

Provost search begins

Committee seeks exemplary scholar, experienced administrator

By Richard Lovegrove

The Provost Search Committee has started its work and plans to present its short list of candidates to President Charles W. Steger by early April, 2001.

"Filling this position will be one of the most important decisions of my presidency. The provost will set the academic course for the university for many years," Steger said. "This individual will be crucial to Virginia Tech as it embarks on its goal to become one of the top 30 research universities in the country."

Peter Eyre, dean of the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, is chairing the committee, which met last week and will start advertising the position by the end of this week.

"We're looking for a very strong academic leader and somebody who has exemplary scholarly credentials, as well as a person who has had major administrative leader-

ship experience, Eyre said. "The two somehow have to be married together."

The committee has already looked at the position announcement, which will be finalized this week and then will be sent out to the appropriate higher-education journals. In addition, the university has retained the services of Jerry Baker of Baker-Parker Associates Inc., an Atlanta, Ga., executive search firm experienced in finding senior executives for higher education. "We're very pleased to have him working for us. This is a very important search for Virginia Tech," Eyre said.

During October, November, and December, the committee will be advertising and recruiting and assembling a pool of candidates. In early January, they will start working that pool down and assemble a list of perhaps six to eight semi-finalists, who will be interviewed off campus. This phase will be done in absolute confidence, Eyre said. Beginning in February or March, the committee will bring three to four

finalists to campus for full and open interviews with all university constituencies, Eyre said. A final list of qualified candidates will then go to Steger for his choice.

"I have charged the committee, which represents and reflects the will of our community, to find the very best academic leadership in the country. I would like to complete the process and extend an offer by early April," Steger said.

"This individual is the chief academic officer of the university, and there could be no more important appointment after the president," Eyre said.

In addition to Eyre, members of the committee are Sarah Airey, undergraduate BOV representative; Jacqueline Bixler, professor, foreign languages and literature, College of Arts and Sciences; Rosemary Bliezner, professor, family and child development, College of Human Resources and Education; Harold Burkhart, university distinguished professor,

T.M. Brooks professor and department head, Forestry; Benjamin Dixon, vice president for multicultural affairs; Charles Dudley, director, University Honors Program; J. Michael Duncan, university distinguished professor, civil and environmental engineering, College of Engineering; Kriton Hatzios, associate dean for research and director, Virginia Agricultural Experiment Stations, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Delbert Jones, Staff Senate, laboratory specialist advanced, College of Veterinary Medicine; Judith Jones, associate director, administration and program support, Virginia Cooperative Extension Service; Marquee King, Graduate Student Assembly, Office of Student Activities; Arthur J. Keown, R.B. Pamplin professor of finance, Pamplin College of Business; Paul Knox, university distinguished professor and dean, College of Architecture and Ur-

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Women, minority artists, scholars recipients announced

The Office of the Provost has announced the recipients of the Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series grants for 2000-2001. The fund, as in past years, provides up to \$500 to supplement departmental or college funds in support of guest lecturers and performances from women and minority members.

The purpose of the program is to increase the diversity of perspectives and creative expression available on campus and to increase the number of women and minority role models for our students.

Award recipients, speakers, and the subject and anticipated date of the talk for 2000-2001 are listed below.

Ananda Abeysekara, assistant professor of religious studies, Center for

Interdisciplinary Studies. David Scott, associate professor of anthropology, Columbia University. "Identity, Pluralism, and Democratic Futures." March 22-23, 2001.

Ingrid Banks, assistant professor of black studies, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. France Winddance Twine, associate professor of sociology, University of California—Santa Barbara. "Comparative Research on Racism and Anti-Racism in Brazil and Great Britain." February, 2001.

Brian Britt, assistant professor, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. Leila Ahmed, professor, women's studies in religion, Harvard University. "Autobiographical Approaches to Women and Gender in Islam." April 5, 2001.

William J. Crone, associate professor, music. Tony Baker, assistant professor of music,

University of North Texas and H. Keith Jackson, associate professor of music, West Virginia University. Appalachian Trombone quartet recital and master class. Nov. 1, 2000.

Harry Dyer, permanent instructor, English Department. Henrietta Mann, endowed chair, Center for Native American Studies, Montana State University. "1492: An Indigenous Perspective." Oct. 9, 2000.

April L. Few, assistant professor, human development and **Laura Gillman**, director of women's studies, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. M. Jacqui Alexander, Fuller-Maathai associate professor, director of gender and women's studies, Connecticut College. "Diversity and Global Women's Issues." Sept. 28, 2000.

Elizabeth Fine, director of humanities (See WOMEN on 4)

University Internet domain-names use disallowed

Virginia Tech is no longer allowing registrants of Internet domain names to use the university's trademark names in their URL's.

The university owns federal trademarks for both the names Virginia Tech and Hokies and has sent letters to registrants informing them of the decision. "This was a difficult decision for us," said Larry Hincker, associate vice president for University Relations. "Several of these registrants are simply fans. Many are commercial enterprises. Some are inactive and may be held by cyber-squatters. However, our primary reason for taking action is to protect the integrity of Virginia Tech's name. Our trademarks imply a representation of, by, or about the institution."

Hincker said that examples of the URL's that are unfairly using the university's name include *virginatech.org*, *hokie.org*, *virginatech.com*, and *hokieshop.com*. About 125 URL's use a variation of Hokie or Virginia Tech. Hincker said federal law requires that trademark owners enforce and protect the use of their marks. Moreover, the 1999 Anti-Cyber Squatting Act passed by Congress gives trademark owners the right to dominion of its trademarked names on the Internet.

The university will not target alumni chapters, or other organizations officially affiliated with the university, that are using trademarked names.

Many corporations and individuals have had their names taken over by cyber companies who then try to re-sell these

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Oak Ridge management explores collaborations

By Susan Trulove

Members of the Virginia Tech research community are invited to an open forum Thursday, Oct. 12, to meet with Oak Ridge National Laboratory senior managers—including Director William Madia, a Virginia Tech Ph.D. graduate in chemistry.

Madia has served as director of the Pacific Northwest Lab and several Battelle corporate laboratories.

The forum will be from 3 to 4 p.m. in 1060 Torgersen Hall.

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is a large multi-program laboratory of the U.S. Department of Energy. The laboratory is managed under contract from DOE. In the past year, the contract was awarded to a new management team formed by the University of Tennessee and Battelle Me-

morial Institute. The UT-Battelle, LLC team bid the contract with a new approach—using a group of southeast regional universities as part of the team. These core universities include Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State, Duke, and Florida State.

A number of features were built into the proposal that involve university participation and collaboration—joint faculty positions; new joint institutes in materials synthesis, biological science, computational sciences; the Oak Ridge Center for Advanced Studies; and enhanced collaboration with the university community.

According to the management proposal, each of the core universities will have special input into the management and programs of ORNL. Membership includes a seat on the board of governors of the UT-Battelle, LLC, and representation on the Science and Technology Steer-

ing Committee that advises the Board of Governors, and on the Science and Technology Council reporting to the deputy laboratory director for science and technology. Membership also includes rotation as chair of the User Facility Council, participation in technical-review opportunities throughout the laboratory, joint-professorship appointments at ORNL, summer faculty/student program participation, and travel grants for short-term visits

"These privileges should lead to enhanced research collaborations/sponsorships in areas of ORNL program thrusts," said John S. Wilson, assistant vice provost for Research and Graduate Studies administration and ORNL liaison. "For example, the University of Tennessee has about \$20-million annual funding for research between their faculty and ORNL. Virginia Tech

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ACTIVITIES

EVENTS

Friday, 6

Organization of Women Faculty Coffee Hour, 8-9 a.m., Easy Chair, University Mall: Call 1-9214 for information.
ACITC Dedication, 3 p.m., ACITC: By invitation.
TA-UT Production, 8 p.m., Squires Studio Theatre: *Sabbath Night in the Church of the Piranha*.

Saturday, 7

Football, Homecoming, noon, Lane Stadium: Temple.
University Chamber Music, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Chamber Orchestra of Southwest Virginia.
TA-UT Production, 8 p.m., Squires Studio Theatre: *Sabbath Night in the Church of the Piranha*.

Sunday, 8

Yom Kippur Begins (Sundown).
YMCA Hike, 1:30 p.m., Lancaster House parking lot.
University Chamber Music, 3 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Chamber Orchestra of Southwest Virginia.

Monday, 9

Columbus Day Staff Holiday.
Yom Kippur.
Hispanic Heritage Program, noon, 116 Squires: Elisa Montalvo, Office for the Hispanic Apostolate, Catholic Diocese of Richmond.
Native American Program noon, Drillfield: Henrietta Mann.
Native American Program, 7 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: Henrietta Mann.

Tuesday, 10

CEUT, 12:30-2 p.m., Hillcrest large conference room: Call 1-6995 for information.

Hispanic Heritage Program, 4:30-7 p.m., Dietrick Dining Hall: Call 1-8266 for information.

Hispanic Heritage Program, 7:30 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: Pablo Davis, UVA.

Wednesday, 11

ULD Training Program, 8 a.m.-noon, DBHCC Room A: 1-7627 to register.
Family/Work/Life Resources Program, noon-1 p.m., DBHCC, conference room G.
CEUT, 2:30-5 p.m., DBHCC: Call 1-6995 for information.
Sexual Assault Awareness Summit, 6-9 p.m., Owens Banquet Hall.

Thursday, 12

YMCA Slide Show, noon, Cranwell Center: John Ashby.
Faculty Women's Club Luncheon, noon, Mountain Lake Inn: Call 951-1402 for reservations.
Alpine Project Event, 7 p.m., Squires Colonial Hall: 1-5888 for information.
Football, 8 p.m., Lane Stadium: WVA.

Friday, 13

Last Day to Resign.
Sexual Assault Awareness Month Video Discussion, noon, Women's Center.
Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: David Jacobsen.

SEMINARS

Friday, 6

Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: Paul A. Deck.
MCBB, 12:20-1:10 p.m., 102 Fralin: Bruce Webb,

University of Kentucky.

Physics, 2:30 p.m., 210 Robeson: Mike Hochella.
Geological Sciences, 3 p.m., 4069 Derring: John Warne, Colorado School of Mines.

Communication Studies, 3:30 p.m., Hillcrest honors conference room: Stephanie Lee Sargent.

STS, 3:30 p.m., 132 Lane: Robert D'Amico, University of Florida.

Philosophy, 4 p.m., 225 Major Williams: Sarah Holtman, University of Minnesota.

Monday, 9

Horticulture, 4-5 p.m., 409 Saunders: Richard Harkess, Mississippi State University.

Wednesday, 11

Geological Sciences, 9 a.m., 4069 Derring: David Lumley, 4th Wave Imaging Corp.
ESM, 4-5 p.m., 110 Randolph: Petri Piironen.
PPWS, 4 p.m., Fralin auditorium: Laura Good.

Thursday, 12

CSES, 4 p.m., 246 Smyth: Steve Phillips.
Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 4069 Derring: Bob Hazen, Geophysical Lab.

Friday, 13

Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: Maitland Jones Jr., Princeton University.
MCBB, 12:20-1:10 p.m., 102 Fralin: Don Champagne, University of Georgia.
Statistics, 3:45 p.m., 204 Hutcheson: Bimal Sinha, University of Maryland.
Philosophy, 4 p.m., 225 Major Williams: James Buchanan.

BULLETINS

Lassiter delivers talk on Kiowa hymns

On Friday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Squires Black Cultural Center, Luke E. Lassiter, anthropologist and ethnomusicologist at Ball State University, will deliver a multi-media presentation entitled "Kiowa Hymns: on the Power of Song and Collaborative Ethnography."

Lassiter is the author of several works on indigenous music in Oklahoma, including *The Power of Kiowa Song* and a forthcoming collaborative work with Kiowa musicians called *The Jesus Road: Kiowas, Christianity, and Indian Hymns*. His presentation will focus on his inter-subjective method of interpreting culture and his reflexive writing style.

Alpine Project event offered

The "Focus on Switzerland and the European Alpine Region" project is offering an upcoming panel discussion. The event is free and open to the general public.

On Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in Squires Colonial Hall, a panel of three environmental scholar-activists will examine "Sustainability Issues and Green Urbanism in the European Alpine Region." Call 1-5888 for information.

Presenters include Richard Rich, professor of political science and director of the new Institute for Environmental and Energy Studies, Suzanne Warsinsky-High, an independent

consultant in the areas of policy development and project-implementation research, and Sybille Klendendorf, doctoral candidate in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Faculty Women's Club holds fall luncheon

The Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club Fall Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Mountain Lake Inn. The guest speaker will be Jean Jadhon, news anchor for WDBJ-TV 7. She will speak on the topic "On the Air: My Experiences as a TV Journalist."

Reservations are required. For information, call Gloria Parry at 951-1402.

Cheyenne educator to give two talks

Endowed chair of Native American Studies at Montana State University Henrietta Mann will present "1492: A Millennial Perspective" on Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in Squires Haymarket Theater.

Mann will also speak at noon on the Drillfield on October 9 for "A Celebration of Survival." The celebration will feature a Native American drum, speakers from Virginia's Indian nations, and Mann's keynote address "Columbus: His-story and THE Story."

Leave donations requested

Virginia Tech employees in Physical Plant, Communications Network Services, and Residential and Dining Programs have requested leave donations.

Donation forms can be downloaded from the Personnel Services web site at <http://www.ps.vt.edu/ps/forms/forms.html>.

ULD offers training program

As part of the series of programs developed for faculty and staff members to improve organizational effectiveness, University Development is offering Effective Meeting Management on Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 8 a.m.-noon in DBHCC room A. The cost is \$25, and registration is required. Call Terri Tishman at 1-7627, or e-mail ULD@vt.edu.

CommonHealth medical screenings in October

CommonHealth medical screenings are being offered to employees, retirees, and their family members October 9-18. Screening appointments will be held in various locations on campus. To request a registration form, contact 1-7810. The cost is \$5 per person, or \$7 per household.

By Sally Harris

The Philosophy Colloquia speakers for the remainder of fall semester have been announced.

All talks are open to the public at no charge. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Oct. 6, 4 p.m., 225 Major Williams: Sarah Holtman from the University of Minnesota will speak on "Kantian Justice and Poverty Relief."

Friday, Oct. 13, 4 p.m., 334 Major Williams: James Buchanan, university distinguished professor of economics and

philosophy emeritus, will speak on "Game Theory, Mathematics and Economics."

Friday, Oct. 27, 4 p.m., 225 Major Williams: Rose-Mary Sargent, visiting professor from Merrimack College, will speak on "Experimental Reasoning in the History of Philosophy and the Sciences."

Thursday, Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m., 132 Lane: George Gale from East Tennessee State will speak on "Clashing Paradigms, Dying Vines: The Debate over the Cause of the Great Grapevine Phylloxera Plague, France 1867-1875." Co-sponsored by Science and

Technology Studies (STS) and the Department of Philosophy

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17, Lane 132: "Between History and Philosophy," a conference in honor of Marjorie Grene, co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, STS, and the College of Arts and Sciences. Speakers include Richard Rorty, Phillip Sloan, and Alan Gabbey. For more information, contact Moti Feingold at feingold@vt.edu.

For more information on the colloquia, contact William FitzPatrick at wfitzpat@vt.edu or 1-7543.

Philosophy Colloquia set

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.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 p.m. Monday. An EO/AA employer committed to diversity.

FULL TIME

Administrative and Research Assistant, 007674T, Grade 0, Electrical/Computer Engineering.

Animal Care Supervisor, 006998J, Grade 11, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Animal Care Technician B, 496J, Grade 5, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Applications Analyst, 001226L, Grade 0, Web Application Research/Development.

Applications Analyst, 002145L, Grade 0, Web Application Research/Development.

Assistant Manager, 001033H, Grade 8, RDP/Dietrick Dining Center.

Assistant Manager, 006522H, Grade 6, RDP/Dietrick Express.

Assistant to Director of Annual Giving, 002226L, Grade 6, University Development.

Banquet Manager (Food Operations Manager Assistant), 001118G, Grade 6, DBHCC.

Building and Grounds Superintendent B, 002749G, Grade 0, Facilities/Mechanical Utilities.

Buyer Senior (Contracts Officer), 002440F, Grade 0, Purchasing.

Cold Prep Production Worker, 000973H, Grade 2, RDP/Owens Food Court.

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

Computer Systems Engineer, 006991J, Grade 14, Research/Graduate Studies.

Development Associate, 002102L, Grade 0, University Development.

Development Associate, 002179L, Grade

6, University Development.

Editor, Virginia Tech Magazine, 000654L, Grade 12, University Relations/Outreach Communications.

Electrician, 007565G, Grade 7, Physical Plant.

Electronics Technician, 007656J, Grade 9, VTTI.

Enrollment Services Technical Leader, 002734L, Grade 0, AIS.

Executive Assistant, 004001T, Grade 7, CPES.

Executive Assistant, 007672T, Grade 0, VBI.

Executive Chef, 000266H, Grade 10, RDP/Shultz Dining Center.

Facility Manager, 007240J, Grade 8, Recreational Sports.

Financial Aid Counselor, 001683R, Grade 0, Scholarships/Financial Aid.

Fiscal Assistant, 007129G, Grade 0, Facilities/VTES.

Fiscal Assistant, 003794F, Grade 0, University Controller.

Fiscal Technician, 003167M, Grade 0, FST.

Fiscal Technician Sr, 001988F, Grade 0, Bursar's Office.

Three full-time food-operations positions available; three part-time positions.

Grounds Worker Senior, 001546G, Grade 3, Physical Plant.

Highway Equipment Operator A, 001971G, Grade 4, Physical Plant.

Highway Equipment Operator A, 000203G, Grade 0, Physical Plant/Grounds.

Housekeeping Supervisor, 000824H, Grade 4, RDP.

Housekeeping Worker, 001631G, Grade 1, DBHCC.

Housekeeping Worker, 000278H, Grade 1, RDP.

Housekeeping Worker Senior, 002745H, Grade 3, RDP.

Housekeeping Worker Senior, 006926H, Grade 3, RDP.

Interpreter for Deaf, 007472J, Grade 8, Dean of Students.

Lab Specialist, 001972M, Grade 0, CVM/MDL-Academic Affairs.

Laboratory Specialist Advanced, 003373M, Grade 11, BSE.

Laboratory Specialist Advanced, 003068M, Grade 11, BSE.

Laboratory Specialist Senior, 007302M, Grade 9, Biochemistry.

Medical Technologist, 002596J, Grade 9, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Medical Technologist (Surgical Ward Technician), 2637J, Grade 9, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Oracle Db, 002250D, Grade 0, ISE.

Program Support Technician, 003350M, Grade 6, FWS.

Program Support Technician, 000028T, Grade 6, Scholarships/Financial Aid.

Program Support Technician, 001522T, Grade 6, Political Science.

Receptionist/Secretary, 001990T, Grade 0, GIS.

Receptionist/Secretary, 007345T, Grade 5, ME.

Recycle Coordinator, 006724H, Grade 2, RDP.

Research Software Developer, 7637T, Grade 14, VBI.

Secretary, LC000010J, Grade 0, Athletics.

Security Lead Guard (Parking Enforcement Off.), W020119G, Grade 3, Parking Services.

Security Lead Guard (Parking Enforcement Off.), 007038G, Grade 3, Parking Services.

Security Lead Guard (Parking Enforcement Off.), 007653G, Grade 3, Parking Services.

Shopleader Supervisor, 000390H, Grade 3, RDP/West End Market.

Shopleader/Cashier, 000552H, Grade 2, RDP.

Sous Chef, 000940H, Grade 8, RDP/Southgate Bake Shop.

Special Projects/Utilities Crew, 000216H, Grade 2, RDP.

Student Services Specialist, 007648T, Grade 8, University Honors—Provost.

Telecommunications Analyst, 000157A, Grade 8, CNS.

Undergraduate Secretary, 001535T, Grade 0, ESM.

PART TIME

Animal Care Tech B, W022914J, Grade 5, CVM.

Animal Care Technician A, W022155J, Grade 3, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Animal Care Technician B, W020556M, Grade 0, CVM.

Audiovisual Technician, W023110T, Grade 0, University Registrar.

Bus Driver, W023140R, Grade 0, Motor Pool.

Computer Technician, W023142R, Grade 0, VTTI.

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

Fiscal Assistant, W022977M, Grade 5, Biochemistry.

Fiscal Assistant, W023137J, Grade 0, Teaching/Learning.

Housekeeping Worker, W022490H, Grade 1, RDP.

Housekeeping Worker, W020574G, Grade 1, DBHCC.

Housekeeping Worker, W020214J, Grade 0, Health Center.

Laboratory Technician Senior, W022934M, Grade 5, FWS.

Laboratory Technician Senior, W020117G, Grade 5, EHSS.

Lead Dispatcher, W023136R, Grade 0, VTTI.

Office Assistant, W023138J, Grade 0, Teaching/Learning.

Office Assistant, W022228T, Grade 0, Provost.

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

Office Services Assistant, W022390T, Grade 4, Registrar.

Office Services Specialist, W023141F, Grade 0, Dean's Office, Pamplin.

Office Services Specialist, W023097F, Grade 0, Bursar's Office.

Office Specialist, W023139J, Grade 0, Career Services.

Overnight ICU Vet Technician, W022218M, Grade 0, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Payroll Technician, W023145M, Grade 0, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Pharmacy Assistant A, W020839J, Grade 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Program Support Technician, W023123H, Grade 6, RDP/Marketing/Conference Services.

Radiologic Technician, W022412M, Grade 0, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Radiologic Technologist, W022238J, Grade 7, Health Center.

Secretary Senior, W023132L, Grade 0, University Relations.

Storekeeper, W022291J, Grade 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Student Health Staff Physician, W023144J, Grade 0, Health Center.

Truck Driver, W023114T, Grade 0, Chemistry.

Web Designer, W022976H, Grade 8, RDP/Marketing/Conference Services.

FACULTY POSITIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL

Materials Science/Engineering. Associate Director/Instructor of Writing/Communication Skills. Contact: Eric Pappas, 14 Holden (0237). Deadline: October 27.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Crop/Soil Environmental Sciences. Analytical Chemist. Contact: R.B. Reneau, 330 Smyth (0404). Review begins December 15.

Natural Resources. Assistant Dean for Administration/Finance. Contact: Geza Ifju, 210 Cheatham (0323). Review begins October 25.

Virginia Cooperative Extension. District Director, Southwest District. #FA870, Abingdon. Contact: Judith Jones, 105B Hutcheson (0437). Review begins November 1.



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Nominations sought for Diversity Award

By Sally Harris

The Cultural Diversity Committee and the Student Advisory Board in the College of Arts and Sciences are seeking nominations for the annual Diversity Award within the college.

The Diversity Award, established in 1996, honors College of Arts and Sciences faculty and staff members who have made significant contributions to improving campus climate for women and persons of color at Virginia Tech.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: Successful nominees should have taken a leadership role beyond the expectations of their position to a) improve the quality of life for women and persons of color; b) plan and implement institutional change related to issues

of diversity; and c) educate members of the campus community to appreciate an increasingly pluralistic society.

Faculty and staff nominees must be employed in the College of Arts and Sciences. A measure of preference will be given to faculty and staff members whose work on diversity may not have been previously recognized through this or similar awards.

The committee and board will select either one or two recipients for this year's award(s) totaling \$1,000.

One nomination letter must be accompanied by two letters of support. Letters of nomination and support should clearly describe the nominee's qualifications and contributions to the university

community as they relate to diversity. Virginia Tech faculty and staff members, students, and citizens of Montgomery County may submit letters of nomination and support. Guidelines for preparation of nomination materials can be obtained by contacting Ingrid Banks at ibanks@vt.edu or 1-8174.

Letters of nomination and support should be addressed to the Cultural Diversity Committee and the Student Advisory Board and submitted to Sherry Allen or Teresa Price, Cultural Diversity Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (0405) by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20.

Results of the diversity award will be announced in the spring.

University to host Governor's School for Agriculture

By Stewart MacInnis

Virginia Tech is moving ahead with plans to establish a month-long Governor's School for Agriculture next summer following action today by the state Board of Education, said Andy Swiger, the university's dean of agriculture.

"We certainly appreciate the Board of Education looking favorably upon our proposal," Swiger said. "We also appreciate the strong support for this project shown by Delegate Jay Katzen and the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation."

Katzen was a major proponent of establishing a Governor's School for Agriculture, and he was a strong advocate for the program with both the governor and General Assembly.

"Agriculture is the largest industry in Virginia, and it's only appropriate that a Governor's School be dedicated to this important area," Katzen said. "With the involvement of Virginia Tech, I'm sure this school will provide a world-class educational opportunity for Virginia's students."

The board's designation of Virginia Tech as the host for the annual school is renewable for five years.

Admission is expected to be competitive, with seats for just 100 students, said William G. Camp, professor of agricultural education and director of the school. Applications will be accepted from rising juniors and seniors at all Virginia public and private high schools and from home-schooled pupils.

Camp said the school's definition of agriculture will be broad.

"We're talking about not just what happens on farms, but about the science and business of an industry that has a \$35-billion annual impact on Virginia," Camp said. "Our instruction will be about natural resources, it will be about economics, it will be about genetics and biotechnology, it will be about veterinary medicine. Some of our instruction, in fact, will be tailored to the interests expressed by the

students."

The school will be conducted on the Virginia Tech campus from July 8 to August 4 next year. Instruction will be provided by Virginia Tech professors from the university's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Natural Resources, College of Human Resources and Education, and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. Faculty members in agriculture and natural-resource programs in other state institutions will be invited to participate, as well.

In addition, agricultural-education teachers from school divisions around the state will be members of the school's faculty.

"This will be among the highest-quality faculties instructing high-school students in the nation," Katzen said. "Many of these people have international reputations as instructors and as research scientists. They need to be the

best, because I expect the students to be among the best Virginia has to offer."

He said the high quality of the faculty and the rigorous instruction will make students who complete the school competitive for the most-selective universities in the nation.

There will be no cost to students, who will live in supervised dormitories on the Virginia Tech campus and eat in university dining facilities. The school is being funded by Virginia's taxpayers through a \$150,000 appropriation by the General Assembly, by matching funds from the school districts of participating students, and by Virginia Tech.

The curriculum is being designed specifically to provide a balanced and diverse learning experience for gifted learners. Camp said. Each student will take six core courses, four of which will be discipline-based, one will be a computer-applications course, and

one will be a communications course.

Each student will be assigned to a "major," consisting of 20 students, based on the interests of the students. Students in each major will complete the same two specialized courses designed to provide major-specific instruction and to prepare them to work on a major-specific project. Each major will be divided into work groups to undertake a group project that will culminate in a symposium and poster session on the last day of the school.

Applications will be available from the coordinator of gifted programs in each school division. Information is available at the school's web site (www.gsa.vt.edu).

West Virginia Game Advisory

Virginia Tech will host West Virginia University for a nationally televised football game on Thursday night, October 12. The traffic impact on the university community of an event like this is especially acute on a weekday. Therefore, the university will take steps to ensure the orderly flow of traffic and minimize impacts on class schedules.

President Charles Steger has approved closing of all university offices at 4 p.m. on October 12, 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 are advised to consider the impact of the game on classroom instruction. The university registrar is available to help re-schedule class periods should a faculty member deem it necessary.

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

Pamplin to offer Winterim 2001

By Sookhan Ho

The Pamplin College of Business will offer a two-week course, U.S. Foreign Economic Policy and the New Global Environment, in Washington D.C. during January 8-19.

The short course, known as Winterim 2001, will be taught by two professors of international studies at Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management. It is an opportunity for students and professionals to update their knowledge of developments in the U.S. and around the world that will have an impact on business, said Robert Sumichrast, associate dean for graduate and international programs at Pamplin.

The course will explore U.S. trade policy, current WTO, OPEC, and NAFTA issues, global-risk assessments, and the economic prospects of Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa, and other regions.

Participants will hear lectures and engage in discussions with experienced policy makers, business executives, and university faculty members. The sessions will meet at the offices of the American Management Association and the Brookings Institution, but participants will also visit several Washington-based agencies and corporate headquarters.

The course is another aspect of the continuing partnership between Pamplin and Thunderbird. Both institutions are collaborating on a dual-degree program that allows students to earn a Pamplin MBA and a Thunderbird master of international management at the same time.

For Winterim registration and more information, call Pat Brown at (703) 538-8410 or e-mail patbrown@vt.edu

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has had limited collaborative research with ORNL. With all we have in common, we definitely expect that to increase," Wilson said.

Work to build collaborative arrangements has been under way since the beginning of the new contract in April, including a university research-managers meeting in Oak Ridge on May 4 attended by Virginia Tech associate deans, a three-day workshop with university faculty in Oak Ridge on August 2-4 attended by 15 of Virginia Tech faculty members, and now the Oak Ridge management team's visit to the universities, stopping first at Virginia Tech.

Members of the senior management team that UT-Battelle brought to ORNL will be on campus all day to learn more about Virginia Tech and to present their views about the importance of the university connection to ORNL's future. They will meet with the university and college leadership, and will visit several research programs and centers, the Corporate Research Center, and Virginia Tech Intellectual Properties, Inc. At the 3 p.m. open forum, they will describe progress they are making with the core universities to implement some of the proposal promises.

"The open forum will be a good opportunity for interested individuals to hear, first hand, the new management philosophy for ORNL involving the core university team, which includes Virginia Tech," Wilson said. "There will be an opportunity to ask questions and gain additional insights about the potential for collaboration that will be available through our membership on the team."

More information is available at www.rgs.vt.edu/oakridge/Oakridge.htm. Contact Wilson at wilsonj@vt.edu or call 1-5188.

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unique Internet URL's back to the highest bidder. Recently, Harvard University forced a web business, NOTHARVARD.COM to drop its usage of Harvard's name.

Locke White, licensing director for Virginia Tech, said, "In today's dot-com world, the misappropriation of a URL address is a serious infringement on a business's ability to operate. A university is not any different. We have to protect the integrity of our name."

Virginia Tech's unique school nickname, Hokies, is the modern-day descendant of a turn-of-the-century cheer, "hoki, hoki, hoki, hy" penned by O.M. Stull in 1896. The word Hokies has no special meaning but is now uniquely identified with Virginia Tech.

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Also, Anne McNabb, professor, Biology College of Arts and Sciences; Thomas H. Ollendick, university distinguished professor, Child Study Center, College of Arts and Sciences; Barbara Pendergrass, dean of students; Raymond Smoot, vice president for administra-

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programs, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. Brian Williams and Step Afrika! USA, founding director, Step Afrika!, and residency artist, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. "Stepping and Its Relationship to African Dance Traditions." April 7, 2001.

Ann-Marie Knoblauch, assistant professor of art history, art and art history. Lee

tion and treasurer; Nammalwar Sriranganathan, associate professor, biomedical sciences and pathobiology; F. William Stephenson, Hugh P. and Ethel C. Kelly professor of electrical and computer engineering and dean, College of Engineering; Mitzi Vernon, president, Faculty Senate, assistant professor of architecture and industrial design.

Ann Riccardi, assistant professor of art history, College of New Jersey. "Hairstyles of the Rich and Famous: The Constructed Image of Roman Imperial Women." February, 2001.

F.M. Anne McNabb, professor of biology. Joseph L. Graves, professor of evolutionary biology, Arizona State University West. "The Biology of Race." Nov. 10, 2000.

Multicultural Diversity Committee, Pamplin College of Business. Ancella Livers, manager for African-American Leadership Program and Women's Leadership Program, Center for Creative Leadership. "African-American and Women's Leadership Programs: Understanding the Differences." March, 2001.

Edward J. Smith, associate professor, animal and poultry sciences. Patricia King, Carmack Waterhouse professor, Georgetown University. "The Dilemma of Difference: Race and the New Genetics." Feb. 14, 2001.

Sarah G. Speir, coordinator of special programs, University Office of International Programs. Elise Witt, artist-in-residence, musician/performer/educator. "World Music: A Celebration of Alpine Folk Traditions." Nov. 1, 2000.

Virginia Tech Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Joan Breton Connelly, associate professor of fine arts, New York University. "Women and Ritual: Priestesses in Ancient Greece." Sept. 21, 2000.

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