by Ellen Ritze
News Assistant

Virginia Tech has always prided itself in having innovative advancements above and beyond the competition, and recently the university invested $5 million in a founding member in the construction of the National LambdaRail. With the vast growth in technology the world is experiencing today, the university has to strike harder each year to accomplish goals and put into effect the new contexts needed for research.

“The network facilities provided by NLR are critical because billions of dollars of cyber into interstellar nly, on them,” said Jeff Crowder, project director. The main knee for the NLR is to introduce a new national optical network for big science and network research. We will do this by constructing nodes, or connection facilities, for the fast-paced network in regions throughout the country.

“The network just has insane high capacity,” Crowder said.

The money the university put forward is directly being used to start the Mid-Atlantic Terascale Partnership. This partnership includes all participating research institutions within Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C.

Each university or company will be asked to pay Tech $300,000 to compensate for the original investment. “MATT focuses on building infrastructure to include all participants,” Crowder said. Other universities that, like Tech, have been looking for their regions are Duke University and Georgia Tech. Both schools are competitive in research projects, making it even more imperative for Tech to get the best new technology, Crowder said.

“The money that will be used for the MATT will be located in Washington D.C. The construction is to be completed by January 2004, Tech, as well as the other institutions in the region, will be connected and functional by July 2004.”

by Tiffany Hoffman
Managing editor

Endowments at Virginia Tech have increased 3 percent for fiscal year 2003—the first increase the Tech Foundation has seen in three years.

“The stock market in general has had a much better year than previous years,” said Raymond Smoot, executive vice president of the Virginia Tech Foundation.

The endowments provide about $15 million for the university each year and are primarily used for scholarships and professorships. “For the university to be truly competitive, there needs to be more money,” Crowder said.

Ridenour will be missed because of his work securing and other financial issues at the university, Smoot said.

“I’ve worked with Minnis since 1997 and can’t say enough about the great work he has done,” said Ridenour. “He did excellent work, particularly at state level to address funding issues.”

Ridenour and Smoot worked together to develop a relationship between Tech and the city of Roanoke, resulting in the implementation of the Hotel Roanoke and Virginia Tech.

Ridenour said he is proud of many projects that saw his involvement over the years, including the equipment trust fund, which brought hundreds of millions of dollars in scientific equipment to the university.

“I can very fortunate to have been part of many projects over the years,” said Ridenour. “Even during a negative budget climate, we were still able to see substantial growth for the university.”

Ridenour’s work earned him the Distinguished Business Officer Award given by the National Association of University and College Business Officers. That first came to Tech in 1974 as the university’s budget director but business executive.

He was promoted to executive vice president in 1987 and to his current position in 2001.

The university has begun a national search for a replacement, said Provost Mark McKenna. “We are doing a full national search,” he said. “People both inside and outside of the university can apply.”

The search will end in summer 2004, but Ridenour’s duties will continue for almost two years.

He has agreed to be available to work with the new president before fully retiring, but he will not be involved in the hiring process.

He will also continue helping with major initiatives such as major fundraising, he said. Once completely retired, Ridenour said he will be selling his large house.

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by Amanda Reif
Assistant News Editor

By July 2004, recent Virginia Tech graduates Raymond Smoot, executive vice president and chief operating officer, who will step down after more than 29 years at the university.

“I’ll be hard pressed to find anyone who had a greater impact on the university than Minnis,” said Raymond Smoot, vice president for administration and treasurer.

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into the investment market and the profit is then used for the university’s benefit. This way, Tech is earning money on it in perpetuity.

As of June 30, the investments were worth approximately $371 million—$70 million higher than the $301 million it had in 2002. That increase is about $41 million more than the $260 million from patrons.

Smoot said he expected the earnings to continue to increase again in upcoming years.

“The university is getting more aggressive getting private contributions for the endowments,” he said. “I suspect it will more than double when the next capital campaign takes place.”

However, said Smoot, universities are currently in the process of putting the campaign together by taking key donors and helping to set the stage for other opportunities.

Approximately 3,000 students and 200 faculty benefit from the endowment each year. The money is distributed in six areas of interest with one another on issues they face every day.”

Earnest and Crowder said that the university will be ready to give students more of a voice on those issues.

“The top administrator this fall, the prevention team will be meeting once a week to plan activities. These activities consist mostly of programs and other community service efforts,” he said. “The team will officially begin its first project in the spring.”

“I am very excited about ADAPT,” said Frances Kenneth, assistant director of judicial affairs. “The group of students we have selected is fantastic.”
Criminal record found for Del. candidate

DURIN, Va. (AP) — A candidate for the 6th District House of Delegates seat was convicted in 1999 of making a threatening telephone call to his estranged wife.

Records in the Pulaski County Circuit Court dect's office show Morgan Morris was convicted of making a threatening call to his then-wife. The Roanoke Times reported Thursday in her complaint, Lisa D. Morris said he told her he was armed and threatened to kill her and her boyfriend, Morris, a Republican, is challenging two-term Del. Benry Kramer (D-Pulaski County).

Ala. budgets to cause layoffs

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's Legislature gave final approval Thursday to austerity budgets that will cause layoffs of some state employees and leave most public school children without new lunches.

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Man convicted for murder

OAKLEY, Ala. (AP) — The adoptive father and baby sitter of a 3-year-old boy who died after being wrapped in duct tape with his head-to-toe in duct tape were facing child abuse, child neglect and child abuse.

Peebles said the boy was being punished for stealing cookies Dec. 29 when he was wrapped in duct tape with only his nose uncovered. He was left overnight, and suffo-

U.S. Levi Strauss plants close

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Levi Strauss & Co. will close two sewing and finishing plants close to the San Antonio by year's end, and close its three plants in San Antonio by year's end, and for at least 360 workers. It will shutter its three plants in San Antonio by year's end, and for at least 360 workers.

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Earthquake rattles Japan

TOKYO — A strong quake with a magnitude of 8.2 struck Japan’s northern island of Hokkaido early Friday, injuring more than 100 people, knocking down power, derailing a train and setting off the possibility of tsunami, mostly by falling objects in their homes. It knocked out 10,000 homes and caused fishing boats to be blown onto nearby shores.

The quake struck at 4:30 a.m. and was centered in the Pacific, about 60 miles off Hokkaido’s eastern shore.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the tremor had a preliminary magnitude of 7.5.

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Jason Bayer

It's always entertaining to watch two established actors in more comedic roles than the ones that helped them to fame. Robert Duvall and Michael Caine are certainly no exception, as they pump this slow-moving family film with all the life they can keep it going. Winter/producer Tim McCasland has had his experience with family films, having written "The Ice Game" and engineered the concept for television's "Smallville." He makes a good effort with a good concept, but falls a bit short with the story here. Walter (Harry Joel Osment) has an impossible mother who apparently does not feel the need to take care of him unless she has a reason. This makes Walter a perfect opportunity for scientists to probe biological questions because they provide a unique experimental animal. The embryos were then divided and forty were placed into the womb of one female rat and forty into the womb of another, from one of the females gave birth to two male rats born after dying. The two survivors included one son and one daughter, and the doctor from the original cell came from the daughter. McCasland said the researchers first removed the nucleus from eggs taken from female rats. In a second round of cloning, they got two female pups. The pups were then washed and produced normal, healthy young.

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Dad, eight guitars keep the audience enticed. The band entertained the crowd with hits like "Where Are You Going" and "Two Step." The concert Wednesday followed in the tradition of Garth's high-energy shows, incorporating wittily and catchy melodies, making it a unique experience for concertgoers. No one knew what to expect, but Garth and Caine make the movie something more. Walter introduces himself to the lion hunt. The story evolves as expected with Walter and his mother arriving, as they are trying to catch a calf in a lasso by tying shots at it from three feet out. The story action is expected with Walter making slow progress in cracking his hard scion and becoming a new member of their family. I understand Walter is supposed to be an adolescent boy, insatiating he should be more developed. But Haley Joel Osment's work is excellent. The embryos were then divided and forty were placed into the womb of one female rat and forty into the womb of another, from one of the females gave birth to two male rats born after dying. The two survivors included one son and one daughter, and the doctor from the original cell came from the daughter. McCasland said the researchers first removed the nucleus from eggs taken from female rats. In a second round of cloning, they got two female pups. The pups were then washed and produced normal, healthy young.

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To defeat Bush, Democrats need something new in 2004

Jim Kenney

Remember when you were eight years old and watching the movie on the television ground, calling people foolish names, making mincemeat of them? I saw a lot of all we could fight back those days of debauchery, but we’re just too matte now. Sometimes I wonder if I’ll ever be able to solve those things.

Welcome, friends, to the Democratic Party. Whether it is a pre- 

Kris Hassinger

One in four women will be sexually assaulted. A woman who has been raped is in the hands of the enemy. Take Back the Night. It is written on posters, protest buttons, flyers and is included in awareness 

“Kris Hassinger is a writer for The Collegiate Times.

Rape statistics mislead general public

Jen Kenney

“A recent study on campus statistics shows incidents of sexual assault involving current students are on the rise. The number of victims of sexual assault on Virginia Tech’s campus has increased by 60% in the past five years...”
Hokies look to avoid potential upset from Connecticut

**The University of Connecticut Huskies make their second ever trip to Blacksburg, after losing their second ever trip to Connecticut Huskies make their first team to win an NCAA appeal for postseason play in 2004 after winning its appeal for a number of its history. The largest financial scandal in NCAA history. The Wolverines will be eligible for postseason play in 2004 after winning an appeal for an NCAA ban that states, “An important consideration in imposing penalties is to provide fairness to unin- volved student-athletes, coaches and administrators.”

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Lady Hokies host Tech Invitational

The Virginia Tech women's tennis team kicks off its fall schedule this weekend at the Tech Invitational Tournament. The Hokies were slated to start their season last weekend at the William & Mary Invitational in Williamsburg, but the tournament was called off because of Hurricane Isabel. The schedule was expected to remain the same this weekend, but the tournament may be in jeopardy.

“This tournament will be a warm up for Tech so we can get some practice in and be more ready for the upcoming season,” Head coach Kim Thompson said.

“Hopefully, we will be more ready for the upcoming season.”

Receicer Boston suspended for Sunday

by Brett Wilson

SUN DACE — Wake receiver David Boston was suspended without pay for one game by the Sun Dace on Thursday, for behavior coach Marty Schottenheimer called unacceptable.

Schottenheimer was going to tell Boston of his suspension at a meeting Thursday morning, but he player didn’t show up for the suspension, which will cost Boston $132,333, according to the Sun Dace.

Boston was scheduled to play Oakland.

His early morning, no one in the organization had spoken with Boston, Schottenheimer said.

“There were a number of different circumstances that have taken place,” Schottenheimer said, “I am aware of several of them,” Schottenheimer said during a news conference Thursday.

Schottenheimer added to Boston missed practice Wednesday after a meeting with behavior coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Schottenheimer told Boston he didn’t have any mandatory team activities. Boston participated only sporadically in the program.

Boston, whose father is a respected

Couch to play over injured Holcomb

by Tim Williams

TOM COUCH — Tim Couch has been handed back his starting job — at least for one week.

Couch, demoted to a backup role after seven weeks, will start Sunday at West Virginia in the Cincinnati Bearcats at the University of Cincinnati.

“It’s exciting,” Couch said after the meeting Thursday. “Tim Couch head to a chance to play. I’m looking forward to a game back out there and feel good. Hopefully everything goes well and we get a victory.”

Holcomb broke his right rib during the first quarter of Sunday’s win at San Francisco.

He also sprained his left ankle in the third quarter but returned to come out and robbed the Broncos of a game-tying two-point conversion pass in the fourth quarter.

On Saturday, backup bath

Dave said he would wait until pre-game warmups Sunday before deciding who would start at quarterback.

Holcomb’s injuries haven’t responded as quickly as expected to the treatment.

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