Oak Ridge management explores collaborations

By Susan Trudeau

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 National Laboratory 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 Memorial 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 with positions at 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 Steering 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 and student program participation, and travel grants for short-term visits.
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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,” Steger said. “This individual will be crucial to Virginia Tech as it embarks on its goal to become the university for many years,” Steger said.
“Two thousand people have been 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 Bliezen, professor, family and child development, College of Human Resources and Education; Harold Burkhart, university distinguished professor, 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.
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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
**ACTIVITIES**

**Events**

**Friday, 6**
Organization of Women Faculty Coffee Hour. 8-9 a.m., Easy Chair, University Mall; Call 1-9214 for information.
ACCTC Dedication, 3 p.m., ACCTC: 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, 8 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: 1-5884 for information.**
**Football, 8 p.m., Lane Stadium: WVA.**

**Friday, 13**
**Last Day to Register.**
**Sexual Assault Awareness Month Video Discussion, noon, Women’s Center.**
**Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: David Jacobsen.**

**Spanish Studies**

**Friday, 6**
Highlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: Paul A. Decker.
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 Warnere, 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, 4:35 p.m., 409 Saunders: Richard Harkess, Mississippi State University.

**Wednesday, 11**
Geological Sciences, 9 a.m., 4069 Derring: David Lumley, 4th Wave Imaging Corp.
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Higlands in Chemistry, 11 a.m., 3 Davidson: Maitland Jones Jr., Princeton University.
MCBB, 12:20-1:10 p.m., 102 Fralin: Don Chapman, University of Georgia.
Statistics, 3:45 p.m., 204 Hutcherson: Bimal Sinha, University of Maryland.
Philosophy, 4 p.m., 225 Major Williams: James Buchanan.

**Philosophy Colloquia set**

**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. 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 Gabby. 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.
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 awards 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 nominations. 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 Sherryl Allen or Teresa Vantassel.

Virginia Cooperative Extension. District Director, Southwest District. #A870, Abingdon. Contact: Judith Jones, 105B Hutcheson (0437). Review begins November 1.
University to host Governor’s School for Agriculture

By Stewart MacNish

Virginia Tech is moving ahead with plans to establish a month-long Governor’s School for Agriculture next summer following action last year 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 the 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 Virginia Tech School of Agriculture. 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.

Applicants 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).

Pamplin to offer Winterim 2001

By Sookhan Ho


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 corporations.

The course is another aspect of the continuing partnership between Pamplin and Thunderbird. Both institutions are colaborating 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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Almarket, 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 administration.

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Ann-Marie Knoblauch, assistant professor of art history, art and art history, Lee 4 SPECTRUM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

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has had limited collaborative research with ORNL. With all we have in common, we defi- nitely 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 members 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 impor- tance of the university connection to ORNL’s future. They will meet with the university and college leadership, and will visit several re- search 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 proposed programs.

“The open forum will be a good opportu- nity for interested individuals to hear, first hand, the new management philosophy for ORNL involving the core university team, which in- cludes Virginia Tech,” Wilson said. “There will be an opportunity to ask questions and gain additional insights about the potential for col- laboration that will be available through our membership on the team.”

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