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Floyd-Thomas, Goff, Boisen selected 2001 Diggs Teaching Scholars

By Sally Harris

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, assistant professor of religious studies in the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Richard Goff, associate professor of engineering fundamentals, and Monte Boisen, professor of mathematics, are the newly selected 2001 Diggs Teaching Scholars.

The Diggs Program was begun in 1992 to recognize and foster excellence, imagination, and innovation in linking scholarship and teaching. Each recipient is presented with a plaque, and a cash award goes to both the recipient and the nominating department.

Floyd-Thomas joined the faculty of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in 1998. Since then, she has been appointed

coordinator for the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Interdisciplinary Task Force. She has received CEUT summer faculty and globalizing initiatives grants and an SPIRES grant, under which she has collaborated to establish an interdisciplinary study-abroad opportunity at the University of Cheik Anta Diop in Senegal.

Goff is the recipient of three Certificates of Teaching Excellence and the Sporn Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Engineering Subjects. He is the director of the Frith Freshman Engineering Design Laboratory. Working with colleagues, he has received a CEUT Summer Faculty Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Design as well as three SUCCEED grants for Hands-On Laboratory, Early Design, and Curriculum Renewal. Goff has also collaborated with Mitzi Vernon, professor in the Industrial Design

Program in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, in creating mixed groups of students from the two colleges that design and build robotic creations.

Boisen, who has taught mathematics at Virginia Tech for 31 years, has received four Certificates of Teaching Excellence, the Wine Award, the Arts and Sciences Diversity Award, and the Xcaliber Award, among many others. As mathematics departmental coordinator for minority recruitment and affairs, he founded the Association of African-American Mathematicians at Virginia Tech, an organization that engages in a variety of efforts to recruit and retain minority students. He has taken a leadership role in transforming the Math Emporium so that it places the student in

the center—not the machines, not the material.

In fall 2001, the new Diggs teaching scholars will lead a discussion focused on their recent work. Floyd-Thomas will discuss the raising of ethical issues for the goal of social justice in the classroom in a manner that encourages students to examine difficult and personally challenging material. Goff will present his vision of "Hands-On Collaborative Learning" as an approach to engineering fundamentals, which better serves a diverse student population. Boisen will discuss the essential role of care, concern, and respect in the manner in which teachers interact with women and minority students and apply technology to support learning.

Tech tempts top students with scholarships

By Clara B. Cox

In a move to attract some of the nation's top high-school students, Virginia Tech has established six Alumni Presidential Scholarships that will provide each recipient with most of their college expenses.

"There are no other scholarships this large that are open on a university-wide basis right now," said Barry Simmons, director of scholarships and financial aid.

Tech will award the first scholarships—three to in-state students and three to out-of-state students—for the fall 2001 semester. Virginia recipients will receive \$7,000 each and out-of-state recipients, \$14,000 each. The scholarships, which are merit-based only, are renewable for those recipients making progress toward an honors degree.

At the height of the program, as many as 24 students will receive the funding. Current plans call for the scholarships to be awarded for at least four consecutive years.

According to Jack Dudley, director of University Honors, the scholarship winners will be selected from the pool of students applying to University Honors. Approximately 1,600 students currently participate in the program, with 104 of them living in Hillcrest Hall; next year, they will comprise the Hillcrest Community. Applications to University Honors are mailed to qualified students in mid-February.

"The world-class students we attract will, by their very presence here, make a statement about the quality of the institution. As we increase the number of these students on campus, we can anticipate more Rhodes, Marshall, and Truman scholars within our student body," Dudley said.

According to Simmons, the university will bring 16-18 Alumni Presidential finalists to campus on April 6-7. The first day, he

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**CUTCHINS
SPEAKER**
Former Secretary
of Defense William
Cohen was on
campus last week
to discuss
international
challenges facing
the United States.
(J. McCormick)

Holocaust Awareness Week observance set

By Clara B. Cox

From the reading of victims' names to recollections of Holocaust survivors, events during Virginia Tech's Holocaust Awareness Week, April 9-14, will draw attention to the suffering of millions of Jews in the late 1930s and early to mid 1940s. The events, which will be held on the university campus, are open to the public.

"Holocaust Awareness Week is an opportunity for the local community to remember the atrocities that were inflicted upon

(See *HOLOCAUST* on 4)

Student volunteers aid Wythe County man

By Heather Hubbell

AppalCorps volunteers recently donated their time and energy to helping Wythe County resident Coolidge Winesett, 76, rebuild his life after he fell through the rotted floor of his outhouse last August.

For five years the Virginia Tech student volunteers who compose AppalCorps have dedicated their time and effort to helping residents in the New River Valley and surrounding communities rebuild and beautify their homes and neighborhoods. AppalCorps was established as a service-learning project as part of a course focusing on Appalachian communities. Since then, the work of AppalCorps has focused on assisting community projects in rural Appalachia by working with community groups and local residents who are striving to improve the quality of life in their community.

Winesett's story made national headlines and brought attention to his plight. He had been living in a house that was over 100 years old and had no indoor plumbing. Winesett qualified for grants that would pay for plumbing for his

house, but these grants required that the houses served meet building codes. When it became apparent that his dilapidated house had to be demolished so that a new house could be built, AppalCorps found an opportunity to assist his family and friends in the small community of Ivanhoe in the process of building Winesett a new house.

In November, Virginia Tech students through the AppalCorps program spent a day at Winesett's old house and moved all his possessions into a local storage locker. Following the workday, the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Program, an organization based in Roanoke, provided funds to begin construction of a new four-room house for Winesett, complete with indoor plumbing and other conveniences to assist Winesett, who was partially disabled by a stroke in 1984.

When the house was completed in late February, several more volunteers from AppalCorps transported all of Winesett's possessions from the storage locker to his new house. Last week, students in service-learning

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Input Sought on Intellectual Properties Policy

By Jeanne M. Garon

Virginia Tech's University Council is seeking faculty and staff input into proposed changes to Policy 13000, the university's intellectual-properties policy, according to interim Provost James R. Bohland.

The university has created a web site, <http://www.rgs.vt.edu/opd/ipqa1.htm>, to facilitate university-wide dialogue on the proposed changes. The site contains the current and proposed intellectual-property policies, a slide presentation on the policies, a schedule of campus open meetings at which faculty and staff input is encouraged, a posting of frequently asked questions and their answers, and an e-mail address (ipinput@vt.edu) where faculty and staff members may submit questions or comments.

"I encourage all faculty and staff members to avail themselves of the opportunity to help guide this important process," Bohland said. Comments must be submitted before the final 2000-2001 University Council meeting on May 7.

ACTIVITIES

EVENTS

Friday, 30

Salary and Wage Paydate.
Stroubles Creek Watershed Forum, 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., DBHCC room A: Call 1-5624 to register.
Clothesline Project Display, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Women's Center Lawn: 1-8041 for information.
Clothesline Project Workshop, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Women's Center: 1-8041 for information.
International Club Coffee Hour, 5 p.m., Cranwell Center: Edward H. Sewell.
Student Recital, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Jessica Green, Tula Pisano.
Women's Month Film, 8:30 p.m., 150 Squires: *kalin's prayer*.

Saturday, 31

Women's Month Run, 10 a.m., 1715 Pratt Drive: dianna.benton@vt.edu or slowell@vt.edu for information.
Women's Month Event, 2 p.m., Henderson Lawn: Call 951-8639 for information.
Student Recital, 5 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Chris Zavadowski.
Student Recital, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Nikole Giraldi.

APRIL

Sunday, 1

Gay Awareness Week Begins (Through 1-7): Call 1-7975 for information.
YMCA Hike, 1:30 p.m., Lancaster House parking lot.
Student Recital, 3 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: David Day, David Ball.

Monday, 2

University Council, 3-5 p.m., 1045 Pamplin.
Mathematics Speaker, 4 p.m., 455 McBryde: Margaret Murray.
Reading, Book Signing, 7 p.m., Volume Two: Margaret Murray.

Women's Month Event, 7-9 p.m., 154 Squires: Jan Meehan, Nicky Wolf, Blue Ridge Massage and Yoga Scholl.

University Chamber Music, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Ensemble Concert.

Tuesday, 3

Women's Month Speaker, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 100 Hancock: Kathryn Cordell Thornton, UVA.

Wednesday, 4

Bloodmobile, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., VMRCVM.
Southern Culture Conference, 1 p.m., DBHCC room E: athena.english.vt.edu/ for information.
Sexual Assault Summit, 6-8 p.m., Owens Banquet Room: Call 1-3787 to register.
"With Good Reason," 7 p.m., WVTF: "New Thinking on Parkinson's Disease."

Thursday, 5

Gallery Opening, Armory Gallery: Wayne Fitzgerald (Through 4-27).
Family/Work/Life Resources Program, noon-1 p.m., location TBA.
YMCA Slide Show, noon, Cranwell Center: Rob Speiden.
Guest Lecture, 2-3:15 p.m., Owens Banquet Hall: Anne Petera, Commonwealth of Virginia.
CEUT, 2:30-5 p.m., DBHCC: Register at www.ceut.vt.edu.
Women's Month Closing Reception, 4-6 p.m., DBHCC East Commonwealth Room.

Friday, 6

International Week Begins (Through 4-14).
Stepping Conference (Through 4-6), DBHCC: www.cis.vt.edu/humanities/conf_step/index.html for information.
Einstein's Dreams Discussion, 4-5 p.m., Cranwell Center: 1-2375 for information.
International Club Coffee Hour, 5 p.m., Cranwell Center: Bryce L. Geyer.
International Week Presentation, 7-9 p.m., Squires Haymarket Theatre: African Student Association.

SEMINARS

Friday, 30

Highlands in Chemistry, 11:15 a.m., 3 Davidson: David M. Hercules, Vanderbilt.
MCBB, 12:20-1:10 p.m., 102 Fralin: Natalie Ahn, University of Colorado.
FST, 1:25-2:15 p.m. 132 Food Science/Technology Building: Tatiana Lorca, Brian Yaun, Fletch Arritt.
STS, 3:30 p.m., 1020 Torgersen: Alondra Nelson, NYU.
Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 4052 Derring: Peter Wilf, University of Michigan.

APRIL

Monday, 2

Horticulture, 4 p.m., 409 Saunders: Bill Clapham, USDA-ARS.
ESM/AOE, 4 p.m., 136 Norris: Alicia Kim, University of Warwick, UK.

Wednesday, 4

Water Science, 12:15-1:15 p.m., 108 Seitz: Jim Pease.

Thursday, 5

Horticulture, noon, Squires Brush Mountain room A: Duncan Porter.
STS, noon-1:30, Squires Cardinal Room: Daniel Breslau.
Plant Physiology, 4 p.m., 409 Saunders: Steven Cessna, Eastern Mennonite University.
CSES, 4 p.m., 246 Smyth: Jodie Clarke.
Geological Sciences, 4 p.m., 4069 Derring: Stuart Rojstaczer, Duke University.

Friday, 6

Highlands in Chemistry, 11:15 a.m., 3 Davidson: William Gerwick, Oregon State.
FST, 12:20-1:10 p.m. 132 Food Science/Technology Building: Wes Schilling, Mark Tolbert, Brent Quinn.

BULLETINS

Public hearing on BT service cuts announced

There will be a public hearing to discuss service reductions to several Blacksburg Transit routes on April 9 in 236 Squires from 5-6:30 p.m. Faculty and staff members and students can make recommendations for reductions and/or cancellations of bus routes. The possibility of service cuts is the result of a projected shortfall in funding for the next fiscal year. For information, contact Debby Freed at 1-1737 or dfreed@vt.edu.

Astronaut to discuss space flight

Kathryn Cordell Thornton, physicist and former NASA astronaut, will present "Space Flight from a Human Perspective" on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in 100 Hancock. Thornton was on the team that fixed the Hubble Space Telescope and has logged over 975 hours in space. She is a professor at the

University of Virginia. This presentation is sponsored by several organizations in celebration of Women's Month, Math Awareness Month, and National Science and Technology Week. For information, contact Toby Horn at 1-2692 or tmhorn@vt.edu.

Graduate Education Week presentation held today

A docu-drama entitled "Schooling, Segregation, and Society: A Collaborative Collection of Oral Histories from the Christiansburg Institute" will be held today from 4-6 p.m. in Squires Brush Mountain Room A. Recently reopened, the Christiansburg Institute (CI) was founded in 1866 for the education of African Americans. It remained open for 100 years, expanding to include an industrial education department under the supervision of Booker T. Washington. Oral histories focusing on schooling and life experiences during periods of segregation and

desegregation were documented for the CI archives. The docu-drama results from an inquiry conducted by doctoral students from a variety of disciplines in a graduate-research class and is part of Graduate Education Week.

DMV customer service center to be on campus

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Mobile Customer Service Center will be on campus on April 4 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in the stadium parking lot at the south end of Lane Stadium. The center can provide the following services: license-information changes; vehicle registration and title; written test and renewals for CDL license; duplicate licenses; photo I.D. cards; driver transcripts; disabled-parking permits; applications for voter registration.

College celebrates Wright's visit

Faculty and staff members and alumni of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies will participate in the festivities to honor internationally renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who visited the campus in 1951.

Key events will be held on Thursday, April 5. At 2:15 p.m., Wright's grandson, Eric Lloyd Wright, will give a lecture in Hancock Hall on "Frank Lloyd Wright and Organic Architecture," followed by a reception in Cowgill Hall, where female architect Lois Gottlieb's photographic exhibit "A Way of Life: An Apprenticeship with Frank Lloyd Wright, 1948-49," will be on display. Gottlieb will also be on hand that day for a book signing of her

new book about the apprenticeship and participate with Wright in the evening program led by 1950s alumni who will reminisce and share their stories and anecdotes about bringing Frank Lloyd Wright to campus 50 years ago. This event will be held in Hancock Hall at 7 p.m. with opening remarks by President Charles Steger.

Frank Lloyd Wright spoke to a packed Burruss Hall on May 8, 1951. The effort was headed then by G. Truman Ward, along with James O. Dixon, Richard Craigue and Henry Shriver, who formed the Architectural Speakers Committee to bring Wright to campus. Wright

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Soniat to read from *Alluvial*

By Sally Harris

Associate Professor of English Katherine Soniat will read from her fourth collection of poems, *Alluvial*, April 11 at Virginia Tech's Volume Two at 7 p.m.

Alluvium means the perpetually shifting, settling, and re-shifting sediment deposited in a riverbed that, in turn, by shaping the watercourse, creates "the shallows and rapids, treacherous holes and long placid runs" that define the restless shoreline.

Alluvial is set in the watery landscape of the Chesapeake Bay, the world's largest estuary, and in Louisiana, the land of braided tributaries, according to Bucknell University Press,

publisher. "Katherine Soniat's *Alluvial* charts the course of individual and collective histories influenced by the rich alluvium of culture and geography, ecology and autobiography. Lives large and small, recorded and unrecorded—those of Captain John Smith, Frederick Douglass, a community of Ursuline nuns, a home full of exiled children of tubercular parents, the poet's mother, nameless others—merge into the past's archetypal sediment, only to arise again in these beautiful poems to dance in memory's drift and to filter a future always infused with the past."

Soniat has published three other volumes of poetry and a chapbook. *A Shared Life* won the

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EMPLOYMENT

CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

The following classified positions are currently available. More details of these positions, specific application procedures/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. For information on all job listings, call 1-5300. Some of the following positions include state benefits. Positions with numbers beginning with a "W" are hourly/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 1 p.m. Monday. An EO/AA employer committed to diversity.

FULL TIME

Two full-time food-service positions available

Accountant, 002557F, Pay Band 4, University Bursar.

Business Development Director, 007568T, Pay Band 5, ECE/MPRRG.

Buyer Senior (Contracts Officer), 001593F, Pay Band 4, Purchasing.

Communications Officer, 001567L, Pay Band 3, Police.

Computer Access Control Analyst, 001244D, Pay Band 5, ISC.

Computer Call Center Representative, 001264S, Pay Band 3, Computing Center.

Data Warehouse Architect, 006930L, Pay Band 5, ISC.

Development Program Researcher, 007728L, Pay Band 4, University Development.

Enrollment Specialist, 001675B, Pay Band 3, Dean of Arts and Sciences Office.

Extension Program Technician, 001748J, Pay Band 3, HNF.

Grounds Worker, 000251Y, Pay Band 1, Physical Plant/Grounds.

Grounds Worker, 007334J, Pay Band 1, Recreational Sports.

Housekeeping Worker, 000171H, Pay Band 1, RDP.

Housekeeping Worker, P002005C, Pay Band 1, Physical Plant.

Housekeeping Worker Senior, 006926H, Pay Band 1, RDP.

Human Resource Specialist, 002499R, Pay Band 4, Personnel Services.

Lab Specialist, 000799B, Pay Band 3, Biology.

Lab Specialist, 007706B, Pay Band 3, Chemistry.

Laboratory Specialist, 006375M, Pay Band 4, FST.

Laboratory Specialist, 007245M, Pay Band 3, Biochemistry.

Laboratory Specialist, 007707B, Pay Band 3, CE.

Laboratory Specialist Advanced, 007735M, Pay Band 4, BSE.

Large Animal Supervisor, 006998M, Pay Band 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Manager Of Development Communications, 007400D, Pay Band 5, University Development.

Medical Technologist, 002584M, Pay Band 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Personnel Coordinator, 007711R, Pay Band 3, VBI.

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Plumber Steamfitter, 001926F, Pay Band 3, Physical Plant.

Practical Nurse, 001776J, Pay Band 3, Health Center.

Pre-portion Supervisor, 000752H, Pay Band 1, RDP/Dietrick Dining Center.

Programmer/Analyst, 007736M, Pay Band 5, AHNH Information Technology.

Programmer/Analyst, 006245M, Pay Band 5, AHNH Information Technology.

Sales And Catering Assistant, 007294R, Pay Band 2, DBHCC.

Secretary/Receptionist, 007303B, Pay Band 2, ECE.

Shop Leader, 000567H, Pay Band 1, RDP/Cochrane—West End Market.

Shopleader Supervisor, 006552H, Pay Band 1, RDP/West End Market.

Software Support Analyst, 006780F, Pay Band 3, University Libraries, Systems Department.

Sous Chef, 000940H, Pay Band 3, RDP/Southgate Bake Shop.

Sous Chef, 007266H, Pay Band 3, RDP/

Dietrick Dining Hall.

Surgical Ward Technician, 002637M, Pay Band 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

PART TIME

Administrative/Research Assistant, W023228B, Pay Band 4, ECE.

Banquet/Setup (Foa-b), W022143C, Pay Band 1, DBHCC.

Clinical Research Coordinator, W023222J, Pay Band 4, HNF.

Computer Network Support Tech, W023174G, Pay Band 4, Police.

Food Service, W023201H, Pay Band 1, RDP.

ICU Vet Technician-large Animal, W022218M, Pay Band 2, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Office Services Specialist, W020230M, Pay Band 2, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Pharmacist (Relief), W022501M, Pay Band 6, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Radiologic Technologist, W022412M, Pay Band 3, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Small Animal ICU Technician, W020101M, Pay Band 4, Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Switchboard Operator, W022101A, Pay Band 2, CNS.

UNIVERSITY ONLY

Banner Hris Team Leader, U002003D, Pay Band 7, ISC.

Technical Lead, Banner Finance Team, U001628D, Pay Band 6, AIS.

OFF CAMPUS

Administrative Assistant, 006186M, Pay Band 3, VCE—Southeast District.

Adult Program Assistant, 006101M, Pay Band 2, VCE—Arlington County.

Agricultural Supervisor-feed Milling/Swine Management, 003244M, Pay Band 3, Tidewater Agricultural Research/Extension Center.

Agriculture Supervisor, 006665M, Pay Band 3, Tidewater Agricultural Research/Extension Center.

Court Specialist, 006517J, Pay Band 4, CPAP.

Enrollment Program Assistant, 002091J,

Pay Band 3, Northern Virginia Center.

Laboratory Specialist, W023226M, Pay Band 3, Va Seafood AREC.

Office Services Assistant, 007233J, Pay Band 2, HNF.

Office Services Assistant, 007330J, Pay Band 2, HNF.

Program Assistant, 005866J, Pay Band 2, HNF.

Program Assistant, 006613J, Pay Band 2, HNF.

Radio Announcer, W020800L, Pay Band 3, University Relations/WVTF Radio.

Research Specialist Senior, 006504R, Pay Band 4, CMI.

Secretary Senior, 007676M, Pay Band 2, Fauquier County.

Underwriting Account Executive, 001963L, Pay Band 3, WVTF.

FACULTY POSITIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL

Foreign Languages/Literatures. Assistant Professor. Contact: Philip Mellen, 323 Major Williams (0225). Deadline is April 1.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Student-Athlete Office of Academic Enrichment Programs. Assistant Coordinator, Academic Support. Contact: Terrie Re-pass, 309 Cassell (0502). Deadline is April 22.

University Libraries. Electronic Resources Technical Services Librarian. Contact: Cathy Pillow, Personnel Services, University Libraries, PO Box 90001, Blacksburg, VA 24062-9001. Review begins late March.

VCE. Extension Agent, Family/Consumer Sciences. #FA495, Management/Housing/Consumer Education, Virginia Beach. Contact: John Dooley, 121 Hutcheson (0437). Review begins April 20.

VCE. Extension Agent, Agriculture/Natural Resources. #FA517, Crop/Soil Science, Cumberland Co. Contact: Steve Umberger, 121 Hutcheson (0437). Review begins April 20.

PROMOTION, TENURE, CONTINUED APPOINTMENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROMOTION LISTING 2000-2001

The provost, the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, and the University Promotion and Continued Appointment Committee have recommended the following candidates for promotion, tenure, continued appointment, or administrative appointment. The president concurs and will present these recommendations to the Board of Visitors for action at their June meeting.

Promotion with Tenure to Associate Professor, Collegiate Faculty

Martha Ann Bell, psychology; Brian M. Britt, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies; Jean B. Crockett, educational leadership and policy studies; Paul A. Deck, chemistry; William A. Ducker, chemistry; Kimberly E. Forsten, chemical engineering; Hilda M. Getz, educational leadership and policy studies; Mark A. Gifford, philosophy; Jeryl C. Jones, small animal clinical sciences; Gwendolyn Lloyd, mathematics; Barbara B. Lockee, teaching and learning; Timothy E. Long, chemistry; Charles L. McNeill, music; Quinton J. Nottingham, management science and information technology; V. Hunter Pittman, architecture; Oliver Schabenberger, statistics; Heiner Schnoedt, architecture; John P. Shewchuk, industrial systems engineering; Mark M. Shimozone, mathematics; Stephen K. Stephenson, agricultural and applied economics; Fabrice G. Teulon, foreign languages and literature; Valaria P. Vendrzyk, accounting and information systems; Mitzi R. Vernon, architecture; Diane L. Zahm, architecture.

Promotion with Tenure to Full Professor, Collegiate Faculty

Marc A. Edwards, civil and environmental engineering; Robert H. Sturges, industrial systems engineering/mechanical engineering.

Tenure, Collegiate Faculty

Peter E. Doolittle, teaching and learning; Mark J. Estienne, animal and poultry sciences; A.L. Hammett, wood science and forest products; Michael L. Jahncke, food science and technology; Steven M. Janosik, educational leadership and policy studies; Gregory L. Mullins, crop and soil environmental sciences; Robert B. Vogelaar, physics.

Promotion to Associate Professor, Collegiate Faculty

C. Andrew Dolloff, fisheries and wildlife sciences.

Promotion to Professor, Collegiate Faculty

Mehdi Ahmadian, mechanical engineering; S. Ansar Ahmed, biomedical sciences and pathobiology; Jeffrey R. Alwang, agricultural and applied economics; Richard A. Ashley, economics; Allen H. Bachelder, music; Gregory K. Evanylo, crop and soil environmental sciences; Robert J. Fields, art and art history; Robert B. Hull, forestry; Ronald G. Kander, materials science and engineering; James C. Klagge, philosophy; David E. Kline, wood science and forest products; Tao Lin, mathematics; Yilu Liu, electrical and computer engineering; Joseph E. Marcy, food science and

technology; Martha L. Moon, small-animal clinical sciences; Daniel W. Mosser, English; Margaret Murray, mathematics; Kathleen R. Parrott, near environments; Stephen R. Prince, communication studies; Beverly J. Purswell, large-animal clinical sciences; Jeffrey H. Reed, electrical and computer engineering; Djavah Salehi-Isfahani, economics; Susan S. Sumner, food science and technology; Randolph W. Ward, theatre arts; Brian D. Woerner, electrical and computer engineering.

Promotion to Professor, Extra-Collegiate Faculty

Victoria T. Kok, veterinary medicine library; Michael T. Lambur, Extension education program; Gail M. McMillan, digital library and archives.

Administrative Promotion to Extension Agent, Extra-Collegiate Faculty

Dawn M. Alleman, VCE—Norfolk; Susan E. DeBolt, VCE—Prince William; Scott Jessee, VCE—Wythe; Lonnie L. Johnson, VCE—Charlotte; Kendra J. Kyle, VCE—Patrick; Marion W. Lawrence, VCE—Chesapeake; Kenner P. Love, VCE—Rappahannock; Michael Martin, VCE—Wythe; Michael T. Roberts, VCE—Southampton; Cynthia K. Rowles, VCE—Caroline; Lynnette J. Swanson, VCE—Chesapeake; Tom Tyler, VCE—Arlington; Alinda T. Uzel, VCE—King and Queen; Ruth E. Wallace, VCE—Buckingham.

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FORUM

Final Grades Deadline Timing Questioned

In the Fall 2000 *Instructions for Entry of Final Grades*, I was informed that the "Deadline for submission of Fall 2000 Final grades (all campuses) was 8 a.m., Monday, Dec. 18, 2000." I was also informed that: "Note: System is available until 2:30 a.m. daily."

I ask the following questions: Why was the fall 2000 final-grade-deadline at 8 a.m. on Monday? What horrible consequences would occur if I missed this 8 a.m. deadline? Why was the electronic-entry system inoperative after 2:30 a.m.? If I administer a final examination on the last day of exams, why was I given less than two workdays after the final exam week to grade exams, grade portfolios, and calculate final grades? Who makes the decision to set the deadline for final grades at the end of a semester? Is the faculty ever consulted about this decision? Does anybody care about this problem other than the department heads in

the College of Engineering? Finally, just how many decisions—ones that should logically rest in the hands of the university faculty—have been usurped by the administration?

We seem to have a *one-size-fits-all* approach to the semester, course-grade deadline. Faculty members deserve customized grade deadlines that take into consideration their different workloads at the end of a semester—examples being (a) administering a final exam on the last day of finals week, (b) different grading requirements for this final exam, (c) evaluation of course portfolios submitted after this final exam, (d) participation in spring Commencement activities, and so forth.

Regarding the grade-submission deadline, what will happen at the end of the spring 2001 semester?

Peter Rony

Department of Chemical Engineering

IN OTHER NEWS

Carlisle play to be produced in Chicago

By Sally Harris

Barbara Carlisle's original work, *Offending Shadows*, will be produced in May and June by TriArts, a professional production and design company in Chicago.

In March, TriArts mounted the 2001 New Noise Festival, a series of staged readings featuring playwrights from New York, Chicago, Atlanta, and Virginia writing about such topics as the deterioration of family values and gay issues. Each of these playwrights either attended or has taught at Virginia Tech. The New Noise Festival ran March 5-28 and included a reading of Carlisle's play in the Performance Loft in Lakeview in Chicago.

The fully produced run of *Offending Shadows* will open to the general public at the Viaduct Theatre in West Lakeview in Chicago May 12-June 17. On June 9, there will be a special evening for Chicago-area alumni with Carlisle and Theatre Arts Head Don Drapeau in attendance.

The production will involve several Virginia Tech students and alumni, as well as Carlisle, who is chair of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Arts

and Sciences. TriArts, for example, was created three years ago by a group of Virginia Tech theater alumni. It now boasts a staff of 12, has a half dozen productions under its belt, and has emerged on the Chicago scene as a strong voice for original, technically proficient theater. Carlisle, who spent 15 years directing in professional theater before coming to Virginia Tech, will direct the production.

Offending Shadows considers the stories of Oedipus and Antigone in the framework of a group of actors who have done these classic roles for centuries, and who now, in the light of a new millennium, are questioning the traditions as well as the stories. The audience is made to look at what happens to those people who die offstage, forgotten—the women, the children. The audience is led to ask whether the operating premises of the plays are not loaded in ways that ought to be questioned. It puts messengers, townspeople, and sisters and aunts center stage for at least an opportunity to be seen, even if the story itself remains unchanged. It questions, with a sense of humor, the political arguments as well as the moral ones.

Carlisle began her theater career in her teens as a puppeteer and dancer and then went on to act and direct and eventually to do choreography. She began to write original scripts in the 1980s and has had a dozen produced in different venues.

For more information see www.triarts.org or call the company at 773-866-8082.

HOLOCAUST

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millions of people not too many years ago. It is a time to be reminded of the horrible acts of violence that humans have suffered at the hands of other humans. It is a time to hear the stories of those who survived," said Dean of Students Barbara Pendergrass, whose office sponsors the annual event.

Guided by the theme "From Slavery to Freedom," the week of remembrance will open on Monday, April 9, with "Unto Every Person There Is a Name," which will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in front of the Multicultural Center, 140 Squires. In observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, campus leaders, students, faculty members, administrators, and community leaders will read aloud the names of people, including newborn babies, who were murdered during the Holocaust. The readings will be interspersed with singing by Hush Harbor Choir and a poem read by nationally

noted poet Nikki Giovanni, professor of English at Tech.

The keynote address will follow the next day, Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Donaldson Brown Hotel and Conference Center. Charlene Schiff, a Holocaust survivor who has spoken at Tech during two previous weeks of remembrance, will deliver the keynote address. Schiff, one of two known survivors among the 5,000 Jews in her hometown in Poland, is affiliated with the United States Holocaust Museum. She says her goal is to fight the four I's: ignorance, injustice, intolerance, and indifference.

On Wednesday, April 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. in 3100 Torgersen, Danny Axsom, an associate professor of psychology at Tech who conducts research in the areas of trauma, victimization, attitudes, and attitude changes, will discuss "The Social Psychology of Perpetrators and Bystanders."

On Thursday, April 12 in the Multicultural Center, *Through Our Survivors' Eyes*, a 16-minute documentary about six survivors of the Jewish Holocaust, will run continuously from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The survivors featured in the film, who live in Richmond, recall their experiences. Their personal narratives are interspersed with historical background information and film footage from the 1930s and 1940s. Alicia Cohen, assistant to the vice president for multicultural affairs, will facilitate a noon discussion of the documentary.

A symposium, "From Passover to the Holocaust: Slavery and Jewish Experience," will begin at 6 p.m. on April 12 in the Multicultural

Center. The event will be moderated by David Forman-Barzilai, director of the Malcolm and Diane Rosenberg Program in Judaic Studies and assistant professor in Tech's Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, and other guests.

The calendar of events for Holocaust Awareness Week was developed under the leadership of Stephanie Price, a graduate assistant in the Dean of Students Office and chair of the planning committee. Other members of the committee included Audrey Ald, EOAA Office; Forman-Barzilai; Galia Bukchin, director of Hillel; and Cohen.

For information or to request accommodations, call Price at 1-3787 (TDD: 1-8718).

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classes who were from Human Resources, Community Leadership Development, Sociology, and Management Science all participated in the workday. Together, the students cleaned and placed his furniture, hung curtains, and decorated the house in preparation for his return.

Last Saturday, the efforts of these students from Virginia Tech were among the achievements recognized at a house-warming celebration for Winesett at his new house.

AppalCorps was founded by Perry Martin, a 1998 communication studies major, who is now assistant director of the Service-Learning Center. AppalCorps is led by Elizabeth Schu, a junior in environmental science.

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only accepted five speaking engagements per year. Ward and Shriver are scheduled to be present for the evening program on April 5 to tell their stories.

Eric Lloyd Wright was born in 1929. After graduating high school, he went to work for his grandfather, Frank Lloyd Wright, at the Taliesin Fellowship, where he was an apprentice from 1948 until 1956. He left the fellowship to join his father, Lloyd Wright, in his architectural practice in Los Angeles and, in 1979, after his father's death, formed his own office. He now lives and practices architecture in Malibu, California.

In 1948, apprentice Gottlieb, at age 20, served as an apprentice for Frank Lloyd Wright at both Taliesin in Wisconsin and Taliesin West in Arizona. For two years she lived as part of the Wright fellowship, learning to design buildings, but also participating in the unique way of life Wright taught and preached. While she was living, working, and learning at the hand of the master, she took nearly 200 color slides that today serve as an invaluable record.

Detailed information about the celebration can be found at www.caus.vt.edu

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Iowa Poetry Prize and a Virginia Prize for Poetry. *Notes of Departure* received the Camden Poetry Prize from the Walt Whitman Center for the Arts and Humanities.

Soniat has received Virginia Commission for the Arts fellowships, the William Faulkner Prize, and an Ann Stanford Prize. Her poems have been published in such literary journals as *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *Southern Review*, *Virginia Quarterly*, *Gettysburg Review*, and *TriQuarterly*.

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said, will be spent giving the finalists information about the university, followed by a reception and dinner hosted by the Hillcrest Community. On the second day, the finalists will be interviewed by faculty committees. Winners, as well as alternates, could be named before the finalists leave the campus.

The scholarships will be funded from a "revolving," or endowment-type, fund that will also provide money for diversity grants, which were announced recently by the university. At its zenith, the fund will approach \$3 million.

PROMOTION

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Administrative Promotion to Senior Extension Agent, Extra-Collegiate Faculty

Llewellyn S. Allison, VCE—Accomack; John K. Arbogast, VCE—Roanoke; Edith A. Austin, VCE—Buckingham; Charles H. Lytton, VCE—Giles; Kathy R. Miller, VCE—Wythe; Linda M. Robinson.

Administrative Promotion to Assistant Professor, Extra-Collegiate Faculty

Byron Ladd Brown II, University Libraries; Ellen M. Krupar, University Libraries; Margaret C. Merrill, University Libraries.