Virginia Tech will celebrate its first Fall Convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m., in Burruss Auditorium. The con-vocation will include an academic procession, recognition ceremony for faculty and staff awards recipients, and an address by President Charles Steger.

The Fall Convocation and Awards Banquet is designed to improve the quality of recognition for award recipients and to streamline the functions traditionally held during the Founders Day Week celebration in April.

"We hope that this re-organization of events will provide the university community, as well as the larger community, a more fitting and enjoyable opportunity to come together and celebrate our achievements and look to the future. The president will share his thoughts on major issues facing the university. At the same time, we will give proper recognition to those outstanding students, faculty and staff members who make this university one of the best in the world," said Larry Hincker, associate vice president for University Relations.

The entire university community is invited to participate. Those members of the community who choose not to march in the procession are urged to attend the convocation and be seated in the audience. Those attending in the audience need not wear academic regalia. Doors to the auditorium will open at 3:30 p.m. The procession line-up begins at 3:45 p.m.

The convocation will begin with an academic procession, headed by the president of the Faculty Senate, followed by students from each of the eight colleges and the Graduate School; bearing their college’s banners. Anyone in the university community is invited to participate in the procession; those doing so will need to wear academic regalia. Caps and gowns can be rented (Ph.D. and master’s) or purchased (undergraduate) from the University Bookstore. For more information concerning regalia, please call Teresa Jones at 1-5991 (ext. 153).

For more information concerning the Fall Convocation visit the web site at http://www.unirel.vt.edu/vt/fall2000/convocation/.

Alpine region featured in Regional Focus Project

The University Office of International Programs will feature Switzerland and the European Alpine in this fall’s Regional Focus Project.

The focus project, initiated last year by former Provost Peggy Meszaros, spotlights a different area of the world each fall semester, always concentrating on the local region of Southwest Virginia. Several outside lecturers and performers are also on the program series.

The European Alpine region was selected this fall for intrinsic and extrinsic reasons. Virginia Tech owns an educational facility in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland. For many Virginia Tech students, this Alpine locale provides the first experience in international living. The larger Alpine region—Germany, Austria, Italy, and France—has long served as a touchstone for Western civilization. Attention turns next year to the developing world of the Caribbean basin.

While the academic study-abroad experience provides a unique educational opportunity unlike any other for students, the goal of Virginia Tech’s annual Regional Focus Project is to provide yet another dimension of cultural learning without leaving the U.S. A common geographical focus provides a thematic link for this series of co-curricular programs designed to stimulate and deepen the campus community’s knowledge about and interests in a particular region of the world.

The program events began September 7 and continue weekly through the middle of November. For specific information on the Alpine Project programs, check Spectrum bulletin and calendar listings, as well as the UOIP web site, http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/international/.

For more information, call Sarah Speir at 1-5888.

Remaining Alpine Project Events are as follows: Tuesday, Sept. 12 “The European Alpine: Beyond The Sound of Music,” by (See ALPINE on 4)
Lunn to address campus VIED session

By Clara B. Cox

Maxine Lunn, vice president of technology programs for Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), will deliver the keynote address at the 10th annual Virginia Institute for Economic Development (VIDE) on September 25 at Virginia Tech. Lunn will discuss the impact of technology on Virginia's economic-development initiatives of the future.

"Technology has changed the shape and future of how states, communities, and organizations conduct economic-development processes, and advancing in technological understandings is critical to our future competitive success," she said.

VIDE, a professional development program, provides training that focuses on the state economic-development process and its benefits to sustainable growth and development for communities. The Virginia Department of Business Assistance, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and Virginia Tech's Public Service Programs coordinate the institute.

Program sponsors include the Virginia Economic Developers Association, American Electric Power, Virginia's CIT, Columbia Gas Services, GTE, and Virginia Power.

VIDE is a non-credit program in economic development leading to a certificate of completion. The program includes five days of seminars and five weeks of home study. Seminars are divided into two sessions, one at the beginning and one at the conclusion of the home-study segment.

This year, the first session will be held at Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center September 25-27. The second session is scheduled for October 23-25 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Students must attend both sessions.

Registration is limited to 50 participants. For information on registering or for additional information, call Ellen Agee at 1-6795 or send an e-mail message to eaagee@vt.edu.

Alpine Project Event, 4 p.m., Squires Old Dominion Ballroom: Call 1-9594 for information.

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Alpine Project Event, 7 p.m., 409 Saunders: Call 1-9594 for information.

Thursday, 14

Family/Work/Life Resources Program, noon-1 p.m., DBHCC, conference room G.

Alpine Project Event, 7 p.m., Squires Colonial Hall: Call 1-9594 for information.

Friday, 15

Salary and Wage Payday.

Hispanic Heritage Month Begins (Through 10-15).

Hispanic Heritage Program, 8 p.m., Squires Commonwealth Ballroom.

Friday, 8

Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: William A. Ducker.

McBB, 12-20-11 p.m., 102 Fralin: Michael Boyle, Medical College of Ohio.

Geological Sciences, 1 p.m., 4052 Derring: Allan Ludman, CUNY.

Economics, 3-30-5 p.m., 3008 Pamlinp, Thomas Gehrig, University of Freiburg and Rice University.

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Horticulture, 4-5 p.m., 409 Saunders: Robert McDuffie.

Biochemistry, 4 p.m., 223 Engel: Gina MacDonald, JMU.

Economics, 4-5-30 p.m., 3008 Pamlinp, Carol Scassett-Lehr, VCU.

Thursday, 14

McBB, 12-20-11 p.m., 102 Fralin: Bruno Sobral.

Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 4069 Derring: Larry McKay, Tennessee.

Friday, 15

Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: John D. Henion, Cornell.


Geological Sciences, 2:30 p.m., 210 Robeson: Mike Hochella.

Women’s Center to register voters

The Women’s Center is sponsoring a voter-registration drive throughout September. Registration and change-of-address forms and absentee requests are available at the center, located in Price House. Center hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 1-7806.

Heritage Month begins with concert

Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15 with a performance by SOLAZO at 8 p.m. in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. Admission is free. There will also be an informal reception at 4 p.m. in 126 Squires. For more information, contact Alan Bagby at 1-8554, or the Dean of Students Office at 1-3787/TDD 1-8718.

PFLAG director to speak

Kirsten Kingdon, national executive director of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will speak on September 11. Kingdon will give two talks: “Helping Families Deal with Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity” at 12:15 p.m. in 116 Squires, and “Promoting Healthy Communities” at 7:30 p.m. in 150 Squires.

Sponsors of Kingdon’s visit include the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Dean of Students Office, and the Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center. Her visit is also sponsored by several church groups and community organizations.

IAWA holds exhibit/reception

The International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA) is holding an exhibit/reception on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in Cowgill Lobby. Tony Wrenn, former archivist with the American Institute of Architecture, will give remarks. For information, contact Donna Dunay at ddunay@vt.edu.

IAWA was established in 1985 to preserve the history of women’s involvement in architecture. It is a joint program of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and University Libraries.

DBHCC dinner-concert tickets available

The annual dinner-concert series at DBHCC will include two upcoming events, one on Saturday, Oct. 28, and one on Saturday, May 19. Violinist Sabrina Berger will perform on October 28, and tickets are now available at $40 per person. Call 1-6795 for reservations.

By Sally Harris

In late September, Roanoke, the former railroad center and manufacturing town, will host hundreds of people looking toward building new “virtual universities” or creating virtual programs within an already-existing college or university.

The new interactive possibilities of Internet-based communications are making these innovations very real, and the conference will discuss the pluses and minuses of building such new educational institutions.

Learning 2000: Reassessing the Virtual University, a Virginia Tech conference to be held at Hotel Roanoke September 28 through October 1, features presenters from around the world, including Europe, South America, Australia, Asia, and North America, and throughout Virginia. Keynote speakers include Mark Poster, University of California, Irvine; Kathleen Hayles, UCLA; Michael Joyce, Vassar College; Stuart Hochella, University of Baltimore; Carole Barone from Educause; and Mark Poster, University of California, Irvine; Kathleen Hayles, UCLA; Michael Joyce, Vassar College; Stuart Hochella, University of Baltimore; Carole Barone from Educause; and Keith Fulton from AOL.

Virginia Tech has been a leader in laying the foundations for on-line learning environments since 1993, making it uniquely positioned as a site to assess the benefits and costs of virtual university instruction. The Learning 2000 conference also will continue the debate about the merits of on-line teaching and distance education that began with Virginia Tech’s Learning Online ‘98 conference.

Topics to be covered include Social Issues and the Virtual University, Learning System Vendors and the Virtual University, Philosophical Approaches to the Virtual University, The Library and the Virtual University, Supporting Distance Learning, Legal Issues for the Virtual University, a variety of Best Practices sessions describing current work in the field, and many others.

For information about the conference, speakers, schedule, and registration, go to the web site http://www.cddc.vt.edu/learning. Information is also available by calling the Office of Continuing Education at 1-7887.
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 website at http://www.ps.vt.edu. Available positions are also listed on the job line, a 24-hour recorded message service. For information on all job listings, call 1-5300. 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 1 pm, Monday. An EO/AA employer committed to diversity.

FULL TIME
(Surgical Ward Technician) Medical Technologist, 2637L, Grade 9, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Administrative Associate, 7161L, Grade 6, University Development.
Animal Care Supervisor, 6998J, Grade 6, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
Animal Care Technician B, 496J, Grade 5, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Applications Analyst, 2145L, Grade 0, Web Application Research/Development.

Applications Analyst, 1226L, Grade 0, Web Application Research/Development.

Assistant to Director of Annual Giving, 2226L, Grade 6, University Development.

Banquet Manager (Food Operations Manager Assistant), 1116G, Grade 6, DBHCC.
Boiler Operator Assistant, 3326G, Grade 4, Power Plant.

Budget Analyst, 6927T, Grade 10, Budget/Financial Planning.

Business Researcher, 7161D, Grade 11, VTTI.

Computer Systems Engineer, 0180T, Grade 14, CS.

Data Warehouse Architect, 6701L, Grade 0, Information Systems/Computing.

Development Assistant, 1964L, Grade 6, University Development/Corporate/Foundation Relations.

Electrician, 7565G, Grade 7, Physical Plant.

Electronic Information Coordinator, 5502D, Grade 12, Publications/University Relations.

Equipment Repair Supervisor, 0253G, Grade 9, Motor Pool.
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Executive Secretary, 7473T, Grade 6, Provost.
Fiscal Technician, 6676G, Grade 6, Continuing Education.
Seven full-time food-operations positions available; three part-time positions.
Food Operations Manager A/Sous Chef, 0949E, Grade 8, Residential/Dining Programs/Southgate Bake Shop.
Food Operations Manager B/Executive Chef, 7069G, Grade 10, Residential/Dining Programs/Shultz Dining Center.

Housekeeping Lead Worker/Recycle Coordinator, 6724H, Grade 2, Residential/Dining Programs.
Housekeeping Lead Worker/Special Projects Crew, 0216H, Grade 2, Residential/Dining Programs.

Housekeeping Supervisor, 0824H, Grade 4, Residential/Dining Programs.

Housekeeping Worker, 2846J, Grade 1, Recreation/Trains.
Housekeeping Worker, 1631G, Grade 1, DBHCC.

Housekeeping Worker, 0278H, Grade 1, Residential/Trains.
Housekeeping Worker Senior, 6928J, Grade 3, Residential/Dining Programs.
Housekeeping Worker Senior, 2745H, Grade 3, Residential/Dining Programs.

Interpreter for Deaf, 7427J, Grade 8, Dean of Students.

Laboratory Specialist, 7624T, Grade 8, Chemical Engineering.

Laboratory Specialist, 7662G, Grade 8, Biochemistry.
Laboratory Specialist Advanced, 3373M, Grade 11, BSE.

Laboratory Specialist Advanced, 3068M, Grade 11, BSE.
Laboratory Specialist Senior, 7645M, Grade 9, PWPS.

Laboratory Specialist Senior, 7302M, Grade 9, Biochemistry.

Laboratory Technician, 7519T, Grade 4, Chemistry.

Medical Technologist, 6774J, Grade 9, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Medical Technologist, 2596J, Grade 9, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Office Services Specialist, 2236H, Grade 5, Residential/Dining Programs/Facilities/Services.
Office Services Specialist, 1310T, Grade 5, University Registrar.

Plumber Steamfitter, 0709G, Grade 7, Physical Plant.

Program Support Technician, W02387ET, Grade 6, Undergraduate Admissions.
Program Support Technician, 0637J, Grade 6, HMT.

Program Support Technician, 1522T, Grade 6, Political Science.


Program Support Technician Sr, 766U, Grade 7, Human Development.
Programmer Analyst, 1643T, Grade 12, Budgets/Financial Planning.
Research Software Developer, 7672T, Grade 14, Virginia Bioinformatics Institute.

Secretary/Assistant, 5577M, Grade 5, Animal/Poultry Sciences.

Security Lead Guard (Parking Enforcement Off.), 7653G, Grade 3, Parking Services.
Safety Lead Guard (Parking Enforcement Off.), W020118G, Grade 3, Parking Services.

Student Services Specialist, 6847T, Grade 8, University Honors—Provost.

Systems Administrator, 7636T, Grade 16, Virginia Bioinformatics Institute.
Telecommunications Analyst, 00157A, Grade 8, CNS.
Telecommunications Field Tech (Installation/Repair Tech), 00081A, Grade 8, CNS.

Telecommunications Network Technician, 7665A, Grade 6, CNS.
Trades Utilities Worker (Maintenance Engineer), 7569G, Grade 3, DBHCC.

Trades/Utilities Lead Worker, 0007H, Grade 7, Residential/Dining Programs/Culinary Services.

Web Documentation Specialist (Public Relations Assist Spec), 0766A, Grade 8, CNS.

Web Site Specialist, 7691T, Grade 7, Physical Plant/Housekeeping Services.

Airport Line Service (Vehicle SVC Attendant), W022976J, Grade 3, Airport.

Animal Care Tech B, W022914J, Grade 5, Veterinary Medicine.

Animal Care Technician A, W02155J, Grade 3, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Banquet/Setup (Food), W022143G, Grade 2, DBHCC.

Cashier/Hostess, W022981G, Grade 2, DBHCC.

Enrollment Services Assistant, W022467T, Grade 7, Undergraduate Admissions.
Fiscal Assistant, W023107M, Grade 5, Entomology.

Fiscal Assistant, W022979T, Grade 5, Biochemistry.

Fiscal Assistant, W023088T, Grade 5, Women’s Center.

Highway Equipment Operator C, W034114T, Grade 6, Chemistry.

Housekeeping Worker, W020190C, Grade 1, Physical Plant/Housekeeping Services.

Housekeeping Worker, W020574G, Grade 1, DBHCC.

Housekeeping Worker, W022499H, Grade 1, Residential/Dining Programs.

Laboratory Mechanic B, W023115M, Grade 6, Fisheries/Wildlife Sciences.

Laboratory Specialist, W023103M, Grade 8, Horticulture.

Laboratory Technician Senior, W020934M, Grade 5, Fisheries/Wildlife Sciences.

Laboratory Technician Senior, W020627T, Grade 5, Chemistry.

Laboratory Technician Senior, W021175G, Grade 5, EHS.

Office Services Assistant, W022875T, Grade 4, Undergraduate Admissions.

Office Services Assistant, W020838J, Grade 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
Office Services Assistant, W022390T, Grade 4, Registrar.

Office Services Specialist, W023044J, Grade 5, Dean of Students.

Office Services Specialist, W020467L, Grade 5, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
Pharmacy Assistant A, W020838J, Grade 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.
Postal Assistant, W022844L, Grade 4, Administrative Services.

Radiologic Technician, W022238J, Grade 7, Health Center.

Storekeeper, W022919J, Grade 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Switchboard Operator, W022101A, Grade 4, CNS.

Trades/Utilities Worker, W023023H, Grade 3, Residential/Dining Programs/Culinary Services.

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sponsoring a Faculty Associates’ Panel on “What Works And Doesn’t Work In Advising,” and the College of Natural Resources is encouraging faculty members to discuss advising for at least five to ten minutes in each of their classes. Other initiatives developed as a result of the task-force report include a new logo and theme for all advising activities at Virginia Tech, Advising Matters, and a new web site at www.provost.vt.edu/advising/advising.html.

For more information about Advising Week 2000, visit the web site, or contact Kimberly LaBoone at 1-2241.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2000 SPECTRUM 3
Mostaghimi named to Alphin Professorship in CALS

By Stewart Machinna

Saeed Mostaghimi has been named the H.E. and Elizabeth F. Alphin professor in agriculture and life sciences.

A faculty member in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering since 1984, Mostaghimi was appointed to the named professorship by the university’s Board of Visitors.

A major thrust of Mostaghimi’s teaching and research program has been aimed at conserving natural resources and to minimize non-point source pollution. His research deals with the development and evaluation of management practices to minimize the potential negative impact of agricultural practices on quality of water resources while maintaining sustainable crop production levels.

He succeeds Merle Pierson, a professor of food science and technology, who retired on August 21.

Before he joined the faculty at Virginia Tech, he was a visiting research fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1979 and 1982 respectively.

In 1992, the Department of Biological Systems Engineering’s effort towards the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay, in which Mostaghimi played a key role, was recognized by the Administrator’s Pollution Prevention Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Virginia Tech was the only university selected for this national award. Mostaghimi has published over 250 technical publications on non-point source pollution and impact of land-use activities on the quality of surface and ground waters.

The professorship is endowed by a gift from the Alphins. Alphin is a 1934 dairy-sciences graduate of the university. He worked with the Extension service in North Carolina before wartime service in the Army led to a 26-year military career. In 1967 he retired from the military with the rank of colonel, and began work as personnel director for a Washington hospital, from which he retired in 1979. He then became a land developer in Northern Virginia.

Alphin’s other gifts to the university helped establish a radiology center in the College of Veterinary Medicine and named scholarships in the Department of Dairy Science and for the Corps of Cadets. He was also a major contributor to a teaching livestock arena built on the Virginia Tech campus.

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State University, he joined the faculty of Texas A&M University in 1979. He was a visiting researcher at the Plant Biotechnology Institute in Canada during 1989-1990.

Jerry Nowak is the new head of the Department of Horticulture. He took up his duties August 21.

He succeeds Robert Wright, who was named the Julian H. Gary and Margaret S. Gary professor of horticulture. Wright is returning to teaching and research duties.

Nowak was head of the Department of Plant Science at Nova Scotia Agricultural College. At that institution he co-chaired an interdisciplinary committee developing a curriculum for a bachelor's program in agricultural biotechnology. He also led efforts to revise the curriculum of options offered by the department.

He earned a master’s degree in plant biochemistry from the Agricultural University in Olsztyn-Kortowo, Poland, and a doctorate in agricultural sciences from the same university.

He held positions equivalent to assistant and associate professor there, was a visiting senior lecturer at the University of Lagos, and was a visiting research fellow at the University of Alberta before he joined the faculty at Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Merle Pierson, professor of food science and technology, is acting head of that department, serving on an interim basis until a replacement is found for Cameron Hackney. Hackney assumed duties of dean of agriculture at West Virginia University July 1.

Pierson, who joined the faculty at Virginia Tech in 1970, was head of the department from 1983 to 1994. He is internationally recognized for his work with Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points, and research on inhibition and control of food-borne pathogens, analytical food microbiology and food-preservation systems.

A national search is being conducted to select a permanent department head.

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Athanasios Moulakis, 4 p.m., in Squires Old Dominion Ballroom.

Moulakis is the university’s new Center for European Studies and Architecture (CESA) director. Moulakis has lived, taught, and speaks the languages of the European Alpine region, and will provide an overview of this culturally diverse region.

Moulakis, a native of Greece, earned his Ph.D. at Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany. He has held teaching and research appointments, including a Fulbright professorship at the Friedrich-Schiller University in Jena, Germany. He has also held positions at St. John’s College, Harvard, UC-San Diego, Ruhr University, and the London School of Economics. His academic interests include classics, history, philosophy, and political science.

Moulakis comes to Virginia Tech from the University of Colorado where, as the Herbst professor of humanities and professor of political science, he directed an endowed program in the humanities for engineers. There will be a reception following presentation. The event is free and open to the university community and general public.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, the European Film Series will feature Cinema Paradiso at 7 p.m. in 409 Saunders. The uncot version of the 1989 Best Foreign Film Academy Award winner from Italy features 50 minutes of footage not included in the American release. Discussion following the movie will be with Klaus Phillips, professor of German and film from Hollins University. The event is free and open to the university community and general public.

On Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in Squires Colonial Hall, “Switzerland: An Alpine Republic between Prussian Compulsion and Protoean Inspiration,” will be presented by Pierre Combernous, charge d’affaires at the Swiss Embassy, Washington, DC. The program will explore the conundrum of what makes this country “tick.” Switzerland is a nation marked by fascinating contradictions and diversity—one that invented neutrality to escape world politics, yet also invented humanitarian solidarity to partake in its miseries.

There will be a reception following in the Williamsburg room. The event is free and open to the university community and general public.