Ralph Roop to receive university’s 2003 Ruffner Medal

By Meredith Trotter, University Relations intern
In honor of his invaluable service to the Virginia Tech Foundation and to the university, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors has awarded Ralph G. Roop the 2003 William H. Ruffner Medal, the university’s highest honor.

For a number of years, Roop has generously supported the programs of the Virginia Tech Foundation, including University Priorities, Alumni Programs, Athletics, and the establishment of a scholarship and fellowship in the College of Human Resources and Education.

“The Board of Directors of the Virginia Tech Foundation has described him as “an example and inspiration to the entire university community,” President Charles W. Steger said, “and that is why we are pleased to honor Ralph Roop here today with the Ruffner Medal.”

A Tech alumnus, Roop was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and received a B.S. in agricultural economics in 1936. Upon graduation he attended Cornell University and received an M.S. in the same discipline in 1937.

From 1937 to 1966, Roop worked for the Southern States Cooperative and held various positions in Baltimore and Richmond, last serving as director of the Petroleum Division.

The founder of Petroleum Marketers Inc., he served as chairman of the board and CEO of the company from 1954 until his retirement in 1987. He remains on the company’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee and is currently a special consultant. Petroleum Marketers, Inc. is now one of the largest petroleum distributors in the south.

Ralph Roop and his wife Inez Graybeal Roop are both charter members of the Ut Prosim Society and the Legacy Society.
Robert Denton, the W. Thomas Rice chair and director of the Major General W. Thomas Rice Corps of Cadets Center for Leadership Development, received the Michael M. Osborn Teacher-Scholar Award. The award honors members of the Southern States Communication Association whose records of achievements in teaching, scholarship, and service are exceptional. Denton is also the editor of a new book series for Rowan & Littlefield Publishers on Communication, Media, and Politics. The primary focus of the series includes campaign and elections, media, and political institutions.

Michael Olson, hospitality and tourism management professor, has been appointed a member of the International Hotel Investment Council. The 18-member council, comprised of senior professionals including top hotel executives, investment bankers, property advisors, management consultants and equity analysts, provides a forum for discussing issues in investment and the international hotel industry and awards research grants.

Candi Clemenz, hospitality and tourism assistant professor, has been selected as a Club Foundation faculty intern of the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). Clemenz is a member of CMAA, a professional association for the managers of membership clubs. As a faculty intern, Clemenz will attend the association’s annual leadership/legislative conference and orientation in Washington, D.C. in September.

Apparel, housing, and resource management professors Julia Beamish, JoAnn Emmel, and Kathleen Parrott have been selected as the recipients of the 2003 Excellence in Outreach Award in the College of Human Sciences and Education (CHRE). The faculty team is being honored for their outstanding commitment of successfully uniting their expertise in outreach, Extension, instruction and research as related to real-life kitchen design for the public good.

Luann Gaskill, apparel, housing, and resource management, has been selected as the recipient of the 2003 Excellence in Administration Award in CHRE. The award is based on outstanding performance in an administrative role and responsibilities in leadership, management, program planning, and implementation.

Lisa Tucker, interior design assistant professor, has passed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) exam. LEED-accredited professionals are experienced building-industry practitioners who have demonstrated their knowledge of integrated design.

Joe Wheeler, instructor at the Washington-Alexandria Architecture Center, was recognized as one of the 13 award winners of “Inform 2002” for his loft condominium re-design.

Rengin Holt, architecture instructor, has received, “Juror’s Choice” in the Small Works Exhibit of the Maryland Federation of Art for her monoprint entitled “In My Heart.” Holt also won the Town of Blacksburg Civic Beautification award for historic preservation of 801 Draper Road.

Patrick Miller, landscape-architecture professor, served on an international jury to judge a competition for the design of the new King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia. The 10-member jury consisted of landscape architects, planners, and architects from the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and Saudi Arabia. The project will be the most significant construction in Saudi Arabia in the foreseeable future, and is expected to provide leadership for growth and development in the region.

JoAnn Carmin, urban affairs and planning assistant professor, recently co-edited a Woodrow Wilson monograph EU Enlargement and Environmental Quality: Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond based on a conference she helped to organize last spring. Carmin also received the 2002 Best Paper Award from the Organizations and the Natural Environment Interest Group of the Academy of Management, for the paper she co-authored with Deborah B. Balser, entitled “The Interpretive Basis of Action: Identity and Tactics in Environmental Movement Organizations.” Carmin is currently a visiting research scholar at Duke University’s Center for Environmental Solutions.

Frederic J. Baumgartner, history professor, completed his term as president of the American Catholic Historical Association by presiding over the annual meeting in Chicago. At the meeting, David D. Burr, professor emeritus of history, received the John Gilmary Shea Prize for best book in church history and the Howard R. Marraro Prize for best book in Italian history for The Spiritual Franciscans: From Protest to Persecution in the Century after Saint Francis. This was only the second time in 35 years that the association has presented both prizes for the same book.

Hayward Farrar, associate history professor, participated in the 110th-anniversary celebration of the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper. Farrar’s book, The Baltimore Afro-American 1892-1930, depicted the newspaper’s first half century and was part of a historical narrative during the dance section of the program.

William Snizek, sociology professor, is co-editor of a special issue of Scientometrics honoring the late Robert Merton. Scientometrics is an international journal for all quantitative aspects of the science of science, communication in science and science policy.

Bill Spillman, associate professor of physics and director of the Optical Sciences and Engineering Research Center, has had three poems, “The Man Who Wasn’t Here,” “September 11, 2001” and “The Gardens of Madness,” published in the Attack on America section of the Poetry Society of Virginia web site.

Erica E. Estep, coordinator of the Leadership Development for University Unions and Student Activities, became a charter member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)—Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program (MUFP) Alumni Board. The mission of MUFP is to increase the number of minority members involved in student affairs and higher education. Estep coordinated a pre-conference, and was scheduled to make two presentations, “MUFP: Renewing the Spirit of Our Future” and “The Shared Journey: Young Women in Student Affairs and Their Mentors,” at the St. Louis conference.

Stephan Grzeskowiak, marketing Ph.D. student, and marketing faculty members, Jay Lambe and Jim Brown, won the Best Overall Paper Award at the 2003 American Marketing Association Winter Marketing Educators’ Conference for their paper, “Antecedents of Relational Norms in Developing and Mature Relationships.”

Paul E. Torgersen, the John W. Hancock chair in Engineering, has been re-elected to a second, three-year term on the Council (the governing board) of the National Academy of Engineering.

2003 SERVICE-RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

40 Years
Denton R. Dixon, Buford B. Meredith, Judy A. Scott, Frank Sheppard, Robert R. Wilmouth.

35 Years

30 Years

Honored for 40 years of service to the university at recent ceremonies were, from left Denton R. Dixon, Buford B. Meredith, Judy A. Scott, Frank Sheppard, and Robert R. Wilmouth. Pictured third from left is President Charles Steiger, who was present to honor the recipients. (J. McCormick)
New procedures adopted for hiring special research faculty members

By Susan Trulove

A skilled, stable research-faculty workforce is important for a successful research university. As Virginia Tech seeks top-30 status, the realization of the value of such a resource has grown. New procedures that go into effect May 1 offer a simplified process for conducting a search for special research faculty members, while giving research faculty members better information about available employment opportunities.

Special research faculty members are in non-tenure track appointments, regardless of funding source, with one of the following ranks: research associate, research assistant, post-doctoral associate, research scientist, and senior research scientist; and research assistant professor, research associate professor, and research professor. New ranks recently approved by the Board of Visitors are project associate, senior project associate, and project director.

“The number of special research faculty members at Virginia Tech has been growing and is about 475 full-time faculty members,” said Sandra Muse, director of fiscal and administrative affairs in the Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVRP), which is responsible for oversight of personnel matters for special research faculty members.

Associate Provost Pat Hyer said the effort to revamp personnel policies for special research faculty members began about four years ago when then-Provost Peggy Meszaros became concerned about salary adjustments for research-faculty members that had been “unforeseen” over several years, or appeared arbitrary, raising questions about the fair and equitable treatment of employees. At the same time, a federal audit identified anomalies in titles, pay scales, and qualifications of such faculty members when compared to national norms.

“It was clear that a task force was needed to review the whole set of practices and policies related to special research faculty members,” said Hyer. The task force proposed a number of measures to improve personnel policies for special research faculty members. (See NEW on 6)

Vagina Monologues anunciates 2003 award winners

By Jessica Meltsner

The Women’s Center has announced that the recipients of the 2003 Advancing Women Awards are Kristen Benson, Laurye Ward, Muriel Lederman, Ray Plaza, Heather Switzer, and Deborah Morgan. The awards were presented at a reception March 26.

The Advancing Women Awards recognize students to promote the advancement of women and/or address the needs and concerns of women at Virginia Tech. These awards were developed as a way to recognize and honor recipients for their leadership in supporting the mission of the Women’s Center.

Two students at Virginia Tech were among those recognized. Benson, a Ph.D. student in the marriage-and-family-therapy program, was nominated for her leadership in the Graduate Women’s Forum and her outreach and assistance with the production of “The Vagina Monologues,” a play that raised money for Women’s Resource Center.

V-Day raises money for Women’s Resource Center

By Rachel Christensen

The V-Day Initiative, in conjunction with the Women’s Center, the Department of Theatre Arts, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Women’s Studies Program at Virginia Tech, produced the Obie Award-winning play, “The Vagina Monologues” again in 2003.

In February, a cast of women performed to three sold-out audiences, as part of the international V-Day campaign to end violence against women. V-Day is an international event that sponsors benefit productions of “The Vagina Monologues” worldwide with a mission to stop violence against women and girls.

The production of 21 cast members, directed by Susanna Rinehart, associate professor of theatre arts, was produced by over 25 members of the V-Day Initiative, a student organization at Virginia Tech, and viewed by over 1,500 students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The V-Day production raised over $12,000, which was donated to the Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley and the national V-Day spotlight Afghanistan is Everywhere: A Spotlight on Native Americans and First Nations Women.

For more information on V-Day, visit http://www.vday.org/

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Family-heritage seminar offered

A seminar being presented by the Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF) Wednesday, May 7, at the Blacksburg Public Library Community Room will help enable those interested in finding out about their Irish or Scotch-Irish family heritage to do research. The seminar is sponsored in part by the Digital Library and Archives at Virginia Tech.

The UHF has been touring the United States since 1979 not only to present information on how to trace one’s ancestry to Ireland, especially Northern Ireland, but also to do a search using its computerized archive of Irish genealogical records.

In addition to the presentations, UHF staff members will offer one-to-one consultations before or after each meeting. A consultation includes a preliminary search plus a written assessment on the feasibility of detailed research for a given family line.

The seminar begins at 9 a.m., ends at 4 p.m., and includes a lunch break. A registration fee of $20 is payable to Historic Smithfield. An additional fee of $32, also payable to Historic Smithfield, is required if the UHF is to perform a specialized search. Send checks with name, address, number attending, and number of specific family searches with surname to: Historic Smithfield, Attn: Terry Nicholson, 1000 Smithfield Plantation Road, Blacksburg VA 24060. Registration is due by April 25 to ensure seating. For more information contact Terry Nicholson at 1-3947, or smfa@vt.edu.

Pre-retirement program scheduled

By Douglas D. Martin, senior human-resources manager

All university faculty and staff members and other interested individuals are invited to attend a University Pre-Retirement Program on April 30 or May 1, to be held at the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center auditorium.

Retirement planning should be an integral part of the overall personal planning process and the program will provide details regarding some of the important components of retirement. In many cases, retirement planning is a family decision, so spouses or other family members are welcomed.

Each day’s program begins at 8:30 a.m. with a welcome presentation and continues until a lunch break at noon. Sessions then resume at 1:15 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include Social Security, CommonHealth, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, estates, wills, and trusts; the Virginia Retirement System, health-care benefits at retirement, and the Virginia Tech Retiree Association.

Employees are not expected to attend each session, but may feel free to attend those specific programs that may be of interest. Note that programs vary on each day to help address the different faculty and staff work schedules. Pre-registration for these programs is not necessary.

For information, contact Carolyn Pratt at 1-7776 or e-mail cpratt@vt.edu.

Students receive Torgersen awards

By Liz Crumbley

Six engineering students from a field of 49 candidates recently received 2002 Paul E. Torgersen Graduate Student Research Excellence awards. The awards were established in 1990 by the College of Engineering Graduate Student Committee in honor of Torgersen, former dean of the college and president of Virginia Tech.

Three master’s degree candidates received awards. Joseph Cornwell, a student in mechanical engineering (ME) under the advisement of Assistant Professor Stefan Duma, won first place in this category for his paper, “Injury Risk Assessment of a Deploying Pelvic Restraint Cushion.”

Second place in the M.S. category went to civil-and-environmental engineering (CEE) student Chul Park, an advisee of Professor John Novak, for “The Effect of Wastewater Cations on Activated Sludge Characteristics and Di- gestion.” Curt Kothera of ME, advised by Associate Professor Don Leo, won third place for "Micro-Manipulation of Ionic Polymer Actuators.”

Matthew Guzy of chemical engineering, an advisee of Associate Professor Richey Davis and Assistant Professor Kevin Van Cott, received the first-place award among Ph.D. candidates for “Layer-by-Layer Deposition and Ordering of Low Molecular Weight Dye Molecules for Second Order Nonlinear Optics.”

The second place award in the Ph.D. category went to Christopher Wieczerok of mining and mineral engineering (MInE), the advisee of ME Associate Professor Uri Vandsburger, for “Carbon Monoxide Generation and Transport from Compartment Fires.” Yihai Zhang of electrical and computer engineering, an advisee of Professor Anbo Wang, won third place for “Novel Optical Sensors for High Temperature Measurement in Harsh Environments.”

Forty-nine papers were submitted to the competition by graduate students from throughout the college. Award winners were selected by a panel of six judges: Christopher Barbee, a Ph.D. candidate in MInE; Mohammad Elahinia, Ph.D. candidate in ME; Todd Heil, Ph.D. candidate in materials science and engineering (MSE); Jocelyn Muller, Ph.D. candidate in CEE; Professor Ray Piault of CEE; and Professor Bill Reynolds of MSE.

The winners, who received a total of $2,050 in cash awards, presented their papers to colleagues on April 2.

Watford chosen WEPAN president-elect

By Liz Crumbley

Bevlee Watford, associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Engineering, has been elected president-elect of the Women in Engineering Programs and Advocates Network (WEPAN).

A non-profit educational organization founded in 1990, WEPAN has a membership of more than 600 and is led by a board of directors from academia and industry. The organization’s mission is to enhance the success of women in the engineering profession. Watford will begin her term as president in July, 2004.

Watford’s leadership has been recognized with numerous honors, including Virginia Tech’s Affirmative Action Award for improving the campus environment for minority and women students; the Charles A. Tunstall Outstanding Minority Engineering Program Award from the National Society for Black Engineers for her significant contributions to the success of African-American students at Virginia Tech; and the national 2002 Black Engineer of the Year Award/College Level Educator, presented by the Council of Engineering Deans of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Lockheed Martin Corp., and USBE and Information Technology magazine.
Pioneering work helped integrate computers into our lives

By Susan Trulove

Successful interaction between a human and a computer doesn’t happen when a computer does what a programmer wants, but when a computer has been programmed to do what a user wants.

To help his computer science students “get it,” John Carroll has them watch people try to use the students’ software. Such approaches have resulted in increasingly user-friendly computers. For his contributions to the study of computer-human interaction (CHI), the Association for Computing Machinery’s CHI special-interest group presented Carroll with the CHI Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual conference in April.

The award recognizes “a lifetime of innovation and leadership including cumulative contributions to the field, influence on the work of others, and development of new research directions.” Carroll is the fifth recipient of the award.

Carroll, a professor of computer science, psychology, and education, and founding director of the Center for Human Computer Interaction at Virginia Tech, said he “fell into” the field of CHI. When he graduated from Columbia in 1976 with a Ph.D. in psychology, he took a post-doctoral position at the IBM Thomas Watson Research Center and stayed 18 years.

Carroll’s post-doctoral assignment was to study the problems of professional programmers and software designers. “The opportunity to study problem solving in this complex, open-ended domain was eye-opening and refreshing,” he said. “We had to create new methods and discover research goals.”

As the Watson group grew from three to 30 people, Carroll became a pioneer in the transition from programming based on technology constraints to software development based on user experiences and activity. It was a paradigm change. Programming was transformed from “functional specification”—listing functions and then writing code to achieve the functions—to “scenario-based design.”

“It was the end of the mainframe era, although no one knew it,” Carroll said. “In the mainframe world, full-time technicians were on hand to run the machines. Now personal computers are in our homes, our cars, as well as our work places. It has to make sense. It has to be transparent. An important representation became a narrative description of use. A use scenario could be created even before anything was built. It puts the emphasis on human interactions with technology.”

Carroll, who was the founding manager of IBM’s User Interface Institute, developed the concepts of usability specification and user-interface metaphor, and originated the minimalist model of information design. His work on scenario-based design has had impacts beyond CHI in design studies, requirements engineering, human factors, and home-oriented informatics.

The next strategy for making computers useful in human creativity was “participatory design.”

“Forty years ago I told my wife in the 1970s that retirees and children should have direct input in software design. I would have laughed,” Carroll said. By the time he joined Virginia Tech’s faculty in 1994, participatory design had reached the United States. “It came out of Scandinavia. I heard about it at an international conference at the end of the 1980s. When I came to Virginia Tech, I wanted to change my technical direction. The Blacksburg Electronic Village (BEV) was a major initiative to put the town that surrounded the university on line. I decided to work on community computing and computing in the public schools. That would absolutely require participatory design.”

By the early 1990s most participatory design projects lasted six months, at most, Carroll undertook a long-term study, working with five Montgomery County teachers for six years. “I was able to look at the way participatory design develops and the consequences,” he said. “You have to worry about trust, respect, and bridging communities. Participation is not a simple matter of inviting people to participate. You can’t have respect just because you want it.”

Carroll’s participatory design work continues through the Center for Human Computer Interaction. His research on networking tools for collaborative learning activities is supported by the National Science Foundation, the Office of Naval Research, and the Hitachi Foundation.

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Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute of Johns Hopkins College of Eye Surgeons.

Gills is the founder and director of St. Luke’s Cataract and Laser Institute in Florida, the country’s largest free-standing ambulatory surgery and eye care center. He regularly works with organizations such as the Christian Blind Missions International and the Christian Medical Foundation.

Gills received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Virginia Tech in 1955 and his medical degree from Duke University Medical School. He completed his residency at Johns Hopkins and then served as assistant professor of ophthalmology at Duke from 1965 to 1968.

In 1968, Gills moved to Florida to open his first clinic and began his work with intraocular lens implants and refinements of incision techniques.

Gills has written over 120 medical reference journal articles and eight books. Several of his books have been recognized as best sellers by the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Gills has been recognized with business as well as medical awards. He was recognized by the state of Florida in 1990 as Entrepreneur of the Year, and was the recipient of the 1995 Tampa Bay Ethics Award. In the medical field, he was named one of the Best Ophthalmologists in America in 1996.
WINNERS
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Two Outstanding Dissertation Awards were given this year because of the arts-science di-
chotomy. Stephen C. Poulson won for his dis-
sertation, “Confronting the West: Social Move-
ment Frames in 20th Century Iran.” He finished his Ph.D. in sociology in the fall of 2002. In the
same category, the Via Department of Civil and
Construction Engineering awarded the Janice Mc-
donovan Dissertation Award to Warren Kenneth Vaneman, who graduated with a Ph.D. in industrial and systems

The new search procedures also bring the
advantages of being less time-consuming, more cost-effective, and more flexible. Although the search
process may take longer, the quality of candidates
sought and the overall efficiency of the process will
likely be improved. Ultimately, the goal is to find
the best possible candidate for each position,
regardless of the search duration.

Vecello professor of construction engineering, management announced

By Karen Gilbert
Jesús M. de la Garza, professor of civil and environmental engineering, is the first re-
cipient of the Vecello Professorship of Con-
struction Engineering and Management. He is
nationally and internationally known for his research and scholarly works related to project
cost control and the use of information technology in construction management.

In 2001, members of the Vecello family
established $1 million to the College of Engineer-
ing to endow the Vecello Professorship of Con-
struction Engineering and Management. The gift established the position of Vecello Professor-
ship in Construction Engineering Management
within the Via Department of Civil and

Environmental Engineering (CEE). This en-
dowment also provides funds (IRC) for graduate
scholarships, graduate fellowships and an annual distinguished lecture series.

In 1988, de la Garza joined the CEE depart-
ment after receiving his Ph.D. from the Univer-
sity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since
then, he has procured nearly $4.5 million in extramural research funding to study a variety of
construction-related topics, many linked to high-
way construction and infrastructure rehabilita-
 tion issues. He has also advised nearly 35 gradu-
atutes and written over 100 refereed articles.

In 1998, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) student chapter honored de
la Garza with the Faculty of the Year Award for the ASCE Best Paper Award from the Technical Council on Computer Prac-
tices for the Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering. In 1992, he received ASCE’s
highest honor, the Special Research Faculty Award, for his contributions to the field of
management of highway-infrastructure assets, and design-construction integration. Some of the major
organizations he has conducted research for
include the National Science Foundation, the
Virginia Department of Transportation, the
Swedish National Road Administration and the
Construction Industry Institute. He has authored or co-authored over 80 publications about his research.

A fellow of the Vecello family members are graduates of Virginia Tech, beginning with the late Leo Vecello Sr. He was a 1938 civil engineering graduate who became president and chief executive officer of Vecello &
Gregan, a construction firm.

For their contributions to governance and the general welfare of graduate students, four students were recognized for their membership in Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They include Ian Van Aardt, Kasey Martin, Melissa Huhn, and
Marleen Van Aardt.

Graduate Education Week was organized by Graduate Student Services with the assist-
ance of the Graduate Student Senate, the Graduate Student Association, and the Office of Career Services.

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sonnel policies and practices for special re-
search faculty members, many of which have
already been enacted, including required an
ual performance evaluations, better job de-
scriptions, and a common cycle for consider-
ation of merit adjustments. The task force also
recommended that a search be conducted for all
research-faculty appointments lasting six
months or longer. This policy change will go
into effect May 1. A team is meeting with
administrators and principal investigators in-
volved in research oversight to inform them of the change.

The new policy also allows multi-
year restricted appointments where funding extends over several years.

The search for multi-year and advertisement of positions will mean a more stable workforce as people are allowed to see themselves as having a career here. Once a job is finished, other jobs will be available. Position details, specific application
procedures, and expected closing dates may be found on Personnel Services web site http://www.provost.vt.edu/positions is 1 p.m. Monday. An EO/AA employer
disabilities desiring assistance or accommoda-
tion in the application process should call by the
due date for advertised positions, which is 3 p.m. Monday. An EO/AA employer

Through the support of the award recipi-
ents and the support of others in the university
community, the Women’s Center is better able to advance its mission to promote a Virginia Tech community that is safe, equitable, and supportive for women and that celebrates their experiences, achievements, and diversity.

The following classified positions are currently available. Position details, specific application
procedures, and position-closing dates may be found on Personnel Services web site http://www.pvs.vt.edu. Positions are also listed in the Job Line, a 24-hour recorded message service.

For information on all job listings, call 1-5300. Some positions include state benefits. Positions with numbers beginning with “W” are hourly and do not include state benefits. Individuals with disabilities desiring assistance or accommodation in the application process should call by the application deadline. Closing date for advertised positions is 3 p.m. Monday. An EO/AA employer

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Office. Administrative/Financial Services Associate, 007981Y, PB 4, IRED.
Assessor/Director of Culinary Services, 002947H, PB 5, RDP.

Byms Owner, 001882F, PB 4, Purchasing.
Cse/Surgery Technician, 002647M, PB 2, VTH.
Development Associate, 0078805, PB 3, Uni-
versity Development.
Director of Construction Services, 008082F, PB 6, CDC.
Electronics, 001691F, PB 3, Physical Plant.
Field/Laboratory Research Technician, 008016E, PB 3, Biology.
Housekeeping Worker, 007293Y, PB 1, CDM.
Housekeeping Worker, P002090S, PB 1, Physical
Plant.
Industrial Hygiene Technician, 008082F, PB 3, CDC.
Powerline Worker, 006524F, PB 3, Facilities.
Programming/Resource Staff Director, 008079F, PB 5, University Ar-
chitect.
Receptionist, 002692Y, PB 2, Information Tech-
ology.
Sous Chef, 002948H, PB 3, RDP.
Storage Facility/Circulation/Reserve Asst., 000489G, PB 2, LRC.
Unit Manager, 007961H, PB 5, RDP.

PART TIME
Field Technician Assistant (Telecommunica-
tions), W02203A, PB 2, CNS.
Lab Assistant, W02355M, PB 3, HNEF.
Radiologic Technologist, W02223M, PB 3, Schifft Center.
Small Animal Veterinary Technician, W020101M, PB 4, VTH.
Starbar Charger/Shop Attendant, W022113J, PB 1, Golf Clubhouse.

OTHERS ONLY
Coordinator, Marketing/Special E-iniatives, PB 3, American Institute of Steel Con-
struction.
Manager of General Accounting, U008048F, PB 5, Controller’s Office.

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Nursing Shift Supervisor, 002996M, PB 2, EMC.
URGENT, Administrative Assistant, 008077M, PB 3, VCE—Fairfax County.
Wildlife Worker, 006643B, PB 2, Wildlife.

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tentation/Parent Programs. Contact: Tom Brown, 00502, Dean of Students Office (0255).
Virginia Tech University Libraries, Special Collections Librarian, Contact: Cathy Pillow (0901).
Virginia Tech Athletic Department, Adminis-
trative Assistant (Co-Head Basketball). Contact: Pamela Linkous (0502).
Virginia Tech Athletic Department, Assistant
Football (Assistant Coach) (First Assistant). Women’s Basketball. Contact: Pamela Linkous (0502).
Virginia Tech Athletic Department, Director of
Student Life. Contact: Pamela Linkous (0502).
Tidewater Agricultural Research/Extension Center (TAREC), Assistant Professor/Extens-
ion Cotton and Peanut Specialist. Contact: Fred Shokes, 6321 Holland Road, Suffolk, VA.
Board appoints two CNR professors to professorships


25 Years


15 Years


RECIPIENTS

of the most active and visible natural-resources faculty of the College of Natural Resources. Orth and Kamke are on the Orth developed a capstone course in the fisheries-science option, a writing-intensive course that contains a magazine project. He also developed a new course for sophomores on career and life planning and a continuing-education course called Computer Methods for Fish Stock.

Orth was awarded the Certificate of Teaching Excellence in 1999 and Virginia Tech’s Outstanding Faculty Award in 1998. “His many professional accomplishments at Virginia Tech have culminated in being named the Thomas H. Jones professor,” said Greg Brown, dean of the college.

“We are also pleased to have Frederick Kamke, a member of the Department of Wood Science and Forest Products since 1984, receive the Brooks professorship,” Brown said. Kamke was elected president of the Society of Wood Science and Technology in 1997, and elected to the International Academy of Wood Science in 2001. Kamke’s research focuses on the heat and mass transfer in wood and wood-based products, with emphasis on adhesion science and the manufacture and performance of wood-based composite materials.

Kamke is the president and current director of the Wood-Based Composites Center, an industry consortium that works with Virginia Tech and three other universities to promote research and teaching to serve the wood-based composites industry. In 2002, he became a founding director of the Sustainable Engineered Materials Institute, a multi-departmental center linking forest-management practices with the development of composite materials from natural fibers.
Dooley named outreach, international affairs vice provost

By Clara B. Cox

John E. Dooley, associate provost for university outreach, has been named vice provost for outreach and international affairs to fill the position that will be vacated on June 1 when C. Clark Jones retires.

"The wealth of experience in extension and outreach that John brings to the position will be highly advantageous, not just to the university, but also to the many constituencies served by University Outreach and International Affairs (UOIA). His record of leadership and service are assets that will serve UOIA and the university well," Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark McNamee said in making the announcement.

In his current position, which reports to Jones, Dooley provides administrative leadership to the university’s outreach programs, including continuing education, public-service programs, economic initiatives, marketing research, and service learning and oversees Tech’s four Commonwealth Campus Centers in Abingdon, Richmond, Roanoke, and Tidewater; the Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement; and the Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center. He has worked closely with the development of the new hotel and conference center that is being constructed on the Blacksburg campus; chairs the Southside Implementation Team, which coordinates Tech’s activities in Southside, and serves as program liaison between outreach and the Virginia Cooperative Extension for strategic program development.

In his new position, he will oversee the same programs as well as the Office for International Research, Education, and Development and the Center for European Studies and Architecture in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland. He will also serve as a university liaison to the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center Commission and will work to strengthen the university’s overall extension efforts in partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension. "The elevation of our broad array of international programs to the vice-provost level creates a wonderful opportunity for the programs to benefit from Dooley’s great leadership skills and vision," McNamee said.

"I am honored to have been selected to lead the university’s outreach and international program efforts and look forward to working with our faculty, staff, students, and administration in fulfilling our mission as a land-grant university by connecting our great wealth of knowledge for the social and economic well being of people around the globe," Dooley said.

Dooley has worked for Virginia Tech since 1982, when he joined Extension as director of the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, a position he held for eight years. Since then, he has been the executive director of the Virginia 4-H Foundation, Extension specialist, interim assistant to the Extension director, associate director of 4-H Extension’s Family and Consumer Sciences, and assistant dean of the College of Human Resources and Education.

He holds Ph.D. and master’s degrees in higher-education administration from Virginia Tech and a B.A. in elementary education from Alderson-Broaddus College.

Dooley has served on numerous committees, initiatives, and teams, often serving in leadership roles. He currently chairs the Virginia Tech Science, Technology, Engineering, and mathematics K-12 initiative and the Virginia Tech Southside Virginia Economic Transformation Implementation Team and is an administrative leader for the Virginia Tech Alumni, Hotel, and Conference Center project. Two years ago, he chaired the Governor’s Conference on Human Genomics, the Family, and the Law.