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## Symposium examines equity in Virginia's schools

By Clara B. Cox

Segregation, desegregation, and re-segregation will go under the microscope during a three-part symposium on September 21, September 28, and October 5 at Virginia Tech as educators and Christiansburg Institute alumni examine the way Virginia addressed those issues.

"This symposium will examine how past experiences with issues of educational equity in the commonwealth can inform contemporary educational-policy discussions. The discussion will be directed toward identifying strategies and programs that can effectively address such current equity concerns as student discipline, curriculum content and performance standards, and public-school choice," said Benjamin Dixon, vice president for multicultural affairs and a symposium

organizer.

The three sessions, which begin at 6:30 p.m., are sponsored by Tech's Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School, and the Department of Educational Leadership and Administration and Department of Teaching and Learning, both in the College of Human Resources and Education. Organizers have worked with the Montgomery County Human Relations Council. The first two symposium sessions will be held in Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center, with the final session in Owens Hall. All are open to the public and are free.

"Our goal is to increase public understanding of the need to address equity issues in public education, and we plan to document and disseminate symposium results

to key stakeholders and decision makers," Dixon said.

The September 21 session will review the impact of public-education policies during the era of school segregation. The keynote speaker will be Peter Wallenstein, associate professor of history, who will speak on "Race, Policy, and K-12 Education: Segregated Schooling in Jim Crow Virginia, 1870-1950."

The September 28 session will review the impact of education policies on public schooling during the transition period between segregation and desegregation and will identify the lessons learned about the challenges of achieving equity and excellence for all segments of the population. Keynote speaker will be Andrew Lewis, a fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University, addressing the topic "The Moderates' Dilemma: The Lessons of Massive Resistance."

The October 5 session will examine contemporary education policies and practices—discipline, curriculum, assessment, and public-school choice—in terms of their impact on and relationship to public schooling in an era that some have characterized as re-segregation. Wayne Harris, superintendent of Roanoke schools and a graduate of a local segregated public-school system, will deliver the keynote address on current equity issues from both a personal and professional point of view.

The three sessions will feature a case study of Christiansburg Institute during the periods of segregation, desegregation, and today. Each session will also have a panel of reactors and will include audience participation.

For more information, call 1-1820.

## Hispanic Heritage Month scheduled

By Clara B. Cox

Virginia Tech kicked off its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month on September 15 and has a variety of activities and a keynote speech by noted writer Richard Rodriguez scheduled for the remainder of the event.

The next activity will be a talk by Peter Wallenstein, associate professor of history, on "Hispanics at Virginia Tech: The First Hundred Years, 1890s-1990s." Wallenstein's presentation begins at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, in Squires Multicultural Center.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 4:30-7 p.m., Dietrick Hall will join the celebration by providing a *Buen Provecho!* menu in the "All-Aboard" lane. The cost will be \$7.40 for adults, \$3.70 for children.

Keynote speaker Rodriguez, author of *Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father*, will deliver his address on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. in Squires Haymarket, preceded at 4 p.m. by an informal discussion and reception with students, faculty and staff members, and the local community in the Black Cultural Center, 126 Squires. Rodriguez is an editor at the Pacific News Service and a contributing editor to *Harper's Magazine*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Other activities for the month-long celebration include the following:

Monday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m., Squires Old Dominion Ballroom: El Vez, "The Mexican Elvis," performing his singer-comedian act.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m., Old Dominion Ballroom: Circulo Hispanico providing salsa and merengue dance lessons.

Thursday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m., Squires Multicultural Center: Joseph Scarpaci, professor of urban affairs and planning, discussing "Shades of Opinion: Exile and Change among Cubans on Both Sides of the Florida Straits in the Post-Soviet Era."

Friday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 216 Hancock: Lunch with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. Orders will be taken (See HISPANIC on 4)

## LIGHTS, CAMERA...

Production crews filmed scenes from the movie based on the Pamplin family story in Burruss Hall Monday. (B. Veltri)



## 1999 CVC fund-raising efforts begin

Speaking to friends, supporters, unit representatives, and participating charitable organizations at the Kickoff Luncheon on September 15, Steve Mouras, coordinator of the Virginia Tech Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), announced the university's 1999 goal of \$190,000 and 25-percent participation.

The CVC is the charitable-giving program for state employees. The campaign provides a unique chance for all state employees to contribute through payroll deductions and direct contributions (cash, check, credit card or stocks). The CVC is the only state-wide fund-raising effort among state employees for which payroll deductions are authorized.

Each state agency operates its own campaign, usually with a focus on local agencies that will benefit from contributions and pledges. The Virginia Tech CVC has always provided the largest single support for a wide variety of

charitable agencies in the New River Valley and is one of the top three contributors in the state.

"Join Together—Share the Sunshine," is the theme for the 1999 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC) Mouras said in his opening remarks. "This theme says a lot about the purpose of the program—by helping others, we all share a little sunshine in their lives and ours. The good these charitable organizations do is largely dependent on the contributions they receive from folks just like you and me," Mouras said.

The campaign runs from October 1 through November 19. Mouras expressed his confidence that the employees of Virginia Tech will reach and surpass the goal of \$190,000 during this short time period.

The CVC coach of the week will again be featured in *Spectrum*. "Each week this fall," Mouras said, "we will feature a local Virginia

(See CVC on 4)

## PPWS celebrates double milestones

By Stewart MacInnis

In 1889 the beginnings of what now Virginia Tech's Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science was established. In 1949 the department was established essentially as it is structured today.

On September 24, the department will recognize the 110th and 50th anniversaries of those two events. The day-long observance will include a keynote address by Charles Laughlin, director of the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service. Laughlin earned his doctorate from the department in 1968.

Laughlin is scheduled to speak at 2 p.m. at the Fralin Biotechnology Center auditorium. His topic is "Challenges and Opportunities for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education in the 21st Century—Academic and Government Perspectives."

The public is invited to the sessions commemorating the anniversaries, which begin in Fralin auditorium at 9 a.m.

"We are proud of the heritage of this department, and we thought it was appropriate that we should take a day to review where we've been, what we've accomplished, and where we're going," said Kriton Hatzios, department head.

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## President to Address University Community

President Paul Torgersen will address the university community October 26, at 4 p.m. in the Donaldson Brown Center auditorium. The president's Report to the University Community will include his perspective on the state of the university, the successes and failures of the last six years, and the challenges facing the university in the coming decade. There will be a question-and-answer session following the president's report.

# ACTIVITIES

## EVENTS

### Friday, 17

VVMA Fall Meeting/Symposium, 8:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m., VMRCVM.

### Saturday, 18

University Open House.  
YMCA Hike, 9 a.m., 403 Washington St.: Tinker Cliffs, cost \$12.  
University Chamber Music, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Audubon Quartet.

### Sunday, 19

University Open House.  
University Chamber Music, 3 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Audubon Quartet.  
Deaf Awareness Program, 7 p.m., Hancock Auditorium: free movie: *October Sky*.  
Yom Kippur Begins (Sundown).

### Monday, 20

Yom Kippur.  
Deaf Awareness Week Begins.  
Hispanic Heritage Program, 4 p.m., Squires Multicultural Center: Peter Wallenstein.  
Guest Music Performance, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: U.S. Air Force Tradewinds Quintet.  
TAUT Workshop Production, 8 p.m., 204 PAB: Talk Radio.

### Tuesday, 21

Book Signing, Reading, 7 p.m., Volume Two Bookstore: Frederic Baumgartner.

Faculty Senate, 7 p.m., 32 Pamplin.  
TAUT Workshop Production, 8 p.m., 204 PAB: Talk Radio.

### Wednesday, 22

Focus on Greater China Program, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cranwell Center: "Let's Talk Chinese."  
Deaf Awareness Program, 6-8 p.m., 150 Squires: Deaf Deaf College.  
Hispanic Heritage Program, 7 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: Richard Rodriguez.  
"With Good Reason," 7 p.m., WVTF.  
TAUT Workshop Production, 8 p.m., 204 PAB: Talk Radio.

### Thursday, 23

Focus on Greater China, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., DBHCC: China Buffet.  
CEUT, 12:30-2 p.m., Hillcrest dining room: Preparation for Teaching.  
Service-Learning Program, 1:30-3:30 p.m., DBHCC: Keith Morton, Providence, and John Saltmarsh.  
Deaf Awareness Program, 6 p.m., Squires Lobby: ASL Social.  
Football, 8 p.m., Lane Stadium: Clemson.

### Friday, 24

Deaf Awareness Program, 7 p.m., Hancock auditorium: Free Movie: *Love Is Never Silent*.

## SEMINARS

### Friday, 17

Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: Paul B.

Keller, UNCC.

MCBB, noon, 102 Fralin: Orion Rogers, Radford.  
Communication Studies, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 1810 Litton Reaves: Bernice Hausman.  
Botany, 4 p.m., 1076 Derring: Mike Rosenzweig, David Deshler.

### Monday, 20

Biomedical Engineering, 3-4 p.m., 114 Holden: George Truskey, Duke.  
Economics, 3:30-5 p.m., 2002 Pamplin: Vincent Crawford, UCSD.  
Biochemistry, 4 p.m., 223 Engel: Bettina Siebers, CSES, 4 p.m., 232 Smyth: Caroline Porter.  
Horticulture, 4-5 p.m., 409 Saunders: Peter Hatch.

### Wednesday, 22

PPWS, 4 p.m., 102 Fralin: Amer Fayad.

### Thursday, 23

Entomology, 4-5 p.m., 220 Price: Steve Valles, USDA.  
Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 2044 Derring: Lawrence Hardie, Johns Hopkins.

### Friday, 24

Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: James McGrath.  
MCBB, noon, 102 Fralin: Gerry Walters, Princeton.  
Materials Science and Engineering, 3 p.m., 114 Holden: Ave Amith.  
Botany, 4 p.m., 1076 Derring: John Novak.

### Deaf awareness activities planned

To educate the hearing world about deaf culture, Interpreting and Sensory Loss Services, a unit of the Dean of Students Office, will sponsor Deaf Awareness Week on campus September 19-25. This coincides with the national week by the same name.

#### Events include:

Free movie: *October Sky*, Sunday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. in Hancock auditorium. The movie will include open captions.  
Deaf Deaf College: Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6 to 8 p.m. in 150 Squires. This is a non-verbal communications activity open to the entire university community. Participants will be asked to complete a number of college-related tasks by using American Sign Language basics, fingerspelling, lipreading, and note writing.

American Sign Language social activity: Thursday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. in Squires lobby. Virginia Tech HANDS (Hearing AND Signers) group will offer instruction to anyone interested in using or learning sign language.

Free movie: *Love is Never Silent*, Friday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. in Hancock auditorium. The movie will be shown with captions only (no sound).

For more information, go to web site <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/5686/daw/daw.html>.

### Adobe to visit Tech

On September 17, the Virginia Tech Multimedia Users

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Group (VTMMUG), under the co-sponsorship of the New Media Center and Educational Technologies, will host a campus visit by Adobe Systems, Inc.

The first session of the day will be a hands-on workshop focusing on one of Adobe's latest products: InDesign. The session will be held in the New Media Center from 10 a.m.-noon. Seating is limited to 20 participants and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the second session of the day, Adobe will provide a corporate overview, demonstrate Adobe GoLive and InDesign, and answer questions. This session will take place in 1670 Litton Reaves from 2-3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, and door prizes will be awarded at the end of the session.

For more information visit the VTMMUG web site at <http://www.nmc.vt.edu/VTMMUG/> or contact James Dustin at 1-3405.

### CEUT presents workshop on memory

A workshop titled "Working Memory: The Key to Improving Teaching and Learning," will be offered Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Hillcrest dining room.

The workshop is designed as an exploration of how humans think and remember. Participants will be engaged in several learning and memory activities that will highlight the essential

processes of learning. Registration is required, although the workshop is free. Contact CEUT to register at [ceut@vt.edu](mailto:ceut@vt.edu), <http://www.ceut.vt.edu>, or call 1-4254.

### Program connects service learning and development

A program designed to help connect service-learning and community economic development will be given Thursday, Sept. 23, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in DBHCC conference room F. Keith Morton of Providence College, and John Saltmarsh, director of Campus Compact's Project on Integrating Service with Academic Study will lead a workshop to explore the potential for linking service-learning and community economic development. The workshop will introduce participants to the underlying principles and critical issues of community economic development, and discuss what it means to prepare students to work in this field. Contact Michele James-Deramo ([deramo@vt.edu](mailto:deramo@vt.edu), or 1-6947) for more information or to register.

### Programs focus on Greater China

The month of September features a variety of programs designed to focus on Greater China. Each Wednesday, there is a conversational hour at the Cranwell International Center.

On Thursday, Sept. 23, there will be a Chinese buffet in the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 30, the film *Pushing Hands* will be shown at 7 p.m. in Squires Haymarket Theatre.

## 'Dog Day' celebration to be presented at veterinary college

By Jeffrey S. Douglas

Local dog owners can have their "best friend" bathed and manicured, learn some of the many ways dogs make the world a better place for people, and have some fun in the process during the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine's "Dog Day Fall Symposium" on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

In addition to the evaluation services and dog wash, the day-long event will feature a dog-show competition and many other informational and entertaining activities.

The American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Testing will be available for \$7 per dog. This recently developed canine citizenship program is designed to evaluate and validate a dog's ability to pass a number of basic obedience and behavioral tests, from accepting a friendly stranger to walking through a crowd, to interacting with other dogs. Dogs who pass receive a certificate and the title C.G.C. after their name. Registration for the good-

citizenship testing runs from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and testing gets under way from 9 a.m. through noon. All dogs, purebred or mixed, are eligible to earn the C.G.C.

Dogs can also be evaluated as possible candidates for Therapy Dogs International during the Canine Citizenship program for a \$9 fee. Therapy dogs are used in a number of ways to help enhance the health and well-being of special populations of people.

Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF) testing which will be offered on-site by board-certified veterinary ophthalmologists. The testing begins at 8 a.m. and is available for \$15.

The Dog Day Fall Symposium will also feature an open-breed dog show designed to bring out the competitive spirit in owners of purebred and mixed-breed dogs alike.

Veterinary students will also present the annual Fall Dog Wash during the event from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Dogs can be bathed,

towel-dried, and have their ears cleaned for \$10. Nail trimming is \$5 extra. Animals will be washed on a first-come, first-served basis and no appointments are necessary.

Sponsored by the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) and Waltham, the dog wash will be held on the rear side of the veterinary college complex.

Proceeds will benefit SCAVMA, individual classes in the college, and the Shiloh Project, an organization that uses found animals to help rehabilitate special-population children.

Flyball and other canine-agility demonstrations will be featured, and the annual Lions Club Dog Walk to support Leader Dogs for the Blind will be held. Informational lectures will be presented on St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation, Breed Rescue and Therapy Dogs International from noon until 2 p.m. in room 125 of the veterinary college complex.

All well-behaved dogs are welcome to attend the symposium.

(See DOG DAY on 4)

# EMPLOYMENT

## CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

The following classified positions are currently available. More details of these positions, specific application procedures and position-closing dates may be found on the Personnel Services web site at <http://www.ps.vt.edu>. Available positions are also listed on the Job Line, a 24-hour recorded message service: Office/Clerical: 1-6196; Technical/Research: 1-6160; Service/Trades: 1-6176; Professional and Managerial: 1-4649; Information Technology: 1-2233. Some of the following positions include state benefits. Positions with numbers beginning with a "W" are hourly and do not include state benefits. Individuals with disabilities desiring assistance or accommodation in the application process should call by the application deadline.

Closing date for advertised positions is changed to 1 p.m. Monday unless otherwise stated. An EOE/AA employer committed to diversity.

### Full Time

**Boiler Operator Assistant**, 332P, Grade 4, Power Plant.

**Chemical Safety Trainer (Health Ed. Sr.)**, 7491T, Grade 10, Environmental Health/Safety Services.

**Fire Safety Engineer**, 7488T, Grade 12, Environmental Health/Safety Services.

**Fiscal Assistant**, 2224H, Grade 5, Residential/Dining Programs/Business Services.

**Fiscal Technician Senior**, 3157S, Grade 8, Center for Adhesive/Sealant Science.

**Eight** full-time food-operations positions available; three part-time.

**Graphic Designer**, 2076D, Grade 9, Publications/University Relations.

**Housekeeping Worker Senior**, 0269H, Grade 3, Residential/Dining Programs.

**Housekeeping Worker**, 1630G, Grade 1, DBHCC.

**Housekeeping Worker**, 1021H, Grade 1, Residential/Dining Programs.

**Laboratory Specialist**, 4478M, Grade 8, Animal/Poultry Sciences.

**Laboratory Specialist**, 7245M, Grade 8, Biochemistry.

**Laboratory Specialist**, 7474M, Grade 8, Biochemistry.

**Laboratory Specialist**, 3428M, Grade 8, Veterinary Medicine.

**Mason Plasterer**, 6790P, Grade 7, Physical Plant.

**Occupational Safety Trainer (Health Ed. Sr.)**, 7489T, Grade 10, Environmental Health/Safety Services.

**Office Services Specialist**, 4129J, Grade 5, Electrical Engineering.

**Office Services Specialist**, 6693S, Grade 5, University Library/LL.

**Oracle DbA**, 7433D, Grade 14, Administrative Information Systems.

**Parking Services Manager (Business Manager B)**, 7079T, Grade 12, Parking Services.

**Pharmacy Supervisor**, 6516M, Grade 15, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

**Police Dispatcher**, 364T, Grade 6, Police.

**Programmer/Analyst**, 2917D, Grade 12, Computing Center.

**Programmer/Analyst**, 7426D, Grade 12, Educational Technologies.

**Public Relations Asst Specialist**, 6996C, Grade 8, University Relations/WVTF Public Radio.

**Research Specialist**, 7506M, Grade 8, Fisheries/Wildlife Sciences.

**Television/Video Producer Director Senior**, 2324D, Grade 12, University Relations.

**Television/Video Producer/Director**, 5362D, Grade 10, University Relations.

### Part Time

**Banquet/Setup (Foa-b)**, W022143G, Grade 2, Donaldson Brown Hotel/Conference Center.

**Fiscal Assistant**, W022514M, Grade 5, College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Fiscal Technician Senior**, 1880H, Grade 8, Residential/Dining Programs/Business Services.

**Fiscal Technician**, W022887P, Grade 6, Bursar's Office.

**Housekeeping Lead Worker (Trades Helper)**, W022081H, Grade 2, Residential/Dining Programs/Culinary Services Maintenance Crew.

**Housekeeping Worker**, W020574G, Grade 1, DBHCC.

**Housekeeping Worker**, W022490H, Grade 1, Residential/Dining Programs.

**Laboratory Mechanic A**, W022889T, Grade 4, University Registrar.

**Office Service Assistant**, W022850S, Grade 4, University Library.

**Office Services Assistant**, W022287M, Grade 4, College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Office Services Assistant**, W022892S, Grade 4, University Library/Circulation.

**Pharmacy Assistant A**, W020839M, Grade 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

**Program Support Technician**, W022538M, Grade 6, Animal/Poultry Sciences.

**Program Support Technician**, W022648G, Grade 6, DBHCC.

**Program Support Technician**, 7344T, Grade 6, Mathematics.

**Radiologic Technologist**, W022238G, Grade 9, Schifert Health Center.

**Radiologic Technologist**, W022412M, Grade 7, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

**Research Specialist**, W022865M, Grade 8, Fisheries/Wildlife Sciences.

**Research Specialist**, W022891M, Grade 5, Fisheries/Wildlife Sciences.

**Security Guard(Dorm Watch)**, W020470T, Grade 2, Police.

### Off Campus

**Distance Learning Specialist**, 7410D, Grade 12, Office of Distance Education.

**Human Services Program Specialist**, 6517J, Grade 11, Center for Public Administration/Policy.

**Secretary Senior**, 2091J, Grade 5, Northern Virginia Center.

## FACULTY POSITIONS

### INSTRUCTIONAL

Pamplin College of Business. Faculty Po-

sitions. Contact: Richard Sorensen, Pamplin College of Business, 1030 Pamplin Hall (0209) Send curriculum vitae by May 5, 2000.

**Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Assistant/Associate Professor (re-advertisement)**. Contact: James Bohland, School of Public and International Affairs, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, 108 Architecture Annex (0113). Review begins December 6, and continues until position filled.

**Department of Management, Assistant Professor**. Contact: Mary Connerley, Department of Management (0233). Applications accepted until December 1, or until position filled.

**Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences, Assistant/Associate Professor**. Contact: David Chalmers, CSES Department (0404). Review begins November 1, and continues until applicant hired.

### NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

**University Development, Assistant Director of Development, Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center**. Contact: Catherine Lamore, 201 Pack Building (0336). Review begins immediately and continues until position filled. **University Development, Director of Development, Pamplin College of Business**. Contact: Nevin Kessler, 201 Pack Building (0336). Review begins immediately and continues until position filled.

**College of Engineering, Director of the Undergraduate Recruiting Program**. Contact: Bevie Watford, 212 Hancock Hall (0275). Review begins September 20 and continues until position filled.

**Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology, Postdoctoral Associate**. Contact: X.J. Meng, Center for Molecular Medicine and Infectious Diseases, 1410 Price's Fork Road (0342). Review begins immediately and continues until position filled.

Complete information regarding faculty positions is available at <http://www.vt.edu:10021/admin/soaa/index.html>.

## Tech history available on web

By Clara B. Cox

Do you want to test your knowledge of Virginia Tech history? Or learn about the first student to register in 1872 when Virginia Tech was known as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College? Or find out what happened during the administration of each president?

Now you can do all of that—and more—via a new web site created in the spring and enhanced over the summer by Harry Yeatts,

web developer and computer coordinator in University Relations, working with Special Collections in University Libraries.

"University archivist Tamara Kennelly and Special Collections, under Gail McMillan, have gathered a wealth of information on the university's history. I wanted to create a portal to that information and to other historical information on the web," Yeatts said.

The site—[www.unirel.vt.edu/vthistory/](http://www.unirel.vt.edu/vthistory/)—provides an easy-to-follow index that includes the following topics: Hokie Bird's Virginia Tech History Quiz, Timeline of the History of Virginia Tech, 1872-1997; Virginia Tech's First 125 Years; A Short History of Virginia Tech, 1850-1974; Virginia Tech Imagebase, Virginia Tech Students, History of Women at Virginia Tech, Timeline of Black History at Virginia Tech, Maps of Virginia Tech and Aerial Views, Administration, and Corps of Cadets.

Users can find a variety of items under several of these main topics. For example, clicking on the Virginia Tech Students topic takes the user to a wide assortment of information about and images of students, going back to the beginnings of Virginia Tech: first student William Addison Caldwell, students enrolled in the first session, cadets in 1886, Ring Dance 1942, and the first black students, for example.

The Hokie Bird quiz provides a list of 13 questions (including one for extra credit) with multiple-choice answers and, if needed, a hint at the answer. After the user completes the quiz, Hokie Bird evaluates the user's knowledge of Virginia Tech history and lists the correct answers to the questions.

According to Yeatts, the site is an evolving project. Additional historical information will be added as it becomes available, he said.

## VIRGINIA TECH RECYCLING

### Campus Recycling Changes Receive Good Report

By Larry Bechtel

Virginia Tech Recycling Staff members from Virginia Tech Recycling recently met with the staff from the Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority to review the first loads of sorted office paper collected from campus offices and delivered to the Mid-County Recycling Center for processing.

The loads in general met processing specifications. It is clear from this that most faculty and staff members have seen and followed the new recycling guidelines. This is very encouraging.

However, three items are still problems in sorted office paper:

**Mailing Envelopes:** If the envelope is as dark or darker than a campus mailing envelope, it cannot be recycled.

**Ream Wrappers:** A standard package of 500 sheets of copier paper is referred to as a "ream." A ream wrapper is the packaging paper which is glued and folded around the copier paper. Ream wrappers are not recyclable as sorted office paper due to their special, moisture-resistant composition.

**Colored Sheets:** The key word is "pastel." If the sheet is a light or pastel shade, it is recyclable, but if it is a bright, bold, or "neon" color, it is not.

The VTR office still has desk-side Hokie Cyclers available; labels with the new paper-recycling guidelines to fit the front of these containers are also available.

For more information, contact the VTR office at 1-9915 or [lbechtel](mailto:lbechtel).

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William Alwood, one of the first three faculty members hired by the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station in 1888, served as the first head of the department from 1889-1904. In its 110 years of service, the department has awarded about 400 masters and doctoral degrees, with the first degree dating back to 1898. Many of the graduates of the department have had distinguished careers in academia, government, industry, and private practice.

The department provides undergraduate courses, but offers no major for undergraduates. It offers master's and doctoral programs in plant pathology and in plant physiology and weed science. In addition, it offers a non-thesis master's program in the general area of plant protection. The department's 30 faculty members focus on research, teaching, and Extension programs in three distinct disciplines key to plant productivity, protection, and quality.

The anniversary observance begins with a morning program recounting the history of plant pathology at Virginia Tech by Curt Roane, emeritus professor of plant pathology. Chester L. Foy, former department head, will follow with remarks on the history of weed science at the university. William Chappell, professor emeritus of weed science, will also speak.

Lunch and a tour of the department's Glade Road complex concludes the morning session.

The afternoon session returns to the Fralin Center with remarks by officials of the university and of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Following Laughlin's presentation will be sessions including comments from former department heads, by current and former staff members, by alumni, and by current students. The afternoon concludes with a tour of the Fralin Center.



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## IN OTHER NEWS

### Markham to coordinate programs

By Shannon Yarbrough and  
Sandy Broughton

Annette Markham, associate professor in the Department of Communications, has been named to a one-year appointment as coordinator of first-year programs, a part-time position made possible through the Virginia Tech Learning Communities Cross-Cutting Initiative. In her new position, Markham will coordinate several programs designed to enhance the early experience of students at Virginia Tech. These programs serve students directly as well as the faculty members who teach courses designed for first and second-year students.

"The Learning Communities Initiative is an exciting new venture for Virginia Tech, and will have a positive influence on our academic culture," said Terry Wildman, chair of the Learning Communities Initiative and head of the Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (CEUT). "Revitalizing the first-year experience is a key element in the overall initiative, and we are not alone among research universities in recognizing this need."

"Markham has the leadership capabilities, experience, and commitment to create, support, and evaluate several new programs oriented to first-year students," said Ron Daniel, associate provost for undergraduate programs and provost's representative to the Learning Communities Initiative. "In particular, she will make the vital connections among faculty members, administrators, administrative support personnel, and student affairs that are necessary for this complex initiative to succeed."

Last year, Markham worked with Daniel

on the *Einstein's Dream* project in which freshmen students and their teachers were given copies of Alan Lightman's book *Einstein's Dream* as a means of generating discourse around a common theme. Markham facilitated several discussion groups to enrich students' involvement with the curriculum and with each other.

The *Einstein's Dream* project continues this semester. Markham will also continue and expand a program started by Daniel to bring together faculty members who teach first-year programs to talk about their experiences. "Just by connecting these people and providing a forum for discussion, first-year communities at Virginia Tech will become stronger," Markham said. Her comments were made at the semester's first "Lunch and Learning Communities" open forums, which will be held at Hillcrest Hall the first Fridays of each month. The forums are open to all interested faculty members who register in advance. Presenters from a variety of disciplines will informally discuss ways they create community in the classroom, throughout the curriculum, and in residential life.

In addition to the common-book project and the first-year teachers project, Markham will be developing cohort projects within the core curriculum, working with the various interest-based residential communities for students, and participate in first-year faculty development projects through the CEUT. Other plans include a speakers' series, a web site, and development of a five-year plan for continued growth of the first-year and learning-communities projects.

### English colloquy series scheduled

By Sally Harris

The Fall 1999 English Department Colloquy Series will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in 120 Williams.

The schedule of presenters is as follows:

September 29: Jim Dwight, "Brett's Predatory Eyes in *The Sun Also Rises*." Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises* develops Lady Brett Ashley as a predatory woman specifically through ocular imagery. As Hemingway was writing the novel, he was experiencing the emotional turmoil of divorce and reading Turgenev's *A Sportsman's Sketches*. Dwight will suggest that both experiences influenced his portrayal of Brett.

October 13: Steve Mooney, "Novels of the Central Appalachian Coal Mining Wars and Their Historical Context." This presentation offers some introductory comments about the historical context, historical progression, generic range, subject matter, thematic concerns, and artistic quality of selected Central Appalachian coal mining novels, many of which are set in localities anywhere from a one-hour to a half-day drive from the Virginia Tech campus. Many of the novels address some of the most important labor-capital struggles in the history of the United States. In addition, many of these novels contribute considerably to our understanding of the American; and indeed the human; struggle with the oftentimes bewildering forces of modernity, technology, and industrialization.

October 27: Chris Syrnky, "Contesting Order: Bishop, Stevens, and their Ideas of Order." This paper will examine how Elizabeth Bishop

and Wallace Stevens come to terms with their ideas of order in two poems that share a thematic equivalence. What do their poems say to each other? By contextualizing their different positions on this topic, we may come to an understanding of how order is perceived and what it means to these two very different authors, what it reveals with respect to their presence in the world, and what the authors' presence in their poems articulate with respect to their outlooks on order relative to their own poetics.

November 10: Dennis Welch, "Hunger and Economics: Blake at the End of the 18th Century." In 1795, famine struck England as a result of bad weather and a poor harvest. In the same year, Blake produced three illuminated works—*The Song of Los*, *The Book of Ahania*, and *The Book of Los*: none of which has ever been shown to have any connection with the famine of 1795. This colloquy will show that, in both the poetry and illuminations of these three "minor" prophecies, Blake reacted to market economics, especially its defense of agricultural interests during crisis.

December 1: Antonette Irving, "Reality Bites: The Social Construction of Sex, Unraveling Truth and Mass-consumed Videotape in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*." Generally, the paper is about the way repressions get incorporated into the politics of language and the subsequent break with realism in contemporary black women's literature.

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**NET REMARKS** U.S. Representative Robert Goodlatte of Roanoke addresses a session of the Virginia Internet Technology Week conference on campus this week. (R. Griffiths)

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October 4-7. Contact Iris Andino at 2-3065 or [iandino@vt.edu](mailto:iandino@vt.edu), \$4 per lunch.

Friday, Oct. 8, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., location to be announced; *Fiesta*. Contact Michelle Vignoli at 961-3892 or [circulo@vt.edu](mailto:circulo@vt.edu) for information.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 5-6 p.m., Squires Black Cultural Center; Elisa Montalvo of the Office for the Hispanic Apostolate, Catholic Diocese of Richmond, discussing "Faith and Culture: An 'Hispanic Experience.'"

Sponsors of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration include Multicultural Programs in the Dean of Students Office, Residential and Dining Programs, Virginia Tech Union, *Circulo Hispanico*, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Newman Community; Catholic Campus Ministries, Black Studies Department, Communication Studies Department, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Political Science Department, Pamplin College of Business, University Honors Program, and University Units and Student Activities.

For information, call the Dean of Students Office at 1-3787.

### Thursday-night football traffic changes noted

By Larry Hincker

Virginia Tech will host Clemson for a nationally televised football game Thursday night, September 23. The traffic impact on the university community of an event like this is especially acute on a week day. Therefore, the university will take steps to ensure the orderly flow of traffic and minimize impacts on class schedules.

University offices will close at 4 p.m. on September 23, with the exception of faculty and staff members directly supporting classroom instruction, critical positions, the libraries, and other key groups such as Residential and Dining Programs.

Classes will not be cancelled. Faculty members can and should consider the impact of the game on classroom instruction. The university registrar is available to help reschedule class periods should a faculty member deem it necessary.

The game should begin at 8 p.m. Football traffic normally begins arriving in earnest four hours before game time.

Parking-lot clearance activities are as

follows:

On Wednesday, Sep. 22, all parking will be prohibited after 7 p.m. in the Stadium Parking Lot. Resident students should relocate their vehicles to a temporary parking lot located in a field on the western side of Tech Center Drive (drive towards the airport and it will be on the right). Tech Center Drive temporary parking is only for September 22-23. All vehicles must be clear of that location by 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 24.

Additionally, on Thursday, Sept. 23, all vehicles must depart by 4:15 p.m. from Litton Reaves/Wallace lots (located off Washington Street and Duck Pond Drive); Coliseum Lot (located off Washington Street and Spring Road); the gravel lot located behind the Jamerson Center; Track/Soccer Lot (located off Spring Road); and Maintenance Lot (located off Spring Road and Southgate Drive)

Parking will also be prohibited on Spring Road and Washington Street (from the Coliseum to the tennis courts) after 4:15 p.m. Vehicles will be removed from these lots and roads after 4:30 p.m.

At approximately 6 p.m. on Thursday, traffic on Washington Street, Tech Center Drive, Southgate Drive, Spring Road will become one way toward Lane Stadium. Traffic on Duck Pond Drive will also become one way toward the Lane Stadium. After the game the street directions will reverse until the traffic flow returns to normal.

See traffic advisories printed in earlier editions of *Spectrum* for standard information on game-day parking and Blacksburg Transit shuttles. Traffic advisories are also broadcast on 1260 AM.

For more information, call Parking Services at 1-3200 or, after regular business hours, the University Police Department at 1-6411.

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Tech personality as the CVC coach of the week. Accompanying his or her picture, will be statistics on charitable giving for the university that Tech will be playing in football that following weekend. We hope this will provide a challenge for our folks to more than match what our rival football schools contributed last year."

### DOG DAY

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Dogs must be leashed at all times and be current with all vaccinations for infectious diseases. Owners must bring a current rabies-vaccination certificate.

The event is sponsored by the college's Animal Behavior Club, Omega Tau Sigma Veterinary Service Fraternity, the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the New River Valley Kennel Club.

For more information, call 951-0373; e-mail [rra@vt.edu](mailto:rra@vt.edu), or web site <http://students.vetmed.vt.edu/ots/DogDay.htm>.

