Symposium examines equity in Virginia’s schools

By Clarea B. Cox

Segregation, desegregation, and re-segregation are examined during a three-part symposium on September 21, September 28, and October 5 at Virginia Tech’s Edward K. and Christine A. Whittemore Professional and Continuing Education Center in Blacksburg.

This symposium examines how past experiences with issues of educational equity in the state of Virginia can inform contemporary educational-policy discussions. The discussion will be directed toward identifying strategies and programs that can effectively address the current equity concerns as student discipline, curriculum content, and performance standards in the public-school choice,” said Benjamin Dixon, associate professor and program organizer.

The three sessions, which begin at 6:30 p.m., are sponsored by Tech’s Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School, and the Department of Educational Leadership and Administration and Department of Teaching and Learning, both in the College of Human Resources and Education. Organizers have worked with the Monticello City School Board, the human relations council, the Monticello City School District, and the Department of History.

The first two symposium sessions will be held in 628 and 629 of the Burruss Hall. The final session will be at 205 of the Burruss Hall. All are open to the public and are free.

Our goal is to increase public understanding of the need to address equity issues in public education, and we plan to document and disseminate symposium results to key stakeholders and decision makers,” Dixon said.

The September 21 session will review the impact of public-education policies during the era of school segregation. The keynote speaker will be Peter Wallenstein, associate professor of history, who will speak on “Race, Policy, and K-12 Education: Segregated Schooling in Jim Crow Virginia, 1870-1958.”

The September 28 session will review the impact of education policies on public schooling during the transition period between segregation and desegregation and will identify the lessons learned about the challenges of achieving equity and excellence for all segments of the population.

The keynote speaker will be Andrew Lewis, a fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University, addressing the topic “The Moderate Dilemma: The Lessons of Massive Resistance.”

1999 CVC fund-raising efforts begin

Speaking to friends, supporters, unit representatives, and participating charitable organizations at the Kickoff Luncheon on September 15, Steve Moore, coordinator of the Virginia Tech Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC), announced the university’s $390,000 and 25 percent participation.

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

Each state agency operates its own campaign, usually with a focus on local agencies that will benefit from contributions and pledges. The Virginia Tech CVC has always provided the largest single support for a wide variety of charitable agencies in the New River Valley and is one of the top three contributors in the state.

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

The campaign runs from October 1 through November 19. Mouras expressed his confidence that the employees of Virginia Tech will reach and surpass the goal of $190,000 during this short time period. The CVC coach of the week will again be featured in Spectrum. “Each week this fall, Mouras said, “we will feature a local Virginia

President to Address University Community

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

TODAY'S EDITION

PPWS celebrates double milestones

By Stewart MacInnis

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

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

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

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

“We are proud of the heritage of this department, and we thought it was appropriate that we should take a day to review where we’ve been, what we’ve accomplished, and where we’re going,” said Kriston Hazins, department head.

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September scheduled for the remainder of the event. The next activity will be a talk by Peter Wallenstein, associate professor of history, on “Hispanics at Virginia Tech: The First Hundred Years, 1889-1999.” Wallenstein’s presentation begins at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, in Squires Multicultural Center.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 4:30-7 p.m., Dietrick Hall will join the celebration by providing a ‘Bien Provecho!’ menu in the ‘All-Abound’ lane. The cost will be $7.40 for adults, $3.75 for children.

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

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

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m, Old Dominion Ballroom: Minus “El Vez,” performing his singer-somethings act.

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

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

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**Events**

**Friday, 17**

**VSMA Fall Meeting/Symposium, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., VMRCVM.**

**Saturday, 18**

**University Open House:** YMCA, 9 a.m.; 401 Washington St., Tinker Cliffs, cost $12.

**University Chamber Music, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon, Audubon Quarter.**

**Sunday, 19**

**University Open House,** University Chamber Music, 3 p.m., Squires Recital Salon, Audubon Quarter.

**Deaf Awareness Program, 7 p.m., Hancock Auditorium:** free movie: *Decider Sky.*

**Yom Kippur Begins (Sundown),**

**Monday, 20**

**Deaf Awareness Week Begins.**

**Hispanic Heritage Program, 4 p.m., Squires Multicultural Center:** Peter Wallenstein.

**Guest Music Performance, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon:** U.S. Air Force Tradewinds Quartet.

**TAUT Workshop Production, 8 p.m., 204 PAB:** Talk Radio.

**Tuesday, 21**

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

**Defeas awareness activities planned**

To educate the hearing world about deaf culture, Interpreting and Sensory Loss Services, a unit of the Dean of Students Office, will sponsor Deaf Awareness Week on campus September 17-25. This coincides with the national week of the same name.

Events include:
- Free movie: October Sky, Sunday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. in Hancock auditorium. The movie will include open captions.
- Deaf College: Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6 to 8 p.m. in 150 Squares. This is a non-verbal communications activity open to the entire university community. Participants will be asked to complete a number of college-related tasks by using American Sign Language basics, finger-spelling, Spreading, and note writing.
- American Sign Language social activity: Thursday, Sept. 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Squires lobby. Virginia Tech HANDS (Hearing AND Signers) group will offer instructions to anyone interested in using or learning sign language.
- Free movie: *Love Is Never Silent,* Friday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. in Hancock auditorium. The movie will be shown with captions only (no sound).
- For more information, go to the web site [here](http://www.vgocities/vktv/31475386/). Bristol 2000.

**Adobe to visit Tech**

On September 17, the Virginia Tech Multimedia Users Group (VTMMUG), under the co-sponsorship of the New Media Center and Educational Technologies, will host a campus visit by Adobe Systems, Inc.

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

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

For more information, visit the VTMMUG web site at [http://www.va.moe/vktm/VTMMUG](http://www.va.moe/vktm/VTMMUG) or contact James Dusin at 1-3405.

**CEUT presents workshop on memory**

A workshop titled “Working Memory: The Key to Improving Teaching and Learning,” will be offered Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Hillcrest dining room. The workshop is designed as an exploration of how humans think and remember. Participants will be engaged in several learning and memory activities that will highlight the essential processes of learning. Registration is required, although the workshop is free. Contact CEUT to register at ceut@vt.edu, or call 1-4254.

**Program connects service learning and development**

A program designed to help connect service-learning and community economic development will be given Thursday, Sept. 23, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in DBHCC conference room F. Keith Morton of Providence College, and John Saltmarsh, director of Campus Compact’s Project on Integrating Service with Academic Study will lead a workshop to explore the potential for linking service-learning and community economic development. The workshop will introduce participants to the underlying principles and critical issues of community economic development, and discuss what it means to prepare students to work in this field. Contact Michele James-Deramo (michjames@vt.edu, or 1-4947) for more information to register.

**Programs focus on Greater China**

The month of September features a variety of programs designed to focus on Greater China. Each Wednesday, there is a conversational hour at the Cranwell International Center. On Thursday, Sept. 23, there will be a Chinese buffet in the Donalson Brown Hotel and Conference Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 30, the film *Paakung Hous* will be shown at 7 p.m. in Squares Haymarket Theater.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Faculty Senate, 7 p.m., 32 Pamplin.**

**TAUT Workshop Production, 8 p.m., 204 PAB:** Talk Radio.

**Wednesday, 22**

**Focus on Greater China, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Cranwell Center:** “Let’s Talk Chinese.”

**Deaf Awareness Program, 6-8 p.m., 150 Squares:** Deaf Deaf College.

**Hispanic Heritage Program, 7 p.m., Squares Haymarket Theatre:** Richard Rodriguez.

**“With Good Reason,” 7 p.m., WVT:**

**TAUT Workshop Production, 8 p.m., 204 PAB:** Talk Radio.

**Thursday, 23**

**Focus on Greater China, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., DBHCC:** China Buffet.

**CEUT, 12:30-2 p.m., Hillcrest dining room:** Preparation for Teaching Services-Learning Programs, 1:30-3:30 p.m., DBHCC.

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**Deaf Awareness Program, 6 p.m., Squires Lobby:** ASL Social.

**Football, 8 p.m., Lane Stadium:** Clemson.

**Friday, 24**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1999**

**Seminars**

**Friday, 17**

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

**MCBR, noon, 204 PAB:** Otto Roder, Radford.

**Communication Studies, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 1810 Linton Reaves:** Bernice Hausman.

**Botany, 4 p.m., 1076 Derring:** Mike Rosenzweig, David Desler.

**Monday, 20**

**Biomedical Engineering, 3:45-4:30 p.m., 114 Holden:** George Trytten, Duke.

**Economics, 3:30-5 p.m., 202 Pamplin:** Vincent Crawford, UCSID.

**Biochemistry, 4 p.m., 223 Engel:** Bettina Seiber.

**CS15, 4 p.m., 232 Smyth:** Caroline Porter.

**Horticulture, 4:30 p.m., 409 Saunders:** Peter Hatch.

**Wednesday, 22**

**PPWS, 4 p.m., 102 Pamplin:** Amer Fayad.

**Thursday, 23**

**Econ 101, 4-5 p.m., 220 Price:** Steve Valles, USDA.

**Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 2044 Derring:** Lawrence Hardie, John Hopkins.

**Friday, 24**

**Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: James McGrew.**

**MCBR, noon, 204 PAB:** Genny Walters, Princeton.

**Materials Science and Engineering, 3 p.m., 114 Holden:** Ave Amih.

**Botany, 4 p.m., 1076 Derring:** John Novak.

**BULLETINS**

**By Jeffrey S. Douglas**

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

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

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

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

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

(See DOG DAY on 4)
The following classified positions are currently available. More positions, specific application procedures and position-closing dates may be found on the Personnel Services web site at http://www.ps.vt.edu. Available positions are also listed on the Job Line, a 24-hour recorded message service: Office/Clinical: 6-1696; Technical/Research: 6-1690; Seminar/Trades: 6-1679. Professional and Managerial: 1-4449; Information Technology: 1-3203. 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 the 811 line.

Closing date for advertised positions is changed to 1 p.m. Monday, the deadline for receipt of all applications.

Full Time

Boiler Operator Assistant, 33SP, Grade 4, Power Plant.
Chemical Safety Assistant, 69DP, Grade 4, Environmental Health/Safety Services.
Fire Safety Engineer, 748BT, Grade 12, Environmental Health/Safety Services.
Fiscal Assistant, 2235H, Grade 5, Residential/Dining Programs/Business Services.
Fiscal Technician Senior, 3157H, Grade 15, Center for Admissions/Admissions and Recruitment.

Eight full-time food operations positions available, Details online.

Graphic Designer, 2075D, Grade 9, Publications Services.
Housekeeping Worker Senior, 0269H, Grade 2, Residential/Dining Programs.
Housekeeping Worker, 1630G, Grade 1, Residential/Dining Programs/University Relations.
Housekeeping Worker, 1021H, Grade 1, Residential/Dining Programs/University Relations.
Laboratory Specialist, 2472M, Grade 4, Animal Health.
Library Specialist, 2745M, Grade 6, Biochemistry.

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CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Laboratory Specialist, 2745H, Grade 8, Biochemistry.
Fiscal Technician, 3428M, Grade 8, Veterinary Medicine.
Fiscal Technician, 6797P, Grade 7, Physical Plant.
Occupational Safety Specialist (Health Ed Sr.), 7489T, Grade 10, Environmental Health/Safety Services.
Office Services Specialist, 4129J, Grade 5, Electro Engineering.
Office Services Specialist, 6803S, Grade 5, University Library/LL.
Office Specialist Grade 1232, Grade 14, Administrative Information Systems.

Parking Services Manager (Business Manager B), 7079F, Grade 12, Parking Services/University Relations.
Police Officer, 2917D, Grade 12, Community Policing.
Program Analyst, 7438D, Grade 12, Educational Technologies.
Public Relations Asst Specialist, 6996C, Grade 8, University Relations/WVTF Public Radio.
Research Specialist, 7509M, Grade 8, Fisheries/Wildlife Sciences.
Television/Video Producer Director Senior, 2242D, Grade 12, University Relations/Telecommunications.

Hotel/Travel Invoicing Analyst, 5362D, Grade 10, University Relations.

Travel Office, 2243F, Grade 12, Parking Services/University Relations.

Housekeeping Lead Worker (Trades Helper), W022819M, Grade 6, Office Service Assistant.

Human Resources Program Support Technician, W022399M, Grade 6, Human Resources Program Support Technician.

Rated Public Service, 6204M, Grade 15, Miscellaneous.

Contact: Pamplin College of Business, Director of Development. Director of Development.

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Virginia Tech Recyling

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By Larry Beckley
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Markham to coordinate programs

By Shannon Yarbrough and Sandy Broughton

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Larry Bluscher

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

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

Classes will be cancelled. Faculty members can and should consider the impact of the game on classroom instruction. The university registrar is available to help reschedule class periods should a faculty member deem it necessary.

The game should begin at 8 p.m. Football traffic normally begins arriving in earnest four hours before game time. Parking-lot clearance activities are as follows:

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

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

Parking-lot clearance activities and "...

Thursday-night football traffic changes noted

English colloquy series scheduled

By Sally Harris

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

The schedule of presenters is as follows:

September 29: Jim Wright, “Bret’s Predatory Eyes in The Sun Also Rises.”

Hemingway’s “The Sun Also Rises” develops Lady Brett Ashley as a predatory woman specifically through ocular imagery. As Hemingway was writing the novel, he was experiencing the emotional turmoil of divorce and reading Turgeniev’s A Sportsman’s Sketcher. Wright will suggest that both experiences influenced his portrayal of Brett.

October 13: Steve Mooney, “Novels of the Central Appalachian Coal Mining Wars and Their Historical Context.”

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

October 27: Chris Synak, “ Contesting Order, Bishop, Stevens, and their Ideas of Order.”

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

November 10: Dennis Welch, “Hunger and Economics: Blake at the End of the 18th Century.” In 1795, during a year of bad weather and a poor harvest. In the same year, Blake published three illustrated works—The Songs of Innocence, The Book of Ahimma, and The Book of Los: none of which has ever been shown to have any connection with any famine of 1795. This colloquy will show, in both the poetry and illuminations of these three Blakean prophecies, Blake reacted to market economics, especially its defense of agricultural interests, during crisis.


Recently, there has been the way we perceive sexuality get incorporated into the politics of language and the subsequent break with realism in contemporary black women’s literature.

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