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UVa quarterback Matt Schaub completed 32 of 46 passes for 358 yards and 2 touchdowns against the Hokies.

## Tech falls again on road

### UVa wins rivalry game, 35-21

by Adam Abramson  
Associate Sports Editor

The Virginia Tech football team ventured into hostile territory Saturday when they took on the University of Virginia. The Hokies left Charlottesville with their heads down after they picked up the fourth loss in their final six games, 35-21.

Tech finishes the season 2-3 on the road, leaving questions in the air about the Hokies' play away from Blacksburg. In the team's five road games, Tech has been out-gained by

a total of 143 yards and out-scored by 19 points.

Winning on the road has not been such a problem in the recent past for the Hokies.

Last season, Tech finished 3-2 on the road and the previous season posted a 4-1 record in venues other than Lane Stadium.

Regardless of home or away locations, the team is stuck searching for answers after a fourth-place finish in their final season in the Big East.

"(The string of losses) is disappointing because we have had times where we

have played great," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "We're not doing the things it takes to win ball games."

The loss to bitter rival UVa will serve as the low point to another late-season collapse. Tech lost the turnover battle as well as the penalty battle Saturday, which stifled any chances of working its way back into the ball game. The Hokies have had a hard time coming from behind to win late in the season.

"There is a lot to handle when your back is against the

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### Tech takes Insight Bowl bid

by Rajan Nanavati  
Sports Editor

Virginia Tech will play in its 11th consecutive postseason bowl game after accepting an invitation Sunday afternoon from the Insight Bowl. The invitation came just 24 hours after in-state rivals the University of Virginia Cavaliers defeated

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## Hokies sign on with AOL deal

▪ AOL users can customize their features to include Tech colors and logos that can also be used as buddy icons

by Eric Beidel  
Associate News Editor

Hokie fans have heard the last trademark "gobble gobble" from inside Lane Stadium this year. But now they can hear it the next time they log on to America Online.

They might be pointing and clicking on Hokie Bird icons too.

Virginia Tech's Licensing and Trademark Department struck a deal with AOL to become the first university in the country taking part in the "Self Expressions" program available to AOL subscribers.

The program allows AOL 8.0 and 9.0 users to customize features of their AOL service to include Tech colors and logos like the Hokie Bird, which users can implement as buddy icons or wallpaper on AOL Instant Messenger.

A few months down the road, a link to Tech's homepage will be available on the AOL homepage as well, said Locke White, director of licensing at Tech.

Unlike other licensing agreements, White said Tech is not making a profit from the partnership with AOL.

"This is a great opportunity to

reach out to alumni, faculty and students and extend the Virginia Tech brand to Internet service providers," he said. "We are not making one penny on it."

Normally, money raised through Tech's licensing agreements would go towards a general scholarship fund at the university, White said.

AOL already has "Self Expression" program agreements with the National Football League, National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball. They chose Tech to be their first partner in the "Collegiate Expressions" program because of the university's commitment to technological innovations, according to a prepared statement from Alex Joannou, AOL product manager of sports.

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"We are pleased to announce that Virginia Tech is the first and only collegiate program to launch expressions on the AOL service," he said.

White said he actually pitched the idea for the program to executives at both AOL and Microsoft Network three years ago.

"I sent a proposal to Bill Gates and I was surprised to get a phone call from somebody at MSN the next day," White said.

Talks with MSN stalled out after about six months, and AOL also lost interest after an initial meeting between himself and executives, White said.

"Then three years later, AOL called up and asked if I was inter-

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## College plans for dental school

by Tiffany Hoffman  
Managing Editor

The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine is in its primary stages of developing a dental school.

"We anticipate the same kind of timelines for the dental program as we had for the osteopathic medical school," said Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, dean and vice president of academic affairs. "We would thus hope to enroll the first class in 2005 or 2006."

Though it is an affiliate of Virginia Tech, the college is a privately funded, separate institution. Tech, however, is not yet formally involved in the dental school planning.

"We have an advisory committee right now consisting of dentists from Southwest Virginia and members from the college here," said William King, assistant vice president for student services and marketing.

The cost of the project and the extent of Tech's involvement are yet to be determined. However, the current plans are to locate the school in the Corporate Research Center, but nothing is definite. The official announcement of the plan was made Nov. 18.

"We're very excited and looking to provide healthcare professionals for Southwest Virginia," King said. "This is a wonderful way to continue on this goal."

Dentists in Southwest Virginia approached the college when it was first developing, said John Rocovich, chairman of the college.

"There are many rural dentists who are nearing retirement or (are) ready to retire who have been unable to find young dentists to assume their practices," he said. "Providing dental care for Southwest and

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## Grant helps Tech clean up Duck Pond

by Christina Peña  
News Assistant

The Duck Pond and Stroubles Creek will become clearer and cleaner because of \$200,000 in renovations to the upper pond, funded by Virginia Tech and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The upper pond has been drained and cleaned, in addition to getting new pond walls to increase the strength and wellbeing of both ponds. "We are just working on the upper pond," said Steve Mouras, director of transportation and manager of the renovation project. "It was drained, and we pulled the sediment out, which was easily done because it has a stone base."

The project started two years ago when Tech officials heard about a grant that was being offered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Tech applied for the grant and received it in 2002.

Since then, Brian Thyne, a graduate civil and environmental engineering major, created the design for the project

as his thesis, Mouras said. His design was selected and is now being utilized by Tech facilities.

"(The renovation) is designed to improve the entire watershed," Mouras said.

The stream became impaired because of sediment runoff from Tech and the Blacksburg area. "Watersheds near urban areas collect more sediment," Mouras said. "Plus, new construction increases the sediment pickup."

Mouras said the stream used to be able to spread out through the forests and marshes, but when the area became urbanized, the upstream was piped underground and buildings were built on top of it. Part of the pipe runs under the Drillfield and feeds the upper pond.

Because the stream is now piped underground, there are no natural breaks or space in the water flow. Therefore, the water is "rocketed" downstream, which increases the amount of sediment deposits down the line.

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ERIC CONOLLY/SPPS

The upper pond was drained and cleaned of sediments and new pond walls will increase the healthiness of both ponds.

## AIDS week raises campus-wide awareness

▪ Squires Commonwealth Ballroom will be open as Club Red Ribbon on Friday night with a DJ and drag show for those in attendance

by Aaron Blackwell  
Associate News Editor

Organizations around Virginia Tech will work together this week to raise awareness about AIDS.

The Student Government Association, Residence Hall Federation, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance, Black Student Alliance, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council are holding events throughout the week to educate students about the disease, said Kevin James, chair of World AIDS Day for LGBTA and a senior

computer science major.

Last night they held AIDS workshops in the East Ambler-Johnston Hall Imaginarium classroom and in Pritchard Hall. This event was held to provide general information about the disease, prevention methods and free testing information, James said.

Yesterday, World AIDS Day was observed, with many organizations trying to bring about more awareness of the disease.

"This is something that we can do to contribute to the fight against AIDS ... and make people aware of safety issues," James said.

Tomorrow night there will be an AIDS discussion panel at 7:30 p.m. in Squires Colonial Hall. Panelists will include Scott Nelson, a political science professor, Pam Meador from the Council of Community Service and Peggy Eaton, a member of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Club Red Ribbon will be held Friday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom. It will include a live DJ and drag show.

Sunday at 8 p.m. in 2030 Pamplin Hall they will show the movie "Philadelphia."

Along with the events planned, the organizations will also have tables set up around campus. They will distribute information to the community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, tomorrow and Thursday on the Drillfield, in front of Pamplin and McBryde halls, and in front of various residence halls.

James said this event gives them the ability to provide information to students who may not know much about AIDS.

"There are a lot of people out there that aren't aware of the disease," he said. "Everyone needs to be worried about it and actively working against it."

## News in Brief

### Man gets life terms for arson killings in Roanoke

ROANOKE (AP) — A man pleaded guilty Monday to setting a fire that killed a woman and her two young sons and was sentenced to life in prison without chance for parole.

Askia N.M. Shabazz, 32, was sentenced for the capital killings of Alice Diane Jackson, 25, and her sons Jaide, 3, and Marcasite, 2, on May 5, 2002.

Shabazz, 32, also known as Jermaine Donel Poindexter, torched Jackson's apartment after an argument with her, investigators said.

Circuit Judge Clifford Weckstein sentenced Shabazz to five consecutive life terms, precluding any chance for parole.

Shabazz was spared the death penalty as part of a plea agreement.

### Earthquake kills at least 11

BEIJING (AP) — A strong earthquake rumbled across western China's mountainous Xinjiang region Monday, killing at least 11 people and shaking apart hundreds of flimsy homes near the border with Kazakhstan, the government said.

At least 34 people were reported injured and more than 700 houses fell, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The 6.1 magnitude quake, in the sparsely populated Ili Kazakh Autonomous

Prefecture, struck at 9:38 a.m., Xinhua said. The U.S. Geological Service's National Earthquake Information Center in Colorado recorded a slightly weaker magnitude of 5.7.

The quake was reportedly felt as far away as Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan, about 100 miles west, the Russian news agency ITAR-Tass said. It said there were no reported injuries or damage.

### Fla. teen charged with killing dad

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A 17-year-old boy was charged with fatally shooting his father, whose body was found tied by the neck to the bumper of a pickup truck with an extension cord.

Ryan Adam Mingledorff was being held by juvenile authorities on murder charges Monday.

Sheriff's deputies found the body of James Lewis Mingledorff, 57, on Sunday, face down in the front yard of his home outside this Florida Panhandle city.

### Woman with ties to Taliban sentenced

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The lone woman among a group of American Muslims who tried to ally themselves with the Taliban was sentenced Monday to three years in prison.

October Martiniq Lewis, 26, was convicted of wiring money to her husband and a group who tried to cross into Afghanistan in 2001 to aid the Taliban.

## AOL: Tech brand is in demand

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ested," he said. "I said, 'Yeah, I suggested this three years ago.'"

Tech has always had a strong tie to AOL, White said. The fact that many AOL employees are Tech alumni helped bring Tech to the forefront when AOL started looking for potential partners, he said.

Tech has made more of a push in the last few years to expand the reach of its brand name. This was done to increase national recognition, said Mark Owczarski, director of news and information.

"As Virginia Tech rises in popularity, there is greater demand for our brand and people want to be associated with us," he said. "It

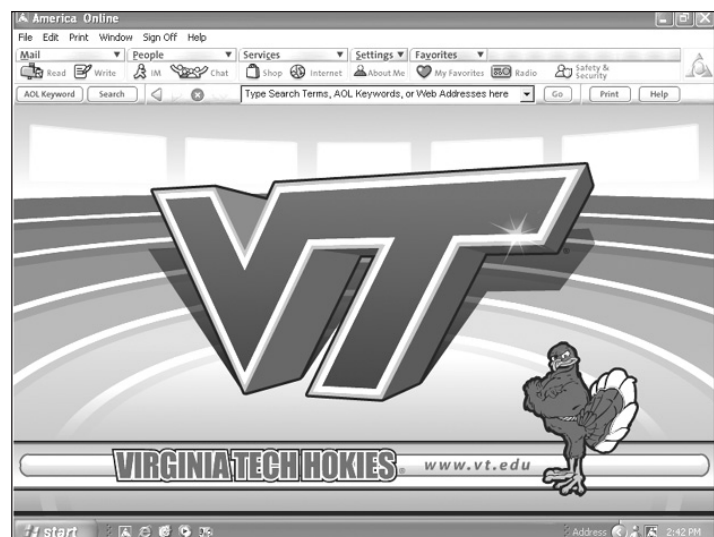


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speaks highly of our university and programs that so many people are interested in us."

## Muhammad won't testify for Malvo

by Matthew Barakat  
Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE — Convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad will refuse to testify at fellow suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's trial, an attorney for Malvo said Monday, and the judge refused to bring Muhammad into court for a silent appearance.

Attorney Craig Cooley told the judge as Malvo's capital murder trial resumed after the holiday break that Muhammad's lawyers would resist a subpoena issued to Muhammad by Malvo's attorneys.

Cooley said he accepted that

Muhammad, as a result, will be unable to testify as Malvo's lawyers had hoped.

In spite of that, Cooley said he wanted Muhammad to appear in court so the jury could see him, but Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush refused to approve such a move.

"Transporting (prisoners) around the state willy-nilly should be done sparingly" because of security risks, she said.

Asked last week what information he wanted from Muhammad, Cooley had said: "We'd like to hear the truth." Malvo's lawyers are presenting an insanity defense, claiming

Muhammad brainwashed their teenage client and molded him into a killer.

Muhammad, whose trial ended last week with a Virginia Beach jury recommending the death sentence, still faces prosecution in several other states.

His attorneys don't want to do anything to aid those prosecutions and hope they can get the Virginia death sentence overturned on appeal or reduced by the trial judge when Muhammad is formally sentenced in February.

Defense testimony continued Monday at Malvo's trial from people who knew him when he was growing up in the Caribbean.

## Duck: Changes will not affect fish

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If the stream were slowed down, then there would be more places to dump sediment instead of one place like the Duck Pond.

The new design eliminates the existing bypass channel, which allows the runoff water to flow down into the lower pond causing sedimentation and erosion problems. The channel will be filled in and gator blocks will be installed to act as a pseudo-dam, which will allow the swell to spill over into the lower pond without increasing erosion or the amount of sediment deposited.

"The upper pond will hold most of the sediment, making everything below the upper pond, including the lower pond and creek, clearer and cleaner," Mouras said.

Professors from the department of fisheries and wildlife sciences in the College of Natural Resources were consulted about the effects on wildlife from the project, Mouras said.

"We were told that there would not be a significant impact on fish because most would go through the pipe to the lower pond, and the shallow water would save the smaller fish," Mouras said. "There has been very little fish death. I have not seen any anytime I have been down there."

Currently, there are no plans to drain and clean the lower pond. There is no indication it is needed, Mouras said.

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WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p>Mostly sunny, breezy Highs: 38°-43°</p>	<p>Mostly clear Lows: 18°-21°</p>	<p>Partly cloudy Highs: 33°-38°</p>	<p>Partly cloudy Lows: 20°-25°</p>	<p>Cloudy 32°/43°</p>	<p>Cloudy, chance of rain 33°/40°</p>



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Students who successfully obtain a Housing/Dining Contract through this online process will be e-mailed a contract by February 6. The contract and a \$100 prepayment will be due by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 20. Signed Housing/Dining Contracts will be legally binding for the 2004-2005 academic year and will not be cancelled unless the student ceases to attend Virginia Tech.

# Bowl: Hokies to face Cal in Phoenix, Ariz.

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the Hokies. After dropping three games in the month of November, including two against Big East opponents, Tech's chances of appearing in a postseason contest seemed to be in jeopardy. However, Tech's fourth place finish within conference play enabled them to beat out Boston College for the bowl bid, despite losing the head-to-head matchup. "We look forward to going out there and we are thankful we have an opportunity to play in their bowl game this year," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. The Hokies will play the University of California Golden Bears, the fourth-place team from the Pac-10 conference. California

will be making its first postseason bowl game appearance since 1996. They come into Phoenix winning three of their four games in November, nearly the exact opposite circumstances of Tech. Under the leadership of offensive-minded head coach Jeff Tedford, the Golden Bears had their first back-to-back winning seasons in over a decade and were the only team to knock off the second-ranked University of Southern California Trojans this year in a triple overtime contest. "That's the great thing about bowl games, in that you play teams from other conferences," Beamer said. "This is the first time we've ever played a team from the Pac-10, and we look forward to that challenge." "We're very excited to have a

national powerhouse like Virginia Tech and one of the up-and-coming programs like California in this year's Insight Bowl," said Insight Bowl Chairman Leon Levitt. "Both teams have displayed tremendous effort in two of the nation's most competitive conferences." The Insight Bowl is located in Phoenix, Ariz., and the game will be played in Bank One Ballpark, home of Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks. This will be the second consecutive year Tech has played in a baseball venue, after defeating the Air Force last year in Pac Bell Ballpark, home of the San Francisco Giants. The game will be played Friday, Dec. 26, with kickoff set for 8 p.m. EST.



Check out next Tuesday's issue of the Collegiate Times for our preview of the 2003 Insight Bowl, including player profiles, season recaps and a history of the bowl game.

# Dental: College of Medicine also considers pharmacy

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rural Virginians will be the mission of the college." In addition to the dental school, plans for a pharmacy school were also recently announced. Members of the college have met with a group working to create a pharmacy school in Buchanan County at a newly-proposed Appalachian University. However, President James Wolfe said the college will focus first on the dental program because it is the greatest need for Southwest Virginia. Virginia Commonwealth University is currently the only Virginia school that offers a dental program. The Osteopathic Medicine College entered its first planning

stages in December 2000 and enrolled its first class of 154 students this fall. "Students can go to a private college, yet also be part of a larger environment," King said. "With the affiliation with Virginia Tech, we collaborate research, and the students have the opportunity to pay a student services fee and use the facilities." Larry Hincker, university spokesman for Tech, said there are several common faculty members, strong relationships and promising joint research opportunities with the medical school. "The hit system — testing brain injury monitoring — was the first of what we hope may be many more joint research (projects)," Hincker said.

# U.S.: Iraqi insurgents coordinated assaults on American troops

by Sabah Jerges Associated Press

SAMARRA, Iraq — One of the bloodiest engagements since the fall of Saddam Hussein showed a new, deadlier side of the Iraqi insurgency: stepped up, coordinated assaults by groups of guerrillas bent on battle rather than a hit-and-run attack, the U.S. military said Monday. "Here it seems they had the training to stand and fight," said Capt. Andy Deponai, whose tank was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade during the firefight Sunday in Samarra, north of Baghdad. Residents disputed U.S. assertions that dozens of Iraqi fighters died, saying fewer than 10 were killed and that most of those were civilians. The well-coordinated ambushes signaled an escalation of guerrilla tactics, although the attack in Samarra was unsuccessful. A dozen cars lay gutted and wrecked in the streets Monday, and bullet holes pocked many buildings. A mosque and a kindergarten also were damaged. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said that in one of the ambushes, a dozen attackers dashed out of a mosque and opened fire on U.S.

military vehicles. They also fired from alleyways and rooftops. "It was a large group of people," Kimmitt said in Baghdad. "Are we looking at this one closely? Yes. Is this something larger than we've seen over the past couple of months? Yes. Are we concerned about it? We'll look at it and take appropriate measures in future operations." Insurgents struck elsewhere Monday. West of Baghdad, gunmen ambushed a U.S. military convoy, killing one soldier, the U.S. military said. The attack with small arms fire occurred near Habbaniyah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. A U.S. Army general said Iraqi insurgents in Baghdad appear to have a central leadership that finances attacks and instructs eight to 12 rebel bands operating in the city when to attack and when to lie low. But Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey said the instructions were not specific. "The manner of attack is up to the individual bands as long as the efforts disrupt and discredit the U.S.-led coalition and any progress it has made," said Dempsey, who commands the Army's 1st Armored Division, which controls Baghdad and the

surrounding region. He said he believed a recent lull in attacks in Baghdad stemmed from an order to refrain from action during coalition offensives against guerrilla targets. The fighting in Samarra, 60 miles north of the Iraqi capital, represented a greater level of coordination in the Iraqi insurgency, although U.S. forces said they had anticipated the attacks and blunted them with superior firepower. Deponai said he was surprised by the scale of the attack on the convoys, which were carrying bundles of new Iraqi currency, and that 30-40 assailants lay in wait near each of the two banks where the money was being delivered. "Up to now you've seen a progression — initially it was hit-and-run, single RPG shots on patrols. Then they started doing volley fire, multiple RPG ambushes, and then from there, this is the first well-coordinated one," he said. "It's hard to tell on the basis of one attack exactly what tactics may or may not be changing," Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a news conference with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in Brussels.

# Unofficial Mideast peace accord launched

by Ravi Nessman Associated Press

GENEVA — Hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians joined Nobel Peace Prize winners Monday for a ceremony filled with song and hope, celebrating an unofficial peace accord intended to guide their peoples out of conflict. The "Geneva accord," negotiated over almost three years by former Israeli and Palestinian officials, tackles the issues that have torpedoed other peace efforts: the fate of Israeli settlements, the borders of a Palestinian state, the status of Jerusalem and Palestinian refugees. "The alternative, and the only alternative, to this initiative is sustained and permanent violence," former President Jimmy Carter told the conference. "It is unlikely that we shall ever see a more promising foundation for peace." Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat sent a message calling the accord "a brave and courageous initiative ... that opens the door to peace." However, he did not explicitly endorse the agreement, which

has been opposed by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and condemned by Palestinian militants. The agreement envisions a Palestinian state based roughly on the borders before the 1967 Mideast war. Most Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be dismantled. It divides sovereignty in Jerusalem, but avoids a large-scale return to Israel by Palestinians who fled or were driven out in the 1948-49 war that followed Israel's creation. "(It's) a clenched-teeth compromise with painful concessions on both sides," said Israeli author Amos Oz, who was a part of the talks. Backers of the accord say it is a complement to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, which does not spell out the details of a final agreement, and tries to prove to Palestinian and Israeli leaders that there are people on both sides willing to sacrifice for peace. "Every issue can be solved. Don't give up on us. Peace is right around the corner," former Israeli Justice Minister Yossi Beilin said. The event, hosted by actor Richard Dreyfuss, included performances by Palestinian and Israeli musicians and optimistic speeches from the accord's brokers.

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## Jury selection begins in Janklow trial

■ Bill Janklow is accused of killing a man at a rural intersection in South Dakota

by Carson Walker  
Associated Press

FLANDREAU, S.D. — Potential jurors were quizzed on their knowledge of motorcycles and diabetes as jury selection began Monday in the manslaughter trial of Rep. Bill Janklow, accused in a traffic accident that killed a man at a rural intersection.

Twelve jurors and an alternate will be selected from a pool of 108 people to hear the case of the 64-year-old Republican, who also is charged with speeding, running a stop sign and reckless driving for an Aug. 16 collision that killed motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55.

By midday, 26 potential jurors were excused. Most said they had recent or ongoing business with prosecutor Bill Ellingson, who is also a private attorney, or knew him from church.

Several were excused after they said they had already formed an opinion on the guilt of innocence of Janklow, who served four terms as governor and four years as South Dakota's attorney general before being elected to Congress in 2002.

One said he had a "close friendship" with Janklow, and shook hands with him on his way out the door after being excused.

Janklow's lawyer, Ed Evans, asked potential jurors if they have diabetes.

According to court documents, Janklow might have suffered a diabetic reaction before the fatal crash. The record says Janklow took his insulin but had not eaten; it also indicates he was taking the medication Atenolol, which can mask symptoms of a

diabetic reaction.

"If you're selected as a juror, you're going to hear about Atenolol and its effect on a diabetic," Evans told prospective jurors. Evans had said earlier, however, that a medical defense was not a certainty.

The defense lawyer also asked potential jurors if they rode motorcycles. Several people said they did but that it would not affect them as jurors. Some had lost family members to motorcycle accidents, adding that it would not affect them if selected. They were allowed to stay in the jury pool.

Two people who appeared to be American Indians were excused, both saying they had formed an opinion. Janklow has had rocky a relationship with tribes in the state.

If convicted of manslaughter, Janklow, the state's only congressman, could face up to 10 years in prison, as well as a House ethics committee investigation.

Under the committee's rules, representatives convicted of a crime that carries two or more years in prison should refrain from voting in the chamber until they are cleared or are re-elected.

The ethics committee could issue a critical report, with no other action required. It could also recommend a House resolution reprimanding him, censuring him or even expelling him.

The House rarely expels members. After Ohio Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. was convicted in federal court last year for bribery, racketeering and tax evasion, he became only the second House member to be expelled since the Civil War.

Democrats are in a good position to gain from the trial, expected to last about a week, said Larry J. Sabato, director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "You cannot absolutely rule him out, but my guess is that wiser heads will encourage him to move aside," Sabato said.

## Court intervenes in Mexican kidnapping

by Gina Holland  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it would decide if federal agents can sneak into foreign countries to arrest suspected criminals and bring them to America for trial, a case that tests the reach of the government's terrorism-fighting powers.

The Bush administration said covert kidnappings of suspects overseas are rare, but the government needs that authority.

A lower court ruling would block federal agents from bringing Osama bin Laden to America to face charges in the Sept. 11 attacks, Solicitor General Theodore Olson said, and jeopardizes U.S. efforts "to apprehend individuals who may be abroad, plotting other illegal attacks" on America.

The case that justices will review next spring dates back to 1985, when a federal drug agent was kidnapped, tortured and killed in Mexico.

American prosecutors pursued charges against a doctor they believed administered drugs to keep agent Enrique Camarena-

Salazar alive for two days of torture to find out what he knew about a drug cartel.

When Mexican authorities would not help bring Dr. Humberto Alvarez-Machain to America for trial, Olson said, the Drug Enforcement Administration decided to hire Mexican nationals to help.

Acting as bounty-hunters, the men kidnapped the doctor from his office in Mexico in 1990, took him to a hotel and then to the airport for the trip to the United States where he spent more than two years in federal prison. He sued for \$20 million over his arrest after a judge in 1992 found there was not enough evidence for a conviction.

The Supreme Court ruled earlier that his abduction did not violate an extradition treaty with Mexico. Now justices will decide if he is entitled to damages from the government and the Mexican nationals, under several federal laws. The Bush administration also asked the court to

clarify whether federal officers can arrest someone in a foreign country if they have probable cause to suspect the person of a crime.

Olson, the administration's Supreme Court lawyer, said if the court allows lawsuits over arrests, people can sue America's allies "including those supporting this nation's fight against terrorism."

Attorneys for the physician, including American Civil Liberties Union lawyers, said the case has nothing to do with the war on terror and that Congress has not authorized the type of abduction-arrest used against the doctor.

"They portrayed it as a drug case 10 years ago. Suddenly they're deploying the arguments they can win with," one of the doctor's lawyers, George Washington University law professor Ralph Steinhardt, said Monday. "It's a little hard to take an innocent man and make him the object lesson for the government's prosecutorial powers."

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Ralph Steinhardt  
law professor

## Second Eisner opponent resigns from Disney

■ Roy Disney and Stanley Gold have both called for CEO Michael Eisner to resign from Disney

by Gary Gentile  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A key ally joined Roy E. Disney in resigning from the Walt Disney Co. board Monday, becoming the second vocal opponent of chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner to quit in two days.

Stanley Gold issued a long rebuke to Eisner and the Disney board Monday, seconding complaints made Sunday by Roy Disney and further criticizing the board as a rubber stamp to senior management.

Gold also repeated Disney's calls for Eisner to resign.

"It is clear to me that this board is unwilling to tackle the difficult issues I believe this company continues to face," Gold wrote. Among the problems, he said, were "the cannibalization of certain company icons for short-term gain, the enormous loss of creative talent over the last years, the absence of succession planning and the lack of strategic focus."

Gold's resignation comes as Disney's board begins two days of meetings in New York.

Gold played a key role along with Roy Disney in 1984 to save the company from a takeover attempt and install Eisner as chairman. He heads Shamrock Holdings, which manages Roy Disney's investments.

Gold's role has been diminished over the past two years as he has become more of a critic of Eisner's performance.

Disney, 73, is the last family member active in the company,

founded in 1923 by his uncle Walt and his father, Roy O. Disney, who was the business manager. He also is quitting as chairman of the company's animation division.

Disney has called for Eisner's resignation in the past, but the idea was rejected by the board. On Sunday, he sent a three-page letter to Eisner that criticized the chairman's leadership over the past seven years, according to The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the story.

"It is my sincere belief that it is you that should be leaving and not me," Disney told Eisner in the letter.

He accused Eisner of "muzzling" his voice on the board.

"Michael, I believe your conduct has resulted from my clear and unambiguous statements to you and the Board of Directors that after 19 years at the helm, you are no longer the best person to run the Walt Disney

Company," Disney wrote.

His departure may have been a pre-emptive move, because the company said he is over the mandated retirement age of 72.

The board's presiding director, former Sen. George Mitchell, said in a statement Sunday he regretted Disney's actions and confirmed that the governance and nominating committee recently informed Disney that the age-limit rule, instituted last year, should apply to him.

A call to Roy Disney on Sunday was not immediately returned. A message also was left for Eisner.

Eisner is credited with transforming Disney from a producer of mediocre films and caretaker of two theme parks in 1984 into a media giant, whose holdings include five theme parks around the world, the ABC-TV network, the ESPN sports cable channel and one of the highest-grossing movie studios.



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## Society must re-evaluate its moral code before giving rights

Garrett Gero

This summer there was a lot of talk about homosexuals and their civil rights.

And there doesn't seem to be an end in sight: the recent court case in Massachusetts has brought same-sex marriages back to the front of public discussion.

While the majority of the public is still against this kind of union, this could very well change in the coming years.

I am reminded of what I think is the best argument against same-sex marriage: allowing it will lead to a slippery slope of other types of people pushing for similar rights.

People with lifestyles many would certainly consider more immoral than homosexuality.

At first it seems ridiculous. Clearly same-sex marriage won't lead to people marrying animals or the legalizing of pedophilia. But wasn't the thought of homosexuals marrying a ridiculous idea 20 or 30 years ago?

This is not to say that I'm for or against same-sex unions. What I'm saying is we eventually have to draw a line somewhere. Someone will have to be excluded. Do we stop with homosexuals? Or should we grant similar rights to bigamists?

Eventually you have to restrain some people, otherwise murder would be legal and child pornography would be available at your local grocery store. Rights are all fine and good, but without limits we'd have chaos.

It may seem odd and even insane to consider giving pedophiles the rights heterosexuals have and homosexuals are fighting for. But I wouldn't be surprised if soon these very people are in the same position homosexuals are now: striving for the right to their "alternative lifestyle" and explaining they were born with lust for children, animals or perhaps even more bizarre appetites.

For all we know, they may be right. So do we give them what they want? When do we begin to firmly say no? Do we allow homosexuals their rights and then exclude all others? Or do we even exclude homosexuals and keep marriage as a heterosexual institution?

It's a slope that isn't very slippery. These changes won't occur overnight; it requires decades of society re-evaluating its moral code and norms.

We can't accept everything, because sooner or later we'll start contradicting ourselves.

The coming months will be interesting to watch, as we look at what we call "acceptable" and see if we need to change our perception.

But one day down the road, we'll have to tell someone no. Eventually a group of people will stretch our morality to limits we will never exceed.

For all we know, homosexuals could face that.

Or it might be someone else. But regardless of whom, it will be us as a society who decides. We're going to have to decide on where to draw the line someday, so consider it carefully.

*Garrett Gero is a regular columnist for the Collegiate Times.*

## A Perspective from Iraq: War in Iraq is worth the fight

Matthew Lawson

I have read with great interest the recent series of letters pertaining to the current situation in Iraq. Many of these authors have stated that they are providing the reader with "real facts."

I will not attempt to add more facts to that discussion, but I will tell you what I have seen and experienced in the last eight months I have spent in Iraq, which runs contrary to many of these "real facts."

The author of "Real Americans must use real arguments" (CT, Nov. 19) seems to believe the Iraqi people currently live "without power, without representation in their own government and without the ability to leave their homes unafraid."

While this may be true for some of the population of Iraq, I can tell you, in my area, the only place without reliable commercial power is our base. Outside our base, the night is full of streetlights and traffic that travels safely and without problems.

For the first time in decades, the Shia population has been able to safely travel on pilgrimages to its holy cities of Karbala and Najaf. In these places and many others the Iraqi police provide stability so commerce and freedom can flourish once again.

The author also states, "according to a Gallup poll, only 29 percent of Iraqis support Bush's actions." I can't

argue with what a Gallup poll may or may not say, but I would venture to say the 29 percent of Iraqis who support America are a very vocal minority.

I can still remember entering Iraq in April, uncertain as to what we would see, only to be greeted by cheering Iraqis on the side of the road, yelling "Bush" and "America."

Even now, whenever I travel along the roads here, Iraqis wave and cheer. Iraqis continuously come to us and tell us where to find arms, bombs and terrorists. They know with their help, their nation will again be prosperous and stable.

The author of "Real people disagree with war" (CT, Nov. 20) has made a point of speaking about the civilian casualties of liberation. Yes, civilians have died during my time here, some as the result of accidents and mistakes upon encounters with coalition forces.

However, the current reason many Iraqis are being killed is because they are fighting for a free Iraq as part of the Iraqi police and Iraqi Civil Defense Corps. This makes them targets for terrorists who desire nothing but fear and a return to a dictatorial regime.

Later, the same author speaks sarcastically about "the famous coalition." I have had the privilege of serving the last four months with Multinational Division CS, which

consists of members of the coalition.

I hope my friends from these nations who live and work with me every day do not read that they are members of nations with "little or no army." These are well-trained and brave individuals who have come together because they recognize the world cannot fail here in Iraq.

I find it insulting that the author implied they are weak or incompetent and they don't contribute anything to the stability of this nation. In fact, coalition elements help provide stability in over 40 percent of Iraq, no small feat for a group of nations with different languages, customs and equipment.

My grandfather's generation liberated the world from fascism. My father's generation stopped the tide of communism throughout the world.

Our generation faces a new threat in the form of terrorism.

The choice is clear: we can either ignore the problem, allowing dictators to murder their own people, or we can take action.

We can and are building a beacon of democracy in the Middle East that can help free the region from the clutches of oppression.

In our democracy, all "real Americans" can freely debate the issues. Now, "real Iraqis" are allowed to do the same.

*Captain Matthew Lawson, an alumnus of the class of 2000, is stationed at Camp Babylon in Iraq.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Petty fights block real issues of war

I am writing in response to the letters "Real Americans believe, support war effort" (CT, Nov. 18) and "Real people disagree with war" (CT, Nov. 20).

I think the bottom line here is that we're all real people and that no one has the right to tell anyone else that he/she is not a "real" person.

Our soldiers are fighting and dying in Iraq, and here in the United States we have people arguing back and forth over who is real and who isn't.

That isn't what the issue is about at all. I believe that both authors should be mature enough to respect someone else's opinion about the war in Iraq.

If someone supports the war, it doesn't mean he/she is no longer a person. The same goes for people who do not support the war.

There are "real" people fighting and dying everyday in Iraq, and I think we should switch our attention to sending our thoughts and prayers to them instead of acting like four-year-olds and arguing back and forth over who is real and who isn't.

Everyone has an opinion about the war, and everyone is entitled to that opinion. We all need to stop criticizing people of the opposite party, grow up and support our troops in Iraq.

Michael Coon  
freshman, political science

### Democrats hate war setbacks too

It is amazing to me that the author of "Democrats use negative spin on war, attempt to steal office" (CT, Nov. 21) believes those on the left who have criticized the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq "revel" in "perverse glee" at American setbacks. What is more amazing is that he chides his political opponents for making "amateurish" and unsubstantiated claims.

The author ought to be ashamed, if not for libeling those with whom he disagrees, then for his own hypocrisy.

Andrew Schlueter  
freshman, history

## Liberals support military, not war

John T. Krallman

I don't know what I find more disgusting about the column "Democrats use negative spin on war, attempt to steal office" (CT, Nov. 21), the rash overgeneralizations made by the author or his complete hypocrisy.

I'll start with the latter. First of all, the phrase 'steal office' may not be best suited for an argument defending President George Bush. But I digress.

While the author does present the Media Research Center as his source of information, he doesn't mention this is a conservative media research group. This is a group whose goal is not to point out shoddy or biased journalism, but to point out journalism biased to the left.

While the argument about the dates and numbers used by Reuters is relevant, and I agree that the war in Iraq is not close to the war in Vietnam, the author's hidden spin reveals his true agenda.

If the author were out to expose the unbiased truth, then why did he fail to mention the lack of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq? Until it seemed apparent that we would not find any, this was the administration's reason for the war.

Then, seemingly out of nowhere, the message became

"Saddam Hussein was an evil man, who killed his own people and oppressed them; we are here to free the Iraqi people."

Yet WMD was our impetus for war. That was the reason Bush cited for us going into Iraq now and not later. Hussein has biological, chemical or even nuclear weapons ready to use on unsuspecting Americans. Then where are they, Mr. President? Where are the biological and chemical weapons?

And contrary to the story presented by the author, we on the left are not sitting around the TV cheering for every new report of violence in Iraq as we would when the Hokies score. We wince whenever we see that another of our American servicemen or women has died.

How dare you question our loyalty to this country and its people! I and all of the leftists I know wish with our whole hearts that the conflict in Iraq would come to a swift and decisive end and that the government we set up would be democratic, stable and free.

We wish that not a single person in the American military would have to give a life. Yes, we wish this war to end, but almost all of us understand that retreat, at this point, is not a viable option. We want to be able to truthfully say "mission accomplished."

If the author could look past his rhetoric, maybe he would see Democrats love this country as

much as Republicans. We love our country, but we also notice flaws and room for improvement. We support our military and understand that criticizing the war and the administration's handling of the war is not the same as questioning our military.

Why is it that whenever the left questions the right, we are said to be un-American or unpatriotic, but when the right questions the left, they are not? Quick quiz for everyone: raise your hand if you supported the war in Iraq. Now keep your hand raised if you supported the United States' involvement in Kosovo under Bill Clinton. See how many hands went down?

Slobodan Milosevic is currently being tried for war crimes by an international tribunal. You want an evil man who killed his people and oppressed them? Why, then, were those who criticized the conflict not labeled un-American? Why, when then Gov. Bush criticized Clinton's "nation-building" efforts, was this prattle not seen as "the shameless production of opportunism" that it is?

Anyone tired of this hypocrisy? I know I am. Argue that the war in Iraq is progressing well. Argue that we really do have an exit strategy. But don't dare question the patriotism of those who disagree with you. Liberals love America too.

*John Krallman is a senior chemical engineering major.*

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# World AIDS Day celebrated around globe

by Audra Ang  
Associated Press

BEIJING — Activists and health workers rallied around the globe Monday to mark World AIDS day, seeking support for the continuing battle against a disease that ravaged a record number of people in 2003.

In China, the government says at least 840,000 people are HIV-positive and fears 10 million might become infected by 2010 without proper prevention.

Premier Wen Jiabao visited the AIDS ward at a Beijing hospital to show his support, and health workers went to construction sites and schools throughout the capital to teach AIDS prevention.

"Migrant workers are an at-risk group," said Li Xiaohong of the Beijing Center for Disease Control, which volunteered staff for the effort. "They only know that condoms can prevent pregnancy."

In India, where an estimated 4 million people have been infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, the government says it plans to provide free anti-retroviral drugs to AIDS patients. In the first year, the government plans to spend \$44 million to cover 100,000 patients in the six worst-hit Indian states.

Across India, volunteer groups planned exhibitions, street plays and seminars for a weeklong campaign to fight discrimination against AIDS victims as the actor Richard Gere mobilized celebrities to campaign against the spread of the disease.

In Calcutta, hundreds of prostitutes carried torches and waved posters as they walked through the streets at midnight Sunday and held a rally in the red-light district, vowing not to have sex without condoms.

A recent U.S. government report predicted the number of HIV-positive people in India could jump to between 20 million and 25 million by 2010.

AIDS, first diagnosed in 1981 and originally called gay related immune disorder, or GRID, attacks the human immune system. There is no known cure, though various treatments significantly extend the lives of AIDS patients.

The United Nations said last week that more people than ever died or were infected by HIV/AIDS in 2003, with 3 million deaths and another 5 million cases of infection.

Globally, between 34 million and 46 million people are believed to have the virus, although accurate numbers are hard to obtain because of shortfalls in reporting and poor health care in many countries.

In the developing world, the

vast majority of people with HIV and AIDS don't have access to life-extending antiretroviral drugs because of the high cost, the World Health Organization said. The agency launched a global drive Monday to provide AIDS drugs to 3 million people by 2005, using a simplified version of the drug cocktail that can turn the disease into a chronic ailment instead of a death sentence.

In Africa, only 2 percent of the people who need the drugs get them, WHO said.

Indeed, the steady advance of HIV and AIDS in Africa is devastating rural households, the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said.

**"HIV/AIDS strikes indiscriminately, but the poorest rural communities and households are always hit hardest."**

Sissel Ekaas  
director of FAO's Gender and Population Division

# Court: Ban on shirts with weapons too broad

by Larry O'Dell  
Associated Press

RICHMOND — A federal appeals court Monday barred a Virginia school district from enforcing a dress code that prohibits students from wearing clothing that depicts images of weapons.

The National Rifle Association had challenged Albemarle County schools on behalf of a student who was ordered to turn his NRA T-shirt inside-out because administrators feared it could encourage violence. The shirt bears silhouettes of gunmen and the words "NRA Sports Shooting Camp."

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a judge erred in refusing to halt enforcement of the policy challenged by 13-year-old Alan Newsom while his First Amendment lawsuit is pending. The court said the Jack Jouett Middle School dress code

is too broad and is likely to be found unconstitutional.

Albemarle schools failed to show that Newsom's shirt or any other article of clothing worn by a student and depicting weapons caused any disturbance, the panel noted.

"This lack of evidence strongly suggests that the ban on messages related to weapons was not necessary to maintain order and discipline at Jouett," Judge Clyde H. Hamilton wrote in the unanimous opinion.

The court said the policy is so broad that it could prohibit clothing displaying the Virginia state seal, which depicts a woman armed with a spear standing with one foot on the chest of a vanquished tyrant. It also could cover the musket-toting Pioneer mascot of neighboring Albemarle County High School and the crossed-sabres logo of the University of Virginia's athletic teams, the court said.

# Groups want better response in emergency

by Justin Bergman  
Associated Press

RICHMOND — Localities waited days for ice and water, which sometimes never came. Nursing homes lost electricity when generators failed. People with medical conditions were unable to get oxygen, insulin and prescription drugs.

Although the size of the disaster was unprecedented, officials testifying Monday before a joint legislative committee on Hurricane Isabel preparation and response said problems like these could have been avoided with improved communications systems and better foresight.

The hearing before the Senate and House Commerce and Labor Committees brought together the heads of several state agencies and representa-

tives from insurance companies and public utilities to discuss what lessons could be learned from Isabel.

Better communication was a common theme.

Michael Cline, state Department of Emergency Management coordinator, said he received complaints from many localities on the difficulty state and federal agencies had handling demands for emergency supplies, like ice, water and generators. Daily conference calls between local and state officials became confusing free-for-alls, with many localities believing this was the only way to get their voices heard.

"We never did catch up with requests for ice," Cline said, blaming the lack of refrigerated trucks. "By the time we started to catch up, everyone's power was coming back on."

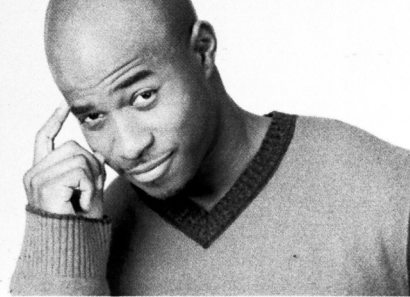
Del. Harvey Morgan, R-Gloucester, said he listened in on some conference calls and was stunned by the lack of coordination.

"Many localities were promised one thing and delivered another," he said. "Coordination I saw on the local level was outstanding. ... Communication above left something to be desired."

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency declined to take part in Monday's hearing, Morgan said.


In many cases, utilities such as Dominion Virginia Power tried to keep the public informed by posting updates on the Internet, but Del. Johnny Joannou, D-Portsmouth, said this did little good to residents who were without power for nearly two weeks.

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# Collegiate Cooking and Dining: Headline

Emily Olson

Cholesterol. It's a word that has most likely been discussed by your parents and is a common buzzword around the water cooler at the office.

Why? Because 50 percent of middle age adults are trying to correct the bad habits they have developed throughout their lives. Unfortunately, cholesterol is not a common buzzword among most college students — but it should be.

According to the American Heart Association, a healthy cholesterol level should remain below 200mg/dL, and sadly, 105 million Americans are at or above the 200 mark — including individuals from our age group.

To set the record straight, cholesterol isn't some awful substance we need to rid our bodies of. Cholesterol is actually necessary for certain functions in our body, such as producing cell membranes and hormones. But as with most things, moderation is key.

When too much of the waxy substance builds up in the blood, it can lead to coronary heart disease, which could ultimately result in a heart attack. The risk of heart

failure tends to increase with age and is one worth eliminating.

The obvious first step is getting tested, which can be done easily by scheduling an appointment with your physician, and the results should be available within a couple of weeks. There are two types of cholesterol reported: the good kind, HDL, which carries cholesterol away from your arteries, and the bad kind, LDL, that can block the arteries.

It's pretty simple. Just keep the HDL numbers as high as possible and keep the LDL numbers below 200mg/dL.

Unfortunately, there is an overabundance of products Americans consume that increase their LDL cholesterol intake. Simple dietary changes can significantly reduce LDL levels, and this starts with reading the labels.

However, this is trickier to do than one might think. According to the American Heart Association, trans-fats (which have been causing a stir recently), saturated fats and hydrogenated fats can actually raise blood cholesterol levels just like dietary cholesterol. Foods you should avoid or eat sparingly include french fries, doughnuts, most crackers, commercially baked and fried foods

things containing whole milk like cheeses and ice cream.

It may seem like a daunting task to give up the weekly bag of Krispy Kreme doughnuts or the large order of fries at Burger King, but there are plenty of other options to fill hungry bellies.

Here are some guidelines for choosing heart-healthy food options: When eating meat, opt for fish, poultry or lean cuts of meat. Give up the whole milk and enjoy fat-free or 1 percent. Eat more fiber (this helps lower cholesterol). Substitute saturated foods like butter with a healthier option such as margarine.

Most baked goods will cook flawlessly if you substitute two egg whites for every one egg the recipe calls for.

Boiling, broiling, baking, roasting, poaching, steaming, sautéing, stir-frying or micro-waving are all healthy cooking options requiring little or no fat.

So remember the basics, check your levels and check your labels. Your heart will thank you and you'll save yourself from a daily dose of the cholesterol-reducing drug Lipitor or even worse — an unexpected heart attack.

## recipe

### No-Cholesterol Chocolate Chip Cookies

#### Ingredients:

- » 1/2 cup canola oil
- » 1/2 cup honey
- » 1 cup packed brown sugar
- » 2 egg whites
- » 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- » 1 tablespoon water
- » 1 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
- » 1 cup all-purpose flour
- » 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- » 1/2 teaspoon salt
- » 1 1/4 cups semisweet chocolate chips

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets.
2. In a medium bowl, combine canola oil, honey, sugar, egg whites, vanilla and water. Mix well.
3. In a separate bowl combine the whole-wheat flour, all-purpose flour, baking powder and salt.
4. Gradually add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients. Mix well.
5. Mix the chocolate chips into the batter.
6. Drop cookies by rounded teaspoonfuls onto the prepared cookie sheets. Flatten with a fork dipped in flour.
7. Bake for 8 to 9 minutes in the preheated oven.
8. Remove from the oven and cool.

\*These cake-like cookies are cholesterol-free and are a much healthier version of this traditional favorite.



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Sports

# Hokies maul Morgan St. Bears, 76-66

■ Bryant Matthews' career-high 36 points and nine rebounds paced Tech to a victory

by **Jin Gak Bae and Clark Ruhland**  
Sports Staff

After the tough loss in Charlottesville against the University of Virginia last Friday night, the Virginia Tech Hokies rebounded well with a 76-66 victory over the Morgan State Bears.

The game was a tale of two halves as the Bears dominated early on, but the Hokies responded with tough defense in the second half.

Morgan State started the game hot, hitting their first three shots and taking an early lead. The Hokies were unable to defend the Bears' outside shooters, as senior guard Reggie Winkfield was perfect from

the field in the first half, hitting five shots, including three from behind the arc.

Despite their fast start, Morgan State could not put the Hokies away, as Tech capitalized on the Bears' 12 first half turnovers to remain within striking distance.

"We did a good job of getting the ball inside," said Tech head coach Seth Greenberg, "However, we made bad decisions in the fast break which prevented us from getting ahead in the game."

After a slow start, the Hokies scored on four consecutive pos-

sessions and took their first lead of the game on a Jamon Gordon lay-up at the 11:49 mark.

Tech's aggressive team defense kept the score close and allowed them to enter the half trailing by only one, 37-36.

The Hokies continued their defensive prowess in the second half, starting the period with a 14-2 run.

The run was sparked by Tech's 1-3-1 press, which forced four straight turnovers by the Bears and nearly a four-minute scoring drought.

After several easy transition buckets, Tech established a 17-point lead at the 6:39 mark in the second half after a Bryant Matthews lay-up.

A late charge by Morgan State narrowed the deficit to eleven with 1:22 remaining, but the Hokies lead proved to great to overcome.

"We can't be just satisfied in winning. We must be satisfied in figuring out how you play today will affect the next game."

**Seth Greenberg**  
Tech head coach

Greenberg said.

Matthews had a career night, pouring in a career-high 36 points on 14-22 shooting. He moved to 26th all-time on the Tech scoring list with 1115, tying him with former teammate Brian Chase.

"I was just sticking with the game plan. When we analyze film, we notice that we could take advantage of Morgan State that is no taller than 6 foot 8 inches," Matthews said.

Gordon's tenacious defense provided a much-needed spark



ANDREW LEONARD/SPPS

**Bryant Matthews scored a career-high 36 points in a 76-66 Tech win over Morgan State last night.**

and helped the Hokies force 19 turnovers.

Gordon harassed Bear defenders all night as he nearly tied a school record with seven steals (Dell Curry holds the record with eight). He also contributed 12 points and six assists.

"I really like to play off my defense. If I could two steals a game, I probably will have a good game," Gordon stated. "I strive off of my defense."

The Hokies next game is on Thursday, December 12 at Cassell against Old Dominion.

## Sports Notes

### Men's basketball: Hokies go 2-1 over Thanksgiving break

The Virginia Tech men's basketball team got the 2003-04 season off to a good start, winning their first two games of the season against the University of New Hampshire and Western Carolina, respectively. The only defeat came Friday night, as the University of Virginia Cavaliers beat Tech, 80-65.

The Hokies jumped out to a 7-0 lead to begin the game, but the Cavaliers used a 9-0 run in the middle of the first half to take a 35-30 lead in the break.

The closest Tech came to the lead in the second half was two points before UVa pulled away for good. Bryant Matthews scored a game-high 21 points and pulled 15 rebounds for the Hokies, while Jamon Gordon had 15 points and Philip McCandies added 11.

Last Tuesday night, Tech notched their second win of the young season over Western Carolina University when Mykhael Lattimore tipped in a Gordon miss at the buzzer to make the score 61-59. Matthews led the Hokies in scoring with 22 points, while Zabian Dowdell added 14.

The Hokies won their home opener on Saturday, Nov. 22 over the University of New Hampshire by a score of 79-49. Matthews led Tech with a game-high 21 points, while Gordon had 20 and Dowdell added 15.

### Women's basketball: Hokies win Paradise Jam tournament

The women's basketball team jumped out to a 4-0 start over the break, garnering a No. 24 ranking in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll. Tech won the Paradise Jam tournament over the holiday weekend in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

After beating Iowa State University 67-57 in the first round of the tournament, the Hokies advanced to the championship game. Behind a career-high 24 points from Carrie Mason, Tech defeated the Mississippi State University Bulldogs 63-56. Mason was named the tournament MVP for her performance. Ieva Kublina added 17 points for Tech and was named to the all-tournament team.

After opening the season Nov. 21st with a 77-60 win over the Miami (Ohio) University Redhawks, the Hokies travelled to Charlottesville on Nov. 23, to face the then No. 24 University of Virginia. Paced by Mason's 18 points and Dawn Chriss' 11, Tech defeated the Cavs 63-62.

The women will be in action again tomorrow night at Cassell Coliseum when Old Dominion University comes to town for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

### Men's soccer: Hokies fall to VCU in second round of NCAA tournament

After defeating Clemson University at home on penalty kicks, the Virginia Tech men's soccer team's season came to a close in the second round of the NCAA tournament at the hands of Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Rams jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first 20 minutes of the game, and the Hokies never caught up. They eventually lost 5-2. Bobby O'Brien scored Tech's first goal on a pass from Brent Dillie. The goal was O'Brien's 15th of the season, which ties a school record. It was also the 29th of his career, putting him alone in sixth place in the all-time record book.

Dustin Dyer netted the second goal off of an assist from Peer Rogge in the 66th minute of play, but Tech could not put any more points on the board after that.

The appearance marked the first time a Tech team has made it to the tournament. For their efforts, head coach Oliver Weiss' staff was named the Big East Conference Coaching Staff of the Year, while Ben Nason was named Big East Rookie of the Year. Lasse Mertins was named to the All-Big East second team as well as the 2003 University Division Academic All-American Team. Nason and Rogge were named to the All-Big East third team.

# Diamondbacks acquire slugger Sexson

by **Bob Baum**  
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired slugger Richie Sexson from Milwaukee on Monday in a nine-player deal that sends infielder Craig Counsell, second baseman Junior Spivey and others to the Brewers.

First baseman Lyle Overbay, catcher Chad Moeller and left-handers Jorge De La Rosa and Chris Capuano also were dealt to Milwaukee.

In addition to Sexson, Arizona received left-hander

Shane Nance and a player to be named.

The deal was finalized after Curt Schilling passed his physical with the Boston Red Sox.

De La Rosa was one of four players sent to Arizona for Schilling, and could not be traded until the Schilling deal was finalized.

The Diamondbacks long had been coveting the 6-foot, 7-inch Milwaukee first baseman as the right-handed power hitter the lineup lacked. With Shea Hillenbrand at third base, Arizona has a pair of solid right-handed bats in what has been, in recent years, a left-

handed dominated lineup.

Sexson, 28, earns \$8.6 million next year, the final season of his contract. He was the Brewers' most popular player, but with the franchise looking to cut its already meager payroll to about \$30 million next season, his salary was too high.

Sexson has a .273 average with 191 home runs in six major league seasons with Cleveland and Milwaukee, and he had 45 homers and 124 RBIs last season.

The Diamondbacks had no player with more than 26 home runs last season.

Arizona's weak offense was a major reason for the team's decline last season. Despite the loss of Schilling, the Diamondbacks think they can build a good rotation with Randy Johnson and young Brandon Webb at the top.

Counsell, a scrappy utility player and the MVP in the 2001 NL Championship Series, has been plagued by injuries the past two seasons.

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# UVa: Tech falls to 2-3 on road this season

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Quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
UVa	7	0	14	14	35
VT	7	7	0	7	21
STATS					
			UVa	VT	
First Downs			24	19	
Rushing Attempts			31	40	
Net Rushing Yards			110	151	
Net Passing Yards			358	214	
Passes Attempted			46	26	
Passes Completed			32	14	
Had Intercepted			1	2	
Total Net Yards			468	365	
Penalties: Number - Yards			5-34	7-57	
Possession Time			28:47	31:13	
Third-Down Conversions			9 of 18	4 of 10	
Fourth-Down Conversions			3 of 3	0 of 0	

JONATHAN DE GUZMAN

## Continued from page 1

wall," said quarterback Marcus Vick. "Especially on the road, it is a different ball game. The number of loud fans makes it hard to communicate with receivers on the line."

After the third road loss on the season, the team refused to blame the unfriendly environment as cause for defeat.

"Playing on the road is no issue for us," Beamer said. "Who we play is what needs to be focused on, but not playing on the road in general."

Tech does have two losses on the road versus ranked opponents this year (West Virginia University and University of Pittsburgh) but also escaped a 1-11 Temple team with a 24-23 overtime victory that came from a missed extra point.

"The win over Temple felt like a loss," said cornerback Eric Green. "We have to be a road team. So many times we have been one play away from executing the way we should."

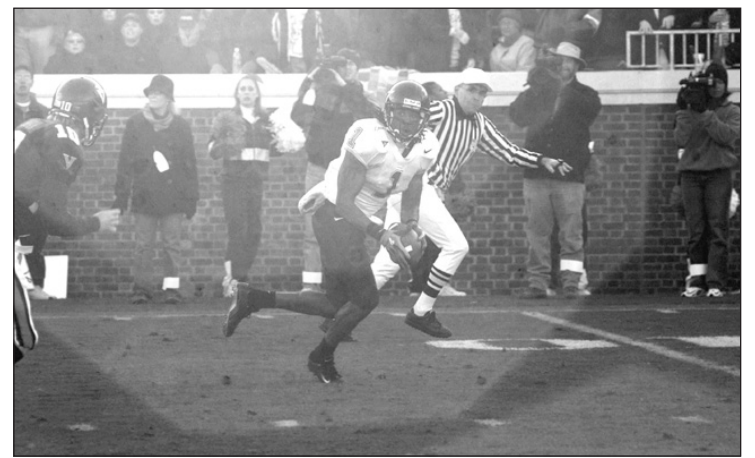
"One play away" may serve as a theme for this year's football team, especially Saturday. Tech dropped several interceptions against the Cavaliers and committed holding calls early on key drives, putting them in holes from which they could not climb out.

Tech was given its opportunity to take momentum and run with it in the third quarter, but mistakes favored UVa instead. A touchdown from a blocked punt was called back because the Hokies were lined up offside.

UVa took the ball and scored just minutes later on a third-and-15 from mid-field on a 49-yard touchdown pass.

After Cavalier quarterback Matt Schaub took a knee to finish the ball game, Scott Stadium erupted in cheers as it had been doing all game. Perhaps this year's Tech football team is not comfortable playing in front of unfamiliar crowd noise.

"Our fans weren't there to help us and lift us up," said defensive end Nathaniel Adibi. "We have to learn to play on the road."



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Top: Eric Green returns a blocked punt into the endzone. The play was called back because of an offside penalty. Below: Tight end Heath Miller had 145 yards receiving against the Hokies.

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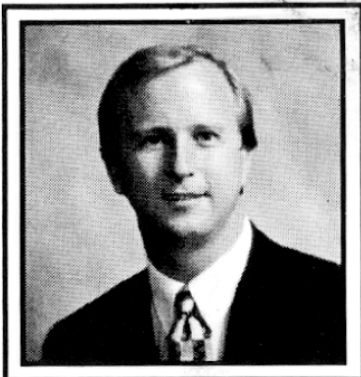
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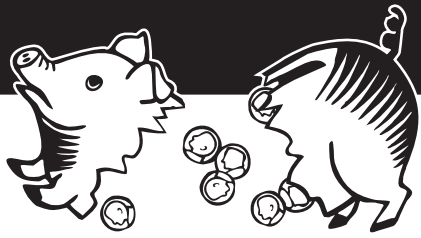
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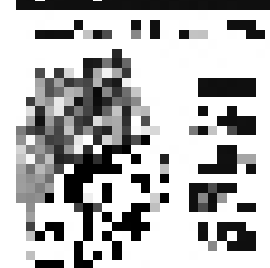
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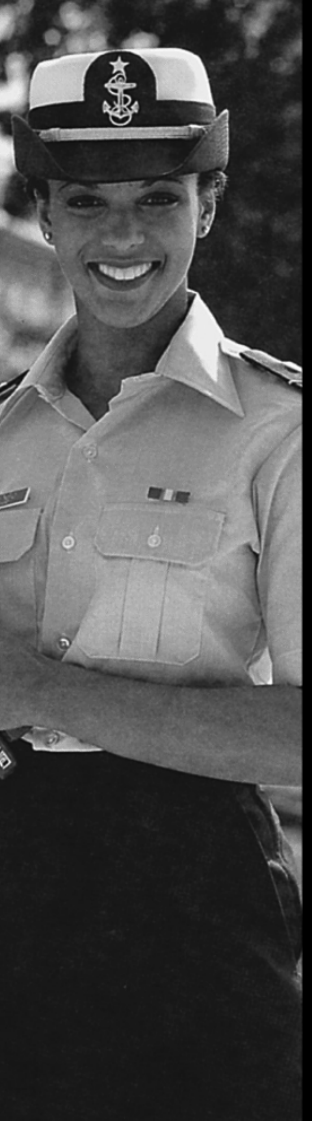
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# In-state meltdown

## GAMELEADERS

### Virginia Tech

#### Bryan Randall



14 of 26  
214 yards  
1 TD, 2 INT

#### Kevin Jones



25 carries  
75 yards  
2 TD

#### Ernest Wilford



6 catches  
96 yards  
0 TD



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**Kevin Jones, in what may have been his final regular season game at Tech, gained 75 yards rushing and 41 yards receiving. He scored two touchdowns.**



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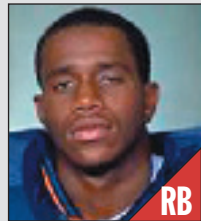
**Wali Lundy scored four touchdowns, including two on fourth down attempts. He scored three times on the ground, and once on a pass from Matt Schaub.**

### Virginia Matt Schaub



32 of 46  
358 yards  
2 TD, 1 INT

#### Wali Lundy



24 rushes  
89 yards  
3 TD

#### Heath Miller



13 catches  
145 yards  
0 TD

■ The Hokies lost the Commonwealth Cup to the University of Virginia for the first time in five years

by **Jeremy Doehnert**  
Editor in Chief

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Fourth down was not very kind to the Virginia Tech Hokies on Saturday.

The University of Virginia Cavaliers converted all three of their fourth down attempts — including two one-yard touchdowns by running back Wali Lundy, and a fake field goal attempt that led to another Lundy touchdown, which sealed the 35-21 UVA victory.

In the third quarter, when Tech forced UVA into a three-and-out, fourth down again came back and bit the Hokies.

Cornerback Eric Green came around the left side of the UVA line and blocked Tom Hagan's punt, then recovered it and ran in for a score. But Vincent Fuller was flagged for being offside, and the play was called back.

The penalty resulted in a first down allowing the Cavaliers to drive the ball 80 yards for a touchdown. Matt Schaub's 49-yard pass to Alvin Pearman gave UVA the lead for good.

"We were here to win," said UVA head coach Al Groh. "We were going to let it all go. At a point you have to trust in the players. Sometimes you have to coach by the heart. The players wanted to go for it, and I wanted to go for it."

Schaub finished the day 32-46 for 358 yards and two touchdowns, tying the UVA record for career touchdown passes. He also threw an interception to Tech's linebacker Vegas Robinson. Schaub's favorite target was tight end Heath Miller, who racked up 145 yards on 13 catches. Miller found holes in the Hokies' zone defense for gains across the middle all game.

Tech led 14-7 at the end of the first half, scoring on a one-yard Kevin Jones touchdown run and a 43-yard pass from Bryan Randall to Mike Imoh. But the Hokies' defense was unable to stop the Cavaliers in the second half, and UVA scored on its first four possessions in the second half.

"This is not the defense we're accustomed to at Virginia Tech," said head coach Frank Beamer.

After a short Tech drive to open the second half, UVA took over at its own 26-yard line.

On the first play, Schaub completed a 49-yard pass to Art Thomas. The Hokies held the Cavalier offense, but Fuller was called for pass interference on third down, putting the ball on the UVA six-yard line.

Tech twice stopped UVA from the one-yard line, but the Cavaliers scored on fourth-and-one on a wide receiver screen pass to Lundy.

Tony Franklin intercepted Randall

on Tech's next drive, and UVA drove 80 yards, including the blocked punt called back. The play was the turning point of the game, and its importance was not lost to Tech players.

"So many times we've been one play away from executing the way we should," said Green, who has blocked four kicks in his career.

*"We're not doing the things it takes to win football games. We're not looking for blame, we're looking for reasons (things are going wrong)."*

**Frank Beamer**  
Tech head coach

The Hokie offense showed life for the first time in the second half on its next drive. It pounded out an 18-play, 91-yard drive, with Jones shouldering most of the load. He rushed the ball eight times, including a two-yard score to cap the drive. He also had three receptions on the drive for 41 yards.

In what may have been his last regular season game for the Hokies, Jones carried 25 times for 75 yards and two touchdowns.

The game was the first in which Beamer got away from splitting the

quarterback duties between Randall and Marcus Vick. Both still saw playing time, with Vick at times lining up as a wideout and running an end around, and at other times lining up in a shotgun formation and running a quarterback draw.

The Cavaliers would put away any hope of a comeback on their next drive. The Hokies held UVA to a field goal attempt on fourth-and-seven at Tech's 29. But Schaub took the snap and hit Miller for a 10-yard gain and a first down. Lundy took the handoff on the next play 19 yards for his fourth score.

The only possession in the second half from which UVA didn't score was its last one, after another Randall interception. The Cavaliers ran out the clock and many of the crowd of 60,943 rushed the field.

"You put all that time in to win the ball game, and when you lose it's not a good feeling," Randall said.

After the game, Beamer was left looking for answers.

"We're not doing the things it takes to win football games," he said. "We're not looking for blame, we're looking for reasons (things are going wrong)."

Beamer is now 8-9 against UVA in his career. Tech leads the overall series against UVA 43-37-5.

On Sunday, Tech accepted an invitation to play in the Insight Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz. on Dec. 26. The Hokies will play the Golden Bears of the University of California.

"We gotta regroup, and play better for the bowl game," said wide receiver Ernest Wilford.

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Consecutive weeks the Hokies spent in the top 25 — a streak that ended this week after Tech's loss

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Frank Beamer's winning percentage against the University of Virginia in his career at Tech

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Tech's regular season non-conference game winning streak, which was snapped against UVA

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