**Former soldier relays war horrors**

*by Jared Turner*  
*News Assistant*

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**CEO discusses effective leadership**

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The president and CEO of Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., presented his viewpoints about effective leadership in business when he spoke yesterday in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom.

Claude “Chip” Hornsby, class of 1978, and the distinguished guest speaker for the Pamplin College of Business, gave his audience an array of practical steps for success in the business world.

“Avoid and commitment always becomes effective,” Hornsby said. “In the morning, I can’t wait to get to work.”

In addition to the need to be passionate to achieve success, Hornsby said luck is also important.

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*by Jonah Knight*  
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Internet must remain free

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"The Internet should remain as accessible as possible to all people in all parts of the country — forever," said Virginia Senator George Allen earlier this week. The issue is whether or not the Internet Tax Freedom Act, originally passed in 1998, should be expanded and made permanent.

The law prevented states from taxing Internet access and adding additional sales taxes to transactions made over the web until it expired last year. The momentum behind this movement has long since cooled off, some lawmakers say, and the Internet is no longer available in many homes.

Despite the obvious benefits available over the web, low-income households remain disproportionately, without Internet access. These households are deprived of web-based government services, consumer information, educational resources, and children's content many people take for granted.

Reducing the costs falling on consum- ers, including banning the sorts of taxes commonly levied by cable television and cellular phone providers, is a sure way to ensure equal access to the web.

According to an article on Wall Street Journal Online, only 20 percent of American households subscribe to the web.

The expanded act, as it is now being considered in the Senate, no longer allows for these grandfather taxes; millions of dollars are estimated to be saved.

There are further implications for expanding the act. Opponents of the plan note the provisions of the pro- posed law could be applied to bundled services such as telephone access. In this case the cost to states in lost tax revenue could amount to billions of dollars.

While the Internet industry has expanded tremendously in the last five years, it has still a long way to grow. While access providers no longer need the protection that motivated the original Internet Tax Freedom Act, consum- er groups believe this bill could con- tribute to Internet access continue expanding.

To further this end, Congress is right to seek to keep the final costs to con- sumers down. However, the potential costs to the states should be consid- ered. Orderting the states to pursue either a public plan or have locals bear the burden of lost tax revenue alone

Ben Kimmor

In "American public should sup- port rational competitive change. (C. T. Rowan) This letter writer identifed several problems plaguing market commerce and addresses short of his goal of providing work- ing as a web-based voice for a free and open Internet at the expense of the states.

The first problem cited is the wide- spread burden on the rich end run of the Internet Tax Freedom Act. The problem of the uneven distribu- tion of income is capable of being addressed to every civilized society on earth, including consuming. It is not easy to radically transform society because the major holding the balance of power are also the men who have the most to lose if the status quo is revamped. Two of the most effective "radical transformations of society" are the French and Bolshevik revolutions. They were equally effective but not something of anything we would like to see repeated.

The second point the author makes is the population no longer supports "goodly politicians." On the contrary, the true sign of an overdemocracy is when the representatives most likely to be elected are those who do not care to represent the voters for whose lives they are paid.

Far from no longer endorsing "goodly politicians," our new score of voter apathy serves as tertilication, even approval, of their policies. But with interest-group politics and the perception of election fraud rais- ing rampant, who can blame them? The modern proleustat just keeps his eyes on the prize. No matter what national policy won't it affect. In the final point, the author cites another 40-year, 20 percent drop in the use of the Internet. The author is "staggering," but this is my analysis of the facts. Would you prefer to live in a happy, single-parent society of nuclear families, mad with anger and strife?

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Fighting Gravity decides to rock for a cause

eby Emily Olson

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Lady Hokies fl y past Slovenia, 93-36

The Virginia Tech women’s basketball team knocked off a 93-36 victory over Slovenia-WNURadio in the Sunday exhibition.

Tech got off to a strong start, leading by 11 in the first minute. hen, however, missed free throws and a run by Slovenia allowed them to cut Tech’s lead down to six points. Slovenia never got any closer for the rest of the game. The Hokies quickly answered back, causing Slovenia to remain scoreless for approximately six minutes in the beginning of the game.

In the first half, the Hokies made nearly 80 percent of their shots from the field and held Slovenia to only 19 points and 27 percent of their shots from the field.

Both also dominated in the paint, microwaving Slovenia 26-16 at halftime. Points off turnovers also helped the Hokies lead to go in 52-16 by the end of the first half.

Slovenia wasn’t what they were looking for better for Slovenia as they struggled from the field shooting 25 percent from the field and adding only a total of 17 points for their team.

Slovenia also had trouble holding the ball. Free throws in the first half and second numbered 26 between the teams. These free throws led to the majority of the 13 free throws that Slovenia scored throughout the gam. The Hokies also continued to gain points from inside and added an additional 12 points from the bench in the second half.

It was important for the Hokies to hold in order to pull the win over Slovenia, and Tech head coach Beth Honkeck.

From Tech, C. J. Copeland, Shara Dawnasz and Brittany Anderson each added six significant amount of points to the overall total with seven and nine, respectively.

Copeland said she was nervous at first, but it didn’t stop her from expressing hope in Slovenia’s defense.

The team’s veterans put up big numbers as senior Laura Krulich leading all scorers with 19 points. Four seniors, Courtney Mercado and Keke Garlick added 14 points, four assists, and 29 seconds and eleven assists.

Tech also dominated on the glass, outrebounding Slovenia 38-29 and securing 47 rebounds.

Senior forward Jeana Krulich led the Hokies with 18 points, eight rebounds and four blocks against Slovenia.

C. J. Copeland added 15 points and 12 rebounds on the day. Senior Brandy Fowler also finished strong with eight points and seven rebounds.

In preparation for their opening against game Miami University (Ohio), Honkeck said the team needs to work on getting better defensively in order to get the win. The Hokies open their season at 7 p.m. Nov. 21.

Hokies are good, but far from great

A great football team consists of fourth and fifth line. One is the offensive line and the other is the defensive line.

Although the Hokies did a lot of things well against Pitt, they have a long way to go before they can be considered great.

University of Oklahoma is a great team: first, they averaged 8.3 points per game (scoring over 50 points seven times) while the offense gives up a mere 13 points per game.

The Sooners beat Texas A&M 27-20 in those quarters because they avoided scoring in the fourth. Putting up 77 points is rare — doing it is three quarters — is mind boggling.

Aside from the numbers, the Hokies cannot put all of the blame for the loss on Oklahoma — especially the defense. They were far from stellar, and on the field the Hokies’ biggest team and defense did not have its best outing.

To be a national champion, you need to have all parts of the engine firing each night — especially the defense. A great football team gets a defensive stop late in the fourth quarter.

This was Tech’s last chance to show up every week. The Hokies’ offensive line finally showed up — unfortunately, when the game was over, it was too late.

With Miami and the Hokies departing to the ACC, Pitt and Georgia Tech — they have a long way to go before they can be considered great.

As Tech walks away from the game without a victory, they will not have a chance for a national championship, but they beat the last three the time.

With Miami and the Hokies departing to the ACC, the Hokies offense did not turn over the ball in the red zone — its own or its opponent’s. A great football team has a kicker that can be counted on to come through in a clutch situation, but his team doesn’t have to go for too much to get the last laugh after all.