show up on anyone's career resume.

"We've had assignments for pickle-measurers and for a girl to go to a department store and sit in a bubble bath for four or five hours," he said. "But the worst job we ever had to find somebody for was to pull the beaks off chickens with pliers. The candidate's qualifications were anybody who'd accept the job."

Crisp is Vice President of Olsten Staffing Service in Chattanooga and has been with the company eight years. He said many people now in

his labor pool earn their entire livelihoods from temporary job assignments.

"Some of it is seasonal," he said of their contracts. "Our assignment employees may help out in a company's busiest period. Then, when the peak is over, we just send them someplace else."

Surges in unemployment traditionally bring a business boom to the temporary labor industry, according to the American Staffing Association. The ASA, whose members account for 85 percent of the nation's temporary help revenues, reported a rise of 11.7 percent in job placements for the first two quarters of 2003, according to <www.staffingtoday.net>.

Some would-be wage earners take short-term assignments outside their career fields, said

Margaret Anne Shelton, an 18-year veteran of Southern Temp Inc. and its staffing director.

"When they're between jobs, some fill in to earn a paycheck," she said.

That was the case with David Creel, 39, whom the agency tapped to portray Sir Topham Hatt when Thomas the Tank Engine came to town in May.

Creel teaches piano at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. He said he has taken temporary job assignments during the summer for several years. Playing the children's literature character was fun, he said.

"There was a fan in the top hat and ice packs inside the suit, so it wasn't hot to wear," Creel said.

Costumed characters are also

among the unusual employment requests that Weststaff of Chattanooga gets, said Joyce Furcron, office manager.

"We had a slice-of-bread job one time. We also had to find a Spiderman and a Tony the Tiger," she said of Weststaff's unconventional contracts.

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Shelton said another unusual request was for "a temporary employee to stand at the Charmin Booth (at the Riverbend music festival) and give out Charmin bathroom tissue to people as needed when they used the portable bathrooms."

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Sports

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

by **Melissa Marlow and Jin-Gak Bae**
Staff Writers

The Hokies' volleyball team lost two matches over the weekend when they hosted the Virginia Tech Invitational in Cassell Coliseum.

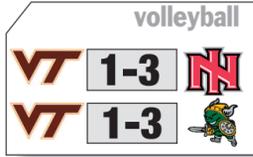
The women first took on the now 10-1 Huskies of Northern Illinois, losing the contest three games to one.

The Hokies kept it close early in the first game until the Huskies went on a six-point rally to make the score 14-8. Tech countered with six consecutive points later behind the serving of freshman middle-hitter

Katie Esbrook, but the Huskies pulled out a 30-27 victory.

The second game went back and forth, but Tech was able to grab victory by a score of 30-25. Several errors by the Hokies gave Northern Illinois a lead halfway through the third game, but Tech was able to make it close late by countering to bring the score to 25-24 in favor of the Huskies. Northern Illinois then pulled away taking the third game 30-27.

The Hokies lost the fourth



game 30-18.

Junior Emily Smith recorded a season-high 16 digs in the match. Senior Annie Spicer tallied 17 kills and 13 digs for the Hokies.

Tech then fell to 6-8 on the season after losing their second match of the weekend 1-3 to the Vikings of Cleveland State on Saturday.

The Vikings started out strong by recording three consecutive

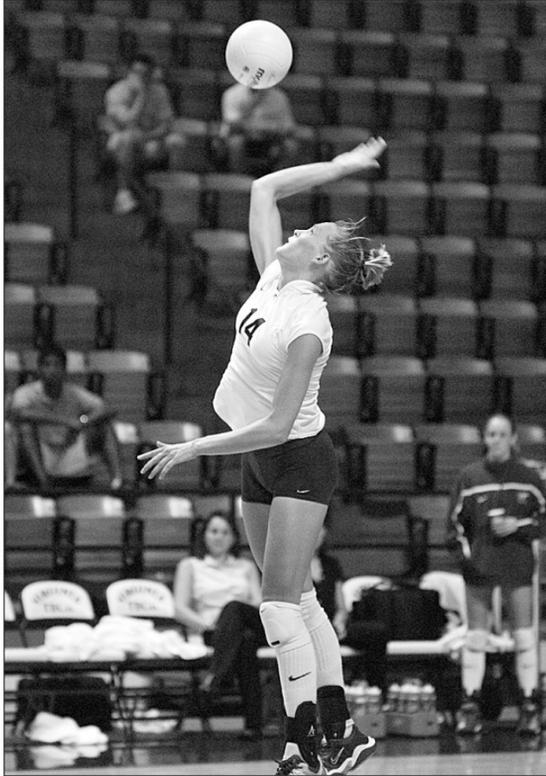
points, including a service ace to start game one. The Hokies went on a 3-0 run to tie the game and the score was close throughout, until Tech pulled away to win with a score of 30-27. Esbrook led the Hokie offense

with a game-high six kills.

Game two was downhill for the Hokies as they lost 30-19, allowing the Vikings to go on a 5-0 run.

Cleveland State's Jamie Bouyer led her team with six kills, while senior Jenny Hill led the Hokies with three.

The Hokies bounced back with improved playing in game three, recording 19 kills and 11 digs, but it still wasn't enough to stop the Vikings, who took game three 30-25. Esbrook recorded



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Junior outside hitter Annie Spicer reaches high for the ball. Spicer leads Tech in kills per game with a 4.15 average.

two service aces, and Bouyer led all players with a game-high seven kills.

"Our play was inconsistent today," said Tech head coach Greg Smith. "It was very up and down and it hurt us today. We are getting better but need to do it quickly."

Despite a strong offensive performance by Hill and Esbrook,

Cleveland State closed out the match, beating the Hokies in game four by a score of 30-25.

Hill recorded a team-high and career-best 19 kills, and sophomore setter Melissa Markowski contributed 50 assists in the match.

Associate sports editor Adam Abramson contributed to this story.

Cross country teams fare well in tourney

The women's and men's team finish first and second, respectively, last weekend at the Hokie Invitational

by **Susan Suddarth**
Staff Writer

The Virginia Tech cross-country team held top spots after performing well at Saturday's Hokie Invitational.

The women's team ran their way to a first-place finish with 15 points while the men's team finished second overall, falling to Cumberland College with 58 points.

"We ran as best as we could, missing three of our top five runners," said Tech cross-country coach Ben Thomas.

The men had three runners finish in the top ten, including Michael Lawson, who came in second overall with a time of 24:54. L.A. Snead paced his race off of Lawson and finished right behind him with a time of 24:57. Tech's next man to cross the finish line was Josiah Oliver with a time of 25:36.

"We are looking for the women's team to go to national's this year. We sent one runner last year and we are hoping to send the whole team this year"

Kweder of Cumberland and Mikey Guind of the College of Charleston came in first and second, but the pair made a wrong turn and cut the course short, resulting in disqualification. Cumberland and Charleston were not penalized for this mistake.

Tech's women team had seven finishers in the top 11.

Marlies Overbeeke finished first, crossing the finish line with a time of 16:48. Trailing right behind her was Moriah O'Brien at 17:28. Kim Milbourn and Jessica Morris crossed the line next, finishing with times of 17:33 and 17:43, respectively.

Morris was followed closely by Kristy VanCour with a time of 17:49. Rounding off the top six was Morgan Ekemo who finished at 17:56.

"Overbeeke is our No. 1 runner, and then we have

Morris, O'Brien and Milbourn," Thomas said. "We have a really tight group of girl runners and two through five could be different people."

The women's team is looking forward to a strong season and just wants to stay healthy, said freshman

Sam Ference.

The team is missing some of their top runners because of illness.

The team needs to concentrate on preparing for their first big meet Oct. 18, on top of their health, Thomas said.

"Today we were just getting ready for our big meets, but everyone is where they should be running at this point in the season," Lawson said.

The men's and women's teams have now each recorded a first- and second-place finish.

"We are looking for the women's team to go to national's this year," Thomas said.

"We sent one runner last year and we are hoping to send the whole team this year. As far as the men's team, we have some individual goals we would like to achieve. We are a really young team and the younger runners just need some meet experience. This is a rebuilding year for us."

The cross-country teams will travel next to Banner Elk, N.C., on Oct. 4 for the Lees-McCrae Invitational.

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

I'm not rolling out the bandwagon so quickly, but you can fairly accuse me of warming up its engine — just don't accuse me of jumping on it late in the season.

All off-season, 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 their 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 yards later, all that Heisman talk may have sounded a little silly. Sure, 140 yards and two touchdowns in two weeks are respectable numbers, but Heisman numbers? No way, not in today's college game.

We expect those numbers from Jones in three quarters of a game, not after two games. We made this guy out to be a Ferrari with a diesel engine — half Eddie George and half Barry Sanders.

He only gets 57 yards against James Madison University? C'mon, we expect that on one of his runs, not after 12 carries against a non-division I team.

Coming into Thursday, the vile mistress known as Isabel was on everyone's minds. Even with Isabel's wrath and fury to

be unleashed upon Lane stadium and its respective spectators, effectively eliminating a passing attack for either team, nobody really worried about Jones getting his big yards and big carries. He didn't do anything for two weeks against weaker teams, so what was he going to do 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 outrun them altogether. When the game was on the line, he was Mr. Dependable, carrying the team for over 125 yards and two touchdowns in the second half alone, crushing the will of a very good Texas A&M defense.

I know, it's just one game, and I may be guilty of feeding the hype as well. However, there were things from that game which legitimately made me believe the down weeks Jones had may have made him focus harder on the game.

He didn't look as indecisive when choosing holes behind the line. He wasn't always looking for the big play — he made the most out of what he had. He punished tacklers instead of trying to juke them. There were times when I could see the Aggies stuffing nine players around the line of scrimmage to stop Jones, and he would take what his line gave him instead of getting tackled in the backfield for a loss. His runs were decisive, patient and efficient — a description, which sounds more like departed Hokie Lee Suggs than Jones for the last season and two games.

Perhaps the most encourag-

ing thing coming from Thursday night's effort, in my eyes: he didn't fumble the ball despite the wet field conditions.

Jones is going to get every opportunity to succeed in Tech's offense this year, and if he keeps running the way he did against the Aggies, a Heisman campaign is not farfetched.

With the coaching staff preaching for offensive balance since last season, and with Randall's surgical precision running the Hokie offense, there is potential for the intermediate passing game to open up things for Jones better than in recent memory.

We all knew Jones was capable of this since he gashed up the Cavaliers and a very good Miami defense his freshman year at Tech.

I attributed last season to a sophomore slump, and until last Thursday, I wasn't sure if someone had reminded Jones that he's no longer a sophomore — so no more excuses. Thursday night, he proved me wrong, and I couldn't be happier about it.

As much as the coaching staff wants to open up the offense toward a passing attack, Jones is the key. Jones is the engine that can power this offense to beat Miami and Pittsburgh, and his presence alone causes the defenses to focus on him, opening up the pass. Nine guys in the box means single coverage on Ernest Wilford and DeAngelo Hall — pick your poison.

If Jones keeps this up, and I'm really hoping he will, then you're welcome to come and jump on the bandwagon along with me, as we all take a trip to the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City in mid-December. I'll drive.

" Jones is going to get every 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."

Steroid 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 1993, 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 homerun 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 homers just 18 times. Babe Ruth in 1927 was the only one to hit 60 until Roger Maris had 61 in 1961.

Then came an unprecedented power barrage. Since the strike, players have reached 50 homers 18 times. Sosa topped 60 in three seasons and Mark McGwire did it twice, hitting a record 70 in 1998. Then in 2001, Bonds hit 73.

Going into the final week of this season, Alex Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers led the major leagues with 47 homers. Bonds had 44 for San Francisco, tied for second with Philadelphia's Jim Thome.

"There was a time when 60 was just an easy thing to do for guys," said Giants manager Felipe Alou.

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 third time this season.

A win over IUPUI on Sunday notched the tournament title for Tech, who improved their record to 6-1-1.

Nason tallied assists on both goals versus IUPUI, one of them to Ken Jonmaire, 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, Jonmaire and Lasse Mertins also received honors.

The Hokies take on Georgetown on Wednesday and look to extend their Big East record to 2-0 with a victory over the Hoyas.

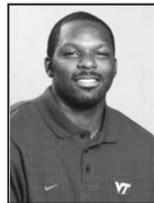
Football: Crawford named Big East Defensive Player of the Week

Hokie senior rover Michael Crawford was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Tech's 35-19 win over Texas A&M on Thursday.

Crawford posted a career-high 18 tackles in the game, 11 of them unassisted.

Four of his tackles were for a total loss of six yards, and he also added a pass breakup.

The Aggies' offense only recorded 56 total yards in the second half against Tech's defense. He leads the Hokies with 32 tackles on the season, five of them resulting in lost yardage.



Women's soccer: Tech drops conference opener 2-1 to Syracuse

The Virginia Tech women's soccer team lost their Big East conference opener 2-1 Sunday to Syracuse, despite dominating most of the contest.

Senior Emily Barnhart scored the first goal of the game on an assist from Jessica Myers to put the Hokies up 1-0.

After out-shooting Syracuse 10-5 over the first 45 minutes, Tech goalkeeper Mallory Soldner gave up a goal late in the game.

The match appeared bound for overtime until Syracuse scored again with five minutes left to seal the victory.

Soldner grabbed seven saves for the Hokies in the loss.

The women's soccer team's next game will be 6 p.m. Friday at the Tech Soccer Stadium, when St. John's comes to town for another Big East match-up.

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