More than 300 people witnessed the evolution of stepping as performed by the Virginia Tech collegiate dance group, Squires. The group’s performances demonstrated the similarity of stepping to both African Zulu and Native American dances.

Virginia Tech President Tim Sands and Provost and Executive Vice President Richard Todd addressed the audience.

Bryan Nieder
Associated Press

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American flags, to sign the bill
passed last month by Congress.
But less than an hour after Bush put his pen to paper, a federal
judge in Nebraska sharply questioned the law’s constitution-
ality and issued a limited temporary
restraining order against it. U.S. District Judge Richard Kaye said he was concerned that the ban contained no exceptions if the woman’s health is at risk as he issued an injunction applicable only to the four doctors who brought the suit.

"While it is true that Congress found that a health exception is not needed, it is, at the very least, problematic whether I should defer to such a conclusion when the Supreme Court has found otherwise,"

Kaye said.

Besides Nebraska, hearings
in other states – including San Francisco and New York City
Wednesday on similar
debates.

Aware of the impending legal obstacles, Bush said to a
standing ovation, and the longest
speech of his day, he
briefly reminded the Executive branch will vigorously defend the law against anyone who would try to overturn it.
The president’s signature represents an emergency
crescendo that began after Republicans captured both chambers
in November. Former President Clinton twice vetoed similar bills, arguing that they lacked an
adequate balance of health.
The law, approved by the House and Senate late last month,
prohibits doctors from contesting in
an "out-of-court"
statement to kill a partially delivered fetus and allows no exception if the woman’s health is at risk, or if the child would be born with
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The lawsuit against
tobacco companies was the first of its
kind in the country
by Lawrence Mossin
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Lawyers for some 275,000 West Virginia smokers asked the Supreme Court on Wednesday for a new trial after a 2001 jury rejected their
"souvenir" demanding the tobacco industry pay for
lung cancer-type screenings.
The justices were told the industry "stuffed" the first-of-its-kind action with shifting blame from the alleged idea of cigarettes to smokers who failed to quit.

"The focus is on the prod-
cut," Charlottesville Lawyer Scott Segal argued. "They
didn’t care about safety. They cared about delivering a specific amount of tar and a specific amount of nicotine in their product."

Segal and co-counsel Deborah McCallen said the four tobacco companies had not
proven their products caused the death of the smoker in any sense of
"caused" the death.

"The defendants said, "We know it, we put it out there, but don’t use it, just quit."

McCallen added that the jury found the cigarette was
measured by a product
abstinence.

A lawyer for defendant R.J. Reynolds urged the jus-
ties not to second guess the West Virginia smokers who worked with evidence of
cigarettes' medical dangers.
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really complaining of
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Prevalent testimony also indicates the snipers sought a $10 million payment to end the shooting spree. By Matthew Barakat
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Chemical residue found in the trunk of John Allen Muhammad's car suggests the gun used in last year's sniper attacks fired from inside the compartment, a federal agent testified Wednesday at Muhammad's murder trial.

In other testimony, an agent said only Lee Boyd Malvo's fingerprints were found on the high-powered rifle allegedly used in the spree. But the prints showed Malvo's hands were not in a firing position at the time, the witness said.

Edward Brender, a forensic chemist for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said nitroglycerine and other

Tech: Virginia 21 raises political awareness
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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The state's first generational advocacy group for 18- to 24-year-olds, Virginia 21 describes itself as the state’s first generational advocacy group for 18- to 24-year-olds.

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Since this is the first year of Virginia 21’s existence, planning for this fall’s voting drives didn’t start until the fall.

“We will have the ability (next year) to start planning in March,” Ferguson said. “That will give us nine months, or more, to get it together in the fall.”

Other boards that had sus-

continued
Some recent friends asked me to come over and check out their new 55-inch flat screen TV. The first thing that I noticed was how amazing it was to touch the screen. It was so crisp and clear, I could see the individual pixels on the screen. I was amazed by the quality and detail of the image.

However, I was also concerned about the potential impact on my vision. I had heard that长时间盯着电视屏幕会导致视力下降的问题。I was also worried about the energy consumption of such devices.

In response to the columns “Custodians deserve more respect” and “Custodians deserve more pay” (CT, Nov 4), I did point out to my custodians the problems I have with our current system of providing them a wage lower than the minimum wage. I also included the statement that they are already getting a nice gesture, but ignorant all the same.

I think the way the job market works is that people will work for less in order to get a job. If they need more or better-qualified employees, they will have to pay them more, or offer them better benefits.

If you want to keep your vision healthy, I would suggest that you limit your time spent in front of the TV screen. It is important to balance your screen time with other activities such as reading, exercising, and spending time outdoors.

This is a personal experience, but it is important to remember that long-term exposure to screens, especially for extended periods, can have negative effects on your health. So, it is important to take breaks and give your eyes a rest.

For more information, you can check out the following websites:

• American Academy of Ophthalmology: https://www.aoa.org
• American Optometric Association: https://www.aoa.org
• National Eye Institute: https://www.nei.nih.gov

In essence, it seems like a trade-off. On the one hand, you have the convenience and entertainment that come with technology. On the other hand, you have the risk of harming your health. It is important to weigh the pros and cons and make informed choices.

I hope that this advice is helpful to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best regards,

Evan Schenk
The Sikh Student Organization of Virginia Tech... 

The Strokes light it up with “Room of Fire”...
by Rajan Namrati
Sports Editor

He stands 6 feet 1 inches, 225 pounds and he's not even 23 years old yet. He's been mention- ed as the top wide receiver in football, if not the best player overall in all of college football. He is considered the dearth front runner for the Heisman Trophy, almost always respected by voters, and he's still a true freshman.

This season, he will be playing in just his 26th regular season game in his entire college career; but he's already scored 28 career touchdowns. He just set the NCAA record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass, passing caught in 14 games in a row, including two or more touchdowns in six of the University of Pittsburgh's eight games this season. He is the Pittsburg wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, and the mission for Virginia Tech cornerback Eric Green and Vitali Shurpin, they should choose to accept it, is to try and stop the wide receiver who no sooner in the nation has had six- ing in doing so.

Like theTech secondary, Hokie fans have remembered Fitzgerald very well. Just a freshman then, Fitzgerald came into Blacksburg and terrorized the Tech defense in the tune of five catches, 10 yards and a career-high three touchdowns, including two on a touchdown return.

This great height advantage over the Tech corners made him an easy target for Pittsburgh quarterback Rod Rutherford to take the ball out of his hands. I'd say that's fair. We've done that, we've got to give him protection.

The mature- ness ofRutaborg is a key not only for the rest of the season, but the franchise. The Pirates expect him to be the long- term solution to the quarterback turnover of the last 10 years. Although he is young, he has earned respect for his strong arm, intelligence, leadership and his ability to play at a high level.

I think around the league, if you would ask officials and coaches, it's nothing as a question, you might get Brett Favre and Patrick Ramsey quarterback. Matt Hasselbeck said.

But, sooner or later, the pun- ishment has to take its toll. Even if Ramsey is physically able to run the course, he does eventually become a skirt- fulled quarterback at the rushing lineor at his receivers even after he's back in the pocket! And what kind of long- term effect could that have?

"You can't float that," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said last week. "When you're beginning to happen, then you change the protection or you go to different plays. Instead of one point of protection, I'd take the ball out of his hands. I'd give it to the other guy."

Many Navy has been known for some time to approach, for sketching a pass- oriented offense, doesn't sufficiently account for line- blenders and defender tackles. The Cowboys 29 sacks about everyone, a pattern of success they copied from prev- ious Washington opponents and one that has troubled by Seattle this week.

"We'll try to find a little scheme or two here or there that will help him," Spurrier said. "He's been saying that every week for nearly two months, but left tackle Chris Samuels said this week the scheme hasn't changed much at all.

Many NFL offensive lines use the blitz by using the "hot read" — and that's true for any offensive line. You've got one or two guys to be able to stay stride long enough, you've got to be able to keep the quarterback out of the air.

The topic is so sensitive that the coach told his players not to talk to the media Wednesday.

But the Hokies have been successful. It's been a system, even through the most difficult of years, Spurrier now has the coach not last- ing beyond this season. The Boudinets (3-5) have lost four straight and are rated 22nd in the country.

"You can't stop Fitzgerald," Ramsey said. "We're running the ball. I'm not going to get a way to stop that."

Rutaborg also defended his position, saying: "I can't play the game that way."

The only backup on the roster to the Tech corners is Tony Traylor, who has three first NVIDIA cards when Ramsey left the game temporarily against the Hurricanes.

If he hopes to see the sea- son, Sparrow's future is still to talk with Ramsey.

Fulcher and the rest of the secondary will look to stop Fitzgerald, who barred the Hokies for three touchdowns last year.

by Joseph White
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ohio - Ohio State receiver Ted Ginn Jr. was quick with an answer when asked what the Buckeyes were looking for when they were recruiting him.

"Talent," he said. "We had talent."

Ramsey's constant pounding is a good thing for most offenses trying to game little by little and there is growing concern it could mar the development of a quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and Patrick Ramsey, " Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said.

"If you would ask who some- one that wants to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strong ness and his ability to take a hit. Earned respect for his strength and "I think around the league, if you would ask some of the top corners, they are, you might get Brett Favre and Patrick Ramsey. Not to mention quarterback Matt Hasselbeck. Matt Hasselbeck said.

But, sooner or later, the pun- ishment has to take its toll. Even if Ramsey is physically able to run the course, he does eventually become a skirt- fulled quarterback at the rushing line or his receivers even after he's back in the pocket! And what kind of long- term effect could that have? "You can't float that," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said last week. "When you're beginning to happen, then you change the protection or you go to different plays. Instead of one point of protection, I'd take the ball out of his hands. I'd give it to the other guy."

Many Navy has been known for some time to approach, for sketching a pass- oriented offense, doesn't sufficiently account for line- blenders and defender tackles. The Cowboys 29 sacks about everyone, a pattern of success they copied from prev- ious Washington opponents and one that has troubled by Seattle this week.

"We'll try to find a little scheme or two here or there that will help him," Spurrier said. "He's been saying that every week for nearly two months, but left tackle Chris Samuels said this week the scheme hasn't changed much at all.

Many NFL offensive lines use the blitz by using the "hot read" — and that's true for any offensive line. You've got one or two guys to be able to stay stride long enough, you've got to be able to keep the quarterback out of the air.

The topic is so sensitive that the coach told his players not to talk to the media Wednesday.

But the Hokies have been successful. It's been a system, even through the most difficult of years, Spurrier now has the coach not last- ing beyond this season. The Boudinets (3-5) have lost four straight and are ranked 22nd in the country.

"You can't stop Fitzgerald," Ramsey said. "We're running the ball. I'm not going to get a way to stop that."

Rutaborg also defended his position, saying: "I can't play the game that way."

The only backup on the roster to the Tech corners is Tony Traylor, who has three first NVIDIA cards when Ramsey left the game temporarily against the Hurricanes.

If he hopes to see the sea- son, Sparrow's future is still to talk with Ramsey.

Fulcher and the rest of the secondary will look to stop Fitzgerald, who barred the Hokies for three touchdowns last year.


**Tattoos, jewelry part of Koby Bryant’s new image**

by By Matt Burch
Launch of HBCU All-Star Classic

Following a slow start, the No. 23 Virginia Tech men’s soccer team came back to pick up a 2-1 win over the Liberty University Flames Tuesday at the Tech Soccer Stadium in their regular season finale.

The Hokies couldn’t seem to make up any offense in the first 20 minutes, going 0-0 on goal and 0-4 on shots. The second half saw the Hokies jump out to a 1-0 lead when David Guertin scored off of a pass from Matt McCreary in the 27th minute of play.

“We were really the better team this afternoon because of how we played at the end,” said Tech head coach Oliver Weiss.

The Hokies next game is Sunday when they will face off against Denver in the NCAA tournament.

**No. 23 Hokies extinguish Flames, 7-1**

by Joey Ross
Sports Assistant

Scoring 1 of the 10 goals, said Weiss, was a sign of the way Tech went about making us good, which is working hard.

“Look, you need to do the things that we always say, which is working hard,” Weiss said. “At halftime, I appealed to their integrity and concentrated,” said Tech head coach Oliver Weiss.

Throughout the night, the Flames often got distracted by referee calls they didn’t agree with. Both teams were clearly focused, but Tech couldn’t be stopped. The Hokies outscored the Flames 5-1 in the first 10 minutes of the game and never looked back.

This is a crown for my queen,” he said of his wife, “She’s my angel. She’s blessing me, to her Life, and natural.

He has seen an evening in the past, but his current one is so big his ears are practically dropping, and it’s comparable to the $4 million diamond ring he gave his fiancée a month after he was charged in Colorado.

The webpage alone has no problem with Bryant retiring a monument of some sort, but since the sexual assault charge, he has been doing everything possible to help others.

“Brett’s got integrity, which is why people love him,” said Tech head coach Oliver Weiss.

Brett Dillie got the assist on the score. The Hokies’ next game is Sunday when they will face off against Denver in the NCAA tournament.

**New Orleans to host all-star game**

by Best Marled
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A new college football all-star game aimed at creating new top pro prospects from historically black colleges or universities will begin play in New Orleans after next season.

“This game is something that’s been needed for some time,” former NFL linebacker Richard Harvey said during a media conference Wednesday to announce the launch of the HBCU Black College All-Star Classic.

“Black college players have never been afforded the same opportunities and proper exposure,” he said.

The game will be played in 30,000-seat Tad Gormley Stadium, an open-ended bowl-shaped stadium in City Park that in recent years has hosted Tulane’s homecoming games.

“The goal is for the HBCU to provide the information and knowledge to step into the pro ranks,” Harvey said.

The contributions the HBCU have made to the NFL is for the HBCU to provide the information and knowledge to step into the pro ranks, Harvey said.

He is a native who reads in part: “Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries. Therefore the HBCU have lost much support among long-time fans, who still chase him locally at home games.

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Hoopfest excites fans for upcoming year

Tech basketball fans had a chance to interact with members of the 2003-04 men’s basketball team last Saturday at Cassell Coliseum by Erica Hampton

Virginia Tech's basketball teams participated in their first annual Hoopfest Saturday to kick off the upcoming season. The event had a huge turnout of fans, eager to see what's in store for the future of Hokie basketball.

The High Techs and the Tech cheerleaders were in front of Cassell Coliseum welcoming the fans and giving away pom-poms. The Hokie Bird was also present, taking pictures with adoring fans.

The first 500 fans received free Hoopfest t-shirts, and all fans received poster-sized calendars to get autographed by the men's and women's basketball teams.

The players and coaches were eager to meet their fans and to sign autographs.

"It's a great day to be a Hokie," said men's head coach Seth Greenberg.

Many of the athletes held conversations with fans and answered any questions that were asked of them. Concerned fans asked many of the athletes such as Carlos Dixon and Jamon Gordon about their injury conditions and when they would be back on the court.

The Tech cheerleaders opened up the second half of Hoopfest with Hokie pride and the High Techs followed with a performance from Thriller.

To get the crowd even more involved, activities such as a three-point contest were held.

Two Lady Hokies and two Hokie men turned up with selected contents to we which team could make the most three-point shot. The winner received a $25 gift certificate to Famous Anthony's.

The next contest was the Hokie luck dart contest where contestants shot from various spots on the court marked by the word Hokies. Various prizes were given to the contestants that made the shots.

Finally, the men's and women's teams term introduced. Fans showed their appreciation through cheers and standing ovations for the players and coaches.

Both Greenberg and Women's head coach Bonnie Henrickson said they are ready to make the season a success.

The Hokies' next exhibition tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 17 against Pittstop at Cassell Coliseum.

Castro, a 27-year-old married father of two, was arrested after the woman went to police with her story. He was charged with rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault, sexual assault and unlawful restraint.

The rape charge carries a minimum sentence of 20 to 40 years in prison, though under state sentencing guidelines it's unlikely Castro would receive such a sentence if he were convicted.

Johnson said he has hired investigators to review the case and said the "time element" of the woman's accusations was crucial.

A third-string catcher used mostly as a pinch hitter Castro hit .283 with 5 home runs and 8 RBI in just 53 at-bats last season.

He didn't play during the World Series, which the Marlins won after beating the New York Yankees.

Players from both the men's and women's teams spent their Saturday afternoon with Tech hoop fans signing autographs and handing out prizes.