Low faculty pay concerns Tech

The board of visitors approved a plan to improve faculty salaries, and retain and attract quality professors to the university by Aaron Blackwell

Associate News Editor

Recent budget reductions have cut faculty salaries, eliminating the ability to offer competitive packages to potential faculty members. As a result, the university has had problems recruiting faculty.

“We have lost faculty to other universities because they get a better deal,” said Diane-Zon, president of Tech’s faculty senate.

Recruiting and retaining quality faculty will ensure quality programs, Hinckner said.

“The faculty are the heart of our university,” he said.

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia routinely benchmarks various areas, including salaries. Hinckner said.

Tech is benchmarked against universities, including Purdue University and Michigan State University, he said.

Faculty salaries are paid at the same as money provided, by the state. However, after incentive increases to recover lost state funding, legislatures have prevented schools from implementing further increases.

The Tech Board of Visitors, whose role faculty salaries, has approved a plan to restore the pay scale hoping to move salaries into the 40th percentile of peer institutions.

This plan will rely heavily on state funding, Hinckner said. However, the prognosis for increased state funding is uncertain at this time.

“The plan is good,” Zon said. “I think the board has the faculty’s interests in mind.”

The proposal will also address other problems with the current pay scale, such as faculty rank.

Right now there are new people earning as much or more than people that have been here for years, Zon said.

“Tech, along with other state universities, dealt with salary issues in the early ‘90s, although this time is worse, Hinckner said.

“I’ve never seen us quite this low,” he said.

At that time, the university was dealing with similar circumstances — including a loss of state funding — but there was a big push for more money from the state to alleviate that problem, Hinckner said.

“I don’t know if it is now it is uncertain what the state will do.

The Virginia Senate of Virginia, made up of representatives of multiple colleges and universities in the state, is reviewing the issue now, Zon said.

Hinckner said that Tech’s goal is not to have the highest paid faculty in the country, but to be able to attract quality teachers to the university.

“It really is the faculty that creates the quality of our university,” he said.

“To have the best faculty we must pay them competitively.”

Orange Effect 2003 logo unveiled

T-shirts will go on sale Friday for this year’s Orange Effect, which will be held for the Texas A&M game.

Around 2:30 p.m. yesterday, a truckload of T-shirts arrived at the State Government Association office in Squires Student Center. Minutes later, the Hokie Bird arrived and stretched a triple-extra large orange t-shirt around his infra-red frame, becoming the first to officially wear the new “Orange Effect 2003” T-shirt.

"Only because they couldn’t fit a 5-XL shirt here by today," said Pat Collier, the SGA’s J. Crew warehouse sale/SALE, page 3

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**Voting:** Mayor urges student voting

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He said public education is one of the most important things that Americans do.

The issue is not a matter of personal belief, but rather a matter of public policy.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Businesses and cities that accept Mexican identification cards issued by Mexico to its citizens in the United States do so at their own risk, because the documents are not fraud-proof, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Wednesday.

The Mexican IDs are under review by a White House-led panel to determine if they pose a security risk and whether the cards should be accepted as proper identification.

Known as the "migratory passport," the card is issued by Mexico’s consulates in the United States and shows the date of birth, a current photograph, and an identification number.

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The Mexican government has been issuing the cards for two decades, but the United States government has not yet formally recognized them as official documents.

**Ridge: Mexican IDs have security problems**
**Witness expected to face Moussaoui**

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By Larry Margasky

ALEXANDRIA (AP) — An al-Qaeda captive is likely to testify that Zacarias Moussaoui was ailoted a day before the Sept. 11 attacks to participate in the Sept. 11 attacks, as experts once again consider the contents of his claim that he was not part of the plot, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

By testifying that Moussaoui was not even contacted about the plot, the witness would go further than the defendant's oft-repeated contention that he had no role in the attacks.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said Friday that Moussaoui access to the prisoner for potential testimony and as a possible trial witness. A witness to access to help local public school districts could costs and run more efficiently.

It starts, however, only a three-year plan in districts the city of Richmond and Roanoke and New Kent counties.

school districts, however, will be subject to a per school district system for effectively the district spends money. Results will be public, Warner said.

“arrested” will be sent into the state’s most troubled school districts, he added.

**Orange: Slogan submitted last doctor**

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and said, “That’s Blackburg.”

“arrested” is already here, much like our own daily lives.

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President Bush wants less than Amtrak officials have said they need. The cash-strapped carrier has said $1.8 billion is necessary to retain existing levels of service and would want Amtrak to first drop money-losing lines and make other changes. Bush proposed only $600 million, the same amount included in a bill the House passed to end $100 million the Senate added in an effort to make the service run into the House budget proposal. After the Senate moved to add the extra $100 million, Amtrak received word that the Senate would likely fund the extra $600 million. Separately, the Republican-led Senate rejected Democratic efforts to boost spending for disabled students, schools near military bases and Hispanic youngsters as it worked slowly through a bill providing $137.6 billion for schools, health and labor programs for the budget year beginning Oct. 1. Democrats have a pile of education amendments ready as they battle the GOP over an issue both parties would like to dominate by next year’s elections.

At a meeting with Bush and other White House officials, top congressional Republicans were told the administration would submit a “substantial” request to pay for ongoing U.S. activities in Iraq, sectarian violence, a general war on terrorism and other needs. An aide said the reduction was $1.8 billion.

The Amtrak funds were included in a measure providing $898 billion for transportation programs, the Treasury Department and several smaller agencies. It was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Initially, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the panel’s chairman, planned to provide only $800 million for Amtrak on the Senate side.

But he agreed to a plan by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., to cut the total to nearly $1.3 billion by trimming almost $484 million in administrative costs and other items under the underlying legislation.

Shelby also assured the administration he would support the Senate’s plan.

Though its busiest corridor runs from Washington and Boston, Amtrak serves 50 communities in 40 states. The passenger railroad received more than $2 billion in taxpayer subsidies since its formation 32 years ago.

Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Igor Mikhailov said four people were killed and 33 were wounded from explosions as the train was approaching a station in Pijem hospital in the town of Kislovodsk, 870 miles south of Moscow.

Mikhailov said 21 of the injured remained hospitalized, eight of them in critical condition.

NTV television reported that police had arrested a man suspected of planting the explosive.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts.

The Russian Interior Ministry said Natasha Kazarina, President Vladimir Putin’s envoy to Moscow, had formed a special state television that police that had arrived was planning to detonate the bombs. Police said the minister was not injured in the explosion and was hospitalized in serious condition.

Russia has been hit recently by numerous bombings and other attacks, which have dogged the government usually blamed on rebels from Chechnya.
Unions more than prevention.

In "Labor Unions Ensure Fair Treatment" (CT, Sept 27), the author argues that labor unions are necessary in the workplace to provide workers with a unified bargaining force.

She points out that unions were instrumental in the labor movement of the late 1980's and that, despite the fact that "things are going well" unions are necessary to ensure that workers continue to maintain their benefits they enjoy now do not deteriorate over time.

The author was correct on all of these points, but I wanted to write in to demonstrate that "things" are far from being acceptable now.

Consider: In 1988, the federal minimum wage reached an inflation-adjusted peak of $7.07 per hour in today's currency, approximately 54 percent more than it is today.

In that time, worker productivity has increased 74 percent. If the minimum wage in 1988 had kept up with productivity, it would be $12.54 an hour.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 1999, 11.8 percent of people in the United States lived below the poverty line, including 28 percent of African-Americans, 25 percent of Hispanic-Americans and 17 percent of those under 16 years of age.

This is in spite of the antiquated definition of poverty that the U.S. government still maintains.

Many independent organizations put self-sufficiency levels at upwards of 140 percent of the official poverty line.

A poverty line of 25 cities found that requests for emergency food had increased by 27 percent in the previous year. Thirteen percent more families were living in poverty.

While I am no expert on the subject, I believe that many of these changes can be traced to a decline in the power of unions in the last 25 years.

New bills like NAFTA and GATT have undermined union's power at the negotiating table by diminishing their power to maintain agreements.

By removing the benefits that unions once enjoyed to foreign goods, these laws also remove the primary force that keeps factories from moving abroad.

Employers can now be more seriously threatened to move where labor laws are weaker and therefore costs are lower.

In response, unions and workers in general are forced to compromise their demands.

Unions have begun to compromise their positions on a national level, refusing to endorse candidates other than the mainstream Democratic candidates — or to demand policy changes in exchange for doing so — for fear of alienating the Republican electorate.

In this era of decreased union power, many communities are taking on the fight themselves through the passage of living wage ordinances.

These laws increase the minimum wage locally to a level that would allow workers who do not meet their needs while working "only" 40 hours.

These laws have been successful in numerous locales, including Charleston and the

Kate Lynch is the editorial assistant for the Collegiate Times.
Showdown with Arafat a possibility

Prime Minister Abbas is insisting on a vote of confidence in the Palestinian parliament.

by Karin Laub
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, locked in a power struggle with Yasir Arafat, paused on Thursday to plead for national unity.

“Let’s not even know the status of Israeli talks,” he warned. “We need to know what the status of Israeli talks is.”

Abbas announced that he had talked with Arafat in an effort to ease tension between them.

Abbas and the United States want Arafat to crack down on Hamas and other militant groups, as requested by the road map.

Israel’s Cabinet decided earlier this week to impose limitations on Arafat’s movement and allow only limited contacts.

Ahead of the parliament session, Abbas spoke of the need to keep a balance of power.

Israel’s Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom warned that Abbas might expire if Arafat kept exploiting the situation.

“Nobody can keep exploiting the situation,” he said. “Israel has strong rights on the parliamentary front.”

Israel’s security chief, Mohammed Dahlan, has taken steps to block Arafat from using the legislature in the current session.

Arafat insisted on some discretion about the situation, Israel said.

Israel has been negotiating with Arafat on condition of anonymity, said Shalom. Abbas and Arafat intensified in the last few days.

Shalom said he had told Abbas about the United States might with-holding $300 million from Arafat.

Schwarzenegger opts for speech, not debate

by Erica Werner
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Arnold Schwarzenegger said Wednesday he will not negotiate with California’s new lieutenant governor over the recall of Governor Gray Davis, but will speak at a college campus.

“I’ve gotten — my career, my money, my life, Arnold, you make millions of dollars to do movies,” the governor said. “Why do you want to do this?”

Davis, who was heckled Schwarzenegger at California State University, Fullerton, said he was not interested in negotiations.

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Hokies clip Eagles in triple OT

by Shawn Davis
Staff Writer

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field. The Hokies christened the new facility in exciting fashion, with a 3-2 double-overtime vic-

tory over the Eagles.

The Hokies never gave up and retained possession of the ball.

Tech coach Kelly Cagle wasn’t pleased with the beginning of the game. “Putting ourselves in a crisis during the first seven minutes of the game like we did is not a good thing,” Cagle said. “That is hopefully something that will change.”

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Tech came out of the gates flat, giving up two goals in the first six minutes of play. American University in their first home soccer game took to field in an attempt to give some credibility back to Tech’s program.

Senior forward Ryan Johnson, right, eludes an Eagle defender. He was also awarded player of the game honors.

The Hokies return home Sept. 11 to host the James Madison University.

Rajan Tha Luca

2003 NFL predictions: Bucs, Titans battle for Super Bowl

After correctly predicting six of the eight division win-
ers from 2002, along with the outcome of last year’s Super Bowl, the Guru is born to enlighten you as to exactly how the NFL season is going to play out in 2003.

The Bucs, with a brutal first 12 weeks of the season, and no matter how you think, it’ll take a few extra weeks for Vick to get re-acclimated to the game after he returns.

The Saints, meanwhile, have taken a monumental step backward by cutting good players for faster players. Everyone is hyping the Panthers defense, but I just don’t buy into that hype, with the exception of young signal caller Patrick Ramsey. This year, with a brutal schedule, they’ll clause to nine wins — but beware the native sons of Washington in 2004. The Eagles will take the divi-
sion again this year with (and I say this grudgingly) a very potent offense, but the defen-
sive holes in their front seven make them more vulnerable than in years past.

The Giants will challenge the Redskins for the final wild card-spot, but fall short despite also going 9-7. Dallas will be an interesting team to watch under the stewardship of the Tuna, but they’ll still be without Tony Romo and hurts resembling a productive offense as of yet. Five wins for the Tuna squad.

The Bears will compete for the honor of being the worst team in the league. If they break four wins, they’ll be a good season for them, but more than likely coach Dick Jauron and offensive coordinator John Shoop will be fired at the end of the season.

The landscape of the NFC South has been drastically altered with the injury of Michael Vick — this makes the Falcons more much vulner-
able. I see the Buccaneers easily repeating their victory as division champs, winning all 11 games this year.

The Saints and Falcons will both hover around the .500 mark, because the Falcons have a brutal first 12 weeks of the season, and no matter what you think, it’ll take a few extra weeks for Vick to get re-acclimated to the game after he returns.

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The NFC West will be an interesting NFL predictions: Bucs, Titans battle for Super Bowl

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Senior forward Jessica Myers, left, accounted for two of the Hokies’ three goals against American University. Myers and Kathy Holdsworth lead Tech with two goals on the season.

ANDREW FULLER/SPPS

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more specifically, quarterback

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overall draft pick in 2004. Poor

Dave McGinnis — great coach in the worst possible situation.

Many know the loss of Lawyer Milloy to the Patriots is a huge loss to the team, and quite frankly, that loss com-

pletely skewers my view of the top of the AFC East division.

Before, I was ready to pick the Patriots as winning it, but the Pats are going to miss Milloy more than they realize now.

The Dolphins will get 11 wins

prettly easily, and Ricky Williams will challenge for 2,000 yards rushing, I still like the Pats get-

nine or 10 wins.

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Drew Bledsoe was simply

medicine during his last six or

seven games of 2002. I see them chal-

lenging for the wild card this season but falling short.

As for the New York Jets, they better start looking for a

quarterback last, because fans

will be looking toeght when they see Vanny Testaverde try to play in a one-man offense. If Vanny plays all 16 games this

year, the Jets will be the worst

team in the AFC.

Truthfully, I’m not impressed

by any team in the AFC North
division. These are no longer
daylight, Pittsburgh Steelers, and while they may have some
damn good wide receivers, I don’t think Tommy Maddox is a champ-

ship-caliber quarterback.

Plus, the loss of Joey Porter is major — he is the best

player on the team.

I’m not buying into any

hype about the Ravens quick

turnaround, and I’ll say it now: the Ravens will be

major draft busts when we look

back five years from now. Seven

wins at the very maximum.

The Browns, on the other

hand, have the potential to

suffer some damage during the regu-

lar season, even though they have

huge holes on defense. Kelly Holcomb is the ultimate

system quarterback who fits

perfectly in offensive coordina-

tor Bruce Arians’ offensive.

I believe he has the most talented
corps of wide receivers in the

league. The Browns will get

nine wins, but just fall short of a

wild card birth.

While I’m on the record with

all my readers, let me throw

this out now: Marvin Lewis is an
cultured, stubborn coach who
	
trials to cook Peking duck on
defense when all he has for
grounds are bologna and cut-
tage cheese.

I’m glad Lewis is out of

Washington, and I say he’s the

next coach in line in Cincinnati
to crash and burn. However, I

give credit where credit is due. He got that team moving

in the right direction by keeping

quarterback seven. Mike Vick is

outside of the personnel at the

team. Bengals get five

wins this year.

The AFC South will have two

great teams, a good team, and a

terrible team — the latter two

probably aren’t who you think

they are. I think the Titans will get it

together this year, especially

with Eddie George looking kid-

nated and very strong during

the off-season, and Ray’s still
got a darn good defense and

coaching staff. I like them for 12

wins and the division crown.

Edgerrin James will get 1,600

yards rushing and help lead

the Colts to the most powerful

offense in the league, but lord

that defense is pathetic.

James, Peyton Manning and

Marvin Harrison will carry the

team to eight wins, but that
defense will sell out the offense

on a regular occasion. I see the

Heathen Titans getting six or

seven wins as well.

Quarterback Trent Dilfer has

the most game for a rookie quar-
terback. I’ve seen some

Peyton Manning, and adding

Mack along with Hurntainer

monstrosity Andre Johnson will
give Carr someone to actually

tackle. Meanwhile, there will be a
taxing controversy as to who

should be the Jaguars’ quar-
terback come October: David

Garrett or Byron Leftwich (and

for the record, I like Garrett the

latter). Jaguars get five wins if they’re luck.

The Raiders will repeat as

division champs in the AFC.

West, but nowhere as power-

fully as they did last season.

They’re older and slower this

season, but they still have quite

a few weapons. Denver’s

Trent Dilfer will carry the

offense, including

wide receiver Jerry Porter

who’ll approach 1,300 yards and

11 touchdowns receiving, after

taking the starting job.

I think the Chiefs will pick up

the second wild card in the AFC.

I believe Trent Green will have

a huge season this year, some-

where in the 4,000-yard and

30-touchdown range, showing

to be a very understood but dan-

gerous receiving corps, if he can

stay healthy. Plus, you’ll all see

 Priest Holmes back to normal

physically, but not the 2,000-

yard and 25 touchdowns

monstrosity he was the last two

seasons, as the Chiefs go to

the air more this year.

Like. Marty Schottenheimer’s

Chargers making a run at the

wild card but falling short as he

initiates the youth movement in

San Diego, getting nine wins in

the process.

The Broncos will get six wins

if they have a good season,

because that defense is terrible,

and if Ray Rhodes can’t fix it, it

will be the same game today as

it was last season.

I think Flummer will have a

good, but not great year, and

Shanahan will finally lose the

monstrosity of being a coaching

genius.

Suc. Super. Bowl. XXXIII, I’m going with the Buccaneers

over the Jets, and of course,

Rogers will win offensive

rookie of the year, while

quarterback Trent Dilfer wins

defensive rookie of the year.

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