Citing the need to ensure that Virginia Tech’s departments, schools, colleges, centers, and institutes are organized “to maximize our opportunities to achieve national and international scholarly distinction in the areas we choose to emphasize as part of our strategic plan,” McNamee announced to the faculty on March 1 that the university would examine restructuring possibilities. Later in the month, he provided the Board of Visitors with an overview of the process.

Named to the ad hoc faculty workgroup were Charles Reinoltz, assistant department head and professor of mechanical engineering; Rachel Holloway, associate professor of communication studies; Lucinda Roy, alumni distinguished professor of English; Mike Akers, Horace E. and Elizabeth Alphin professor of dairy science; Sue Toln, professor of plant pathology, physiology, and weed science; Rosemary Blieszner, professor of human development; Bob Jones, professor emeritus of engineering science and mechanics; David de Wolf, professor of electrical and computer engineering; Michael O’Brien, associate professor of architecture; Anne Zajac, associate professor of biomedical sciences and pathobiology; Doris Zallen, professor of interdisciplinary studies; Marion Ehrlich, professor of biomedical sciences and pathobiology; Chip Frazier, associate professor of wood science and forest products; Ernie Houck, R.B. Pamplin professor of management science; Barbara Board, Extension specialist in program and volunteer development; Noreen Klein, associate professor of marketing; Rosemary Goss, residential property management advisory board professor of near environments; Eric Hallerman, associate professor of fisheries and wildlife science; Ted Koebel, director of the Center for Housing Research; Joe Merola, acting dean of the Graduate School; and Sean Arthur, associate professor of computer science.

By Clara B. Cox

Provost Mark McNamee has named 21 faculty members to restructing advisory group

By Liz Crumbley

The Association of Former Intelligence Community Members, which includes veterans and former employees of the Central Intelligence Agency and other national intelligence agencies, has named Provost Mark McNamee as the organization’s first honorary life member.

McNamee, who is widely respected for his leadership in higher education, has served as the provost and executive vice president at Virginia Tech since 2000. He is a native of Virginia and a graduate of the University of Virginia. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and has held positions at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Virginia.

McNamee is currently serving on the board of the Association of Former Intelligence Community Members, which was established in 1999 to promote the welfare of former intelligence community members and their families.

The association is a nonprofit organization that provides a variety of programs and services to former intelligence community members, including educational assistance, legal services, and health care.

By Ashley Tyler

The university celebrates Founders Day on April 26 at 3 p.m. in Burruss auditorium. A Corps Review and reception follow on the Drillfield.

By Netta Benton

The Commonwealth Technology Research Fund has awarded a total of $3.6 million to Virginia Tech and two other universities to support collaborative work on mucosal immunology. Research will take place at the medical schools of the University of Virginia (UVa) and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) as well as on the Virginia Tech campus.

The $1.8-million research program at Virginia Tech will be directed toward developing plant-expressed antigens and adjuvants to be used to create edible or nasally delivered vaccines. Antigens are substances that, when introduced into the body, stimulate the production of protective antibodies.

Adjuvants are immunological agents that increase the antigenic response. UVa will study the mechanisms of regulation of mucosal immune responses. VCU will apply genomics and informatics technology to discover potential targets for intervention through immunotherapy or chemotherapy. In addition, partnership with the biotechnology companies Crop Tech and TechLab will permit application of research findings to the treatment of human diseases.

Virginia Tech is a recognized leader in plant and animal transgenes as a means of producing complex proteins for medical, veterinary, and industrial applications. Craig Nessler, head of the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science (PPWS) at Virginia Tech, and Fabrizio Medina-Bolívar, a researcher at the Fralin Biotechnology Center, developed their portion of the CTRF proposal as an outgrowth of an on-going NIH-funded collaborative project with UVa headed by Tracy Wilkins, director of the university’s Fralin Biotechnology Center, and Carole Cramer, professor of PPWS.

“The idea is to deliver inexpensive vaccines in a form that doesn’t require sophisti- (See TECH on 3)
### Activities

**Friday, 5**  
Gerontology Forum, 10:15 a.m., Fralin auditorium: “Genetics and the 150 Year Life Span: How Soon?”

**Saturday, 6**  
International Week (Through 4-13).  
International Street Fair.  
Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: New Virginians.  
SOTA Event, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., PAB: Arts in Education Workshops.

**Sunday, 7**  
YMCA Hike, 1:30 p.m., YMCA Parking Lot.

**Monday, 8**  
Workshop, 5 to 7 p.m., Blacksburg Public Library conference room: Cultural Diversity for Sale.  
Hort Garden Class, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Greenhouse classroom: Annuals and Perennials.  
TA Event, 8 p.m., PAB: “The Climb” (through 4-10).

**Tuesday, 9**  
Faculty Senate, 7 p.m., 32 Pamplin.

### Events

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002**

- Art Gallery Exhibit Opening, Squires Perspective Gallery. (Through 5-2).
- SOTA Workshop, Mountain Lake (Through 4-12).
- CEUT Program, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Hilcress Dining Hall.
- Wednesday, 10  
  - CEUT Program, 3 to 5 p.m., Hilcress Dining Hall.  
  - Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: Symphony Band.
- Thursday, 11  
  - Choices and Challenges, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., DBHCC.  
  - Family, Work/Life Resources Program, noon to 1 p.m., DBHCC conference room G.  
  - CEUT Program, 2:30 to 5 p.m., Hilcress large conference room.  
  - Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: Jazz Orchestra.
- Friday, 12  
  - SOTA Event, Virginia Tech Cave, Torgersen Hall.

### SEMINARS

**Friday, 5**  
Highlands in Chemistry, 11:15 a.m., 3 Davidson: James Steger announces date for Staff Appreciation Day  

President Charles Steger has announced that Staff Appreciation Day will be Wednesday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Rector Field House.

Staff Appreciation Day is Virginia Tech’s way of recognizing classified staff and non-student wage employees for their contributions to the university. It also provides staff members a chance to get together with colleagues around the campus, renew friendships, and strengthen networks. Regrettably, funding is not available to expand the celebration to include families. As in the past, it is intended for employees only.

A flyer will be mailed to employees within the next two weeks to provide additional details on the day’s events. Employees should report to their usual work location before and after the event based upon the employee’s work schedule.

Participants are being sought for 20 teams to show their staff spirit at Staff Appreciation Day. There is a 20-team limit (10 staff members per team), and teams may be comprised of a mixture of men and women, or all men, or all women. Participants should select a team leader (captain) who will submit one form per team. All participating teams must send a representative (team captain) to a team captain’s meeting at 4 p.m. on April 26 at the CommonHealth Office, Contact Robin Conaway, CommonHealth Office (0347) for team-participation forms. The deadline to return forms is 5 p.m., Thursday, April 18.

If more than 20 forms are received, a lottery drawing will be held to determine which teams will participate. All teams submitting a form will be notified on April 19 as to whether their form was drawn.

**CPAP celebrates 25-year anniversary**

By Sarah Newbill

The Center for Public Administration and Policy (CPAP) is celebrating its 25th anniversary this week.

In addition to receptions and conferences, there will be a special bagpipe procession tomorrow as participants wear colorful academic attire and proceed across campus to Owens Hall where they will hold a special Silver Jubilee High Table.

The High Table has been an annual ritualistic way of building cohesiveness for current and former CPAP students and faculty members, following the Oxford academic tradition as participants eat a “Spartan lunch” (bread, cheese, fruit, and wine) and hear a talk given by someone prominent in the field. George Frederickson, distinguished professor of public administration at the University of Kansas, will give this year’s talk.

CPAP offers graduate and doctoral degrees in the theory and practice of public administration, management, and policy. It was established in 1977, and currently serves approximately 250 students in six locations across the state including Blacksburg, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Richmond, and Roanoke. Several programs continue to place in the top 25 nationally, including the graduate program in public affairs (24) and the graduate program in public management/administration (10) ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

For more information, call 5133, or visit web sites: [www.cpap.vt.edu](http://www.cpap.vt.edu) or [www.cpaap.vt.edu/hightable](http://www.cpaap.vt.edu/hightable).

**Matisse to create new virtual art form**

By Sally Harris

French artist Jackie Matisse, creator of kite-like art works, will premiere a new art form when her kites fly in Virginia Tech’s virtual-reality CAVE and take people along for the ride.

Matisse, granddaughter of artist Henri Matisse, and step-daughter of artist Marcel Duchamp, creates teffon or crepe kites, with artistic tails as long as 15 feet, that can soar through the air, ripple through water, or undulate with the air currents in a room. Now people can float along with the kites through the technology of the CAVE during a public workshop Matisse will conduct at Virginia Tech in April, her first workshop in the United States. Students and the public also can help Matisse create new kites while they wait to visit the CAVE. The artist, the students, and the public will be part of a new artistic technology now being explored and researched at Virginia Tech.

Matisse’s public workshop and CAVE experience will be Friday, April 12. A public exhibition of Matisse’s art works, “Art Flying In and Out of Space,” will be in Perspective Art Gallery April 9 through May 2, and there will be a workshop for regional artists and Virginia Tech students at Mountain Lake April 13-14, concluding with a reception April 14.

The Mountain Lake Workshop for artists and students will feature a presentation by Matisse. In addition, top names in the art world, such as Howard Risatti, will give talks. Tom Coffin will lecture on virtual reality’s relation to art.

### BULLETINS

**Monday, 8**  
Electrical, Computer Engineering, 1:30 p.m., 645 Whitetmore: Richard Hrsh, Irene Leach.

**Horticulture, 4 p.m., 409 Saunders: Mary Stanley.

**Thursday, 11**  
Statistics, 3:45 p.m., 409 Hutcheson: Ed Boone.

**CSFS, 4 p.m., 246 Smyth: John M. Galbraith.

**Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 4069 Derrig: Doug Rumble.

**Friday, 12**  
Highlands in Chemistry, 11:15 a.m., 3 Davidson: Michelle Gee, Mellon University.

**Pamplin College of Business, 11:15 a.m., 1045 Pamplin:** Giles Bouquet, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**MCBB, 12:20 to 1:10 p.m., PAB: auditorium:** John Yoder, UC-Davis.

**Geological Sciences, 2:30 p.m., 4069 Derring:** Tomasz K. Baumiller, University of Michigan.

**STS, 3 p.m., 225 Major Williams:** Kurt Smith, Bloomsburg University.

### ‘Food Frights’ forum scheduled

By Sally Harris

Because food is an important part of our culture, concerns about it range from contaminants to the effects of genetically modified content to possible problems with dietary supplements to worries about possible bioterrorism.

“Food Frights,” the 21st Choices and Challenges Forum, will look at these issues Monday, April 11.

“We are a society concerned with food,” said Doris Zallen, director of the forum. “We plan our lives around mealtime. Food is at the center of our celebrations. It’s what we use to comfort ourselves in times of sadness. Yet in the U.S. alone, an estimated 76 million Americans get sick, more than 300,000 are hospitalized, and 5,000 die annually from food-related illnesses.”

“Food Frights” will look at the ethical, environmental, and policy aspects of food safety. The main session at 11 a.m. will feature a panel discussion that will emphasize genetically modified foods.

The keynote address at 8:45 a.m. introduces the nature of food production and distribution, including current technological manipulations such as genetic modification and the ethical, social, and policy issues that are raised. The address will be by Maureen Storey, acting director of the Center for Food and Nutrition Policy at Virginia Tech.

Morning sessions will include a discussion of risk that will introduce the difficulties in calculating risk and in judging risk acceptability with a focus on the use of the “precautionary principle” in making decisions about food and health. There will also be sessions to provide...
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Four full-time food-service positions available.

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Dishwasher/Manager, 002288H, PB 1, RDP.

Ecologist, 007935, PB 4, CMI.

Fiscal Technician, 001451R, PB 3, OSP.

Motor Vehicle Operator B, 001862F, PB 2, Physical Plant.

Office Services Specialist, 007345S, PB 2, ME.

Programmer Analyst, 007940, PB 5, VTTI.

Radiologic Technologist, 005234H, PB 3, VTH.

Sales/Marketing Manager, 004781H, PB 3, RDP.

Service Leader Senior, 002937H, PB 1, RDP.

Systems Architect, 007434Y, PB 6, IAD.

TV/Media Systems Engineer, 000196A, PB 4, VBS.

Web Designer, 007010A, PB 4, BEV.

PART TIME

Animal Care Technician, 0022563M, PB 1, VTH.

Large Animal Husbandry, W022155M, PB 1, VTH.

Medical Informatics Program Support, W025396M, PB 3, CVM.

Program Support Technician, 004570M, PB 2, CSES.

Radiologic Technologist, W022412M, PB 3, VTH.

Telecommunications Field Technician, W023959A, PB 3, CSES.

Veterinary Technician, W023340M, PB 4, VTH.

**OFF CAMPUS**

Laboratory Specialist, 003969S, PB 3, CECE/Occoquan Lab.

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**CLASSIFIED POSITIONS**

The following classified positions are currently available. Position details, current application procedures, and closing dates may be found on Personnel Services web site http://www.ps.vt.edu. Positions are also listed on the Job Line, a 24-hour recorded message service. For information on all job listings, call 1-5300. An EO/AA application deadline is 1 p.m. Monday. 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.

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**Crawford named deputy FDA commissioner**

By Stewart MacInnis

Lester Crawford has been named deputy commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He is the third senior federal official with ties to Virginia Tech to be named to one of the nation’s top positions concerned with food safety issues.

Crawford’s appointment was announced in February by U.S. Thompson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Crawford is the senior official in the 9,000-employee FDA pending the appointment of a commissioner.

A veterinarian by training, Crawford has served as executive director of the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, executive vice president of the National Food Processors Association, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety Inspection Service, and director of the FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine.

The FDA’s mission is to promote and protect public health by helping safe and effective pharmaceuticals reach the market in a timely way, ensuring food is safe, wholesome and properly labeled, and monitoring products for continued safety after they are in use.

The Virginia Tech Center for Food and Nutrition Policy, which Crawford has directed since 1997, is a resource on food and nutritional issues to which policy makers often refer. The center is designated a center of excellence by the United Nation’s Food and Agriculture Organization.

Maureen Storey, who joined the center in 1998, will serve as acting director. The center is based in Alexandria, and uses research, outreach, teaching, and communications to advance rational, science-based food and nutrition policy.

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background on historical, scientific, and environmental issues.

Policy follow-up sessions will include such topics as labeling and tracking, functional foods, international perspectives, and sources of public information. The program will conclude with a panel discussion on food bioterrorism.

The forum is open to the public at no charge. Pre-registration is encouraged, though not required. More information and the registration form can be found at https://www.cde.vt.edu/choices/2002 or call 1-6476.

The forum is a production of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is held in partnership with the colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Human Resources Education; and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences program. The Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy provided a grant for additional support.

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Impact Scholarship from the College of Engineering.

“Mike is the quintessential student,” said ME Professor Charles Reinholtz. “He’s bright, energetic, focused, full of intellectual curiosity and has a commitment to make the world a better place.”

He also is applying through the Truman Foundation for the 2003 Washington Summer Institute, a program of graduate-level seminars, workshops and internships in federal agencies. His goal after earning a graduate degree in public policy is to become involved in developing national policy on technology issues.

**April activities sponsored by CEUT**

Integrating Cultural Diversity into Your Teaching and Advising

Presenters: Members of Integrators’ Faculty Study Group. April 9 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Hillcrest Dining Room.

The most effective teachers and advisors need a heightened understanding of the differences that students bring to the classroom. The Integrators faculty study group has created a guidebook that will assist teachers and advisors.

Designing Class Sessions to Target Learning Styles

Presenter: Sherry Lynch. April 10 from 3 to 5 p.m., Hillcrest large conference room.

Engaging students in group projects provides opportunities for students to apply concepts, engage in active learning and authentic tasks, and produce evidence of what they know and are able to do. Participants will gain information useful in making decisions as they plan future group projects.

Register for all programs at http://www.ceut.vt.edu.

**Spring Commencement information available**

Commencement times, locations, accessibility information, lodging offerings, and weekend activities are all available in the Spring Commencement 2002 brochure that is being mailed to graduates and parents.

The brochure has schedules and details about the university ceremony on May 11 and the graduate ceremony on May 10. The brochure includes a form to use to order tickets for the New Virginians show, make lodging reservations in one of the residence halls, and to order tickets for the Commencement Breakfast at the Depot at Dietrick Dining Center.

The brochure is also available on the Virginia Tech web site at http://www.unirel.vt.edu/vt/Spring02Commence.html. There is additional information about handicapped access and disability accommodations on the web site, which is linked from the “Featured Sites” section of the Virginia Tech home page (http://www.vt.edu). Changes or additional information will be listed on the Commencement information web page.

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cated medical facilities and equipment,” Nessler said. “By focusing on how to produce immunogenic proteins plants, we hope to find ways to stimulate the plants to produce specific proteins that can be used as vaccines.”

By combining plants and protein, it should be possible to efficiently stimulate an immune response in animals. The ultimate objective is a vaccine or medicine that could be directly used to immunize children and adults. Virginia Tech will compare the level of immune protection from nasal and oral delivery.

Cramer’s work focuses on transgenic tobacco, which will be used as the system for bioproduction of complex proteins. Tobacco is ideal for this use because it has been bred to produce a large amount of biomass in a relatively short period of time. In addition, production of tobacco can easily and inexpensively be scaled up to meet demands for the protein.

Walls’ research over recent years has focused on intestinal diseases, which cause many deaths in Third World countries. If inexpensive vaccines could be developed against such diseases in animals and humans, the potential for saving lives would be great.

The work might be able to be used and applied to defend against bioterrorist weapons such as anthrax.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002
Tech undergraduate student hospitalized with meningitis

By Stewart MacInnis

A first-year student at Virginia Tech has been hospitalized at the University of Virginia Medical Center for treatment of meningococcal meningitis.

Rayna DuBose of Columbia, Md., was listed in critical condition at the Charlottesville hospital after being transferred from Montgomery Regional Hospital Tuesday.

No other cases of meningitis have been identified at the university, but university and Montgomery County health officials are seeking others who have had close contact with DuBose during the last two weeks.

Virginia Tech’s Schiffert Health Center, which provides health services to students, is coordinating with the Montgomery County Health Department on the matter. Health officials are seeking people who may be at risk due to prolonged or intimate contact with the student, such as roommates, close friends, and those who shared eating or drinking utensils with the student during the past two weeks.

Schiffert Health Center personnel are counseling and providing antibiotics to students and university personnel in the at-risk category to prevent the spread of the disease. Antibiotics are used to reduce the risk of spreading infection to others in the community by eradicating the carrier state. The antibiotic does not reduce the low risk of actual infection among close contacts who are treated.

People not considered at risk are students who attended classes with DuBose or who had casual, non-prolonged social contact; people in intimate contact with those in the at-risk category, but who did not themselves have close contact with DuBose; and housekeeping or dining-services staff members.

Students are urged to avoid behaviors which lower their immunity, such as inadequate rest, poor diet, smoking, and consumption of alcohol.

DuBose is a center for the woman’s basketball team. Virginia Tech athletic and student health officials have made courtesy notifications to their counterparts at the University of Vermont and the University of Houston, against whom DuBose played in the WNIT Tournament. Any transmission of the disease to an opposing player is considered extremely unlikely.

Eaton receives CSGS award for outstanding contributions

By Julie Kane

John Eaton, former senior associate dean of the Graduate School, received the 2002 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education in the Southern Region at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) meeting in February.

Graduate School acting Dean Joseph Merola said, “Dr. Eaton has been a major contributor to the growth of graduate education at Virginia Tech since joining the Graduate School 13 years ago. His numerous contributions as graduate dean have undoubtedly benefited all aspects of graduate education, particularly in the use of innovative technology.

Eaton’s latest important contribution, the establishment of the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD), has impacted the dissemination of these works at graduate schools world-wide.”

At the CSGS meeting in Baton Rouge, Eaton was cited as a consistent and valuable contributor to graduate education at Virginia Tech and at the regional and national levels through CSGS and CGS (Council of Graduate Schools), serving on many committees, chairing panels, giving invited workshops, and presenting papers. Eaton was recognized as the driving force behind the Electronic Thesis and Dissertation project.

According to CSGS, “John Eaton’s name is nearly synonymous with electronic theses and dissertations. His leadership has transformed the way knowledge is disseminated throughout the scholarly community, not just in the Southern Region, but throughout the United States and much of the rest of the world. He is widely recognized and credited as being the primary promoter of and leading expert in electronic theses and dissertations.”

Joseph Mosley, professor of English at the University of South Florida stated, “Theses and dissertations reflect the heart and soul of graduate education. By helping to increase access to graduate students’ work by contemplating, organizing, and developing the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), John Eaton has radically transformed the landscape of graduate scholarship. Thanks to John’s work with the NDLTD, graduate students can realistically expect to reach millions of readers in the scholarship.”

Since 1992, more than 50 U.S. and 100 world-wide universities have joined the NDLTD to help advance the ETD process. Eaton has personally helped many of these graduate schools with this project.

As a graduate administrator, Eaton served as acting dean of the Graduate School from 1992 to 1993, and became associate provost for graduate studies in 1995. In 1996, he became senior associate dean of the Graduate School, a position he held until he retired in December 2001.

In Other News

InterDigital, Tech collaborate on radio research

InterDigital Communications Corporation, an architect, designer, and provider of advanced wireless technologies and product platforms, has announced the establishment of a research partnership with Virginia Tech, and its Center for Wireless Telecommunications (CWT).

As part of the relationship, InterDigital will sponsor and help guide research on Cognitive Radio Models for Wireless Systems under the direction of Charles Bostian, professor of electrical and computer engineering.

“We are delighted to announce this research project on critical new technologies with Virginia Tech,” said Alan Briancon, executive vice president, chief technology officer of InterDigital, and a member of CWT’s advisory board. “Future wireless systems will require the intelligent use of measurement data to adapt and optimize wireless communications and computing platforms to meet the needs of customers. CWT’s research examines existing models across a number of disciplines to drive cognitive radio architecture, products, and standards.”

“I am thrilled to be working with InterDigital, one of the leading companies developing advanced technology for the wireless industry,” Bostian said. “Intelligent wireless systems that sense and react to their environment will allow mobile customers to put desktop broadband connectivity into a small package to take with them wherever they go. This is the next important step in the progress of wireless technology.”

InterDigital architects, designs, and provides advanced wireless technologies and products that drive voice and data communications. The company offers technology and product solutions for mainstream wireless applications that deliver cost and time-to-market advantages for its customers.

By John F. Lassiter

The Biology Graduate Student Outreach Program is now collaborating with the Virginia Museum of Natural History at Virginia Tech to offer educational-outreach activities through program instruction to area schools on a range of issues related to biology.

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WVTF wins two regional Murrow awards

WVTF has won two regional awards in the Edward R. Murrow contest sponsored each year by the Radio Television News Directors Association, the largest group of its kind in the country.

Both WVTF entries are up for national judging. The station won first place in the documentary category for Sean Tubbs’ series “Virginia’s Experiment with Eugenics” and first place in the feature category for Connie Steven’s story on the Rounoke County twin brothers who go “Dumpster Diving.”

For Murrow contest judging purposes, WVTF is in the region made up of Virginia, Maryland, DC, and Delaware. The last time the station won a national Murrow award was in 1996. Last year WVTF won a national Clarion award for best local newscast.