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look at nature

Beautiful landscapes are widespread in Montgomery County, Virginia. The Cascades were a popular retreat for students where one could hike, wade near the waterfall or simply admire nature. Photo by Tom Moore
We look at images everyday. We remember the past, look at the present and dream of the future. An outstanding professor at this university taught me that we see not only with our eyes but also our mind, which is the greatest eye of all.

In this volume of the Bugle we will behold a great many things. Use your eyes to view the images and allow your mind to see them. What meaning will this book have to you? Our time at Virginia Tech is a unique experience. We all are part of the same community but we see things differently and that's what makes the time we spend here inimitable. Take a look for yourself.
look at creativity

The Contemporary Dance Ensemble of Virginia Tech blends ballet with modern dance. Their artistic expression is one that appeals to the emotions of both the dancers and the audience.  Photo by Taeun Park
look at campus

The center of campus is home to the Driffeld. Students often lounged there in between classes on pleasant days.

Photo by Ryan Walsh
look at tradition

The snare drummers of the Highy Tighties play in perfect unison. The Corps of Cadets had a tradition of building leaders for the future. (Photo courtesy of the Corps of Cadets)
look at unity

Members of the Blacksburg community join together for a candlelight vigil on the Tech campus. The vigil was held during Israel Peace Week in October. (Photo by Sharmeen Dugan)
look at drama

"Mahalia" is a Gospel Musical Play that depicts the life of the great gospel singer. "Mahalia" was performed during Black History Month. © Photo by Mike Smith
look at acrobats

These performers know how to jump through hoops. The Peking Acrobats performed in Burress Auditorium.

Photo by June Panzeran
Student Life
by holly laMura

My freshman year of college presented an abundant amount of fears, excitement and unexplainable emotions. We all went through the process of getting the orientation date in the mail, our roommate for the year, and the dorm where we would spend our time growing. Coming from a small private school in New Jersey, I feared making friends, finding my classes and most of all just being comfortable and happy.

My freshman orientation date was scheduled for the beginning of July. As I drove down to Virginia Tech, feelings of anticipation swarmed me and I became excited to venture into the activities planned for the two days. When I arrived, I was directed to the place I would spend the night in West A&B and hopefully meet some new people. As the day wore on, we divided into groups and discussed a variety of topics ranging from discrimination to sexual abuse in the college setting. Later on that evening the orientation leaders performed several skits, which lightened the mood and gave way to laughter. That night “freshmen” flooded the volleyball courts and areas around the dorm for some fun and entertainment. Spending the night in the dorm was quite an event; experiencing the company of a roommate, showering with flip-flops, and the campus food. I felt that the orientation was a wonderful glimpse into what I would experience in the upcoming year.

The first day I moved in was full of emotion. I was left standing in my new home as my mom left me. Finally, I felt like a college student. I quickly met the girls across the hall from me and we decided to venture to the freshman picnic being held in front of Dietrick. Everybody was meeting each other and enjoying the food provided. It was a great way to realize that I was not alone and that everyone was going through the same feelings of fear as me. Quickly I adapted to the environment and enjoyed the picnic and friendliness of everyone I met. In the next few days, my new friends and I explored the campus in search of our classes. Now, it was as though I knew the campus like the back of my hand.

One semester later I felt as though I had adapted to Virginia Tech. I realized that everyone here was friendly and willing to give a helping hand. I had befriended so many new and fascinating people from all over the country. The girls across the hall that I met the first day became my best friends and future roommates for my sophomore year. Although the first few weeks of adapting to being in college were tough, it was an experience I would never change. Coming to Tech helped me grow and find the true me.
relaxing in august

Hokies gathered together to share food, music and fun at the Welcome Back picnic. Photo by Brian Wolf.

fall convocation

VT students were welcomed by faculty in each department at the fall convocation. Photo by Brian Wolf.

dietrick valentine's day

Themed dining was one way RDP made meal time fun, but for most students there was no substitute for a home-cooked meal. Photo by Jena Keizman.
You had been waiting all summer for it. The heat of the sun scorch your skin everyday as you went to check your mail. July was that special month when underclassmen and on campus residents received an envelope: a white holding place for the valuable information of where they would reside in the coming year. Approximately 8,900 students went through this process every summer. Once they arrived on campus in August they found their room in one of the 32 on campus residential halls, and began to personalize the concrete walls and brown tiled floor.

The dorm experience was one that every Virginia Tech student went through at least once, yet this past year's situation was unexpected and definitely out of the ordinary. Many students were shocked when they found that their home would be in a study lounge. Due to overcrowding, undergraduates that were not incoming freshman were given the choice to move off campus in exchange for free dining dollars. Yet, this process still did not open up enough rooms for the incoming students. The overcrowding of Virginia Tech residential halls created problems in the rooms where many students lived three to a room, as well as, the bathrooms. Those who lived in a study were moved into actual dorm rooms halfway through the year. This caused a hassle because all of the student's belongings had to be moved.

After freshman year, many students moved off campus and experienced the joy of an apartment. Because of the amount of freshmen each year that requires housing, students who wanted to live on campus again for another year had to apply for a spot and were placed in a lottery. Students tended to like living on campus because they were able to meet so many people in their residence hall. The dorm experience was a very memorable part of freshmen life.
"Because I live so close to other people, it is easy to always know what is going on."

freshman

rachel elitharp
Virginia Tech students explore the local culture downtown and in and around the community

The small town of Blacksburg has a hint of culture buried within its small shops and restaurants, which line the streets. Blacksburg provided a variety of interests for anybody, young or old.

It was home to the Lyric Theatre, which held community events and movies at a great price. On Main Street there were two Virginia Tech museums which held information and displays about Geological Sciences and Natural History. Also, the Armory Art Gallery and the XYZ Gallery both offered a touch of art culture to the area. At the XYZ Gallery various art exhibits were displayed throughout the academic year.

In the surrounding area of Blacksburg, one found Mountain Lake, the filming sight of the famous movie Dirty Dancing. Mountain Lake was one of only two fresh water lakes in Virginia. The lake was formed when a rock slide dammed the north end of the valley. There was also the adventure of the Cascades, which represented nature's beauty with waterfalls, scenic views, and the New River. The Jefferson National Forest was also within driving distance of the quaint town of Blacksburg.

Calfee Park, the twelfth oldest professional minor-league baseball park in use in America, offered a nice fan-friendly atmosphere for watching the game. This baseball park was located in Pulaski, Virginia, which was not too far from Blacksburg. The small town was elegant and appealing to all ages and the areas which surrounded it and were filled with recreation and natural wonders.

"Knowing that there is so much to do in the area makes me proud that it is my new home," states freshman and University Studies major Stephanie Barber. Students found many pleasures in and beyond the community of Blacksburg.

by stefanie schulman
out and about in blacksburg
VT has two museums located on Main Street. Biology lab classes often made visits to the Natural History Museum. Photo by Ryan Willis. Nature calls in the cascades west of VT. The peaceful view was great for relaxing. Photo by Jessica Marshall. Mountain Lake is home to the famous movie "Davy Dancing." Many ventured to the restaurant for a delicious meal and view of the lake. Photo by Lauren Smith. The Lyric hosts community events as well as movies. They offered something for everyone. Photo by Ryan W580.
Virginia Tech celebrated Homecoming through a variety of activities, which included a pep rally, voting for the homecoming court, a parade, football game, presentation of queen and king and the dance. The fun filled week started off with the pep rally which presented the High Techs, dance company, cheerleaders and the High-Tighties, as well as a high amount of energy and spirit.

During the week members of the sororities and fraternities campaigned outside McBryde and the dining halls for their nominee. Voting took place at many of the same locations following the campaigning.

Homecoming morning started with a parade down Main Street. A number of clubs, organizations, fraternities and sororities participated in the march through downtown Blacksburg.

The time came where VT would show their strength against the challenger. Virginia Tech battled against Boston College on October 13, winning 34-20. The Homecoming Court was presented at halftime, where Chris DeMay was crowned King and Cori Softley was named Queen. Courtney Hale expressed her feelings after the game by saying, "I can't wait till next year's game! I love Hokie football!". The dance followed that evening, where Hokies danced the night away.

Many Hokies felt that Homecoming week was filled with excitement and enjoyed all of the activities. Matt Pryor said, "It was exciting to see how spirited every Hokie fan is at the Homecoming game." Homecoming week had a lasting effect on many Virginia Tech students as the week of activities came to a close. Homecoming was a success with a high impact football game and an active week at VT.
hokies

The Homecoming Court Representative anxiously waits for the announcement of king and queen. The Hokie Bird greets each couple.

Photo by Shannon Doxer
"Hokie, Hokie, Hokie-Hi! Tech, Tech, VP!!!" Taught by enthusiastic orientation leaders over the summer, all incoming freshmen were familiar with this energetic cheer. Thus, the school spirit cult-mentality was born. Before arriving at Virginia Tech, most Hokies did not view the turkey as a majestic creature, nor did they consider burnt orange and Chicago maroon to be the best color combination of all. However, by graduation time, it was a completely different story! Perhaps it was something in the Hokie Water, or maybe something in the air but the contagious high off Virginia Tech School Spirit reached far beyond Lane Stadium.

When entering campus on Southgate Drive, visitors first saw the VT emblem decorating the pavement, as painted there in 2000 by students of the Pamplin College of Business. This evidence of Hokie Pride continued to be evident throughout Hokie Heaven by reappearing all over the campus, even taking on the form of shrubs. Still evident in the commuter lot and the cage parking area, the spirit echoed as cars of all shapes and sizes were adorned with Virginia Tech stickers and magnets. Windows, bumpers and even personalized license plates provided the overwhelming evidence of the pride that means being a Hokie.

On any given day, the Drillfield was spotted with orange and maroon as students sported their tech gear while attending their classes. Hokie Pride was not just for game days! The new class buildings themselves were even characterized by the school spirit which envelopes Virginia Tech. Even within the dormitories, school spirit was at a high point. The fourth floor of O'Shaughnessy Hall portrayed the mighty Hokie Bird defeating a Virginia Cavalier in an inspiring mural located by the elevators. What a great sight for Hokies leaving the dorm's!

This pride, although a special characteristic of Virginia Tech was no secret to the rest of the world.
"The football games display the enormous amount of school spirit that VT holds."

freshman
brandon robertson
The Joys of Parking

Many students seemed to be all too familiar with the "joys" of parking services.

Sunglasses on, the sun shined down—it was a beautiful Friday afternoon! You could not wait to start your weekend! Have you ever dug through your bag with one hand, searched for the cold metallic feel of keys, and with the other hand dialed your friend's number on your cell phone, when suddenly you stopped? There on the windshield of your car was an orange envelope, the DREADED orange envelope. You thought to yourself, "Like I have $30 to pay that!" And just like that—your next hour was ruined. You retrieved the envelope and tossed it into the front seat of your car and drove out of the parking lot absolutely hating parking services. Come on—you never would have parked in that TA spot if there were enough parking spaces, right?

Almost every VT student with a car could relate, on some level, to the above scenario. Parking Services... what exactly did they do anyway? Did they just lurk in the shadows waiting for someone to park improperly? The stated mission of the Virginia Tech Parking Services was "to provide safe and convenient parking areas and to facilitate travel to, from, and within the campus for members of the university community and guests." A citation was not the final say; a student had the right to appeal any ticket in order to ensure fairness and consistency. In addition to monitoring parking areas, this student service also worked closely with the Virginia Tech Police Department to ensure safety and provided such services as the dusk-to-dawn escort service.

So why, one may ask, did parking services get such a bad rap? Sophomore Rachael White shared her thoughts on this matter, "I think that parking services (in issuing tickets) are fair since parking lots are clearly marked on who can park where, but I think there is a problem with consistency. I think that parking services just gets a bad rap because there is hardly anywhere to park on campus for students!" There were only the Cage and stadium lots, which mainly serviced residents. The commuter lot serviced all commuting students that attempted to go to classes. However, during the week, there just never seemed to be a large enough selection of parking spots. In January, the issue of controversy was the change in the parking policies for B-Lot parking in what was previously the commuter area. As a result of the two-year loss of spaces due to the ongoing construction of the Chemistry/Physics area, B-lot was changed from a commuter lot to a faculty/staff area. Many students, as creatures of habit, overlooked the new sign posting and received citations for their parking choices. While no one agreed on the fairness of this issue, everyone accepted that the lack of parking on campus was an issue to continued to be wrestled with. In the meantime, the weekly reprieve from ticket terror, applied to most lots between Friday evening and 7 am Monday, would just have to do!

For the fiscal year of 2001, parking services reported revenues of $970,000 in fines. This was a large sum of money! There were many expenses that the student service encountered as well. While no one liked receiving tickets, or vulture-like circling of the lots for parking spaces—many recognized this as a necessary evil with no easy solution in the near future. While there were alternative means of transportation including the BT and options such as bikes or carpooling, many students still chose to drive themselves to campus. This freedom enjoyed by many was a service offered because of the hard work of the parking service employees. Carpooling was even encouraged to help make more spaces for everyone by the special carpool permits and up-front parking. Although sometimes the victim of frustration and a negative reputation, parking services was a service here for all of the members of the Virginia Tech community.
busted!

After the info check, a ticket was sure to follow. They were always on the lookout for parking violations. Parking officials kept busy by ticketing improperly parked cars. Yet another parking ticket awaited an unsuspecting student.

Photos by Matt Hudson
I still remember being a sophomore in high school! I still can’t believe how fast my freshman year went by. So far, I have received many tasks that I have not even begun to think about. What do I do when I do this, or is this clean, is that still due today? These were the stories of my life as I moved into this new chapter of my life called, “Off Campus.”

Living off campus had its advantages in many ways; yet, in some strange way I still missed the dorm life. What am I talking about? Living off campus was great! I got my own shower, bathroom and bedroom. My apartment did not smell like sweat and nasty feet when you walked inside. I had total freedom and I was able to do whatever I wanted... well almost. My roommate was cool. He was like another big brother but sometimes we got into those brotherly fights. Everything from fighting over who took the trash out last to what show to watch on TV, but hey, it was great!

A lot of my friends from back at home got into Virginia Tech and were freshmen, so I was still connected to the dorm life in some ways. It was good to finally have close friends from back home. The best was when you could interrupt their conversation with, “Been there, done that.” When I was with them I sometimes forgot that I was a year ahead of them, but it was good because I could help them out with things. “You man on the tribe pole,” not anymore! It was always nice to see other people on campus that were younger than you. I remembered when I was a freshman and I walked past a football player. He seemed four times as big as me, and ever since then I had been working out. The other day I walked past a freshman and he looked at me. I looked back at him and he started to walk away really fast. That just made me remember about the time that the football player scared the crap out of me.

“Man, I wish I could find a job!” I bet many people were saying that to themselves. I had been to every restaurant in this area and had not found one job! Even the stores in New River Valley Mall had no openings. When I applied to Texas Steak House the other day they told me they would call me—a week later nothing! I called them back and came to realize that they did call me back but my roommate was on the Internet! So they filled my slot with someone else. Oh yeah, another bad thing about living off campus, “Goodbye Ethernet! Hello slow modem depending on what complex you lived in.”

If you were going to live off campus just remember one thing, for every bad thing, you got about four good things. For example, bad thing, slow modem. Good things, your own phone line, room, bathroom, and shower. Oh and I could finally cook food!

Between parties, going out, girls, movies, and relaxation, you had to keep saying this to yourself (it’s what my dad always told me): “You’re there for school!” My dad was right, but hey, you had to have a little fun on the side or you would be denying yourself as a true Hokie! They said that college would be the best four years of your life. So far they were right!
"They said that college would be the best four years of your life. So far they were right!"
"What you are is what you eat!" This line served to describe Virginia Tech students. The dining facilities both on and around campus were a reflection of the diversity that is the Hokie community.

Whether craving a juicy New York strip, or a hearty helping of pasta, your taste buds were delighted at the selections found in West End Market. A favorite among the dining halls, West End has been ranked high among the best college campus food in the nation. Close by was Dietrick Dining Hall for those who favored a traditional dining plan, and cafeterias buffet style foods. The sweet tooth was satisfied by a stop at Deet's Place. And as diverse as they get was Owens Dining Hall with options of cold and hot sandwiches, soups, bakery items, smoothies, Chinese and Mexican Foods. Of course the home cooking of Schultz was available for those on the eastern end of campus. And the #1 pizza Hut for customer satisfaction served students in Hokie Grill. The Blue Ridge Barbecue and Chick-Fil-A dishes were said to be worth the wait for a table as well. The arrival of Cinnabon was heavily anticipated for, it was the first to be opened on a college campus.

While the Christiansburg area featured mostly chain restaurants it also held the fine dining locations of Farmhouse or Huckleberry. Both restaurants were praised for their high quality menu items and romantic atmosphere. Within Blacksburg, for a more casual dining experience, one could walk down Main Street and stop at one of the unique restaurants. For the vegetarians among us, Gillie's was quite satisfying. The wide variety of foods available was certain to provide something for everyone.

Tastes in food among other things varied from culture to culture. The surrounding community was a reflection of how diverse the tech student community really was.
"I think VT food is great for a college campus."

freshman

john perla
Money Matters

by jennifer kiser

It is often said, "There's a first time for everything," this can also be used to describe the infamous credit card. Usually, the first credit card was obtained during the freshman year of college. This was partly due to the "finally-old-enough" age, and partly due to the fact that a student cannot cross campus without being inundated with numerous credit card applications complete with the free t-shirt, sunglasses or phone card.

How did students deal with these money matters without charging head first into debt? In some cases, that debt opened up like a swimming pool on Memorial Day weekend, which resulted in much floundering and sometimes a call home for a lifeline. In other cases, students spent agonizing hours of budgeting their money and planning charge card purchases. Leslie Johnson admitted, "I cross my fingers when the statements arrive. I am such a lucky and irresponsible person—I have never balanced my checkbook or even entered a single digit in there!"

While the bulk of freshmen were dealing with checkbook and credit card firsts, many sophomores and juniors dealt with their first apartments, and consequently their first significant round of bills. Electric bills, phone bills, cable bills...Did it never end? Sophomore Jennifer Zirkle sighed and said, "Apartments are just so much more expensive than I ever realized."

Now we knew where the money went, but how did we get the money we all so desperately need? The working student population was introduced. Jobs were available to students on and off campus alike. On campus, RDP provided many jobs in dining or residence halls. The UUSA also hired on campus within its individual departments such as the recreation area in Squires Student Center. Dan Brosious, a freshman, pointed out, "It is great to work on campus because the managers always work well to schedule you at times that are convenient." On the other hand, downtown waitress, Karen Harper, said, "It's hard to fit in working off campus with all of my classes and homework, but the money is good and I enjoy my job."

No matter how they got it or how they spent it, you could bet all VT students would agree that MONEY MATTERS!
holiday dining halls
Many of the dining halls decorated for the holidays. The workers also put into the spirit. 📷 Photo by Erin Powers
Things to do on a Saturday

Virginia Tech students got involved in a variety of activities downtown and in Christiansburg.

The day that every college student looked forward to... Saturday! It was the resting day as well as the party day of the week. After a long week of classes and work, lounging around and just having fun were some of the activities that Tech students enjoyed.

Some Tech students stayed outside to play volleyball and basketball on the courts mid-afternoon while others headed into Christiansburg to the many restaurants and shopping. As evening approached, plans for the night started to come together. Many students who lived on campus walked to the library or Cassell Coliseum to catch the BT for the night. Some students hit the many clubs that could be found in Blacksburg such as Preston's and the Water Street Gallery. Other students headed to parties at fraternities and apartments. There were also Hokies that drove to the movies at the New River Valley Mall.

During the fall and spring, the options of traveling into the valley to camp or go to the river also provoked many students to make good use of their Saturday in the sun. Abraham Mathew, a freshman and Computer Science Major stated, "I look forward to Saturday's because I get to spend time with my friends that I don't get to see during the week do to my busy schedule."

For everyone, Saturday was the day for relaxation and fun. Well, there was a slight possibility that you could find a few doing school work!

by stefanie schulman
downtown life
Students go out and dance on the weekends at the Water Street Gallery. Photo by Ryan Willis Baybel's is the highlight of many students weekend nights. It was a great place to cut loose. Photo by Ryan Walsh Students go to hang out at Big A's. Big A's offered good food and fun. Photo by Ryan Willis Tech students relaxed at Rivermill by playing darts or shooting a game of pool. Photo by Ryan Willis
The next rock star just might be found on the campus of Virginia Tech. Two bands in the Blacksburg rock scene, Within Reach and Brand New Disaster, featured members that were also Tech students.

Within Reach was a punk band that began playing together around September of 2000. Three members had been in the band since the beginning, singer and guitarist Lucas McDuffie, singer and guitarist Ralph Block, and drummer Chad Shupe. Block and Shupe were also members of the Fredericksburg, VA punk band Quarter Short.

Block and Shupe already knew each other from home and were roommates their freshman year in Vawter Hall. It was there that they met Blacksburg native McDuffie, and the three had been friends since that time. The music gave the three friends a way to express themselves. Block thought that was a particularly rewarding part of being in a band.

The group had showcased its songs at a number of local venues. Within Reach had played at the Ton 80 Club, Rock-Irz Club and Pub, the Solar Haus, and 708 South Main with bands like Malachi Constant, Brand New Disaster, Dishpig, Fairweather, Water Not Tested, Over It, The Stryder, One Day Forever, and Donkey Punch.

Another local band with high hopes for the future was Brand New Disaster. The group formed in March of 2001 and played their first show in April of that year at the Solar Haus. Since that time the band played a number of shows at locations like the Ton 80 Club, Rock-Irz Club and Pub, and Champs Restaurant and Sports Bar. The band had also teamed up to play with Jimmie's Chicken Shack, Fairweather, and Liberation Jumpsuit. In October 2001, Brand New Disaster played a Red Cross Benefit with nationally known Christian bands Pillar and Justifide.

The four members of the band were all from Springfield, VA, where they attended high school together. Three members of the band had been playing together for eight years. Chris Shephard, guitarist, Billy Chubb, bassist, and Paul Demshur, drummer, were all formerly in the hardcore band Willhold together. After so many years in the hardcore scene, it was time for a change. The trio decided they wanted to make more melodic music, so they contacted Phil Williams and the lineup was set.

"I remembered that Phil sang in high school," Shephard said. "So we contacted him and asked if he'd be interested in joining us for a rock project."

Brand New Disaster recorded a demo featuring five of the band's original songs that was available for purchase at the Record Exchange.
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New Disaster, Casmonaast,
Murder Weapon and Blue
Ribbons were the bands that
played T.H.O.B. Photo by
Ryan Walsh
by jessica

I can't believe it's already my junior year in college, oh how the time has flown by! It seemed like just the other day I had to decide which college to attend. Recently I pondered which class ring to pick and where I want to work after I graduate next year. I thought that choosing a class ring would be easy but boy was I wrong! After carefully deciding which ring I liked the most, I had to decide so many other things. First it was whether I wanted white gold or yellow gold, and then whether I wanted 10K, 14K, or 18K, and which type of gemstone I wanted in the middle. After I chose my ring, I had to look for a dress for the Ring Dance, which was a two-night celebration in March!

I had been here for a few years and had found different places on and off-campus that I liked to go when I had free time. Some night's on-campus, I liked to sit on top of the chapel; looking across the drill field reminded me just how beautiful Virginia Tech's campus truly was. On the weekends, I liked going to Roanoke and shopping to take a break from the books, or just lounging around in my room. Weekends gave me a chance to sleep in and get caught up on work from the week.

My classes were a little harder this year, but were definitely much more interesting than they had been in the past. This summer, for the first time, I will have an internship as part of the requirement for my major. I'm very excited that I will have the opportunity to see what my job after college might be like. I am in Residential Property Management and there are opportunities for internships in most any of the fifty states. I'm really looking forward to spending most of the summer away from home and working somewhere that I have never been before. I am thrilled that I only have one more year until graduation.
Many students enjoyed watching the sunset on top of the chapel at the edge of the Drillfield. © Photo by Ryan Willis

Ring tradition
Juniors celebrate the old tradition of receiving a class ring. Ring premiere was a special tradition of a student's junior year. © Photo by Shannon Dupuy
Virginia Tech is one of only a few universities that still maintains a class ring tradition. Two major traditions combined to make the Virginia Tech Ring Program unique to all other schools: the design and the presentation of the rings. The Ring Committee designed a class ring representing the unique characteristics of their respective class, which was presented at the beginning of the junior year. However, the ring events didn’t take place until late in March.

The amazing banquet and ring dance celebrations both took place in one weekend. The theme for the weekend was “Hokies in Hollywood.” All of the decorations at the banquet reflected the creativity and excitement of the events. A bright red carpet led the way into the banquet room that had dozens of white tables and a huge lit up sign that read “Hollywood” and delicious food. Each person who attended enjoyed the festivity with smiles.

The following night, a tradition dating from 1934, the Virginia Tech Ring Dance, which symbolizes the transition from junior to senior, took place in the Commonwealth Ballroom. Everyone danced the night away on the dance floor. During the dance, the Ring Figure came onto the dance floor and the 2002 Ring Dance Committee got up on stage to be recognized. As midnight struck balloons fell from the ceiling to everyone’s surprise. The elegant weekend was put to rest by an enormous display of fireworks over the drill field.

Each person that attended the events felt as though they were well organized and memorable. The weekend celebration of the ring tradition was unique to one’s junior year and would be remembered when one glanced at their class ring.
quality service

Everyone agreed that there was no lack of quality service at the Ring Dance. Photo by Andrea Lavauti
All over the Blacksburg community as well as throughout campus, art was an important part of our lives. Specifically, a simple way art was displayed in the community was through art galleries. The three main galleries were Armory Art Gallery, Perspective Gallery, and XYZ Gallery. Armory Art Gallery was operated by the department of art and art history and was open to everyone, free of admission. The gallery served its purpose of displaying art shows of faculty, students, alumni, and other artists around the community. Lee Sauder, Betsy Bannon, Derek Myers, Jacqueline Matisse-Monnier, Coy Twombly were just a few among faculty and others who participated in the gallery shows at the Armory this past year.

The Perspective Art Gallery was located on the second floor of the Squires Student Center. The gallery offered rotating art exhibits throughout the year, as well as receptions and gallery talks where one could meet all the artists and others from different locations. It was a program facility belonging to University Unions and Student Activities. Fall semester exhibitions included “Songs of Innocence and Experience” by Mary Boxley Bullington which involved recent collage works that represented her current artistic direction, and “Enhancements: Handcrafted Functional Objects.”

Located downtown at 223 North Main Street, the XYZ Gallery resided. This gallery was Blacksburg’s student and community run gallery. XYZ sought to become an active exploration of all artistic talent.

Whether it be at the Armory Art Gallery, Perspective Gallery or even downtown Blacksburg at the XYZ gallery, students, faculty, and residents of the community were all given a chance to experience art for art’s sake.
"The armory provided me a different educational experience from my typical classes."

senior

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Women on Campus

Women’s Month 2002 with the theme for this year’s program, “For Every Body” was a huge success for the Virginia Tech community.

Imagine marching alongside Susan B. Anthony or stepping up to the voting box only to be arrested and taken away simply because you are a woman. These dreams were once a reality, and even though there is no Susan B. Anthony anymore, women still stride beside one another to create awareness of women’s issues today.

To recognize and take action to women’s issues, the Virginia Tech campus celebrated the seventh annual Women’s Month during March. Sponsored by the Women’s Center, Women’s Month celebrated and recognized the achievements, issues, and diversity among women.

Through a feminist’s eye, Women’s Month viewed women’s issues from every side of the world, stemming from political to religious oppression. The 2002 theme “For Every Body” focused on every aspect of a woman from the physical body to the human spirit.

People from all over the Virginia Tech community united during March to organize and participate in numerous activities showcasing women’s issues. Ranging from lectures to marches, Assistant Director of the Women’s Center, Denise Collins, said, “The fact that we even have Women’s Month and these programs has the greatest impact on individuals and the Virginia Tech community.” She also said that the Women’s Center tried to focus on “…reaching individual people instead of a whole lot of people at once.” Collins felt that “…the clothesline project reached the most people, but small lectures impacted individuals”. Although disturbing, Collins said the graffiti media coverage helped boost the awareness of Women’s Month, even though the Women’s Center did not affirm the actions that took place.

With cooperation by the Hokie Women’s Softball Team, Collins said that the involvement of the athletic department was brought into Women’s Month activities. In addition to this, the Department of Women’s Studies “…complements… the aims of Women’s Month…” by “presenting students new ways of thinking about how sex and gender shape social, political, economic, and institutional structures…” according to department chair Professor Martha McCaughey.

The combined efforts of the Women’s Center, the Women’s Softball Team, and Women’s Studies, along with community members and citizens, allowed the Virginia Tech campus to celebrate Women’s Month and raised awareness of women’s issues simply by walking beside a friend.

by robin oakes
Students participate in the 13th annual Take Back the Night Rally and March held on the Drillfield. Unfortunately, it was a cold evening. Photo by Patricia Lazier. Students stopped to take a look at the Clothesline Project displayed on the Drillfield and on the Women's Center lawn. Photo by Bena Sampat. The shirts were decorated by survivors of violence or created by their loved ones. The supplies to make the shirts were provided by the Women's Center. Photo by Bena Sampat. Veygvesen Hall was one of the many buildings on campus that was defaced by "The Oak Lane Brigade". Photo by Russell Hallbrook.
Healthy Living

meCosmas track
The track on the second floor is a popular place to workout for many students. One could run in circles to relieve stress.

Photo by Patricia Luster

indoor bicycling
Many students find the stationary bikes fun, and a good workout. One could read while burning calories!

Photo by Faith Beannie

lifting
The downstairs weight area is used by most Hokies who attend the gym. Students often had workout partners to help spot.

Photo by Patricia Luster

round the track
The track overlooks the volleyball and basketball courts in McComas. The indoor track provided warmth during the cold winter months for those avid runners.

Photo by Patricia Luster

breeding

118,000 square feet of fans blowing, machines running, sweaty towels, hearts racing and bodies glistening. Things were well heated in Virginia Tech's McComas Hall. McComas, located along Washington Street, was many things to the students of VT. Some visited McComas as a patient waiting to see a doctor, some found employment in McComas, and others found recreation and relief.

Included in the facility, are a student health center and a counseling center. For most, the family physician was just too far away when illness strikes. Sophomore business student, Afton Dawson said, "Although I only live an hour and a half away, my doctor is not available on weekends and that means the only way I can get an appointment is by missing classes during the week." As well, college was a stressful time for most and some of that pent up stress needed to be released with the help of a professional. Health care was a priority for Schiffert Health Center.

Since McComas provided health care, aerobics classes, and lessons for various activities, many students were able to seek employment there. Students worked as receptionists in the health care and athletic portions of McComas. Many were able to lifeguard or taught swim lessons as a means of extra cash. McComas provided those extra jobs needed by so many Tech students, and the students were able to fill those indispensible positions for McComas' services.

Phenomenal, accurately described the recreational facilities in McComas Hall. Ready to be operated were: an eight lane swimming pool, two fitness studios, three basketball/ volleyball courts, locker and shower facilities, a food area, an equipment room and an elevated track. With the wide array of amenities, McComas recreation had something for everyone.

It was not uncommon to see a flow of traffic into McComas in the early evenings. Whether seeking health care, work, exercising, or just decompressing after a long day, McComas was a retreat for many.
breaking a sweat
VT students enjoy the amenities provided by McCormas Gym. The gym proved to be a popular spot as it was always crowded.

Photo by Patrick Lasor
Express Yourself

In communication studies, symbolic communication has been defined as one of the most basic and inherent forms. The Physical Self had been identified as the number one vehicle for non-verbal symbolic communication. This nonverbal form of self-expression included one's appearances, dress and artifacts.

They were not just for bikers anymore! Some said, "It's a sign of the times." Over the past five years, there had been a ten percent increase in body piercing and tattoos among students across the country. As the popularity of such body-art spread like wildfire, these eye-catching means of attracting attention were seen most frequently among persons between the ages of 18 years through 30 years. Even some businesses have been forced to reevaluate no tolerance policies on piercing and tattoos. Students at Virginia Tech had not been any exception. All across campus, students could be found with multiple tattoos and body-piercing. Ancient Art tattoo parlor in downtown Blacksburg was no stranger to the student population, as they gave about 7-10 presentations per semester within the resident's halls that covered points such as safety, and what to expect. These talks were a great community service and believed to be a source of reassurance, especially for the first time-ers. According to a manager at Ancient Art, on a good weekend about 30 to 40 students would come in for tattoos while about 50 would come in for a piercing. At Ancient Art, sterilization and safety was a top priority. They said they were as clean and careful as any hospital. This was especially important today, with the concern offered by many including the center for disease control who linked many cases of HIV and Hepatitis with improper practices of tattooing and piercing.

From butterflies, to tribal art, to Greek letters-tattoos were strong forms of self-expression. Senior Chris Johnston, who designed his own tattoo said, "Tattooing to me is a form of art. It is a permanent way to display my own creativity and the skill of the tattoo artist. Tattoos express a thought, feeling, or other importance, much like a painting or a portrait." Rebecca Thomas was also glad that she got her tattoo. "It hurt a lot, but it was worth it! I even got an adrenaline rush form the paint!" Thrilled with piercing as well, Virginia Tech students kept going back for more. Sophomore Jenny Lynne Garner said in reference to her recent belly-button ring addition, "I just wanted it!"

In addition to tattoos and piercing, students outwardly expressed themselves in many other ways. Many unique hair styles existed among the student population. Whether bleached hair, blue hair, dreadlocks or Mohawks fit your mood, chances were you would not be alone in your style choice. Sarah Stanfield, a business student and previous employee at Images by B said, "Your hair style is something that you choose or create on your own that everyone notices...your cut or color can show your personality, like if you are a more daring or conservative person. And sometimes your hair style can make you more confident." Wardrobe was another key factor in self-expression. The Abercrombie & Fitch look was just as popular as the Pajama look of comfort. People often dressed to match their mood of the day. An individual may have supported a favorite band or team through a logo t-shirt, or even the ever popular "I agree with Dave" religious-campaign of 2001 which was still frequently seen on campus. Sophomore Kate Esleeck who looked like the stereotypical "girl next door" believed that what someone wore would depict a lot about him or her. She said, "I think that people express themselves the most with color. Color expresses the mood you are in on a particular day. People can reveal their inner feelings through a simple colored shirt. Yellows and bright reds show happiness and love, and black or dark gray could express sorrow."

No matter what you wanted to express, your outward appearance was a great place to start. Every individual was unique, and should have been proud to call attention to themselves and display their character for the world to see!
look at me

Open Wide - Ian Million, VT student, displayed his tongue ring for the world to see. ⚪ Freshman Emily Allsopp showed off her tongue ring. ⚪ Tattoos displayed the body as a canvas. ⚪ Freshman Andrew Feldman prepared himself for his eyebrow piercing.

Photos by Matt Hudson & Andy Cook
When I look back on my years here at Virginia Tech, I often wonder where the time has gone. In a few short weeks, I will be graduating and this phase of my life will be over. At the same time, as I look back and think of all the papers I have written, all the exams I have taken, and all of the hours I spent in classrooms, I realize I have done a lot. On graduation day, all of my academic accomplishments of the past few years will be acknowledged.

The gains I have made here as a student at Virginia Tech are far greater than learning a few facts in some books. I believe that the greatest change that occurs in a person who has graduated from college is the growth that individual makes as a person. I know that while I have learned a lot from the classrooms, I have definitely changed for the better as a person through my experiences at Virginia Tech. I have met many friends from different backgrounds who have helped to shape my perspective on life.

Graduation can be both an exciting and challenging time for a lot of people. It is exciting because it is a recognition that all of the work that you have been doing has meant something and awarded you a degree. Some people have everything lined up, and everything flows smoothly. They already have a job and know who they are going to marry. All of my life it seems I have gone to school. When I finished the fifth grade, I went to middle school. Then, I went to high school. I knew pretty early in my senior year that I wanted to come to Virginia Tech. Several of my friends had come up here the year before and when I visited Blacksburg for the first time, I fell in love with the place.

Now I am graduating college. I compare my situation to a straight road that I have been traveling on for most of my life, and now I have reached where the road ends and I can drive off in any direction I want. My immediate plans are to get a job in D.C. and work there for a year or two. I then want to go back to graduate school to pursue a doctorate in political science. Inspired by some of my professors, I would like to teach at the college level and hopefully make a difference in people’s lives. But for now, I will enjoy my last few weeks here in Blacksburg. I’ll miss this place.
"When I look back on my years here at Virginia Tech, I often wonder where the time has gone. In a few short weeks, I will be graduating and this phase of my life will be over."
Either it was fun in the sun, on the slopes, or even at home, as Tech students enjoyed a week off from the rigorous spring semester. Some students had journeys of a lifetime in airports across the nation as they attempted to fly to their destination. Other students drove to distances such as Panama City, Key West, and New Orleans with new friends to bask in the fun and adventure. More students hit the slopes of Wintergreen, West Virginia and even Colorado. Then there were Hokies who ventured home to spend the week with family and missed friends.

Almost everyone came back to Blacksburg with crazy stories of their Spring Break. There were stories about how the beaches of Florida were filled with MTV cameras and wild college students from all over North America. Many Tech students found that they met new people and created stronger bonds with old friends and acquaintances. Those who spent the week at home, enjoyed going to movies and concerts. Those who hit Florida found that the first few days were not the expected warm beach weather that they were looking forward to. One freshman, Brandy Knight, claimed, “The Miami weather wasn’t that great, so I ended up shopping a lot of the time.”

Nonetheless, every Tech student received some kind of break and came back to school refreshed to finish off the last six weeks of school.
breath taking

As Mirror Lake in Yosemite National Park one could not help but be overwhelmed by nature’s beauty. Photo by Adam Alphen
Ramy El-Masri, a senior computer science major, remembers what it was like for him coming in as a transfer student from Egypt for the first time back in the fall of 1999. When he landed in the US he couldn't wait to begin his new college career at VT. As he entered the heart of Blacksburg, he knew he was academically well prepared for the new type of education that he was about to embark upon. What he didn't expect, was the difficulty he found adjusting to the culture shock that accompanied his international travel.

How did the banking systems work here in the US? What were the laws here in the States? What about simple grocery shopping—where could I get the food/services that I needed? Ramy discovered that the Cranwell International Center was the place he could go to find answers to all of his questions. "When I first came here I wasn't a big part of the Center, but the people were extremely welcoming. I realized then how important it was for me to actively become involved with the Center in order to get the best possible college experience that the university and the States had to offer," shared Ramy.

Ramy worked as an orientation mentor helping the ever-increasing demand of international students that come in every year to Tech in need of guidance. They oriented the students to life at Virginia Tech as well as life as an average American.

Ramy concluded, "I realize how helpful the center really was for me academically, socially, and was really a true mentor to me when I most needed one. Its amazing the feeling that comes with embarking on this journey into the United States with students from all across the world. It's a great feeling and I hope that as a mentor now I will be able to have the same effect on the new incoming international students that the Center had on me three years ago."
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2087 total students representing 118 countries
E-Week

Founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, National Engineers Week was celebrated annually by thousands of engineers, engineering students, teachers, and leaders in government and business. At Virginia Tech, engineering students used the week to show the rest of the university that engineers like to have fun too. The Student Engineers' Council, an umbrella organization for all student engineering societies on campus, sponsored events during the week such as Pie a Professor, Introduce a Girl to Engineering, and SEC Olympics. With a record turnout at most events E-Week 2002 went down in the history books as a success.

New this year was the Duct Tape Competition in which fifteen teams competed to see which could design a support system that would suspend a team member from the wall with only one roll of duct tape for the longest amount of time. Each team had five minutes to implement their plan and after one hour four teams still had members taped to the wall. The 2002 E-week Chairperson Heather Schaeffer was surprised how well the event ran, "I expected that it would be over and done with in twenty minutes. I had no idea that five minutes and one roll of duct tape could support them for over an hour." All of the teams that made it past the hour mark were awarded first place.

An important aspect of the week was the race for first place in society involvement points. Each engineering student society was awarded points for participation in events throughout the week. The team with the most points was crowned the E-Week champion and recognized by the Student Engineers' Council on their website as the society with the most spirit. The 2002 points leaders were the ASME in first place, AIAA in second, and ASCE rounding out the top three.

In addition, the week's activities included a Penny War between all eleven engineering majors. The lobby of Randolph hall became a war zone on Friday afternoon during the last hour of the competition as students and faculty from mechanical, aerospace, and materials science engineering vied for the top spot. When the clock struck four, mechanical engineering was victorious. However, the real winner was Habitat for Humanity: all of the money raised during penny wars was matched by SEC funds and donated to a charity of the winner's choice.

Increasingly, National Engineers Week has focused on sharing the importance of engineering with young people. Introduce a Girl to Engineering was an effort to follow through with the goals of the National Engineers Week Committee. Local girl scouts teamed up with engineering students to build edible towers using spaghetti, marshmallows, graham crackers, and frosting. The engineering students took the time working with the girls to answer their questions about engineering. Junior Sara Leavitt said "The sooner young people consider engineering as a viable career option, the earlier they can begin to make educational choices that will allow them to pursue engineering and technical studies in college."

The week ended with SEC Olympics at the Blacksburg Recreation Center. Events such as tug-of-war, dizzy bat, and volleyball helped the students unwind after a week of classes. ASME once again rose to the top spot. All attending teams were invited to the closing luncheon after the Olympics where Heather wrapped up the week, "I could not have asked for a better week."

by amanda keith
e-week fun

It's lunch time. cheap lunch that is.

Seniors Mike Touchton and Elliot Shoup bust a move at BWJ's for Karaoke Night.

Junior Sara Levin patiently awaited her fall from glory during the duct tape competition.

Dr. Griffin, Director of the Engineering Fundamentals department, was a favorite target of both students and faculty.

Photos by Heather Schaeffer & Russell Holloway
You are entering a Safe Zone

by rob

Queer! Dyke! Muff Diver! Queen! Homo! What about Breeder! Het! Str8! These were common gay-bashing terms used in society today. Working to identify a network of Allies (people who supported, showed concern, and empathy for the LGBTs), provided tangible evidence of community support, educated and reduced discrimination, and assisted lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and allied students by creating an environment where they could be themselves.

The program was established in 1998 by the the Dean of Student's Office, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance (LGBTA), the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Caucus (LGBGC), and Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA) Office created the Safe Zone Program. The program under the leadership of the LGBTA has grown to incorporate more than just the campus, it has spread into the Blacksburg community.

As you strolled down main street, you could see several local businesses including Seeds of Light and Xanadu with their safe zone stickers displayed. "It's nice to see the support through out the community," stated Michael Sierakowski a Marketing Management major, he continued to say, "When I first came to Tech I didn't see hardly any support or signs of a 'SAFE' environment but over the past few years I have seen the stickers around more." The program required an application and certification by the Dean of Students office and the LGBTA. Not all organizations or businesses are granted the acknowledgement as it required a commitment to tolerance. It was also expected that Safe Zones display the sticker in a prominent location in their office or room. It was a goal of the program to reduce and eliminate homophobia and create environments where people could be free to be themselves.

As e.e. cummings put it “To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting.”
oh baby!
donations from club red
ribbon went to the AIDS
Council of Western
Virginia. Dec 1 marked
World AIDS Day. © Photo
by Harmony Capeau
Graduation

What the Class of 2002 was waiting for

Students awoke on Saturday, May 11 to cool weather and partly cloudy skies but the lack of sun did not get the graduates down. Smiling faces atop black gowns could be found all over the campus.

The university commencement began at 9 a.m. in Lane Stadium. This was a time that many upperclassmen were used to still being in bed, due to the increased freedom of scheduling courses. Guests filled the stands and the graduates were honored with a place on the field. The keynote speaker was the Governor of Virginia, Mark Warner. Among the advice that Warner offered the graduates was to continue to live in the growing Southwest Virginia region and to always remember the importance of higher education.

In addition to the university commencement, each college had a commencement ceremony for its students. The largest colleges held their ceremonies in Cassell Coliseum like the College of Engineering and Pamplin, College of Business. The numerous ceremonies were spaced out fairly well so that friends in different colleges could attend each others ceremonies.

Amanda Arnett, who received her degree in marketing, stated, “The ceremony for my department was the most important because I walked across the stage and received my diploma. My family travelled a long distance to be here and when it was over I had the actual diploma to show everyone.”

On that Saturday all of the hard finally paid off. The Class of 2002 was ready to begin new endeavors while fond memories of Virginia Tech would linger on.
the future awaits
clockwise from top: Students sit on the field of Lane Stadium during the university commencement. Students received their degrees at their department ceremony later on that day. This student received her degree with a smile as she crossed the stage set up in Cassell Coliseum. While students are excited to walk across the stage to receive their diploma it is also nerve wracking. Many students feared ripping up stage in front of their fellow graduates. This student catches a brief nap during the ceremony. It could take a while before a student was called to receive their diploma at one of the larger ceremonies. Students manage to smuggle several beach balls into the university commencement. This just goes to show that students just wanted to have fun. These students embrace at their department commencement. Even though students sat alphabetically friends were quick to find each other.

opposite page: This student dances his way across the stage. The cowboy hat definitely distinguished this grad from his peers. Photos by Jena Hänsmann
More than Just
Air-conditioning

new pleasures
Students relax in front of New Residence Hall. After the long walks around campus, residents enjoyed coming back to New Res. West.

Photo by James Fowlkes

SET UP YOUR STUFF
Students showed off their stuff at the 2001 date auction. Students held many fund-raising events in order to raise money for their residence hall.

Photo by Joe Barrett
"The RLC program is a great environment, because you get to know everyone in the residence hall."

Ryan Wilder, junior business information technology

"Where do you live?" This was a typical question students asked each other when they headed back to Virginia Tech from the summer break. When one answered, "New Res West", it was not unusual to receive a glare or a stunned look.

In actuality, the students whom lived in New Residence Hall West were enrolled in the Residential Leadership Community, where they applied leadership practices to real life experiences. Each year, every student participated in a service-learning project. This year, two groups raised over $800 for charity with their projects. Engineering freshman David Stiles, a member of a group who did a date auction for service-learning said, "We raised 738 dollars and I was actually sold. What else could be better?!" These students made a difference by performing service-learning projects that would not have taken place without this program.

The RLC was open for anyone including upperclassmen, not just incoming freshmen. New Residence Hall West was about more than a cushy building with air-conditioning. The building consisted of a leadership program that served the community.
Psychology 1.2.3

drinking responsibly
Educated students drink responsibly. Because of the studies done by the Psychology department, they were more aware of the consequences of drinking and driving. (Photo courtesy of Amy Dawid)

safe Saturdays
Students can now drink at a party without having to worry about transportation because of designated drivers. They were assured a safe ride home for the evening. (Photo courtesy of Caroline Evans)
Have you ever wondered how lab rats feel during experiments? You could by volunteering for one of the many psychology experiments offered each year at Virginia Tech.

The Center for Applied Behavior Systems (CABS) was the research center for the psychology department. Dr. Geller founded the Center in 1987. The center included over 30 undergraduate research assistants. Part of their mission was to help undergraduate and graduate students learn how to conduct research.

This year they researched such areas as alcohol awareness and risk-reduction, highway, traffic and pedestrian safety and industrial and occupational safety.

Freshman psychology major Sara Chapman said, “The CABS has made many improvements to the Virginia Tech Campus. Because of the research they did about drinking, many fraternities that host parties now have designated drivers.” They were doing projects involving alcohol, auto insurance, child safety seats, mining operations, personality factors and aggressive driving.

The psychology department made numerous improvements with its research center and one outcome was better educated students. The research skills that students learned were a valuable part of their education.
"Given the opportunity to take Geology again as opposed to taking another science, I'd pick geology. Where else can you learn about the purity of gold to fossil fuels? It's hardly rocks for jocks!"

fowkes

freshman business
Russell Parker

It's time to pick a science, which one do you choose? Upperclassmen were eager to tell you to sign up for the geology classes because these classes were "rocks for jocks". This may have been a reason some people signed up for geology, but when they stepped into Resources Geology, taught by Dr. Craig, they acquired new reasons and explanations on why someone should take this class. "Before class started, I thought it would be a waste of time but as the semester has unfolded I have realized that the class is difficult, and interesting," said freshman university studies major Kristen Bondurant. Freshman business major Ariston Bowers shared the same point of view. He said, "I signed up for Geology because I thought it'd be the easiest class. However, it is challenging, and not boring like I thought it'd be. It's actually pretty interesting."

Dr. Craig liked to make the class interesting and informative by giving real life examples. At the beginning of every class, Dr. Craig shared new articles that had to do with geology to show how we are affected every day by the resources of our earth. Dr. Craig has been a professor at Virginia Tech since the summer of 1970. Dr Craig would like to make his students informed citizens. He said, "I'm not trying to make them geologists. I am trying to inform them what a modern society needs to work and the environmental impacts that occur."

Geology 1024 should be a course you considered adding in your schedule, not because of the reputation of the course, but because of Craig's enthusiasm for what he teaches. One quickly learned that the class was not rocks for jocks, but a class that everyone should take.
Dr. Craig started off every class session with newspaper articles. Dr. Craig received attention by his introductions to class with articles about geology. © Photo by Josipa Bicanic

the typical class

The class met at 8 a.m., three times a week. © Students tried their best to battle their sleepiness. © Students would often be seen with caffeinated beverages. © Dr. Craig wanted his students to have a more informed mind on global and environmental issues. © Photo by Josipa Bicanic
The Secret Garden

in style
Students enjoy a nice meal at the Green Garden Cafe. The Cafe was located on the third floor of Wallace Hall.
Photo by Erin Powers

round the clock
Students worked around the clock in order to fulfill their credit hours for class.
Photo by Erin Powers
Inside Wallace Hall laid a secret garden that had been unnoticed by many students at Virginia Tech. Ann Magee, senior dietetics major, said, "Many students don't know about us, especially students who don't have classes near Wallace Hall."

In Wallace Hall, there was the Green Garden Café, which was open daily for everyone at affordable prices. Emily Johnson, junior HTM major said, "It's good. It's cheap. It's quick." This café was open during the week from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and served anywhere from 40 to 80 people daily.

Each day though, there was a different staff operating. The staff, in actuality, were students from the HTM 3314 class. All dietetics and HTM majors took this class their junior or senior year. They had a lecture two days a week and then a six-hour lab one day during the week. The students chose to work either at the Green Garden Café, or at Donaldson Brown Hotel with the "Fine Dining" program. The students came in at 9 am to make all the food and stayed until 3 pm to clean up. Emily said, "The environment is relaxed. We can listen to music during the time." Ann added, "It goes by really fast usually."

The Green Garden Café should have been on your list of places to try out because of it's affordability, convenience, appetizing food, and friendly atmosphere.
Late Nights at the Studio

"I have made a lot of good friends in studio."

freshman
architecture
Jay Scruggs

"Making friends in architecture is good and bad — good because they make the time pass more quickly, and bad, because they distract you and make you have to work longer," said freshman architecture major Rian Crabtree. Freshman architecture major Noel Ives-Rublee added, "The lab is my home away from home, because I spend so much time there."

This time spent together made the group very close and many lasting friendships were founded. Sophomore architecture major Scott Edmond summarized it best, "We spend so much time in Cowgill that architecture really does become our lives and we can't help but become close to those in our lab. We are all like extended family now." While many students were forced to spend extra nights at the studio, they met and made many new friendships as a result.
another late night
Architecture students spend extra nights catching up. The underground architect's area seemed to always be filled with hard working students every night. Photo by Jaime Fouillas

the great block out
An architecture showcase competition consists of projects that developed throughout the year. Only the best of the best were displayed. The display recognized the outstanding ability of the architecture students. Photos by Bunnell
expanding new worlds
A student listens carefully to a representative from the Study Abroad fair. The fair was held on the Drillfield. © Photo by Krista Tegue

breathtaking sights
Students who had the chance to study abroad were able to tour and view breathtaking sights all around the world. © Photo courtesy of Marc Owen
This year, every college at Virginia Tech gave students an opportunity to study abroad and find a different perspective and aspect of their major. From horticulture majors to architecture majors, everyone had an opportunity to see a different country and culture. Matt Dunne, a sophomore political science major, spent a semester in London. Dunne went with roughly twelve other Virginia Tech students. He enjoyed his experience because he was exposed to a large share of diversity and culture. Dunne expressed, "One needs to expose themselves to new cultures and new ideas. When we went to London I was able to meet people from all over the world. It was a great experience." Not convinced yet? The University Office of International Programs gave the top six reasons to study abroad. They were: 1) Explore the world for a summer while you're still a Virginia Tech student. 2) Sets you apart from other job seekers in a very competitive job market. 3) Helps you develop new skills, more independence, and self-confidence. 4) Helps you see the world from a completely new perspective. 5) Gives you the opportunity to participate in an international internship. 6) Gives you an opportunity to make lifelong friendships and contacts with people you wouldn't have normally met."

Study abroad offered students a once in a lifetime experience to study in a different environment and learn about a different culture.
Windows ME®
for Me?

start up
Freshman Sara Chapman anticipates the start up of Windows ME, hoping it will not crash. Once the computer was running, students hoped it would remain virus free. Photo by Jaime Fowler

type, type, type
Focusing on the task at hand becomes difficult after sitting in front of the computer for hours. By the end of the year, students had become experts at the use of the computer. Photo by Brian Wolf
In recent years, viruses have become a huge concern. Fortunately, Virginia Tech had provided everyone with Norton Antivirus software. Viruses were not the only problem students had with their computers.

Unfortunately, they did not provide software to protect your computer from the crashes of Windows Millennium Edition. Windows Millennium Edition was one of the two operating systems suggested when buying a computer as an entering student. "Personally, Windows Me is a piece of crap. It is one of the operating systems that crashes so easily, just right click and no more Me. Windows Me is a 10 seconds operating system because either you can't take it more than 10 seconds or it crashes in 10 seconds," said freshman engineering major, Salih Icil.

After the release of Windows 98 Second Edition, Microsoft did not plan on releasing another version until Windows XP Home Edition, which switched home users to the same stable code that business users were already enjoying with Windows 2000. Delays in the release of XP, however, caused Microsoft to release Windows Me on short notice with little testing, creating an operating system that added little except bugs and instability to Windows 98 Second Edition.

"Most students would be served well by upgrading to Windows 2000 from ME", said Ben Andrews, a freshman engineering major. "Windows 2000 is over a year old now, which means that most of the major security holes and stability problems have been fixed through 'service packs', unlike a new operating system like Windows XP." While Windows Me had advantages, its disadvantages outweighed the benefits of the operating system.
Seeds of Wealth

investment
Annie Judy, Sunil Vaswani, Sajid Rasasinghe, Robert Kopera, Conrad Riechers, Matt Pierce, Adam Walker, Patrick Bunt, Brian Barrock, and Jamie Voorhees made up the investment team of SEED. Photo courtesy of SEED's website

accounting
Anne Davidson, Susan Moos, Erin Jewel, and Reagan McMahon (not pictured) made up the accounting team of SEED. Photo courtesy of SEED's website
fowlkes

"SEED is apart of the Pamplin College of Business. We currently manage around $3 million of the school's Endowment fund in the stock market. Pamplin receives a good amount of publicity through SEED."

David Wojdlya
senior
finance major

A group of no more than twenty students was investing big time. Not a few thousand, try a few million. This program was established in 1991, when Dr. Don Chance, a finance professor, approached Dean Sorensen about letting students put classroom theories into real world situations.

The faculty quickly supported this idea but they needed to then find funds to manage. After a few proposals to the Investment Committee of the Foundation, the team was granted a $1 million grant in 1993. In 1995, the team asked to manage an additional $1 million. The Investment Committee granted this extra money because they were impressed with the rapid progress they already saw from the SEED team. With the additional money, SEED became the third largest student-run investment portfolio in the country.

To this day, the students maintained the high standards or excellence and visions of SEED. The current team was divided into three groups; Investment group, Administrative group and IT group, and the Accounting group. The chief executive office of this organization was senior David Wojdlya, who was responsible for the overall management of the SEED team.

Every year, the SEED team gave an opportunity for more to become involved. Although it was a competitive, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to manage seeds of wealth in a student organization.
"This club is a great learning experience that challenges the skills I have learned at Tech," senior mechanical engineering Charles Lamb

"I love this work. It's like a grown-up version of building things with LEGO," said teaching assistant Sudhir Gopinath. This might have sounded absurd to be coming from the mouth of a senior engineering major, but Sudhir was part of a senior design team called the Autonomous Vehicle Team. All seniors in Engineering were required to be in a senior design team, which varied from the Mini Baja Team to the Autonomous Vehicle Team.

With the Autonomous Vehicle, the main objective was, "to complete a vehicle that can compete in the Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition," said senior mechanical engineering major Richard Ertel. Their main goal was to have their machines walk unmanned. After completion, the vehicles were placed on a painted course and tested to see if they would stay between the lines.

This does not sound too much like playing with LEGO, but on a final thought, "Although it is a lot of work, it is worth it once the vehicle works on its own," senior mechanical engineering major Melanie Hill said.
Students spend hours improving and playing with the robots they design. Students in the club worked hard to produce the best robots they could. Photo by Jaime Foulker.
Bearly Believable

cuddly and adorable
These bears were not just research to students; they were also great to play with.

where'd you go?
The bears had creative ways of hiding from the students.

Photos courtesy of Colleen Offenhauser
It was not unusual to see horses, sheep, and the occasional cow with a window in its side at Virginia Tech. However, very few students were aware of some of the more unusual animals that called Tech home. For instance, three new bear cubs were recently born on the Tech campus as part of a graduate study that aimed to learn more about population growth within the bear community of Virginia.

The cubs, two females and one male, were born in January to a mother bear that was being held captive in a bear reserve located on the Virginia Tech campus. The bears were kept until June when they were released back into the wild. "We basically want to observe the cubs and see how they interact with the mother," said Dr. Mike Vaughan, a professor for the College of Natural Resources and lead researcher for the project.

The bear reserve was one of three projects that Vaughan and his graduate students worked on that involved bears. The first study was in partnership with the Cooperative Alleghany Bear Study (CABS). The study was currently in its eighth year with the objective of collecting data that the game department could use to manage the Virginia bear population. Students tracked and captured bears to learn more about population growth, birth rate and death rate of bears. The study was also used to predict the effects that hunting season has on the bear population.

The second study involved working with National Wildlife Refuges located on the coast of Virginia and North Carolina. The three refuges being used included the Great Dismal Swamp in east Virginia, and two refuges, Pocosin Lakes and Alligator River, located in North Carolina. In all three areas, researchers tried to determine the size of the bear population without actually capturing any bears.

"Rather than capturing the bears we use hair samples," said Vaughan. "We set up hair traps by roping of a area with barbed wire about knee height off the ground. The bears then either step over the wire or crawl under it, and scraps of hair get caught on the wire."

The study also involved determining the demographics of the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge bear population. The refuge was quickly becoming isolated due to the increase of surrounding urban areas, and also the widening of a nearby highway. The widening of the road would result in completely boxing the bears within the refuge. Many of the bears crossed the highway to travel to the forest on the other side.

The third study was the bear reserve, which was located on Virginia Tech's campus. Each year the study received six female bears that were thought to be pregnant. The bears were then held in captivity through the winter until June when they were released back into the wild. The study attempted to learn more about reproduction physiology.
Freshmen Frazzled

falling asleep
Many freshmen find themselves falling asleep after reading books for English. Students often took daily naps in order to keep up with the pace of college life.  Photo by Jaime Fowler

my head hurts
Students try to fit in a little rest for their eyes before working on the computer again. Many students found themselves doing everything from chatting to conducting research projects on the computer.  Photo by Jaime Fowler
"Taking naps has become my new hobby!"

fowlkes
fowlkes
freshman engineering
Jason Salter

Taking naps, falling asleep while reading your textbook, or sleeping instead of studying, sound familiar? "After, before, and between classes the only friend I wanted to see was my trusty bed. Old beddy boy has never betrayed me!" said freshman psychology major Shavonne Simmons. Shavonne was not the only freshmen who felt this way.

Similarly, freshman engineering major Brian Wells said, "Sleep? What is sleep? I get no more sleep than a little bit. My bed is my least best friend, and has disowned me because I neglect it so often!!!" In engineering, it was often easy to mistake homework for sleep. No matter what major one had, sleep deprivation could be found all over campus.

Students could often be found napping between classes. Those whom lived on campus could go back to their dorm for a respite. It was more challenging for students whom lived off campus but had less than an hour in between classes. Students often napped on couches in Squires Student Center or Burke Johnston Student Center.

According to the Better Sleep Guide, there were ten simple steps to follow to lead to better sleeping habits. Among them were regular exercise, creating a restful place to sleep and a reduced intake of stimulants. No matter what method one chose, students learned to cope.
Equestrian Club

Although students could not take their horses to competition, they still practiced jumps and maneuvers on the Tech horses. Photo by Shannon Danger

Hold on! Students were able to ride horses and give them exercise on campus. Photo by Mike Smith
"Competing in a horse show as a VT Equestrian is an honor and also tons of fun."

freshman
animal science
Lindsay George

The Equestrian Club, was affiliated with the Intercollegiate Riding Team, and competed in competitions. In order to be an IRT member, a student had to be enrolled in an Equitation class offered by the university. All IRT members had to be members in good standing of the Equestrian Club.

The Equestrian Club competed against several universities in competitions. Although, the students trained with their horses at Virginia Tech on a regular occurrence, they did not in fact compete with them. When the club was at a different university, they had to use the horses provided at that school. "We do not get to ride the horse, become familiar with the horse, or even touch it. We just have to get out there and ride the best we can," said freshman animal science major Ashley Wolfe.

The riding team was always learning new things. They could not become familiar with a particular horse and always ride that one. Instead, they had to become so talented that they could perform in any condition. In fact, Virginia Tech's Equestrian Team had placed first at several competitions this year in overall competitions.

"Competing in a horse show as a VT Equestrian is an honor and also tons of fun. Riding requires a very different set of skills than any other sport because we must communicate with horses. IHSA shows are even more challenging because we have to compete with horses we've never ridden before. I love the challenge though and really look forward to riding and competing the rest of my years at Tech," said freshman animal science major Lindsay George.
"Mr. Boyer has a unique method of teaching which has opened my eyes and expanded my view on political, moral, and religious aspects of the world."

Corinne Hausmann
sophomore, biology major

"I am never tired when I exit McBryde 100! You can’t fall asleep during this class because it is too entertaining. Mr. Boyer is really passionate and excited about World Regions. He has a wealth of knowledge about all the regions of the world that are discussed in this class," freshman elementary education major Christin Lovelace said. Entering his class was a unique experience. Music would fill the room, but it was not the mainstream music one was used to.

Mr. Boyer showed foreign music videos before class to introduce different cultures to his students.

His enthusiasm was shown from the very beginning until the very end of class. "I always look forward to coming to Mr. Boyer’s class because there is never a dull moment. His enthusiasm about the subject matter and in his teaching makes everything easier to remember and absorb for tests and exams," said freshman international studies major Kimberley Busch.

Mr. Boyer opened students eyes to other cultures that they may never have otherwise been exposed. His enthusiastic attitude about learning was one that students did not forget.
There is never a dull moment during Mr. Boyer's World Regions class. Students enjoyed his enthusiasm during his class.

Photo by Jared Kuchnok

always on his feet

Mr. Boyer is always on his feet. This past year he could always be found lecturing all over McBryde 100 in order to get everyone's attention.
cracking down

Masters student Ahmed Kamal Ali, a architecture major, studied hard during finals week. 3 Photo by Erin Powers

world of books

Sophomore Daniel Villa, a architecture major, tries to soak in all the information in the library. The various libraries on campus became very popular during exam time. 3 Photo by Erin Powers
"I got the exams out of the way as soon as I could,"
freshman
business
Gavin Luter

When exams rolled around, sleep deprivation and poor eating habits were apparent in some students. "A bunch of us ate two pizzas and a gallon of ice cream while studying for the accounting exam," said sophomore business major Caitlin Evans. Similarly, Dave Moran, a freshman communications major said, "I never slept and I ate LOTS of ice cream." For some, ice cream became their new best friend. On the other hand, freshman Helen Brown, had a useful tip for stressed out students. "Don't stay in your dorm for too long when you are studying. Try to go to different spots and atmospheres, instead of staying in one place too long." Betsy Sandman, freshman industrial design major, also suggested, "Don't eat too much junk food, and try to get as much sleep as possible."

It was also a little bit easier to take exams if you stayed caught up all semester. "I only had to get a 75 on an exam and I could still get an A- in the course. I wasn't as stressed," said Freshman Mark Cheatham. Sophomore Scott Dowell summed it up best, "Finals week is horrible, so make the best out of it."
Corps of Cadets
It was a hot and sticky Saturday in August when I in-
processed for training as a freshman cadet. Amidst the serious faces
and short responses I received from the training cadre was a cloud of
tension as thick and sticky as the hot weather. My first week here at
Tech as a new cadet was composed of early morning physical train-
ing, late night drill, relentless inspections and up close and personal
words of wisdom. However, with the help of twenty or so other
freshmen assigned to my unit, going through the same toils and
pains as myself I made it through the first week. I was so proud as I
marched in review for my parents that weekend..... I had made it.

It wasn’t over though my journey had just begun. Hard
work, encouragement from my “buds,” and lessons from upper-class
cadets helped me make it through my first year. That year I gained
a wealth of knowledge about what it meant to be a part of this one
hundred thirty-year-old tradition.

That fateful day in August was four years ago, but I remem-
bered the experiences of that day and of the first year like it was yest-
erday. The Corps of Cadets challenged me to do a lot. I learned
invaluable lessons about leadership, followership, integrity, service,
brother-hood, character, commitment and sacrifice. I pushed myself
to my limits and further learning more about myself each time.

As I walked around campus I was proud to be a member of
the, “blue and gray line.” A line that built this university, and con-
tinued to strongly influence it through self-less service. Our univer-
sity had changed dramatically, but the Corps endured. It was my
only hope that Hokies of the future would continue to enjoy the
Corps experience— the best four year program Virginia Tech ever
offered since 1872......Ut Prosim.
commitment

A trumpet is sounded at the University of Central Florida football game. The Corps always performed at home games. Cadets gathered on top of the chapel for a 21 gun salute. A cadet rappelled down the side of the tower. Photos courtesy of Corps of Cadets.
New Cadet Week began Friday, August 18, 2001. The week started with the incoming freshmen in-processing, which included receiving uniforms, filling out medical forms and moving into their rooms. During the first day, the freshmen cadets also met their buds. Buds were the freshmen that entered the corps during the same year; for example, all of the cadets that entered the Corps in 1999 were buds. The closest bud relationships developed between freshmen that entered a company at the same time; during New Cadet Week. Bud unity was essential to survive the week that would follow. At five o'clock the following morning, the new cadets were awakened by loud music and upperclassmen cadre (the people who train the new cadets) who told them to wake up and get dressed. This loud awakening was the beginning of a week, which included exercise, marching, rifle drill and uniform instruction. During New Cadet Week, the incoming cadets were taken to the obstacle course and the Rappel Tower, where they rappelled off of two towers, one was 20 feet tall and the other was 40 feet tall.

New cadet week also included team-building exercises such as the buddy carry; the buddy carry was an activity in which one person carried someone else across their shoulders. The freshmen cadets carried each other across the Drillfield during their grass drills. The incoming freshmen were also given seminars on Honor and Ethics and Study Skills.

New Cadet Week was definitely strenuous, but it created memories that last a lifetime and bonds were formed between the new cadets.

by charlia cross
On September 8, 2001, the university held a ceremony to rededicate the War Memorial. The War Memorial had undergone construction during the 2000-2001 school year, and the construction was completed during the summer of 2001. The War Memorial, located on top of the War Memorial Chapel on the Drillfield, consisted of eight pylons. The pylons: Service, Sacrifice, Leadership, Loyalty, Honor, Duty, Brotherhood and Ut Prosim, bore the names of Virginia Tech alumni who died while, militarily, serving our nation. The War Memorial Rededication Ceremony included a 21-gun salute, performed by the Gregory Guard. Little did the university, and the rest of the United States, know that three days later, life as we know it, would forever change.

As news of the September 11 attacks spread around the nation, the university came together to mourn those killed by the attacks. Students and faculty held hands and prayed for the safety of the missing people in New York. There was a vigil on the Drillfield that lasted for almost the whole day.

When the terrorists attacked the United States, our nation boldly stood together, united for the preservation of our ideals of liberty and freedom.

— by charLia cross
Regimental Staff and First Battalion

by Ernest Cage

The Regimental Staff was a select group of cadets selected to run the day to day operation of the Corps of Cadets. The staff was headed by the regimental commander, a Cadet Colonel, who was the highest-ranking cadet in the Corps. The staff carried out functions such as finance, public affairs, scholastics and operations planning. The regimental chaplain and information systems officer were also members of the staff. The highest-ranking junior in the Corps, the regimental Sergeant Major also was on the staff.

The First Battalion of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets was headed up by a cadet lieutenant colonel who was tasked with leading the cadets assigned to Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta Companies. The members of the staff are responsible for ensuring that the takings assigned to them by the regimental commander are completed in a timely and proficient manner. The First Battalion was located in Brodie Hall. Their motto was “First above all.”
The Second Battalion Staff of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets was headed up by a cadet lieutenant colonel who was charged with leading the cadets assigned to Echo, Foxtrot, Golf and Hotel Companies. The members of the staff were responsible for carrying out the same duties as other battalion staffs. The Second Battalion was housed in Rasche Hall. The battalion motto was, “Honor first, duty always.”

The Third Battalion Staff was recently re-activated after being de-commissioned during the 1980s due to a lack of Corps enrollment. However, due to rapid growth in the 1990s the revitalization of the battalion was needed. The staff, also headed up by a cadet lieutenant colonel, carried out the same functions as its counterparts. Presently cadets assigned to India, Kilo and Band Companies were assigned to the battalion. The battalion was located in Monteith hall. The motto of the Third Battalion was, “Strength from unity, pride though preservation.”

Second and Third Battalions
The Leadership of the Corps

The Corps of Cadets is a student-run corps that focuses on building the leadership skills of the cadets. The Corps was often referred to as a leadership laboratory, because the cadets were exposed to a variety of different leadership styles and were then encouraged to hone their own leadership skills. However, without the leadership of the Commandant, the Executive Officer of the Corps and the three Deputy Commandants, the cadets would be without guidance and direction.

The Commandant of Cadets, Major General Jerrold P. Allen, USAF (Ret), was the highest member of the Corps chain of command. General Allen enjoyed a brilliant Air Force career; while in the Air Force, some of the general's achievements included publishing a book, (along with three others), receiving the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Air Medal with 13 oak clusters. The general was promoted to the rank of Major General on September 28, 1994; he retired from active duty on March 1, 1998. General Allen became the Commandant of Cadets on July 10, 1999. Under his leadership, the Corps changed the training system into one that not only encouraged freshmen training, but also challenged upperclass cadets to continue to develop their skills as leaders.

The Executive Officer of the Corps, Major Laura Offstein, USA, began her career with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets in July 2001. Major Offstein served as a platoon leader and an Executive Officer, while on active duty. During her career as a reservist, she served as a company Executive Officer, Battalion Security Officer and an Area Intelligence Expert. Prior to coming to Virginia Tech, Major Offstein served for a year and a half as the Assistant Commandant of Cadet Life at the Virginia Military Institute. In her first year, Major Offstein improved the physical training program for the Corps non-ROTC cadets, and encouraged them to maintain their physical stamina.

The Corps of Cadets regiment was divided into three battalions: each battalion had a Deputy Commandant. Lieutenant Colonel William F. Stringer, USMC (Ret.), was the Deputy Commandant for First Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Stringer's military awards included the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with a gold star and the Navy Commendation Medal with a gold star. He retired from the Marine Corps in September 1997 and began his career as a Deputy Commandant of Cadets in July 2001. During his first year as a Deputy Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Stringer became well- respected by his cadets; he was known for his fairness, however, his cadets also knew that they were expected to meet, and exceed, the standards set by the Corps.

Colonel Edward Schwabe Jr., USA (Ret.), was the Deputy Commandant for Second Battalion. Colonel Schwabe's military awards included the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Colonel Schwabe retired from active duty in 1996 and became a Deputy Commandant of Cadets in the same year. A few years before his retirement, Colonel Schwabe served as the Professor of Military Science at Virginia Tech. Colonel Schwabe also introduced the Minor in Leadership Studies at Virginia Tech, making Virginia Tech the first land grant university to have the minor in Leadership Studies. Colonel Schwabe encouraged all cadets to uphold the corps honor system and also encouraged cadets to continuously learn how to be efficient leaders and to lead by example.

Colonel Charles T. Payne, USA (Ret.), was the Deputy Commandant for Third Battalion. Colonel Payne served seven years as an enlisted soldier, before graduating from Officer Candidate School in August 1980. He retired from active duty in July 2001. Colonel Payne began his career as a Deputy Commandant of Cadets on July 1, 2001. His military awards included the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. During his first year as the Deputy Commandant for third battalion, Colonel Payne became known for his no nonsense leadership style. Colonel Payne was known for his fairness and respected for his leadership style.
leaders

General Allen, the Commandant, took time out to smile for the camera. Colonel Schwabe was the Deputy Commandant for the Second Battalion. Colonel Payne, the Deputy Commandant for the Third Battalion stands during the Change of Command. Lt. Colonel Stringer stood on the far right. Photos courtesy of the Corps of Cadets.
The spearhead of the Corps of Cadets was its original Company, Alpha. Alpha Company was founded the same time as the Corps and university, on October 1, 1872. Alpha Company produced many familiar people such as Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Earl D. Gregory and author Homer Hickman. Alpha Company continued to lead the Corps being the first Company during and marching the regiment lead the way for others to follow.

This past year the Alpha Company strove to build leaders that lived up to the standards of those that have come before. Behind an excellent staff of cadre, the company upheld the training standards set forth by the Commandant of Cadets and his deputies. In addition to building future leaders, Alpha Company held a food drive that collected over 600 cans of food for needy families during the holiday season.

Alpha Company looked forward to an exciting future where the proud traditions would be passed on to those followed in their footsteps.
Excelling as Tech’s Military Elite

When the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College opened in 1872, it was not only the birth of Virginia Tech but also the beginning of Bravo Company, a close-knit group of cadets whose values paralleled themselves to those of family ideals. Affectionately referred to as “Bad Co.,” Bravo Company had always been well-known in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets as more of a fraternal company, bound by loyalty, dedication, and tradition, instead of blood. Each company of the Corps was represented by a mascot that embodied its company’s spirit. Bravo was characterized by the phoenix, a firing representation of the underlying heart of Bad Co. tradition.

The Bravo mascot had undergone a major change from its initial personage during Tech’s early stages. The original mascot of Bravo, the bumblebee, was anything but regal. It stood to reason though, that a communal creature had been selected to represent such an interdependent assemblage. The bumblebee, however, was destined to undergo transformation in the late 30’s as the Great Depression took hold of the nation. As students struggled with finances and the number of enrollees dropped, Bravo was disbanded. When the country regained stability in its markets, Bravo Company was reactivated and a new mascot, the phoenix, was adopted for the occasion. In Egyptian folklore, the phoenix was a mythical bird that was destroyed by fire and that rose from the ashes as new following its incineration. The phoenix symbolized a renewed Bravo Company, rising out of the ash of a faltered economy.

Bravo Company continued to hold tightly to its traditions and fraternal style. Bad Co. members may be spotted around campus wearing silver “B’s” on the left pocket of their uniforms. The silver B was a tradition started by the freshmen Bravo class of 1997 and survived as the main focus of Bravo Company initiation ceremonies held today.

Whew! It’s over!
Bravo Company freshmen and cadre march in the New Cadet Week parade.  

Charlie Corp has been in existence since 1872, when the military system was first introduced to Virginia Tech. The Cobras were a key group and a valuable asset to the Corps of Cadets and the university, and provided leadership training and guidance for the cadets who were members of this distinct military unit.

Charlie Corps was one of the most noticeable units within the Corps; with the supervision of great leaders, this group had proven to stand true to their motto Semper Primus (Always First). They had proven their superiority by having the best grades in the Corps of Cadets for two semesters in a row and kept top honors in drill and uniform inspections.

Throughout the years, Charlie Corps had been the most motivated unit in working towards the university’s motto Ut Prosim. Due to the combination of the Charlie Corps and the university motifs you had a group that performed to the highest standard and strove to attain the highest of honors: Courage, Honor, Allegiance, Respect, Loyalty, Integrity, and Excellence. Charlie Corps forever more!
As a company unit of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Delta Company had the responsibility of upholding the long-running traditions associated with the Corps of Cadets. Members of Delta Company embodied the “Spirit of Delta” through Discipline, Excellence, Leadership, teamwork, and Attitude. Various activities throughout the year promoted the spirit and unity of the company such as Dog Ta Night, Mentor Night, Belt Wars, and Initiation Night along with various community service activities.

Delta itself shared a legacy of strong esprit de corps throughout time. Therefore the challenge passed each year upon those members of Delta company was to maintain the strength and pride inherent in Delta history. To further this challenge a high level of positive motivation was instilled and Delta set a positive example for the other companies. Members of Delta showed proper military respect to all other cadets, officers, the military institution as a whole, the colors, and most of all our country.

Delta Company cadets practiced marching drill during cadre week, to prepare for New Cadet week, in which they trained the incoming freshmen cadets. Photo courtesy of Corps of Cadets.

Perfecting skills

Photo by pearl barrientos

Learning the ropes

Delta company upperclassmen held an online training session with the freshmen. Photo courtesy of Corps of Cadets.

Delta Company
Unity and Pride

With the reorganization of 1970, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets formed eight units where there had been sixteen. The men of A and B Squadrons, the two original units formed in 1872, then joined together to form E Squadron. This new unit had since come to be the Echo Company and stood proud among the eleven units of the Corps of Cadets. Echo Company held high the standards held to those that came before and recognized the traditions of the past.

Throughout the years, Echo Company had several mottoes; the 2001-2002 motto was: “Unity and Pride.” Mottoes served as building blocks for members of the company. Echo Squadron was nicknamed “E-frat” in the seventies, and the name stuck. Echo Company was often recognized as the fraternity of the Corps of Cadets due to the strong brotherhood and friendship seen among its members and its emphasis on teaching followership, leadership, and service.

This year Echo Company participated in several different events, some Corps of Cadets and some Echo Company traditions. One such event was the Echo Company Vigil held Veteran’s Day weekend. The 36-hour ceremony was held at the pylons where two company members stand guard for one-hour shifts. The vigil concluded with the whole company participating in a ceremony honoring the veterans of the US Military at midnight. Other highlights of the year included Guidon night, Caldwell March, Military Ball, Ring Dance, and participation in the Relay for Life.

by jennifer kuehl
Praebate Exemplium

Since 1902 Foxtrot Company has held itself to the high standards of the motto, “Praebate Exemplium,” Latin for “setting the example.” This past year the motto applied to all aspects of the member’s lives and this evidenced by member’s participation in all aspects of Corps life. Foxtrot Company was the founding unit of the “Skipper”, the regimental cannon. The foxtrot company commanders were Adam Scott and J.D. Campbell. They were both assisted by Cadets first Sergeant Ian Jarvis and H. Kent.
The Corps of Cadets, in the year 2001 and 2002, consisted of a regiment made up of 3 battalions. Each battalion was unique in its own way, however, 2nd Battalion was the most distinct. With all the companies in the Corps, 2nd Battalion's Golf Company was definitely in a league of its own. In the past, Golf was considered the black sheep of the Corps of Cadets family, as was filled with the "rebels" of the regiment so to speak. As we all have most likely learned: one time or another, looks could be very deceiving.

Non-Concedo was the motto, and it was seen in the halls of 4th floor Rasche. Coming up the main stairs that lead to the hallway, guests were greeted with a larger than life Taz, the company mascot. While working hard in exceeding and not conforming to the standards, we played just as hard. Winning the Beverly S. Parrish Gold Cord Award in 1998 was a prime example of this. Not only did they prove that Fold was THE Company to be in, but that Golf Company was the BEST company in the entire regiment. This mentality of striving or excellence while still finding a median of professionalism and relaxation carried on.

This past year Golf Company went above and beyond the call of duty. The year got off to a rough start with 22 freshmen, and finished off with only 15 freshmen. Golf continued to carry on many of the older Corps traditions as Dyke Night, and partook in newer traditions of the Corps, such as the Caldwell March. Golf actively participated in the community by doing a company fundraiser at the Haunted Corn Maze. Golf Company also took their services to a whole new level, by raising over $6,000 with a fellow company to help the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. Traditions such as the Chicken Scare Game, Medal of Honor Night, and Initiation Night were also continued at the company's superior level. With the motivated and dedicated cadets in this company, Golf continued to lead the way in the Corps of Cadets.
Pride Now, Tradition Always, Hotel Forever

First founded in 1923, Hotel is more than just a company in the VTCC. It was a family built around unity and a strong dedication to tradition and excellence. Hotel was originally nicknamed the “do it” gang by other companies. The central set of ideals was the Five Points of Pride, which consisted of pride in your class, uniform, H-company, the Corps, and yourself. Their confidence, intense loyalty to the Hotel, pride, and pyromania distinguished Hotel cadets.

Hotel began with a new class of freshmen; H-05 evolved into a cohesive unit under the training and guidance of Hotel’s upperclassmen. In addition to Corps events and activities, Hotel had a number of company events designed to build pride, unity, and morale. A number of Hotel members served in a variety of important Corps positions, including Spring 2002’s regimental commander, Cadet Hish, and Honor Court Chief Justice Cadet Nelson. Cadet Gouldin served as the VTCC’s first regimental piper, playing the bagpipes before and after pass-in-reviews and at special events. Cadet Carr represented the Corps as the Cadet Member at Large of the Class of 2004 and a member of the Ring Design Committee.

Hotel Company continued the tradition of displaying the Flaming VT at the Homecoming Pep Rally to a large group of enthusiastic Hokies. Dating back three decades, the kerosene soaked VT has become the symbol of Hotel Company, representing their pride and teamwork. Above all else, Hotel has continued to embody its motto: Pride Now, Tradition Always, Hotel Forever!

by jason atkinson

Hotel Company

Back Row: Aaron Colson, Timothy Armandinger, Catherine Cogniwell, James Sales, Andrew Krewesel, Conor Crowley, Quincy McCutie, Christopher Knobloch, Kenneth Thurman, Russel Michls, Michael Bowman, Daniel Griffith, Matthew Shefland, George Cooley Fourth Row: Michael Braham, Christopher Constello, Rachelle Ortho, Megan Evans, Bryan Payne, Diana Pennells, Leslie Hills Third Row: Rebecca Care, Mary Cook, Jason Atkinson, Edward Deneeue, Nathan Skipper, Saffar Caldwell, William Goodes, Alan Stephenson, Christopher Bennett, James Strutz, Michael Harbore, Jeffrey Schol, Jacob Morton, Maria Nicholas-Winton Second Row: Timothy Hish, Emily Wood, Miles Shfter, Michael Quang, Steven Robison, David Nichols, Charlie Cross, Scott Money Front Row: Eric Low, Daniel Kane, Kyle Spears, Douglas Wadsworth

Guides: John Albert
India Company was quite possibly the most spirited and unified company in the Corps of Cadets. Despite being one of the newest companies in the Corps, India Company was already the winner of the Iron Company Competition and front runner for Gold Cord. The members of India Company were close-knit and had a great amount of pride in their company. Former members of India often returned to India Company to hold CO or XO positions. India Company, had been disbanded in 1987 and reinstated in 1998, saw its first graduates this year, in 2002.

Non Sibi, Sed Omniius

by stephanie mcnair
Onward and Upward

Although Kilo battery was recently recommissioned as a line company in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, it was full of rich history and proud traditions. In the past, Kilo battery was known as the "Golden K," because it won the Beverly S. Parrish Award, "Gold Cord," several times. "Gold Cord" is an award that was given yearly to the company that is the most proficient at marching and rifle drill, room inspections and various other competitions.

Kilo Battery was housed in Monteith Hall, named after First Lieutenant Jimmie W. Monteith, Jr. (USA). Lt. Monteith was a member of Kilo battery while he was student at Virginia Tech. He was in the class of 1944 and studied Mechanical Engineering. Lt. Monteith also participated in another proud Hokie tradition; he played football! After leaving Virginia Tech, Lt. Monteith served in the US Army and was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on the Normandy beachhead at D-Day during World War II. Members of Kilo battery celebrate the heroism of Lt. Monteith and continuously strove to meet the standards of the "Golden K."

by charLia cross

Kilo Company
For the past sixty-six years, the members of the Regimental Band of Virginia Tech, the "Highly Tights," have been wearing the white cord with pride. The white Presidential Citation cord for meritorious service was given to the band in 1936 for their participation in the Spanish-American War. This cord was worn backwards because it was pinned on backwards by Eleanor Roosevelt when received. Although the Regimental Band of Virginia Tech had only been wearing the cord for sixty-six years, the company performed and served both the Commonwealth and the nation for over 110 years.

The first Band Company was formed in 1892 at the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. Over the next 100 years, the band earned many awards, performed all across the U.S. and became one of the best marching bands in the nation. Among these awards were the three consecutive Presidential Inaugural Parades in which the Highly Tights won and thus lead to the development of the parade no longer being judged. The band continued to perform in many events such as the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and Inaugural parades today.

In the past couple years, the band performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah Georgia, and many more. This past year the band played in the St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as the Mardi Gras Parade in New Orleans. The band will plan to make its first international appearance next year when they will play across Europe as a part of the Sunshine Festival.

It was safe to say that the band would continue to represent the Corps of Cadets for many years to come despite the cynicism from the line company counterparts.
Integrity

The Gregory Guard Honorary Military Society was formed from company F-15 of the National Society of the Perishing Rifles in April 1963. The unit was renamed in honor of Sergeant Earle D. Gregory, class of 1928. Sergeant Gregory was the first Virginian to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The Gregory Guard represented Virginia Tech and the Corps by performing precision rifle drills at football games, social functions, and parades across the country. The Gregory Guard strove to encourage, preserve, and develop the ideals of professional military life. The 2001-2002 Gregory Guard Commander was Cadet Michael Quarg.

☐ by Ernest Cage
A Journey Through the Past

The Caldwell March commemorates the determination of Virginia Tech's first student, William Addison Caldwell. On October 1, 1872, Caldwell walked 26 miles from Craig County to Blacksburg, to enroll at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

This past year the march was performed in two parts; the first 13 miles signified the end of the first six weeks of the semester, usually the most training intensive for first year cadets. The last 13 miles of the march were completed at the end of the second semester and symbolized the freshmen entrance into leadership positions.

The first leg of the march which was held on October 20, 2001 began at the Caldwell Homestead in Craig County and ended in Caldwell Fields in the Jefferson National Forest. The freshmen from the class of 2005 participated in the march along with many upperclassmen. The march was vigorous training for the freshmen cadets.

The second leg of the march took place on Saturday, April 13, 2002. The cadets were bussed to Craig Creek at the base of Brush Mountain where the march began. It was a rainy day as the cadets scaled brushed mountain and completed the march at Virginia Tech.

The significance of this march today was explained by Colonel Edward Schwabe. “It’s the idea that you would strike out and seek to better yourself through education, and that you’re not adverse to undergoing some hardship to accomplish that.” Caldwell is “kind of a mirror of the students who come to the Corps. They want an education and are not afraid to undergo a sort of trial by fire to achieve it,” Schwabe said.

This was the first year that the march was incorporated into the cadets training schedule. The Caldwell March served to remind cadets of the rich history of Virginia Tech. The march was performed publicly to display the amount of pride cadets had in university history.

\[\text{by charLia cross}\]
Cadets Jessica Kane and Phillip Ewell chanted during a break from the march. The cadets marched on as they headed toward Virginia Tech on the second leg of the march. General Allen marched alongside the cadets. Cadets Saadia Whitley and Ana Huffstetler posed for a photo. Freshman cadet Nicole Obey led her Kilo Company buds back to the Upper Quad. The regiment ended the Caldwell March at the Upper Quad. Photos courtesy of the Corps of Cadets.
Virginia Tech's Air Force ROTC program continues to grow by leaps and bounds. This past year more than 120 freshmen were welcomed to the program, 37 of them entered with full four-year scholarships. The program definitely attracted highly motivated and well-qualified cadets. The fact that the AFROTC program posted the highest semester GPA among all the university's ROTC departments for the fifth semester in a row further evidenced the high caliber of Air Force cadets.

Exciting things happened in the Air Force program this past year. The program hosted a number of great training and leadership opportunities. Cadets participated in survival training, combat, dining in, glider-training and simulator training. Cadets also visited the Pentagon and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

A new era begun at Detachment 875 as Colonel Con. M. Rodi, commander of VT AFROTC retired from active duty to return to Virginia Tech as a Ph.D. student. AFROTC wished him and his wife well in their future endeavors. Command of VT AFROTC passed to Colonel Dennis Rider who spent the last two years in South Africa as the U.S. Defense Attache. Colonel Rider and his family were warmly welcomed to the team.

by ernest cage
This year the Army ROTC department sent 23 cadets to FT Lewis, Washington, to take part in Army ROTC Advanced Camp. Advanced camp was a five-week program designed to train and evaluate future officers for duty in the United States Army. Cadets from Tech represented their school well. John Bowman scored a perfect 300 on his Army Physical Fitness test, and Ryan Kortze scored a perfect 100 on his land navigation evaluation. Cadets Ross Amico, Christopher Berge, Sunki Bodiford, Mark Brown, Ryan Kortze, Heather McGrath, Brendan Shimizu and Matthew Woods were all recognized as being part of the top third of all cadets in their respective platoons. Overall, Advanced Camp was a positive and motivational experience for all cadets.

Cadets Christopher Berege, John Bowman, Adam Paxton, Michael Swift, William Tenor, Shaun Trinkle, Matthew Woods and Ryan Zehr were also given the opportunity to train with active duty Army units throughout the world. They served as platoon leaders for units through the Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT) program. Many of their assignments were overseas with units in Germany and Korea.

Cadets were not the only ones to participate in Advanced Camp this year. MAJ GEN Jerrold Allen, Virginia Tech's Commandant of Cadets, and Dr. Robert Bates, Dean of the college of Arts and Sciences, took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the training and see first hand how their Army cadets spent the summer. They participated in rifle marksmanship and even went to "the field" to see what the field-training period was like for the cadets. Both General Allen and Dean Bates viewed the experience as rewarding and it gave them the opportunity to really see what the cadets went through. Dean Bates commented, "Of all the exceptional Army Training we observed I was especially impressed with the artillery fire support demonstration."

The juniors were not the only ones given the opportunity to participate in training. The sophomore class participated in some real life Army Training as well. Cadets Derek Crosby, Philip Ewell, Ian Jarvis, and Benjamin Ritter all attended and graduated from the US Army Airborne School this past year. Cadet Kelly Fisher received the opportunity to participate in an exchange program with the British army. One freshman cadet, Christopher Hull, graduated from the US Army Combat Diver Qualification Course, the first Tech cadet to pass the extraordinary demanding school.

The Army ROTC had the distinct honor of welcoming several new cadre members that joined us over the summer. MAJ Kevin Anderson, CPT Andrew Morton, SGM Steve Anderson, MSG Joe McNabb, MSG Nicholas Williams, SSG Gwendolyn Cox and SSG Dianne Jackson all became new additions to the Army ROTC program; they were great additions! The Army department also said goodbye to some excellent cadre; MAJ(P) Barbara Douglas, MAJ Robert Bradford, SGM Daniel Zahondy, SSG Jim Wyers, and SSG(P) Louwanna Wright all moved on after excellent work at the Virginia Tech Army ROTC department.

The Army ROTC program had another outstanding year and we looked forward to another. Our annual field training exercise at Kentland Farms, Basic Rifle Marksmanship range, and rappelling exercises highlighted the semester.

K by Colonel Banasik, USA
Commander, VT AROTC

experience
Army ROTC cadets practiced tactical maneuvers as they exited a helicopter during their training exercises at Virginia Tech's Kentland Farms. Once a week these cadets practiced what they learned in the classroom during an afternoon lab. Photos courtesy of the Corps of Cadets
Naval ROTC continues to enjoy success at Virginia Tech and the department of the Navy considers the Unit in the top echelon as a commissioning source for Navy and Marine Corps junior officers of the highest caliber. This year we anticipated commissioning 40 officers. This past summer many of our midshipmen traveled around the world and successfully completed exciting training in ships, aircraft squadrons, and shore stations of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

Summer training proved professionally rewarding and exhilarating for the students. Unmatched by any other ROTC Unit in the country, the seven Marine Corps students excelled at Bulldog Training at Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia and extended to six consecutive years that every Virginia Tech participant successfully completed the demanding physical and mental course instruction.

Many of the sophomore students spent one month of the summer in the Tidewater area of Virginia or San Diego, California. At these locations, they participated in week long activities with the Marine Corps, the Naval Aviation community, the Submarine community, and the Surface community. These midshipmen participated in field exercises, orientation flights in jet aircraft and helicopters, and in port/at-sea time in submarines and warships. These training experiences in operational units were designed to assist the aspiring Naval Officers in making their career decision for which component of Sea Services they wanted to secure upon commissioning.

Juniors and seniors completed exciting summer training in ships, submarine, and aircraft squadrons operating around the world that were conducting missions assigned by the National Command Authorities. Representative of these training periods included:
Midshipman Buls participated in a one-month Foreign Exchange with the Turkish Navy embarking in one of the newest frigates of the Turkish Fleet and was immediately integrated into the command and control organization of the ship. His training included participation in Partnership for Peace exercises hosted by Bulgaria in the Black Sea and included various port visits in Turkey and the Bulgarian ports in Burgas.
Midshipman Kotora trained for four weeks with the Fighter Squadron 147 in Southern California where he received several flights in the Navy’s newest combat jet, the F/A-8E/F Super Hornet. Midshipman Beltz competed nationally and received one of the only 34 slots to train with Navy Sea, Air, Land (SEALS) Special Forces unit at Coronado, California.
Midshipman Wilson embarked a fast-attack submarine for summer training in Andoya, Norway before crossing the Atlantic Ocean en route to Groton, Connecticut.
Midshipman Rorabaugh embarked in USS Chancellorsville, and AEGIS missile cruiser, in Sydney, Australia and while abroad, the ship-visited Guam, and Yokosuka, Japan. Midshipmen DiMichele, Johnson and Fischer spent four weeks in the Black Sea and surrounding area aboard USS Gonzalez, an AEGIS missile destroyer, and participated in various NATO exercises and interacted with German, Italian, Greek, and Turkish sailors during port visits.

In August, the Unit conducted a change of command with CAPT James Snyder relieving CAPT Robert Blanchard as Virginia Tech’s Professor of Naval Science. CAPT Blanchard retired from the NAVY with over 29 years of distinguished service in the surface nuclear line community. CAPT Snyder reported to Virginia Tech from a tour in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC.

☐ by Captain J Snyder, USN
Commander, VT NROTC
enjoyment

clockwise from top left: Nick Buls, Naval ROTC, traveled to Bougainville (Old Istanbul) in July of 2001. These senior Naval ROTC cadets knocked out some motivational push-ups at the senior dining in. These Surface Warfare Society members volunteered for Habitat for Humanity in Roanoke. Marine Cadets rushed through a stream as they conducted exercise during their annual FTX. Photo courtesy of the Corps of Cadets.
Moving Forward

It has been almost four years since the members of the Cadet Class of 2002 set foot on the Virginia Tech campus. We arrived as a class that was young, vibrant, and determined to do our part to serve our country. Many of those who started with us didn't make it to the end and only the strongest remain.

Throughout our time in the Corps, we learned many lessons about leadership, honor, duty and country. Even more importantly, each one of us learned more about ourselves as individuals. We learned that when you don't think you can take another step, somewhere deep inside you find the strength to keep going. We disciplined ourselves to do without the luxuries of college life and to dedicate ourselves to ideals of Ut Prosim. Many would ask what it was that kept us coming back year after year. Was it the scholarships? Indeed nothing could be further from the truth. We have been compelled to return each year to remain a part of this awesome brotherhood; a brotherhood that has produced leaders since 1872. We thought of the Corps, not as a collection of buildings and uniforms, but as a lifestyle, a harder path to a greater good.

As the Cadet Class of 2002, formed up on the reviewing line, side by side, cadet sabers drawn for the last time, it was awesome to see, "the Corps." As the robust tune of "Grandioso" was played by the band, it rolled down the drill field, and there was no question about the worthiness of the Corps experience. In an instant, the command was changed and history was written, an era came to an end and new leaders with fresh new ideas took our places. As our white caps reach for the heavens, they resembled a flock of young birds flying off from their nest on their maiden voyage, unsure, but determined. Good luck 2002! May we meet again to talk of the joys, pains, and triumphs of our time here at Tech and in the Cadet Corps. Ut Prosim.

☐ by Cadet Major Ernest Cage
a new day

Clockwise from top: Members of the class of 2002 form up on the reviewing line to watch the Corps Pass and Review. Each senior stepped out of the line and saluted their unit as they passed. In the shadow of historic Lane Hall members of the Class of 2002 tossed their "covers" which signified the end of their cadet experience and the start of their new careers. Cadet Major Ryan Campmanor marched his unit to the Drillfield for the ceremony. Maj. Gen. Allen, Commandant of Cadets, spoke at the ceremony. Incoming Regimental Commander, Kevin Eley, is given the corps flag by Maj. Gen. Allen. This symbolized the change of command. Outgoing Regimental Commander, Tim Hirs, congratulated incoming Regimental Commander, Kevin Eley.

Photos courtesy of Corps of Cadets.
Something for Everyone

The annual UUSA-sponsored Organization Showcase introduced students to the vast array of all of the extracurricular activities that Virginia Tech offered. Two hundred Tech student organizations participated in the showcase representing a variety of groups. The organizations ranged from sport clubs to religious and political groups, from Greek organizations to special interest clubs and special events recruiting staff and members.

Both of the second floor halls and the Commonwealth Ballroom of Squires were packed with students and information booths. “I like the way the fair is so condensed and you can get to all the organizations quickly,” said Jody Welsh, a junior Agricultural Economics major. Not only were there many curious onlookers, but several organizations recruited a fair share of interested students.

A few new features were added to the showcase this year. Some of the more performance-oriented organizations were allowed to show off their talents and provide entertainment. Students were treated to acts by musical groups Technophobia, the Enlightenment Gospel choir, dance routines by the Dance Company of Virginia Tech and Solely Swing and a demonstration by the Fencing Club. Regardless of their affiliation, the main goal of each organization was to recruit new members and get students, especially new students, involved in activities. “I’ve found that there are a lot of opportunities that I wouldn’t have had any idea about if not for the fair,” said Todd Robinson, a freshman university studies major.

The fair provided an opportunity for students to find their niche early on in the school year.

by Rachel Krueger
get involved
Often it was the table displays that attracted students to a particular group. The displays highlighted various aspects of each organization.
"Photo by Joe Barrett"

Coptic Club
Front Row: Monica Faro, Remmy El-Maati, Myrna Zehni
Back Row: Ramaz Youness, Ashraf Hanna, Mark Mity, A.J. Meunier

Student Engineers’ Council
Front Row: Rodney Bajrath, Sara Levent, David Thomas, Elliott Shoup, Karie Davenport, Cliff Coates, Matthew Grimm
Back Row: Matthew Anderson, Nick Amico, James Inglis, Jeff Arthogaar, Kevin Henderson, Vinny Menon, Mike Chappell

Virginia Tech Union
Front Row: Natasha Taylor, Alaina Jeff
Second Row: Matt Sleifer, Nada El Eryan, Chris DeMay, Aisha Salazar, Robby Black, Kevin Lew
Third Row: Jennifer Corrigan, MacDonald, Heidi Schoonover, Michael Zedan, Brooke Randa, Kimberly Hunter
Service, leadership, and fellowship brings Circle K and the community together. About seventy students participated in the service activities that Circle K hosted. Every year, the organization tutored other students, visited elderly homes and volunteered at animal shelters. Circle K took part in other annual holiday events including the Halloween Penny Carnival, the holiday parade and an Easter egg hunt.

Service Day 2001 was hosted in September by Circle K. It was a campus service event that featured ten projects and fifty students who participated in 175 hours of service. Another big event was a formal dance, Circle K District Formal, held in Cassell Coliseum for members of Circle K from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and the D.C. area. The organization raised over 700 dollars for children’s literacy.

Funding for the organization was largely attributed to fund raisers and concessions sales at football games. The Montgomery Kiwanis Club, the official sponsor of Circle K, also contributed to the funding. Members also paid dues each year to help fund the organization.

Circle K was designed to provide service to other students of the university and surrounding community. Amy Zahournes, a sophomore marketing major shared, “Being a member of Circle K is an honor and a privilege. To be surrounded by a group of students who selflessly dedicated their time to serve the community is an amazing feeling. Joining this organization is one of the best choices that I have made in life.” Members of the organization gained valuable experience working with diverse groups in the community, as well as promoting leadership and fellowship roles.
Newman Community Catholic Campus Ministry

Front Row: John Mohler, Marianne Razzino, Justin Ioneustri, Kelly Morris, Jackie Owens, Michael Koljica, Shannon Hopkins, Francisco Bujas

Second Row: Matthew DiPasquale, Mary Eena Richter, Jennifer Sutha, Lisa Menick, Heather Doyle, Lisa Berke, Michelle Crooker, Michael Crooker, Jeff Dunlap, Tom Valle

Third Row: Fr. Jim Griffin, Jeremy O'Connor, Stephanie Martin, Steve Wiers, Chris Propis, John Dyes, Nick Martini, Jared Mach, Jenny Klein, Kerry Ann Conrad

Back Row: Ben Hamrick, Bill, Mitch Woods, Rusty Richards, Peter McCourt, Steve Conrad, Steven Dieterle, Brian Rose, David Nupp, Chris Pansawics

American Society of Safety Engineers

Front Row: Ian Bermezing, Mitch Woods, Hardman Indrustri

Best Buddies

Front Row: Christina Fox, Nathan Lanham, Jennifer Griedkopp, Kathryn Kooita
PRSSA was a pre-professional organization founded by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). The purpose of the Public Relation Student Society of America (PRSSA) was to give students various opportunities to explore the field while enhancing their skills and building their potential by providing ample opportunity for members to gain leadership, communication, writing, and other marketable skills.

In the fall, VTPRSSA hosted “Images Are Everything”, a seminar for organizations needing help with various aspects of public relations. Also, members from VTPRSSA joined hundreds of other schools to discuss and learn about public relations at National Conference. This year, VTPRSSA’s Community Service Committee joined with the Floyd Humane Society to provide food for animals.

In the spring, VTPRSSA hosted Communication Connections, a conference planned for students interested in public relations, marketing, and graphic design. Students often seized the opportunity to hear representatives from different organizations pass down the timeless advice to students about the professional world from their extensive and diverse experiences. VTPRSSA was involved in raising money to support Relay for Life in addition to planning a springtime event to publicize information and increase awareness about organ donation.

VTPRSSA also elected one delegate to represent our chapter at National Assembly. This year, Tara Laffey represented Virginia Tech in San Diego, California. VTPRSSA had sixty-four members establishing personal and professional relationships that simultaneously enriched their academic lives while advancing their professional aspirations.
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Society of Black Designers
Row 1: Portia McMichael, Amy Sindelir, Lilet Makomen, Diedra Whittenburg

Dance Company of Virginia Tech
Row 1: Bridget Eldridge, Amy Strong, Michele Crawford, Staia Stiles, Flavia Garcia
Row 2: Lindsay VonDown, Felicia Gaudelli, Julianna Catherines, Christa Lenoff, Laura Burton
Row 3: Rebecca Cornelli, Melissa Francker, Gina Niccolini, Leslie Smith, Rachel Julian, LaToyia Eason, Veronica Ritchy

Vietnamese Student Association
Row 1: David Thong, Do Quang, T Nguyen, Long Hoang, Long Tran Cheryl Chang
Row 2: Francis Koa, Jonathan Koam, Daniel Wai, Mr. Tony, Alice Vuong, Minh Doan, Jason Nguyen, Han Ngo

Photo courtesy of PRSSA
The Safest Sport

What do you consider the safest sport? Tennis? Bowling? Yet, according to the National Safety Council, fewer injuries occurred per 1000 participants in paintball than any other sport (1998). “Can you believe that golf has more injuries than paintball?” said Paintball Club of Virginia Tech (PCVT) president, Matthew Hiteshew.

Paintball was a game loosely based on the game capture-the-flag, but one where you protected your flag by shooting your enemy with non-lethal balls of paint. Teams were typically 3 to 10 people and had to protect their own flag while trying to capture the opponents flag.

There were two categories of games, speedball and recreational games. Speedball was played at tournaments and involved courses that were set up in fields and the like. Recreational games were more for fun and involved playing in more wooded areas and more strategy.

“Paintball is one of the few times you get to shoot your friends for fun, without killing them,” laughed Jonathan Maurath, PCVT treasurer. Paintball was the fourth most popular extreme sport in the United States.

Some members of the Corps of Cadets started the PCVT in 1992. This year, Hiteshew, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, Eddie Manlucu, a senior economics major, and Maurath, a sophomore electrical engineering major, headed the club. They had to struggle at first to redevelop the PCVT which had lost its club status at the beginning of last year.

This year there were about 40 members, who practiced regularly at their own field off of Craigs Creek Road in Christiansburg. Hiteshew said, “There is nothing like paintballs whizzing past your head to get an adrenaline rush.”
RHF was a group of students dedicated to improving the lives of students living on campus. The organization volunteered together as a team to plan events, community service activities and strive to constantly improve the quality of living for Virginia Tech students.

Every fall new members were elected and were invited to a fall retreat. This year the retreat was held at Smith Mountain Lake and served as a place for the members to really get to know each other and begin to work as a part of team.

Throughout the year weekly meetings were held and recommendations were made. One of the goals was to try to have stamp machines for students living in residential halls.

The organization was also responsible for hosting Hokie Halloween where they invited children from local schools for trick or treating in the residential halls and to their haunted house.

Alison Sharp, a sophomore math major and secretary for RHF shared, “I was really excited at what the organization did for the residents and as an officer this year I am happy to see that the efforts of the group are continuing to improving the lives of Virginia Tech Students.”

The group was particularly excited because they received the honor of hosting a conference next February for all the RHF organizations throughout the state of Virginia.

As well as hosting the state conference, RHF would also say goodbye to NRHH representative and Junior Kris Ying who would move up to being the assistant director on the state level next year.

Overall, the year had been a success for this dedicated organization. They worked hard to attain their theme of “Cultivating the sown seeds of yesterday into the garden of tomorrow.”
Dave Matthews Band Club of Virginia Tech

Front Row: Sarah George, Erica Geninski, Alan Witt, Jessica Cunningham

Student Publications Photography Staff

Front Row: Jesse Parnerton, Erin Powers, Shannon Dwyer, Alicia Soles, Tara Arison, Lauren Cook, Patricia Lanier, Tian Pham

Back Row: Brian Wolf, Nick Tsiparas, Mike Smith, Manique Cooke, Chris Chabalko, Ryan Walsh, Andy Cook, Russell Hofbrook, Andrew Leonard, Mentem El Hadji, Robert Drake, Sarah Jones, Aimee White, Matt Hudson, Ryan Willis

Society of Women Engineers

Front Row: Betsy Ellis, Katie Davesport, Kelly Henderson, Rebecca Naughton, Melissa Stigle, Amanda Martin

Second Row: Karen Berger, Anjoli Sinha, Sherryrishachan, Kristin Maglia, Kristen Shingle, Kristen Smith, Anne Kurtz
The Student engineers' Council continued its mission to serve engineering students, engineering student societies, and the College of Engineering by contributing over $50,000 in the 2001-2002 academic year.

Profits from the SEC sponsored Engineering Expo career fair were used to fund engineering student society conferences, SEC events, and major projects within the College of Engineering. SEC events included Engineering Expo, Engineering Leadership Conference, and National engineers' Week activities. When asked about the year's events Elliott Shoup, the SEC Chairperson, stated, "We could not have asked for a better year, participation was excellent."

As an umbrella organization for all student engineering societies, the Student engineers' Council worked to foster a sense of camaraderie between the groups. "I am proud to be involved in an organization that brings students of all engineering disciplines together," said Shoup. Vice-Chairperson David Thomas echoed that thought, "The SEC encourages interaction between all engineering students through its various events, meetings, and membership enrichment activities."

Students could get involved with the SEC by acting as a society representative or becoming a member at large. Interacting with members from all engineering majors at SEC functions helped to prepare students for life after graduation where most engineers worked in multi-disciplined teams.
Human Factors & Ergonomics Society

VT Red Cross Club
Front Row: Sarah Henry, Katheryn Thompson, Jessica Fleischman, Sonya Moody  Back Row: Ralph Amato, Matt Mastroplanto, Scott Pritchard, Dulanjai Bandopadhyay, Brian Fersch

Stat Club
Front Row: Michele Marini, Zoe Rusk, Aparna Barntai  Back Row: Will Cecere, Ashley Edwards, Peter Boyes, Taylor Lewis
Concerts. Films. Broadway Shows. Speakers. Comedians. Whatever kind of entertainment one enjoyed, the Virginia Tech Union was your connection. The VTU was Virginia Tech’s largest programming organization, with more than 200 members. It was comprised of seven committees that each had a different purpose, but overall aimed to achieve the same goal: to provide quality, diverse entertainment to Virginia Tech.

In the last four years, VTU brought some well-known personalities to campus like Bob Dylan, Colin Powell, Jimmy Fallon, Ralph Nader and Dave Matthews. Additionally, the Virginia Tech Union served the university by providing inexpensive blockbuster movies to nearly sold-out crowds every weekend. In total, the VTU organized more than one hundred events every year.

Information about the Virginia Tech Union and their events was found at their website www.vtu.org. This website had a calendar of upcoming events, descriptions of entertainment, and pictures of past shows. It also featured a discussion board where people could talk about their interests, thoughts, and post their “requests” for upcoming shows. The best way to influence the entertainment at Virginia Tech, however, was to volunteer with the VTU.

As a member of the VTU, one could publicize events, set up dressing rooms, take tickets, usher, and generally make a difference with campus shows. Being a member did not take a lot of time, but the experiences members had with the VTU were rewarding and exciting. Additionally, one learned a lot about the entertainment business and became a leader on campus through programming.

by chris deMay
Juxtaposition was Virginia Tech’s premiere all-male a cappella group. The year was a great success for the members of Juxta. We participated in The International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella and took second place in both the quarter final and semifinal rounds. We hosted a benefit concert for the American Red Cross to support the relief efforts after September 11th. All the a cappella groups on campus were involved and were able to raise over $5000 from audience of over 2,500 people.

At the end of the fall semester, Juxta held their annual fall concert Kid Tested, Mother Approved, at the Donaldson Brown Hotel Auditorium. The group was able to showcase their new songs for the semester with the Virginia Belles, from UVA, as a guest group.

Over New Years and Easter holidays the group was invited to be entertainment for the guests of the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. The group enjoyed their free days of living the rich life before returning back to school to continue and finish their fourth cd, Homespun. Juxta premiered their new cd at the annual spring concert, Can you hear me now?, again at the Donaldson Brown Hotel Auditorium. The group raised enough money from the concert to purchase airfare for the members to travel to Graz, Austria for an International A Cappella Festival over the summer.

Unfortunately, the group lost four seniors at the end of the year, but all of the members and many fans agreed that it was Juxta’s pinnacle year, and continued to look for more to come in the future.

Michael Quarg
‘Je aime francaise’ was a common statement among members of the Cercle Francophone and Frenchship clubs. Both groups met every other week at Espresso Corner on Main Street. Students gathered together for coffee and French conversation.

Cercle Francophone existed so that French speaking students had a place where they could gather to meet other students from French speaking countries. Students learned about Cercle Francophone through Cranwell International Center. Junior, aerospace engineering major Nicolas Spitz remarked, “When you speak French you meet other French speaking people quickly.” Students from France, Italy and Algeria were among those whom were part of Cercle Francophone.

Students who enrolled in French courses were invited to join the Frenchship club. This club also helped students practice their French. “You don’t have a lot of casual conversations in class. The club provided a chance to practice having these conversations,” said French and international studies majors, sophomore Claire Cary. Unlike class, the French only rule did not apply. Students spoke a mix of French and English.

Annually, Cercle Francophone organized the French and Francophone National week. This past November students participated in a variety of week long activities. Among the activities were a wine and cheese tasting party, a traditional game of petanque and the films “La Rue Casenegres” and “Danton” were shown.

Many of the students participated in both the Frenchship and Cercle Francophone clubs. The groups provided conversation and cultural activities for anyone who wished to learn about or preserve their francophone culture.

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conversations
Students take the opportunity to practice their French outside of the classroom. This was also an opportunity to learn about. Photo by Meriem El Hadji.

Circle K of Virginia Tech

Council of International Student Organizations

Christ's Church at Virginia Tech
The Student Alumni Associates (SAA) was an official affiliate of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association. SAA consisted of approximately 100 student leaders who engaged in a variety of activities to promote Virginia Tech spirit on campus as well as in the Blacksburg community. As an organization, students assisted with various alumni programs and campus events. Pep-rallies, Class Reunions, Founder’s Day, Senior Celebration, Senior’s Movin’ On, Homecoming, Faculty Appreciation Day and Summer Around the Drillfield were a number of the programs that were sponsored by SAA.

Each spring, SAA officers and members attended a district conference with similar organizations from other universities. At the 2001 district conference, the Virginia Tech SAA won the award for Most Outstanding Program for the Senior’s Movin’ On fair. At the 2002 district conference, Shari Malone, the SAA advisor won Advisor of the Year. SAA also received the 2000-2001 University Student Leadership Award for the Most Outstanding Student Organization on the Virginia Tech Campus. The Virginia Tech SAA continued to promote Hokie spirit by providing service to the campus, alumni, and the community.

spirit on campus

by ellen shrader
leader
Shari Malone, the advisor of SSA, burgers the Hokie
Bird. \* Photo courtesy of SSA

college of engineering dean's team
Row 1: Timothy Belcher, Ryan Feng, Emily Woodward, Steven Thomas Row
2: Olivia Miller, Shannon E. Donovan, Nicholas A. Myers, Michael Flice,
Thomas W. Little, David Miller

gathering of the role player's guild
Front Row: Blake Merschel, Josh Adell, Nathan Skipper, Christopher Hinton,
Martin Niederer-Watson

raft
Front Row: Cary Ginger, Josh P. Akhiho, Laura Row 2: Lauren, Brooke, Sarah,
Lisa, Bonnie, Shannon, Sara Townsend
The Educational Media Company at Virginia Tech was an independent corporation comprised of six smaller student-run media organizations. Each organization was responsible for planning, designing, and producing their respective media. Budgets, time management, and format were chosen by the editors or managers of each organization. These organizations were separate from one another, but worked closely together in various manners to produce their respective products.

The Bugle, Virginia Tech's yearbook, was an annual publication documenting all aspects of the college life including student life, the Corps of Cadets, greek life, student organizations, athletics, individuals, and current events. Staff writers wrote stories while the photographs were furnished by the Student Publication Photography Staff (also known as SPPS). The Bugle staff worked hard during the academic year to meet deadlines in order for the yearbook to be issued early the following fall.

The Collegiate Times, the newspaper of Virginia Tech, captured current events and other newsworthy materials and published a paper four times a week, as well as one summer edition. The Collegiate Times pulled stories from the Associated Press as well as using its own staff writers. The pictures run in the Collegiate Times were taken by SPPS.

The Silhouette was an arts and literary magazine consisting of submission from students. Students were encouraged to submit poetry, short stories, photography, or other artwork to be considered for publication. The Silhouette was published twice a year.

The Student Publications Photo Staff was responsible for taking photography assignments determined by the Bugle and the Collegiate Times. SPPS furnished camera equipment as well as a lab for developing negatives and prints. They were also contracted out to take pictures of events and speakers.

VTTV was the student-run television station broadcasting various programs ranging from news shows to sketch comedy. Shows were aired on channel 33 on the Tech campus and could be viewed on channels 15 or 18 off campus.

WUVT was the radio station at Virginia Tech. WUVT specialized in alternative programming which could not be heard elsewhere on the radio. Students had shows weekly at designated time slots. They were funded by listener donations and by being underwritten by local businesses.

The six organizations worked together year round and comprised the creative media company at Virginia Tech. All students were welcomed to get involved!

creativity & practical experience

by ryan willis
office space
Robert Drake steadily worked under deadline at the Collegiate Times. He had to scan in all the photos that would run in the paper the following day. Photo by Shannon Dwyer

open house
EMCVT hosted a media open house in the fall. Students and faculty were invited to tour the media wing. Photo by Krista Tigges

benefit
Silhouette hosted numerous benefits throughout the year to raise money for the cost of the magazine. Photo by Jonas Kleemann

delivery
It was always a challenge to house 2500 yearbooks in the Bugle office during fall semester. Photo by Shannon Dwyer
Why would anyone want to jump out of a perfectly good airplane?

"The door was open!"

"...you haven't seen these airplanes!"

"Why not?!"

...All of which are common, witty, skydiver answers to the long asked "Whuffo?" question. What really drove us to jump out of perfectly good aircraft was the rush, the feeling of accomplishment, the excitement, the camaraderie among those we jumped with, and the pure joy of human flight!

The Skydiving Club of Virginia Tech accommodated those thrill seekers and fun lovers alike for the last 20+ years! Numerous members competed and won national skydiving competitions and the club hoped to keep developing and producing the best collegiate skydivers around.

The club organized a series of events this last year: cookouts, socials, and of course the Xtreme Weekend on April 20th/21st, where students were encouraged to "Skydive! Get high on 4-20." The club also sent some jumpers, as always in the past, down to compete in the Collegiate National Skydiving Competition in sunny Lake Wales right after Fall semester final exams. The people were great, the competition was hot, and weather was beautiful!

Every weekend club members were found at the club's home dropzone of Adrenaline Air Sports located at the beautiful Smith Mountain Lake Airport skydiving and making free fall formations also known as relative work or RW. Some members weren't satisfied to fly on their bellies, so they flipped over on their heads during a few "freefly" dives. Whatever their choice, the Skydiving Club was willing and ready to make sure each of its members were properly trained and ready for whichever type of skydive they made.

The club stressed safety and responsibility. Members attended USPA's Safety Day despite bad weather and for those members who could not make it, a Safety Day review was taught by a USPA Skydiving Coach in the following general membership meeting. Should an emergency occur in free fall, the skydiver must be able to act right away; therefore, the club made sure to review emergency procedures often during meetings. Educational videos were shown to review packing procedures, canopy flight procedures and emergency procedures. Several parachute packing classes were offered to teach up-and-coming skydivers how to safely and correctly pack their parachute according to the manufacturers instructions.

The club continued to grow through the year and the members became better, more knowledgeable, and most importantly, safer skydivers. "Skydiving is an elite sport for elite people," and our members were the elite.
perfect landing
These tandem skydivers prepare to land after a jump.
It was essential to have a good landing in order to avoid injury.  Photo by Jesse Panneton

adrenaline rush
☐ by jonathan charlton

class of 2004 officers
Front Row: Sabrina Chiao, Sean McConnell, Shari Malone (Advisor), Breca Carr,
Back Row: Katie McCoy, Sara Kennedy, Katie Weaks, Nicole Reynolds, Keara Murphy

ymca

collegiate times
Front Row: Robert Drake, Brian McNeill, Sharron Dwyer, Nick Levenski, Jason
Middle Back Row: Sean Callinan, Jeremy Docherty, Courtney Binhien, Lindsay
Weiler
What is Coptic Orthodoxy? To answer this question in a line or two would be impossible for the church’s traditions and liturgies were indescribable. To best summarize what the Coptic Club was about was to look into the touched hearts of its members. Senior Ashraf Hanna, an AIS major said, “Coptic Club can best be described as a root of a plant. The branches and leaves cannot exist without its root to feed and nurture it… the root can not exist without the initial seed, which is God.”

The purpose of this Coptic Club was first to glorify God in all things. The club thoroughly attempted and inspired to strengthen the spiritual lives of its own members and increase awareness of the Coptic Orthodox faith.

Being a new organization, the club focused centrally on reaching out to students, faculty, and the community at large about our faith. Ashraf Hanna continued and said, “Coptic Club to me is not just another organization that I’m in, it’s THE organization that defines a large part of my life. It is a source of fellowship with others that share in the same beliefs that I do, concerning our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Centering all its activities, goals, and events around Christ, the Coptic Club sought to build a strong foundation throughout the year by gaining knowledge of the faith as a whole. One way this was done was through the weekly discussion, given by club members who prepared a “talk” that focused on all aspects of the Coptic Church. Such discussion topics included St. Mark, the founder of our church, apostolic tradition, the seven sacraments, and all the amazing prophecies in the bible about the Coptic Orthodox church.

Freshman Ramez Youssef, a University Studies major said, “Coptic Club was the one time of the week where peace was found through the Coptic members and the Christian philosophy.” Ask any member of the Coptic Club, and they will tell you the moving experience felt in Coptic Club is like no other. Coptic Club laid its foundation in one accord, but this was only the beginning of a long and beautiful journey to spread the knowledge of the treasure of the Coptic Orthodox faith.
Paintball Club of Virginia Tech
Front Row: Scott Dauphinais, Steve Koester, Jonathan Allen, Chris Ferrier
Second Row: Eddie Matheny, Tim Dunn, Michael Makowich, Matthew Hineshew, Jonathan Maurath, Daniel Kane, Jonathan Burstein, Michael Petersa
Back Row: Michael Cash, Robert Killinger, Peter Hill, Matt Sowers, Will Jamieson, Bradley Snyder, Adam Toomey, Victor Morgan, Adam Kemp, David Rose

Mini Baja Team
Front Row: Dave Mans, Dave Tordjman, Beck Herring, Derek Maysy
Second Row: Ed Inge, Katie Lewis, Bethany Lindsay, Ari Hoffman
Third Row: Melissa Martinie, Beni Burnell, Dave Amer, Russ Corpe, Paulo Santos, Matt O'Bryan, Sara Bradley, Dan Fiddler
Back Row: Roger Anderson, Jon Thomas, Brian Lee, Joel Baums, Jon Swans, Chris Bean, Clayton Andersen, Brian Radzywiski

Indian Student Association
Gaurav Joshi, Vaidyanathan Ramaarma, Shyamal Ramachandran, Seshagiri Krishnamoorthy, R. Anil Kumar
The Organization for Applied Environmental Awareness is an organization that stands for responsible, rational, protection of the environment and the natural world. Virginia Tech students John Kralman and Joel Nilsen started A.E.A. in the spring of 2001, as a program under the YMCA. A.E.A took the position of Eco-Cycle, the Environmental group that began the recycling program at Virginia Tech.

A.E.A took a very active role in protecting the environment through service projects and interest fairs. A.E.A. held litter and trash pick-up programs for the Virginia Tech campus and the surrounding area in an effort to improve the quality of the local natural environment. A.E.A also successfully hosted an Environmental Science and Technology Fair for the Virginia Tech students, and planned to host another fair in the coming semesters. Other successful projects included a high school Environmental art show, recycling informative programs, Arbor Day tree planting, and Save our Streams.

In the future, A.E.A hopes to continue its commitment to the environment and help to raise Environmental awareness among the Virginia Tech community.

by Aaron Barr
Women in the Field

Female engineers are a rare breed with sometimes only one girl in a class, if any at all. The Society of Women Engineers gathered together during the year to give the females a chance to get to know other females in the field and to have some fun without the boys around.

Meetings were held on a monthly basis and occasionally included guest speakers or special events. Speakers came to discuss interviewing for jobs and to recruit people for a master’s study on reflexes. During one meeting, the group learned self-defense from a black belt in karate; and practiced yoga and other relaxation techniques during a later meeting.

Aside from their interesting meetings, the organization volunteered numerous times throughout the year. They took part in the First Lego League Competition that took place during the fall semester which let them help the younger people in the competition and have a little bit of fun with Legos. Later in the fall semester, the group decorated pumpkins for Halloween to give to children that were unable to decorate their own and volunteered at a local Christmas shop in Christiansburg for a fundraiser. In February, they held a Girl Scout Day which introduced Girl Scouts of all ages from the area to the world of engineering by doing various projects, such as making play-do, that involved the different areas of engineering in hopes of sparking their interest in a field of engineering.

The group was not just involved with volunteering, but also helped to organize events such as the Evening with the Industries and the Engineering Expo. Such events were designed to aide engineers in the search for a job after graduation or for co-ops and internships during the summer, fall and spring semesters. The girls in the group were aware of what to expect at these events by getting to hear the older members talk about their previous experiences, including what to wear, what to say, and what to do during an interview if one was offered.

While the majority of the events held were volunteer or career related, the group also enjoyed taking a break from the engineering world to have fun. They got down and dirty crawling through small spaces in caves near Blacksburg and went repelling just for fun. In late April, they held an end of the year picnic in order for the members to get together one last time before going home for summer break or leaving college behind for careers.

by kristen smith
Student Leadership in Practice, or SLIP, was the creation of a second semester praxis in the Residential Leadership Program. The purpose of the praxis was to put on a leadership retreat for high school students. In April 2001, 16 RLC first year students facilitated an all day retreat for the students of the Reynolds Homestead Program. The high school students were presented with two workshops and a guest speaker. After that retreat, members of SLIP were asked to continue further their newly attained skills, working with the Office of Leadership Development and its Assistant Director of Student Activities for Leadership Development, Steve Schneiter.

In the fall of 2001, nine of the original members of SLIP and several new members took on the task of creating an opening retreat for the same Reynolds Homestead Program. It was to be the Program’s first major function of the new school year and occurred at Patrick Henry Community College. Using each other and the resources of the Office of Leadership Development, SLIP put together five hours worth of leadership material including presentations on Team Building, Communication, Conflict Resolution, as well as True Colors, a personality test. Through SLIP, both its members and the students for whom they have put on retreats gained leadership skills and experiences that will last them a lifetime.

SLIP was responsible for the “Putting the Pieces Together Office Transition and Leadership Conference” in April of 2002. SLIP will continue its efforts of training trainers and gaining leadership experience in the years to come.

by ryan eaves
serving the community

Brothers and Sisters United For Change, Xi Delta Chi, is what our Organizations was known as. This was quite a different organization because we strongly believed in community service. Helping others helps us. We promoted unity among all organizations on campus. When a helping hand was needed we were there to help serve. Who are we as an organization to ask another to help us without first lending a hand to others? That was the foundational question we strove on.

We helped in such projects as National Reading Day, Take Back the Night, a Scottie's Place Booth, Reading to the blind, etc.

This was a small organization but was rapidly expanding. This organization was founded on March 19, 1999 by Tina Johnson and Terrence Wiles. Brothers and Sisters United for Change was open to all VT students.

by jennifer tardy
Imagine having the drive of a lifetime in a newly built race car designed and manufactured by your student peers. The Formula Team, begun in 1988, was established to allow, specifically mechanical engineers, a chance to develop a newly designed race car from scratch. Students had the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of techniques and theories taught during instructional periods.

The team consisted of twenty senior mechanical engineers, nineteen underclassmen volunteers, one graduate assistant and two faculty advisors. Their main objective: to establish, design and build a formula-style race car to compete against 110 other universities around the country in the Formula SAE competition in May. In previous years, the team had seven top ten finishes and even received first place in 1991.

Oops was built for the 2001 competition. Out of 110 competitors, it finished 34th overall. Oops was not able to compete in the endurance round of the competition due to a slipping clutch and loose fuel pump. Because of complications and obstacles the team encountered, they appropriately named their newly designed automobile. Oops was designated as the building model for the 2002 car.

Senior Ryan Melcher, a mechanical engineering student, led the team. "A student spends a minimum, of 20 hours each week working on the car," commented senior Dion Minter, a mechanical engineer. The Formula Team not only incorporated educational concepts, but also gave the students a chance to enhance their communications and teamwork skills.

ready, set, go

by jessie miller
Oops could also be found racing at competition. Competition allowed the team to test out the car they worked so hard on. CJ Photo courtesy of SAE
Greek Life
Greek Letter Organizations

Alpha Chi Omega- Social Sorority
Alpha Chi Sigma- Professional Chemistry
Alpha Delta Pi- Social Sorority
Alpha Epsilon- Academic
Alpha Epsilon Delta-Premedical
Alpha Epsilon Pi- Social Fraternity
Alpha Gamma Rho- Agricultural
Alpha Kappa Alpha- Service
Alpha Kappa Psi- Academic
Alpha Phi- Social Sorority
Alpha Phi Alpha- Social Fraternity
Alpha Phi Omega: Service
Alpha Pi Mu- Academic
Alpha Psi- Academic
Alpha Sigma Phi- Social Fraternity
Alpha Tau Alpha- Honor
Alpha Tau Omega- Social Fraternity
Alpha Zeta- Academic

Beta Alpha Psi- Accounting Honor
Beta Gamma Sigma- Academic

Gamma Beta Phi- Honor & Service
Kappa Alpha Psi- Service
Kappa Alpha Theta- Social Sorority
Kappa Delta- Social Sorority
Kappa Kappa Gamma- Social Sorority
Kappa Kappa Psi- Service
Kappa Sigma- Social Fraternity
Kappa Theta Epsilon- Academic
Kappa Theta Zeta- Service
Lambda Chi Alpha- Social Fraternity
Lambda Sigma Upsilon- Latino Fraternity
Mu Sigma Ro- Academic

Omega Chi Upsilon- Honor
Omega Psi Phi- Service
Omega Tau Sigma- Service
Omicron Delta Kappa- Academic

Phi Alpha Delta- Academic
Phi Alpha Theta- Academic
Phi Beta Sigma- Service
Phi Delta Theta- Social Fraternity
Phi Eta Sigma- Academic
Phi Gamma Delta- Social Fraternity
Phi Gamma Gamma- Service
Phi Kappa Psi- Social Fraternity
Phi Kappa Sigma- Social Fraternity
Phi Kappa Tau- Social Fraternity
Phi Sigma Pi- Honor
Phi Sigma Theta- Academic
Phi Upsilon Omicron- Academic
Pi Beta Phi- Social Sorority
Pi Kappa Alpha- Social Fraternity
Pi Kappa Phi- Social Fraternity
Pi Lambda Phi- Social Fraternity
Pi Sigma Epsilon- Service
Pi Tau Sigma- Honor

Chi Delta Alpha- Service
Chi Epsilon- Honor
Chi Omega- Social Sorority
Chi Sigma Iota- Academic

Delta Chi- Social Fraternity
Delta Gamma- Social Sorority
Delta Kappa Epsilon- Social Fraternity
Delta Omicron- Music Fraternity
Delta Sigma Phi- Social Fraternity
Delta Epsilon Chi- Academic
Delta Sigma Pi- Academic
Delta Sigma Theta- Service
Delta Tau Delta- Social Fraternity
Delta Upsilon- Social Fraternity
Delta Zeta- Social Sorority
Rho Lambda- Panhellenic Leadership Honor Society

Sigma Alpha Epsilon- Social Fraternity
Sigma Alpha- Social Sorority
Sigma Chi- Social Fraternity
Sigma Delta Pi- Honor
Sigma Kappa- Social Sorority
Sigma Lambda Alpha- Academic
Sigma Nu- Social Fraternity
Sigma Phi Epsilon- Social Fraternity
Sigma Pi- Service
Sigma Psi Zeta- Service

Tau Beta Phi- Honor
Tau Beta Sigma- Academic
Tau Delta- Social Fraternity
Tau Kappa Epsilon- Social Fraternity
Theta Chi- Social Fraternity
Theta Delta Chi- Social Fraternity
Theta Nu Xi- Multicultural Sorority
Theta Xi- Social Fraternity

Xi Sigma Pi- Academic

Zeta Beta Tau- Social Fraternity
Zeta Phi Beta- Service
Zeta Psi- Social Fraternity
Zeta Tau Alpha- Social Sorority

Phi Upsilon Omicron
Front Row: Cristin Jones, Shannon Wiese, Jessica Moulton Back Row: Dana Skillman, Stephanie McMann, Shannon Brown

Delta Upsilon
Front Row: Robert Hart, Benjamin Goff, Carroll "Beau" Cornell, Jr., Brian Legenas Back Row: Wade Rhodes, Robert Everett, Adam Shrey, John Gaskin, Johnathan Webster Not pictured: Dave Griffith, Christopher Lehman, Ryan Pollack

Kappa Kappa Gamma
sisters united
Sisters always know that they can have fun when they are together. © Photo courtesy of Delta Zeta. © DZ house located on Oak Lane. © Photo by Jessica Marshall. © DZ meant always having a friend to hang out with. © Photo courtesy of Delta Zeta.
ΔZ "When I came to Tech I felt out of place, but when I joined DZ I found my family" Colette Zai

Nationally, this year was the 100th anniversary for Delta Zeta. This marked 100 years of young women coming together in the bonds of sisterhood and friendship. Through their unique bond, they had come together to serve their community and campaign for organizations, such as the White Ribbon Campaign. They went to the Women's Center to help assemble the ribbons and cards that were passed out. For their philanthropy event, they raised money for the Gallaudet University for the Speech and Hearing Impaired by sponsoring the annual Delta Zeta Classic. During this daylong event, different fraternities competed in various field events and athletic competitions.

DZ went on a retreat to Smith Mountain Lake to bond together and grow in their sisterhood. To help develop a sense of support, they participated in rope course events and team building exercises. By working together, they built a sense of togetherness that would help them in their service activities.

A DZ had to possess unique qualities that made her exceptional. Because each sister was unique, they could be found all over campus involved in different organizations from class officer, orientation team leader, Business Horizons, and Student Alumni Association. Each sister was well-rounded and constantly strived to be a better leader. Their mission statement summed it up best: “The purpose of this sorority shall be to unite its members in the bonds of sincere and lasting friendship, to stimulate one another in the pursuit of knowledge, to promote the moral social culture of its members, and to develop plans for guidance and unity in action; objects worthy of the highest aim and purpose of associated effort.”
The Kappa Delta chapter of Delta Sigma Phi started the 2001-2002 school year on the right foot; coming off a strong spring semester in which they received awards for Advisor of the Year, Greek Scholar of the Year, and the Academy of Excellence. The brothers used this momentum to recruit a fall pledge class of seventeen excellent young men, which helped make them the fifth largest fraternity on the Virginia Tech campus. This trend of winning and growing continued through the semester with the brothers taking top honors at the AGR Agrolympics as well as the ADPi Safari Hunt. The chapter participated in most sports available and even won the championship in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Continuing with the theme of success, the chapter's annual Bachelors Auction raised over $1,800 for the March of Dimes. The Kappa Delta chapter had also been in the top two rankings regarding grades among large fraternities on campus. The brothers worked diligently to continue and increase the level of success that they had enjoyed thus far.

President Eric Latham shared, "As one of the newer fraternities on campus, we have enjoyed increasing success in academics, membership, athletics, brotherhood, and overall recognition."

by: Peter Johnston
groovy, baby
The brothers displayed their creativity by dressing up for Halloween.  Photo courtesy of Delta Sigma Phi

babe magnet
Delta Sigma Phi held an auction to help raise money.  Photo by Aimee White

gq men
Looking sharp in their suits and ties, these brothers were ready for a night of fun and dancing.  Photo courtesy of Delta Sigma Phi
While on an outing to the Cascades, these members stopped to take a picture in their surroundings. Members went horseback riding as a way to build bonds outside of the academic setting. Members, not only built houses but bonds that will last forever. One of their community service projects was volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. Photo courtesy of Phi Eta Sigma.
"Phi Eta Sigma stresses not only academic excellence but also strives to provide its members with a wide variety of social and service activities during their academic career at Virginia Tech."

Elizabeth Vanacore
President

Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois and prevails as the oldest and largest national honor society. Their purpose was to support and reward academic excellence among freshmen. The same goals of academic achievement were brought to Virginia Tech when a chapter was founded in 1966. The organization was geared towards freshmen that proved that they shared the same vision of achieving excellence in their academics. A freshman is eligible if they earned between a 3.5 to 4.0 cumulative grade point average.

The 700 members of this society strove not only in academics but also in the areas of leadership and community service. The members of Phi Eta Sigma devoted their time and energy to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, which was a non-profit organization that aided low-income households by helping in the construction of buildings. They also helped with the Christmas Store where they volunteered for a day. There, they helped prepare Christmas decorations and organized canned goods.

Phi Eta Sigma also managed to balance hard work and fun. By going to socials at Sharkey's and planning outings such as skiing and sky-diving, the members shared many fun times together. They combined their determination to excel in their academics with their ability to let loose and have a well-rounded organization.

by: leigh harcum
Zeta Tau Alpha

"ZTA to me is like a home away from home...it's always having someone there when you need them, someone to talk to, someone to go out with...it's more than just friends...it's family!!" - Shanna Comai

Zeta Tau Alpha will soon celebrate a birthday of 30 years. The Eta Xi Chapter of Virginia Tech participated in numerous service projects. These included volunteering at the Christmas Store in Christiansburg, the Christiansburg Juvenile Detention Center, and in addition they made visits to the Warm Hearth Village retirement home for Bingo Nights. In 1993, Zeta Tau Alpha selected the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation as the national philanthropy. The major philanthropy event was their Wiffleball World Series. Many of the sisters went and spoke to fraternities and sororities and invited them to play and create a team of 10 players.

They were the first sorority selected to live in Special Purpose Housing, now known as the Oak Lane Community. The mission of Zeta Tau Alpha "is to make a difference in the lives of our membership by developing the potential of each individual through visionary programming which emphasizes leadership development, service to others, academic success and continued personal growth for women with a commitment to friendship and the future based on the values and traditions of our past."

by Sabrina Chin & Leigh Harcum
brand new house
Zeta shares a new house with Alpha Sig in Oak Lane Community. Photo by Cube Collet

coaches for a day
Zeta sponsored a Wiffleball World Series in which they served as coaches. Photo by Joe Barrett

standing strong
Building a pyramid, Zetas show they will support one another through strength as well as friendship. Photo courtesy of ZTA
clowning around
Beta Alpha Psi had fun clowning around while also being involved. Photo courtesy of Beta Alpha Psi

helping hands
Brothers knew they could get help from each other in any type of situation. Photo courtesy of Beta Alpha Psi

beta alpha psi
Front Row: Michael Holter, Valerie Stover, Doreen Burger, Sara Eigesboh, Kathryn Tyree, Alex Brown
Back Row: Sarah Noldy, Kimberly Melvin, Greg Jacobsen, Kimberly Fry, Krishna Saddler, Carolyn Frison. Photo by SPI5
Beta Alpha Psi

“Membership in Beta Alpha Psi complements our members’ formal education by providing interaction between students, faculty and professionals. We hope to foster a lifelong philosophy of growth through learning, service and ethical conduct for our members,” commented President, Dori Burger. All seniors of Gamma Lambda chapter had jobs by the fall semester or had been accepted to graduate school at Virginia Tech. Known for their honor, leadership, opportunity in networking, and service to the students and community, they participated in numerous activities and events.

Throughout the year, they had several professional meetings. In September alone they had “Meet the Firms Night,” along with guest speakers from Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, and Arthur Andersen.

Weekly, Beta Alpha Psi tutored students enrolled in Accounting 2115 and 2116. Most of the sessions geared towards the upcoming test for that section and were even held on Reading Day. This free tutoring service was provided to all Pamplin students. Members not only gave their services to the students, but also the community. Community service projects also included a haunted house, community beautification, and visits to a retirement home. Beta Alpha Psi worked hard and succeeded not only in the classroom but the community also.
Two brothers got close while playing some games and having fun. Halloween isn’t just for kids. The brothers dressed up and showed off their own costumes for Halloween. Doing work involves having fun. Picking up trash was one of their service projects to make the campus beautiful. Photo courtesy of Phi Sigma Pi.
"The great thing about ΦΣΠ is its unique ability to promote scholarship and service to others within the context of a social organization."

Pete Gingrich

Phi Sigma Pi

Phi Sigma Pi is a co-ed National Honor Fraternity founded on a tripod of scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. Its mission was to be a leading organization in both developing the individual and bettering society by promoting the ideals in their tripod.

Leadership through service was a large part of the organization. Once a week throughout the school year they visited a kindergarten class at Gilbert Linkous Elementary and helped the class in different areas. Several times throughout each semester they served the Virginia Tech campus by adopting the Duck Pond and participating in trash pickup. Yearly, they hosted the Michael B. Perry 5K Walk/Run. Named after a brother who was killed in a drunk driving accident, the event was used to raise awareness about drunk driving. The event also raised money for both the Margaret Beeks Playground Fund and the organizations two scholarships, The Phi Sigma Pi Diversity Advancement Scholarship and the Phi Sigma Pi General Scholarship. They also assisted with a landscaping project at Prices Fork Elementary, held a workshop on responsible alcohol consumption, caroled at a local retirement community, and helped out at the Montgomery County Christmas store. Despite all this hard work, the members still knew how to have fun and unwind.

The brothers often got together and hung out. During football seasons, they held tailgates before home games. They also participated in co-ed and men’s intramural sports and the Blacksburg Area Dart League. Their work in the community broadened horizons, fostered fellowship, and aided members in learning and experiencing new things. Phi Sigma Pi was definitely thrived as a fraternity on campus.

by: ashley tyler
firing up the fun
Sisters bonded around the camp fire. XDA participated in ADPi philanthropy event. Spending time with your sorority sisters means building bonds that last forever. Photos courtesy of XDA
Over the past 34 years the service we have accomplished has been a reminder of how fortunate we are to live such privileged lives, said President Stacey Schobert.

Chi Delta Alpha has been involved in community service since 1967. They were the first non-greek service sorority with greek letters.

The sisters participated in different service projects including the Special Olympics, Juvenile Detention Center, spaghetti dinner at Blacksburg Senior Center, YMCA Thrift store, the Humane Society, American Red Cross, bingo, exercise class, sing along and movie nights at Warm Hearth, Share Warehouse, 4-H, Montgomery Christmas Store, Salvation Army Angels, and much more.

Not only did they participate in their local community as soon as they heard about the September 11th attacks Chi Delta Alpha jumped into action, donating money to The American Red Cross and The Fallen Firefighters Fund.

Every spring Chi Delta Alpha had its annual Service Day. A goal was to get as many other organizations and individuals involved for this day of service. Typically a project had consisted of helping elderly couples with cleaning up local parks and renew them with fresh coats of paint. It was a great time and a wonderful way to meet new people and people in the community.

Chi Delta Alpha was also known for the backwards acronym, Always Dedicated to the Community. It was through this dedication that they were awarded the Red Cross Appreciation Certificate. No one award could ever display the amount of success they have had with all of their activities.
across the country
One of their road trips this year was a visit to the chapter at University of Cincinnati. Photo courtesy of Alpha Tau Omega

scary times
Brothers painted tombstones for their Halloween haunted house. Photo courtesy of Alpha Tau Omega

brotherhood
The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega stood proudly in front of their new house they moved into this year. Photo courtesy of Alpha Tau Omega
"Our chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has an array of athletic, academic, and social activities that elevate the college experience here at Virginia Tech. The Brotherhood has helped me learn about myself and has given me memories that I will always remember. I could not envision being in any other Brotherhood at any other school."

-Nathan Sharadin, President

Alpha Tau Omega was one of the oldest fraternities at Virginia Tech. They had a long tradition of excellence, and this year was one of their best.

Since their chartering in 1973, something had been missing. In what was easily one of the greatest accomplishments all year, they purchased a house. This marked the first time in their history that they actually owned a house in which they were all very excited about.

They also did a lot of community service work primarily with the Blacksburg Community Center. In the fall, they built and operated a Haunted House. The week of Halloween brothers went out to the community center and did their best to frighten the hapless Trick or Treater's to cross the threshold of our "House of Terror." The Haunted House project also garnered some national attention for the chapter to the effect of being featured on "ATO Roadshow", a video that was seen by every chapter of ATO. In the spring they oversaw an Easter egg hunt at the community center. Brothers hid eggs for the children and helped them try to find them. One lucky brother got to dress up as the Easter Bunny.

The major benefactor of philanthropic efforts was the American Red Cross who they raised over $1,400 dollars for this year. After the attacks on September 11, tables were set up in front of local businesses to collect money and many brothers donated blood. A food drive was organized to benefit the Montgomery County Food Bank, and collected over 1,000 cans of food for them.

Like the fun-loving bunch of guys they were, they took a road trip every semester to visit another chapter of ATO. The trip was one of the greatest traditions and was always a blast. The fall semester saw them trek all the way to the University of Cincinnati in Ohio. In a spirit of brotherhood typical of Alpha Tau Omega, the brothers at UC gave a warm welcome and treated them like their own.

by: Marshall Smith
πασ had a year of fun-filled activities including volunteering at local elementary schools

The first Greek letter fraternity known among women was Kappa Alpha Theta in 1870. Theta was chartered at Tech in 1984 and known as a "place of belonging, a place where you can laugh or cry, a place where you have the opportunity to do anything you dream of, with sisters behind you at all times."

Two of its major philanthropy events included Theta Shakedown, an annual dance competition, and Greek Olympics. Both raised money for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), which supported abused and neglected children. During recruitment, the Theta sisters and potential new members made tote bags for children to carry when moving from one home to another. Theta also volunteered in the community for the Halloween carnival and at Montgomery County's Christmas Store. Recent honors Theta was awarded include "Outstanding PhC participation" and the intramural sports award, the "Hokie Grail."

by: Sabrina Chin & Leigh Harcum
Formals were a way for the sisters to get together and enjoy a night of dancing and dress up. Photo courtesy of Kappa Alpha Theta.

These girls showed off their best costumes at the Oak Lane Halloween event. Photo courtesy of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Sisters made sure to look their best for the Homecoming Game against Boston College. Photo courtesy of Kappa Alpha Theta.
Community Service

Dancing the night away, the German Club participated in the Sigma Kappa Senior Dance at Warm Hearth Village. The German Club Manor was where they held most of their social events. Still kids at heart. The members played with kids at the Shawsville Christmas Party. Photos courtesy of German Club.
programs
During football season, the members of the German Club sold programs to the excited fans to help fund Midwinter's. Photo courtesy of German Club.

German Club

"I have found the German Club to be like a 4-year course in leadership during my time at Virginia Tech. It has been the foundation for my own involvement in the university as well as thousands of other men during the course of Virginia Tech's history. It also helps each member grow into his own person by enabling one to find one's strengths and weaknesses."

James Disney

The GERMAN Club of Virginia Tech continued to strive towards its motto throughout the 2001-2002- school year. Originally founded as the VAMC Cadet Dancing Club in 1887, the GERMAN Club evolved from a social organization into its present form of providing, "Leadership for Service through Fellowship."

This past year marked the 110th anniversary of the founding of the GERMAN Club. To commemorate, over 600 alumni along with the present membership came together at events on campus. The highlight was their formal celebration at the GERMAN Club Manor, where 2 bands and a DJ provided musical genres from throughout the century.

Other events included Midwinter's in February with over one thousand in attendance both nights and Gold Rush, an event where sororities competed for the chance to win money for their respective philanthropies.

President, Tim Parent, described his experience and involvement in the GERMAN Club best when he said, "In the last three years I have not only met my best friends but learned more than I could ever have imagined about myself. This group of gentlemen is the hardest workers I have ever met. The GERMAN Club will always be a huge part of my life that will bring me together with my good friends throughout my past, present, and future. I am so very proud of being a part of this fine organization. I see the 110 years of tradition continuing on forever."
beautifying the world
A TBS sister scrubs the car down to help raise money.
Car washes were a common fundraising event. TBS
brought a love for music into a tight knit family of
sisters. The ladies picked up trash off the highway
they adopted. Photos courtesy of Tau Beta Sigma
Tau Beta Sigma

TBS “TBS is permanent part of my past, present, and future,” president Regina Amos

Tau Beta Sigma is primarily a service organization, but the bonds of sisterhood and the love of music make this sorority unique. Not only did sisters help with events associated with the music department, but also provided service to the town of Blacksburg as they visited nursing homes, participated in Adopt-A-Highway, and helped Girl Scout troops earn their music badges.

Music-related service projects included ushering, stage managing, and organizing band camp and Band Parent’s Day. The week before school started, they organized a band camp with their brother fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi. They cleaned and organized the instruments, copied music, and provided water for all the outdoor practices. Their chapter also received a national award for Band Parent’s Day, in which they organized a tailgate provided by Kappa Kappa Psi, purchased a specific section for their parents, and had a reception after the game.

Besides service activities, they were very proud to have so many of these women in various leadership positions in the Marching Virginians. At the end of every year, they made a contribution to the Susan McComas Cancer Research Foundation. Last year, they raised the most money at Gold Rush with only 16 members at the time. This year they had 22 members.

TBS was advised by David McKee and led by president, Regina Amos, whom felt that “The journey through sisterhood is one I walk away from with lessons learned, best friends gained, and a deeper understanding of the important things in life. Thank you all my dear sisters for walking with me.”
down and dirty
This brother got down and
dirty when he participated
in the annual Mud Run. Photo courtesy of Pi Kappa Alpha

on the loose
The brothers were on a hunt
as they bonded together and
played a game of paint ball. Photo courtesy of Pi Kappa Alpha

safari hunt
After a long day of participat-
ing in ADPi's Safari Hunt, the brothers took
time to pose for a picture. Photo courtesy of Pi Kappa Alpha
Pi Kappa Alpha

Pikes once, Pikes twice, for the best, Pikes thrice. Pi Kappa Alpha is Virginia Tech's first fraternal organization, established here at the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College on November 11, 1873; one year after the university was founded. This past year they were Tech's largest Fraternity with a commitment to make better men by finding men throughout the campus that lived up to the ideals of the Fraternity to be part their brotherhood.

Pi Kappa Alpha was a social Fraternity with an unparalleled commitment to excellence, community service, athletics, scholarship, leadership and campus involvement. In 2001 they took home nine awards at the Greek Awards Ceremony including: Brotherhood, Sportsmanship, External Programming, Overall Programming, Academy of Excellence Finalist and Receptionist, Overall Chapter Service, Philanthropy Participation, Dance Marathon, Spirit Award, and Canned Food Drive.

A Brother's involvement in Pi Kappa Alpha went far beyond the scope of four years of undergraduate life. A brother of Pi Kappa Alpha had a lifelong commitment to himself, his community, his family, and his brothers to be the best man he can be. The ultimate goal of Pi Kappa Alpha was to ensure success in every aspect of life. Once a Pike, always a Pike.

by: tony lassaletta
“Kappa Kappa Gamma plays many different roles in each member’s life. It is a place for friends; it is a place to grow; and, it is a place to call home.” - Carla Seamster

“Hitting the links, four!” Kappa Kappa Gamma held their first annual Kappa Klassic Golf Tournament this past September at the River Course in Radford. They had participants from fraternities and families. Earlier in the year, they held bake sales to raise even more money for the Women’s Resource Center in Radford.

In October, they had their Sisterhood Retreat at the Camp Alta Mons Ropes Course in Shawsville. This was the second year that Kappa held their retreat at the ropes course. They used the opportunity to gain leadership experience and learn about team building exercises.

“The Zeta Mu chapter of Kappa is a strong sisterhood of eighty-five wonderful women. It has been my pleasure to serve each and every one of them not only as a president, but also as a friend. This chapter has offered me much more than I could ever repay. Kappa has blessed me with friendships and memories that will last a lifetime,” said Carla Seamster.
Kappa Kappa Gamma was chartered at Virginia Tech in 1985. Photo by Jessica Marshall.

good sports
Kappa participated in flag football as well as many other activities. Photo courtesy of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

hunting for a cause
Kappa Kappa Gamma had fun participating in the ADPi philanthropy event. Photo courtesy of Kappa Kappa Gamma.
brothers for life
Halloween was a time for fun and that was exactly what these brothers had by dressing up. The φΚΤ house was located on Main Street. Photo by Sabrina Chin. Phi Kappa Tau brothers know what being a gentleman was all about. One way one brother showed this was to get down on his knees and sing to a lovely young lady. Photos courtesy of Phi Kappa Tau
Phi Kappa Tau

“Philanthropy events are great because not only are they a lot of fun, but they help build a strong brotherhood.”
Matt Grimm

It was a year of firsts for Phi Kappa Tau. Fairly new to the Virginia Tech campus, Phi Kappa Tau was founded on November 13, 1999 by twenty-four ambitious young men. Three years later, they were strong with fifty-two active members who upheld the old traditions and created new ones of their own.

To help sororities raise money for their philanthropy, they participated in events such as the Delta Zeta Classic, Kappa Delta Kings, Delta Gamma Anchor Splash, and Kappa Alpha Theta Greek Olympics. This year they started the process of creating their own philanthropy event of Powder Puff Football. This event would raise money for the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang. This was an organization that allowed kids with terminally ill diseases to go to summer camp. They hoped to kick this event off the following academic year.

It was also their first year to own a house. Located on 600 Main Street, it housed members of the Phi Kappa Fraternity and served as a gathering place for meetings and socials.

Though Phi Kappa Tau is new to the Virginia Tech campus, they moved strong in the right direction. They brought together a group of diverse men and united them through leadership and fellowship.
Club Sports
Two opponents faced each other—tense, calculating, and with blades drawn. In a moment, they lunged forward, beginning a graceful, almost dance-like battle...

Sound like a scene from an adventure movie? Good guess, but it was actually a glimpse of the excitement involved with fencing here at Virginia Tech. As a member of the Extramural Sports Club Federation, the Fencing Club encouraged “the camaraderie, sportsmanship, and competition that has long been associated with fencing” (Fencing Club Constitution).

This year, the team saw much success at various competitions around the state and nation. The men's team, which competed in the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association (MACFA) along with fourteen other colleges and universities, participated in a variety of fencing challenges and finished well individually and as a team. Each year they attended the MACFA Championships to compete with all three fencing blades: foils, epees, and sabers. The top three fencers on the team and one alternate were chosen to compete in the matches for each weapon.

The women were also competitive, fencing against five other colleges and universities in the Virginia Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (VIWFA). The women also competed with the three weapons, and chose their top three to fence in matches.

The Fencing Club at Virginia Tech presented tough competition for other teams, and as a result held the Virginia Cup in the past. Fencing alumnus Eric Moret attributed the team's success to club participation and active membership. The team members also acclaimed Moret's leadership and mentioned his direction as essential to their achievements.

Ryan Wemoff, the Fencing Club's Sergeant at Arms, gave a great reason to join the club: “It's like a very laid back Greek organization without all the high dues, and we exercise!” Jessica Ball, the club's vice president, said “Fencing was good stress relief, and others agreed that they enjoyed hitting people in the name of a sport.” The members also pointed out that they knew how to fight like the actors in certain movies, such as *The Princess Bride.* The Fencing Club proved one could combine high action with stress relief and have fun, all at the same time.
"Fencing is a good athletic workout, it's fun, it's social, and it's great for stress relief!"

Jessica Ball

Practice makes perfect.
Numerous practices a week keep the fencing club in top form.

Photo by Lauren Cook

On guard!
Fencers enjoy learning to fight movie-style, and they say it's fun to hit people in the name of the sport.

Photo by Lauren Cook

We have blades.
Many women enjoy the sport of fencing, although they say men are surprised to see them at competitions.

Photo by Erin Pusser
What was the best thing about field hockey?
"Just playing." Although members of the Virginia Tech Field Hockey Club loved their sport, they did more than just play. They competed—fiercely. As a matter of fact, the women made it to the final four for the National Field Hockey League and placed second in the nation last season.

Many factors contributed to the women's success, which included rigorous practice schedules. In order to prepare for their matches, the women met for two and a half-hours per day, four days a week. The extra effort provided them with a competitive edge, which was reflected in their impressive record. In addition to offering stiff competition to other schools, the girls also competed among themselves. Since only fifteen of the girls were usually allowed to travel, team members strove for their personal best throughout the season.

During the year, the team worked just as hard off the field as they did on the field. In addition to raising money for the club with fundraisers such as football parking, car washes, and selling credit cards, the team participated in community service activities. In the fall they sponsored a canned food drive, and they also organized the infamous mud run to benefit Toys for Tots. Such activities increased the bond between team members and helped them work well together during games.

The women agreed that the team's unity played a major role in contributing to the club's success last year. Intense games required high levels of confidence of the women, which they often found in each other. Their closeness helped their teamwork and the team's captains asserted that any member of the team had the ability to serve as a captain. The club's actual captains, Jackie Ruggieri, a junior in horticulture, Katie Stewart, a senior in biology, Amanda Melillo, a junior in biology, and Jill Moffatt, a junior in math, coached the other girls and made all the decisions for the club. They believed their student leadership contributed to the team's accomplishments. As Jackie Ruggieri claimed, "We can handle anything ourselves, as students."

Even though "just playing" may have been the main draw to field hockey, many other benefits existed. It might be best to take the advice of a famous sports company and "Just do it."
We get to play at a competitive level, but also have fun and make great friendships.

Jackie Ruggieri
Virginia Tech's Women's Soccer Club makes all of us Hokies proud!

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1 VT vs. George Washington 0
W VT vs. UNC F
0 VT vs. JMU 1
2 VT vs. FSU 1
1 VT vs. UGA 0
2 VT vs. U of FLA 3
3 VT vs. Wake Forest 1
0 VT vs. UVA 1

National Tournament
0 VT vs. Colorado 1
1 VT vs. Baylor 0
0 VT vs. Michigan State 0

ahead of the game
In addition to fancy footwork, the women use their heads! Photo by Gabe Cocker

rollin'
High momentum carried the women through a successful season and all the way to nationals. Photo by Gabe Cocker

overdrive
Serious drive and determination helped the girls stop the competition in their tracks.
Photo by Gabe Cocker
Kick it--and Kick it GOOD!

Trucking southbound on Interstate 95, twenty two Hokies from the women’s club soccer team headed towards Gainesville, FL. Breaking up the 622 mile drive, the team enjoyed a long laugh when they glanced over at a car following alongside their vans. In the middle of the eleven and a half hour drive, the tired girls looked over to see a van full of “mooners.”

For a team that went to National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) National Tournament and placed eighth, perhaps it was the special­ty of this road trip that made the less prestigious tournament even more memorable than nationals. Tech played against Florida State, University of Florida and University of Georgia in what wasn’t even the biggest tournament of the season for the close-knit and predominantly underclass group. “The best part of the season was the trip to Florida,” said Vice President Elaine Giuliani. “We drove down in two 15 passenger vans, and probably spent more time in the vans driving than actually in Florida.”

Priding itself as one of the most winning and special club teams at Tech, the girls spent their four practices a week and weekend tournaments connecting. The team boasted a wide array of people from different corners of Tech’s campus. With girls involved in greek life, VTTV, engineering, communications, business, and jobs at war memorial and other school arenas, the team was made up of a assorted crowd that added to the team’s spectacle of many individuals on a single team, working together. Raising money for their trips through bake sales, credit card offers and kids’ camps, the girls worked hard on and off the field.

Whether it was sitting on a bus during a road trip, practicing behind McComas or going downtown, the union of the women allowed the team to grow on and off the field. Even “Idaho,” the single girl from Idaho who earned her namesake through her difference, was another Hokie as dedicated and committed to the team like her 21 other teammates.

“The team was especially close this year, we built a special bond,” said Giuliani.
On the road again

Can you imagine riding a bike farther than you drive your car in a day, or maybe even a week? Can you imagine climbing all the hills in the New River Valley using only your own power? Can you imagine doing what members of the Cycling Club did every day as part of their training? Many of the dedicated members went to great lengths to be as competitive as possible in a variety of cycling races. These strong athletes trained a lot last season to stay competitive; but most agreed it was worth it.

The team's average practice rides ranged in distance from about 30 miles to over 100 miles. The riders pushed themselves to get ready for their rigorous road races, but luckily for them they had a lot of beautiful mountain scenery to enjoy on their rides. Most of the rides were circular routes that started at War Memorial Chapel and covered some of the gorgeous back roads in this area. All of the training gave Tech a competitive edge when they raced at schools such as NC State, West Virginia University, Navy, William and Mary, Appalachian State, and University of Maryland. Although there was a wide range of ability on the team, most of Tech's riders were consistently impressive. Men and women riders raced in A-, B-, and C-categories and many of the Hokies finished in top positions at numerous races.

After a long season, and a lot of racing, Virginia Tech's team achieved a fourth place ranking in the Atlantic Coast Collegiate Cycling Conference. In addition, 12 of the club's 35 or so riders placed in the top 15 of their class for the Road Season. The team's great season was a result of dedicated practice—almost every day of the week. Although team practice rides were not mandatory, the Cycling Club scheduled rides for every day of the week except Mondays and Wednesdays. This rigorous schedule gave riders an opportunity to attend at least some of the team rides, which improved their overall riding and racing abilities. In addition to rides, the team attended weekly spin classes together and held meetings on Monday nights.

Even though most people cannot imagine the rigor of training for a cycling race, club members would not trade it for anything. They loved their sport and they loved the Cycling Club at Virginia Tech!
Cycling is a sport that requires a lot of focus, a lot of training, and a lot of mental strength. I really admire members of the Cycling team.

Blake Pierson

catch that cavalier!
A Hokie rider was ready to overtake a Cavalier at the WVU race. ❧ Photo courtesy of Cycling Club

pulling ahead
This rider is leaving the competition in his dust. Riders like this contributed to the Hokies' awesome season. ❧ Photo courtesy of Cycling Club

speed racer
This aerodynamic rider flies down the road. Many Hokies were in the top fifteen of their division for the conference. ❧ Photo courtesy of Cycling Club
It's all downhill...

but the ski team comes out on top!

So what does an alpine ski team do when there isn't any snow? Unfortunately, that's one of the challenges the alpine ski team faced this winter; but they overcame. Besides a few cancelled races, it was business as usual for the skiing Hokies, and they really got down to business with an exciting season of ski racing.

This year, the Hokies raced slalom and giant slalom in both the men's and women's divisions. They competed against other schools such as UVA, JMU, Duke and UNC, which were all part of the Southeast Conference governed by the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association. The races occurred the first four weekends after Winter Break, and the Regional races took up the fifth weekend. Throughout the season, the men's team finished second consistently, and the women ranged from first- to third-place at most races. In the end, the men were third in the region and the women, fourth.

In order to get ready for the ski season, the team held dry land practices throughout the fall. If members were serious about competing, they were required to attend at least 50% of the practices, which were held almost every day. The fall practices served to get the team in shape by playing games like Ultimate Frisbee or by running, and to help everyone get to know each other better. In the winter, tryouts were held for the travel team, and time trials were used to pick an A team, a B team, and a practice team. Five men and women each were selected for the elite A-team which was scored at races; ten each were picked for the B-team that raced but was not scored; and the remaining team members practiced but did not travel.

During the season, the team practiced twice a week at WinterPlace resort in West Virginia. Although the team did not officially have a coach, employees of WinterPlace set courses for them and gave them racing advice. Skiers of any skill level were allowed to become members of the team, so there was a wide range of abilities within the club. However, everyone managed to improve their skiing and have a great time on the slopes. Snow or no snow, it was a great season for the Alpine Ski Team!

by lauren smith
over the hills...
And through the snow. This Tech skier blazed down the mountain. Photo courtesy of Ski Team
tight group
Members of the Ski Team are close: literally. All 30 of them shared a condo at races!
Photo courtesy of Ski Team
score!
Ski team ladies go for the gold, and get it! These women got the job done on the slopes. Photo courtesy of Ski Team
swoosh!
A member of the ski team raced through the gates and left a wake of snow as the finish line drew near! Photo courtesy of Ski Team

Students usually get involved in the ski team because they enjoy skiing and either already race, or would like to learn how.

allison hayes
Sharp Shooters

Do you remember the Nintendo game Duck Hunt? Ever thought about what the grown-up version of that would be? Believe it or not, Virginia Tech had it, and anyone could play. No, it was not a technologically advanced virtual reality hunting game; it was Clay Target Shooting—an exciting and competitive club sport open to all.

Clay Target Shooting involved firing at quickly moving clay targets dispensed from a machine, similar to the one used by tennis players in practice. The clay targets shattered when hit, but it was more difficult than it seemed to hit them. The sport of shooting required a lot of mental focus and concentration. Anyone could shoot—fast or slow, young or old, athletic or not. However, success in shooting came from dedication and development of mental skills. As Coach Bill Christy explained, "The ability to control one's mind is the predominate determinant of success in clay target sports."

The Clay Target Shooting Team at Virginia Tech strived to promote a positive image of shooting sports. They presented a positive image of Virginia Tech to teams from other schools with their sportsmanship, courtesy, and school spirit. Of course, the team also strove to compete at a high level and achieve their personal best. Such goals resulted in the team winning "Most Improved Team" in the state last season, among other awards. The team consistently performed well at their meets, which began in January and continued into the spring. In addition, a few members of the team achieved All-American status, making them some of the finest shooters in the nation.

Besides the benefits of competition and increased skill, the Clay Target Team also offered its members an opportunity to have fun with each other in the great outdoors. Owing to the nature of the sport, the practices were held outdoors in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Most members enjoyed the chance to head out to the countryside at the end of the week. In addition, the team members got along well and had a great time at practices.

With Clay Target Shooting, participants received all of the benefits of a regular college sport, without the prerequisite of certain skills or strengths. Anyone could enjoy the sport and learn to do it well. You liked Duck Hunt, didn't you? Well, you'd love the grown-up version—come on out and play!
There are very few, if any, sports that level the playing field the way clay targets sports do. Participants can enjoy the clay target sports for a lifetime.

gun smoke
Shooters line up to test their abilities at the Leaak Walton Range in Christiansburg. © Photo by Joe Barretta

taking a break
Team members enjoyed relaxing at the end of the week in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. © Photo by Joe Barretta

reloading
Although shooting is relatively inexpensive, participants must buy their own ammunition and targets. © Photo by Joe Barretta
by lauren smith

Chicks with STX®

The Women's Lacrosse team at Virginia Tech is living proof that girls just wanna have fun...and kick butt while doing it! These girls worked hard last year and turned in an impressive season against such worthy competitors as JMU, UVA, and ECU. Their record clearly showed that the girls scored big, and all the members agreed that the team rocked, both on and off the field.

In order to stay in top form, the lacrosse club practiced a lot in both the fall and spring seasons. Also, since lacrosse was very competitive, the team held tryouts in the fall and spring as well. Unfortunately, only 15 of the 50 or so girls that came out could be on the team, but the tryouts ensured that new members were extremely committed and highly skilled. Most of the girls played lacrosse throughout high school and wanted to continue playing without the high pressure of varsity. However, being a team member did require a lot of dedication, since the girls were expected to come to three practices a week and travel a lot on weekends.

Although the team worked very hard to achieve all they did last year, they managed to have a good time as well. When they weren't practicing, the girls spent a lot of time together just hanging out or attending socials with other clubs and organizations. Club President Jean Walters said the team's closeness really contributed to the quality of their game and made a difference in their playing. In addition to social activities, the girls participated in fund raising and community service together, both to benefit their team and other organizations.

The women were not part of a lacrosse league, so the club's officers organized games with other clubs from schools in this region last season. The girls were never at a loss for games, which shows how much they love their sport. For this team, you really could say that it's all just fun and games!
The best parts of playing lacrosse are the pace of the game and the thrill of scoring from a team effort.

Jean Walters
They jumped, they flipped, they twisted, they spun—in fact, they did all this and more last year. Just who are they? They're obviously the Gymnastics Club of Virginia Tech—the most flexible, strong, and creative Hokies ever to don the orange and maroon.

Last season, Virginia Tech's gymnasts learned and competed together during both semesters. Although men and women shared the gym during practices, they focused on different events. The women trained primarily for floor exercises, vault, beam, and uneven parallel bars, while the men concentrated on rings, high bar, and the pommel horse, in addition to floor, vault, and parallel bars. Both teams had chances to showcase their skills in various meets throughout the school year. A season of hard work culminated in April, at the national meet at Ohio State, which was open to all competitive college teams. Although nationals excited all the team members, many also looked forward to the Hokie Classic, an annual meet held at Virginia Tech in November.

Although many of the team members participated in gymnastics prior to college, some members did not. Club members emphasized that "we're here to enjoy the sport of gymnastics—whether you're good at it or not doesn't matter." The gymnastics club dedicated itself to teaching anyone, and encouraged those new to the sport with the inspirational advice, "if there's a will, there's a way." Some members with no gymnastics experience whatsoever improved tremendously and became valuable assets to the team.

In order to make such improvements, the team depended on one another. Since the club did not employ a coach, more experienced gymnasts helped challenge one another and helped teach the newer members. Club members practiced up to five days a week during open gym hours. Their dedication paid off in competition against such schools as Notre Dame, Ohio State, William & Mary, UVA, and all of the other teams in the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs. With all their improvements and their awesome performances, the Gymnastics Club had reason to jump—and flip and twist and spin!
"The best thing about gymnastics is learning new skills--how many people do you know that can flip?"

meredith baker

on top of the world

This strong Hokie flew high; and tried hard to keep focused. Photo by Harmony Capone

flippin' out

Vault was one of the many events in which the women competed. Photo by Robert Drake

hokie high

Tech gymnasts showed their talents at competition. Photo by Harmony Capone
The reason why we’re so good is we all trust each other—rugby is a huge game of trust in your teammates.

—Mike Westerlind

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We WILL Rock You!

Men's Rugby: Hard hitting, quick moving, in your face, and for the past ten years, best in the state. These guys knew what it took to be great, and they were good at doing it—again and again. This year, the team crushed all their opponents in the Virginia Rugby Union, and are headed for nationals, at thirteenth in the nation already, the men have nothing to be but excited.

Team Captain and President, Mike Westerlind, attributed the team's success to individual talents, good coaching in the past, and well-organized practices. This season, the team faced some difficult challenges. Not only was it their second season without a coach, but they also lacked the standout talents of players that graduated in 2001. Despite criticisms from outside sources, the men played a stunning season and carried on their legacy of excellence. As Mike explained, "The key for us this year is that we've all just decided to step up and try being superstars—we look towards ourselves, playing fifteen as one."

Teamwork and trust cemented the team and allowed them to stand out against their competition. Along with Mike, back-line captain Matt Roller and pack captain Chris Nerdone shared the responsibilities of coaching the team. Since the sport combined elements of football and soccer, most new players made the mistake of trying to play one sport or the other, not rugby. However, once they learned the game, they never wanted to stop playing.

Is rugby the ultimate sport? With all the excitement and challenge involved, the participants easily argued so. In addition, statistics showed it was actually less dangerous to play than soccer or football. With all these good points, what more could you want? Believe it or not, most Virginia Tech rugby players gave another reason for being on the team: the people. One Virginia Tech player put it best—"We're all good guys—good friends. There are so many different types of people within the team, that no matter who you are, you'll find someone that you click with."
for the love of the game

“We focus on teamwork, social interaction, having fun—and maybe winning a few games!” These words from Coach Jerry Colyer summed up the experiences of the Men’s Club Basketball team last year. While many talented athletes played on the team, the club focused more on just getting guys involved, rather than competing to win. To accomplish these goals, the club set up two teams, so fewer men would be cut during October tryouts. Two different teams helped include more guys, even ones who did not play on a team during high school. When game time rolled around, Coach Colyer posted rosters of the men who would be playing and tried to allow all members playing time throughout the season.

Although the men did not participate in an actual basketball league, they competed against many other club teams, community college teams, and preparatory school teams. They also played in tournaments at Chapel Hill and JMU during the spring. Some of their more exciting games were against prep school teams, when Virginia Tech varsity coaches came out to recruit. Many of the men on the team found it exciting to compete against players they would likely see on TV one day, playing for Division I teams. Last year, the team played more in the spring, but Coach Colyer tried to schedule games throughout the season whenever another team was willing to compete.

Unfortunately, the men failed to produce an impressive record last season. However, each game served as a learning experience, for both experienced and newer players. The team felt that they could have won most of their games, but they were able to learn from their mistakes. For instance, a common trend of theirs involved getting behind early in the game, and then making their important drives too late in the game. However, many of the guys were playing with officials for the first time, and the coach felt that more experience would help all of the team members take things more seriously—so they could start winning!

In addition to the great opportunities to play competitively and learn new skills, the team members benefited from the friendships they formed on the team. Coach Jerry Colyer stated, “The best part is the guys getting to know each other—they wouldn’t play with each other otherwise.” The fact that guys with various skill levels learned to play together and became friends really improved the club’s teamwork, a crucial element in basketball. At the end of last season, the team looked forward to a new year—and the possibility for more new players, a lot of great basketball, and many wins!

by lauren smith
"It's a great experience for some of the guys; it gives them the opportunity to play in a team environment and be competitive." - Jerry Colyer
Good friendships on and off the court help keep the team working well together.  

*Photo by Jasmina Bicanic*

**hoopin’ it up**

Mad skills, in addition to hard work, make Tech a worthy opponent.  
*Photo by Jasmina Bicanic*

**out of my way!**

The women’s games are always action-packed and exciting.  
*Photo by Jasmina Bicanic*
"I like the opportunity to play competitive basketball, stay in shape, and build friendships here at Virginia Tech." These sentiments, spoken by senior ACIS major, Kim Aylward, summed up the purpose and the benefits of Women's Club Basketball here at Virginia Tech. This new club team offered women a competitive but fun opportunity to play basketball against other such college teams. Although the team just formed in 2000, the women have already gained respect in the league as fierce and worthy opponents.

This year, the women participated in numerous tournaments as full-fledged members of the East Coast Women's Club Basketball League. However, most of their games were out of conference games with local state schools. Team President Kim Aylward, a senior in ACIS, worked hard to coordinate games with other teams. Their victims during the fall included UNC, Richmond, University of Delaware, Princeton, UPenn, University of Maryland, and Randolph Macon Women's College.

Whether they were playing or not, the girls shared a special bond. As player Meghan Kelly, a senior marketing major, put it, "We have a great time together both on and off the court. I think that we have definitely grown as a team." The girls had a great time together playing ball, hanging out as a team, and working on community service projects. The special friendships that made the girls closer also allowed them to work better together as a team.

Freshman and biology major, Lucia Smith said, "We have really good chemistry, so it makes the team more fun."

This year, with seventeen talented players, the team was its strongest yet. The girls continued to work hard and promised exciting games to their supporters. As the team's website proclaimed, "We play hard but have fun while we're at it, so come see us in action soon!"
What's the best thing about triathlon? How could you pick just one thing, when there's so much to it?! Three sports aside, the club's president, Paul Gantzler, summed it up best when he said simply, "Endorphins." This past year, triathlon team members ran, swam, and biked their way to success with one of the most intense sports Tech has to offer.

Virginia Tech's Triathlon Club competed as a team in two big races last year—the Collegiate National, and the Outback, or Eastern Regional. These races were organized by the Collegiate Triathlon Association, which was the governing body for collegiate triathlon. At the big collegiate races, Tech's team competed against other schools like Army, Navy, Penn State, UVA, Appalachian State, and JMU, and the times from Tech's top three competitors in both the men's and women's categories were used to score them. In addition to the team races, athletes from Tech also competed in a variety of triathlons individually to keep in top form and to challenge themselves. Often, most of the team would travel to non-collegiate races, both to compete and to cheer on the other members of the club.

Last year, the club had 35 members, with a variety of skill levels. Most new members had backgrounds in either running or cycling, and just about all of them joined to try a new sport. Some members had competed in triathlons previously, but the majority needed coaching in one or more of the triathlon disciplines. In order to stay competitive, the team worked out together at least three hours per week, but many members also adopted more rigorous and time-consuming training schedules. In addition, the team coordinated a lot with other sports clubs, such as the Cycling Club. President Paul Gantzler cited this flexibility to work with other clubs and organizations as one of the best things about the club here at Tech.

In the end, it seemed that the best thing about triathlon was the feeling that it gave those whom raced. Team members at Virginia Tech felt like this feeling was best summed by the following statement by Theodore Roosevelt: "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy course; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."
We all cheer one another on along the course and at the finish line. We train, socialize, and celebrate altogether. It's really a great sense of community.

— Craig Bonanno

Athletes were lined up and ready to go at a duathlon sponsored by the Triathlon Club. Photo courtesy of Triathlon

Running
This VT Triathlete pounded the pavement as she raced for a win! Photo courtesy of Triathlon

cycling
Paul Gontier, the club's president, showed his determination as he pedaled away from the pack. Photo courtesy of Triathlon
College Bowling USA, a national organization for varsity and club bowling teams, asserts that bowling programs should "ensure pride and enjoyment in the sport of bowling." That's exactly what the Virginia Tech Bowling Club did last year. Not only did they enjoy bowling by making learning fun for all the members, but they also worked to uphold certain standards of performance.

Like any other sport, bowling involved a lot of practice and dedication. Bowlers practiced three days a week in Christiansburg. They worked on various individual skills as well as teamwork. In addition to practice, the club attended ten tournaments where they competed against other five-person teams from schools across the country. During the season, the women bowled average games of about 175-180 and ranked 14th in the nation, while the men averaged games of about 205 and ranked 26th nationally.

Although bowlers competed seriously against themselves and others, they also managed to have serious fun. Members cited new friendships, meeting people from various schools, and the opportunity to travel as being key perks of the Bowling team. Last year, the team traveled as far as Las Vegas, Nevada. Not only that but they also hosted a bowling tournament and participated in other local events.

When asked to determine the key to the club's success, co-presidents Marie Dotson, a senior in B.I.T., and T.J. Schaffer, a junior in electrical engineering, unanimously chimed, "Practice, practice, practice!" Although all practices were not mandatory, the club's officers believed that dedicated bowlers would want to attend. In addition, coming to practice proved very beneficial. Not only did the club provide an alumnus instructor, but they also enjoyed the voluntary services of a pro-bowler on the national tour. Such resources helped improve and strengthen the team throughout the season.

Overall, the bowlers exemplified dedication and love of their sport. Marie Dotson proved this when she exclaimed, "Bowling is my life!" Such enthusiasm bolstered the team and made bowling exciting and rewarding for all the club members, new and old.

by laurens smith
Why is bowling at Virginia Tech great? “Making new friendships, excitement, fun, teamwork, the opportunity to travel, and meet new people.”

marie dotson
NOT so still waters...

Would you wake up at 4:30 in the morning four or five days a week? Would you go out on a lake in sub-zero temperatures, ice, and snow? Would you be willing to train and practice two to four hours a day, every single day while you’re in college? Would you have what it takes to race crew?

A group of about 80 students braved these conditions on a regular basis as members of the Club Crew Team at Virginia Tech. Their dedication to the sport and to one another drove them to drag themselves out of bed every morning and get out on the lake, even on the coldest February mornings. As the women’s vice president, junior Sarah Paladino whom is majoring in health and physical education explained, “The way we look at it, we’re not waking up just for ourselves, we’re waking up for each other—it’s team driven.”

Even when they were not on the lake, the team trained hard. They worked out for two to three hours a day, five days a week on rowing machines, stadium runs, endurance runs, and other drills. Surprisingly, participation in practices was high. Team President senior Ed Merrit whom is a HNFE major explained, “Most people [on the team] are coming from a really competitive background—they understand that to do well and get better, you have to train a lot.”

So what exactly drew students to the crew team? Sarah Paladino attributed the club’s high numbers to the fact that crew was something different. While crew was as athletically challenging, or more so, than other sports, most high schools did not offer it. Upon their arrival at college, most students were eager to try something new, and rowing fit the bill. In addition, it was a great opportunity to meet new people. Ed Merrit said, “As soon as you join the team, you instantly have 80 new friends. Any time you spend four hours a day and your weekends with someone, you build a special bond you wouldn’t have otherwise in college.”

Since its start in 1992, the Crew Club has introduced many students to all the exciting aspects of crew. Although the competition was fierce this year against many schools in the East, the team encouraged anyone and everyone to join. According to team members, the team’s excellent novice coaches could teach anyone.

So, with a little grit and determination, and a really good alarm clock, you COULD have what it takes to race crew!
commitment
Commitment was something that every team definitely needs. This year's rowers showed a lot of commitment to each other, to success, and to the sport of crew. Photo by Andy Cook

friendship
VT rowers enjoy the friendships on the team even more than peaceful mornings on the lake. Photo by Ryan Willis

teamwork
Rowers have to work together to succeed. "We're not waking up for ourselves; we're waking up for each other." Photo by Ryan Willis
Varsity Sports
Cross Country

As new faces joined the men's and women's cross country team, the unity and strength of the team became apparent. Former Tech runner, Ben Thomas, left his coaching position at University of Georgia and was welcomed back into Hokie territory on the coaching staff of the men's and women's cross country team. He excelled as a middle distance runner during his tenure competing at Virginia Tech. He had held various coaching positions in the area, and after he led his men's team to a NAIA Region XII Championship in 1999, he was declared the NAIA Region XII Coach of the Year. Both his men and women's teams placed respectively at nationals.

Another addition to the staff was the assistant coach, Mary Jayne Harrelson, who was coached under Ben Thomas' direction at Appalachian State University. She was an accomplished athlete who was best known for winning two NCAA titles in the 1500-meter, and she was a top six finisher in two events at the Olympic trials. She was recently named NCAA Woman of the Year, and her goal is to earn a position on the 2004 Olympic team.

This season focused on building the team and becoming stronger as a whole unit. The women's team had a successful season and took the top three places at the Hagan Stone Park in Greensboro. Junior Stacey Vidt provided a strong backbone for her team during the season. She contributed to her team's 6th place finish in the Big East Cross Country Championships, which was an improvement over last year's race. In November, the team came in 12th at the NCAA District III Regional Championships at Furman University. Vidt placed 43rd overall with a 22:48. The dependable senior Chelsea Alverson finished her 6K-race with a 23:01, and Freshman Jessica Morris ran a solid race placing third on the Hokie's team.

The men's team improved on their last season's performance at the Big East Cross Country Championships on October 26th and placed seventh. Leading the team throughout most of the season, sophomore Casey Frazier finished 25th in the 8,000 meter course. He was followed by freshman David Atkiss who came in 38th place. The men's team ended the season with an impressive ninth place finish at the Regional Championships. Atkiss came in 59th place overall on the 10K course with a time of 32:22. Frazier finished shortly after with a 32:48, and sophomore Matt Taylor finished third on the Hokie's team with a 32:58.

The Virginia Tech cross country team wrapped up the 2001 season at the NCAA District III Championships. The season dedicated to building up the cross country team will surely reap the benefits next year.

by kira zmuda
going the distance
A lone runner strides down the trail. A pack of runners raced through the countryside. The women run through the grass and scenery. Photo by Andrea Primmer
The football team had an additional home field advantage this year—the turf. The Hokies played the 2001 season on the new GreenTech ITM natural grass sports field. This innovative system started with a six-inch stone layer covered by asphalt in order to ensure a level playing surface. Then 4x4 foot trays of grass were placed on pedestals two to three inches above the asphalt. Over 4,600 trays in all were needed to cover the playing surface.

In the event of rain, water would drain through the grass, with the help of a vacuum system of 22 vents, into the void below. The water would then flow into large drains on either side of the field. The field was capable of handling 16 inches of rain an hour.

The Hokies were the only college team with such a “smart field.” The same system has been implemented at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands, N.J. and in Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales for football and soccer teams on the professional level.

After replacing the playing surface three times in 15 years, tech officials decided it was time put the funds into a longer lasting solution. Any damaged trays of turf can be replaced with relative ease guaranteeing that Worsham Field will be a premium facility for years to come.
laying down the turf

Workers began to work on layout of the new field in Lane Stadium. The field was completed in the summer before the fall 2001 semester. Once the guide system was in place the modular trays were placed on the field.

Photos courtesy of Dave Rouchel
Football

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Being a Varsity Football player was not an easy task, to say the least. Rigorous exercise regimes were followed, study hall attended, and there was always the task of living up to the expectations of the thousands of Hokies that flocked to the games, not to mention those that tuned in at home. The Hokies started off at number nine in the preseason rankings which was their highest preseason rating ever!

Despite inexorable amounts of pressure, this year's team fared well in the Big East conference with a 4-3 record and 8-3 overall in the regular season. At the end of the season they were ranked number three in the Big East. The Hokies continued to live up to the expectations that had been placed on them in the recent years.

This year it was Grant Noel, the redshirt junior, that took over the position of quarterback. He began the season having only played in six varsity football games in the past three years. Noel had a lot of pressure placed on him during the season as he tried to fill the shoes of Michael Vick. He had a great season of 267 total passing yards and an offense of 273 yards. His figures were the third best for a Virginia Tech quarterback in their first start.

The Hokies started off the year with an impressive win against Connecticut. Unfortunately, Lee Suggs tore the ACL in his left knee during the game and could not play the rest of the season. The redshirt junior underwent surgery on September 14 which

scoreboard

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was a success.

This year marked another successful season for Beamer Ball. Beamer Ball was the combination of points accumulated by the offense, defense and special teams. There was a total of seven touchdowns made by the defense and special teams this past year. During the 2001 season the team blocked a total of five punts and 2 field goals.

The most memorable game was by far the Miami season finale, where Tech lost by only a two point margin to the number one team in the nation. The sea of maroon and orange that was the bleachers erupted in ecstasy as Eric Green blocked a punt and Brandon Manning picked it up and ran for a touchdown in the last six minutes of the game.

The 2001 football season marked the end of offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Ricky Bustle's time at Tech. This past year marked Bustle's 14 season at Virginia Tech. He accepted the head coaching position at Louisiana-Lafayette.

With four shutouts, 18 new starters for the 2001 season and the Big-East rookie of the year player, Kevin Jones the Hokies truly had an awesome season. The Hokies completed yet another season of being in the spotlight, and they looked toward the promise of next year.
When Virginia Tech and Florida State met on New Year’s Day for the Toyota Gator Bowl, the game was touted as a rematch of the 1999 national championship. The game was strikingly similar to the contest two years ago, with the Hokies hanging tough with the Seminoles for three quarters before the Florida State offense proved to be too much for Tech.

Florida State won by a final tally of 30-17, capping a back-and-forth game in which each quarter had its own story line. Before the game, head coach Bobby Bowden of Florida State expected as much. “Virginia Tech is the new kid on the block,” Bowden said, speaking of nationally recognized football powerhouse. The first quarter was marked by Virginia Tech’s aggressiveness and intent to disrupt Seminoles freshman quarterback Chris Rix. On Florida State’s first possession, where it went three downs and out, Rix was sacked once and knocked down twice on incompletions.

The Hokies took advantage of the Seminoles’ early struggles, using a 16-yard completion from quarterback Grant Noel to tight end Bob Slowikowski, and a combined 21 rushing yards from Kevin Jones, to convert a 36-yard Carter Warley field goal and an early 3-0 advantage.

On Tech’s next possession, Noel showed Florida State that the Hokies weren’t only going to be aggressive on the defensive side of the ball. After two rushes by Jones, Noel found senior flanker Andre Davis on a slant pattern, and the potential NFL first round draft pick come April dashed and cutback down the field for a 51-yard pickup. Unfortunately for Tech, the drive ended when Noel scrambled out of the pocket and lost the ball on a fumble.

By the end of the fourth quarter, Rix responded on a first play of the final quarter, when he hooked up on a 77-yard pass to Walker for a touchdown and a 20-17 lead. The next drive resulted in another Beitia field goal was set up on a 50-yard hook up between Rix and Walker. Late in the fourth, Rix found Walker one more time, for 23 yards and a touchdown, which sealed the Seminoles 30-17 victory.

“It’s pretty simple,” Beamer said. “Too many big plays. And then we didn’t take advantage of field position early in the game. When you don’t do those things, you don’t win.”

[by M.W. Robinson]
"I really did expect more from the team. We have a lot of talent, and I thought that with the caliber of players, things would have been different."

#5 Joy Nsubuga, Senior All-Big East Second

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**Win or Lose**

**WE GOT WHAT IT TAKES**
The women's soccer team, led by coach Sam Okpodu, fell short of their expectations this fall after moving into the more difficult Big East conference. Although the team was packed with talent, they finished the season with a 8-9-2 record, one game short of a winning record. Joy Nsubuga along with three other standout seniors, Carmen Chestnut, Wendy Kotwas, and Kim Wyckoff, led the team this year. Also in the limelight was freshman star Ryan Johnson.

The Lady Hokies may have been disappointed with the overall season, but several games gave them the recognition they deserved. The Hokies fared well at the UNC Greensboro tournament. Over the weekend of September 7-9, the team defeated both UNC Greensboro and Western Carolina. But perhaps the most memorable game of the season was against Radford, the Lady Hokies' biggest rival.

The Radford game, which was played at Radford on October 10th, was a clincher. The game was tied 1-1 all through the first and second halves. But, with just under two minutes left to play, Nsubuga, who was just recovering from an injury, lofted the ball into the back of the net with an excellent left-foot shot. The whole team erupted in excitement, and they left the field with smiles on their faces. Nsubuga commented that after the game, "I went home and my ankle was of course swollen from the game. But, I just sat there eating my Big Mac meal with a smile on my face, happy that we had just won the game."

Playing through the pain and the long, hard practices, defined the women's soccer team. Win or lose, it went without saying that they were a talented group of young women with a lot of heart and determination. Despite the dismal season, the Lady Hokies looked toward the bright future, with four juniors, eleven sophomores, and four freshman stepping up to fill the shoes of the departed seniors next year.
"Of all my years on the team, I really felt that the team had the most team unity this season."

#9, Fred Silva
Senior
All South Atlantic Regional Team

scoreboard

VT 1, Dayton 0
VT 1, Xavier 0
VT 8, Elon 0
VT 3, VMI 0
VT 0, JMU 1
VT 1, Boston College 2
VT 2, Georgia Southern 1
VT 2, Syracuse 0
VT 4, Radford 0
VT 0, Seton Hall 2
VT 1, Georgetown 2
VT 0, Notre Dame 2
VT 1, St. John's 1
VT 1, West Virginia 0
VT 2, Pittsburgh 2
VT 5, Gardner Webb 0
VT 2, Villanova 1
VT 3, Rutgers 2
VT 1, Connecticut 2

MEN'S SOCCER ASTONISHES CRITICS
One would imagine that after being predicted to finish second to last as a new member in one of the most competitive conferences in the nation, morale would drop. But the 2001 varsity men’s soccer team had critics and skeptics alike dropping their jaws instead. Not only did the Hokies post an impressive 11-6-2 record, they made it to the conference tournament. In the quarter finals they faced the University of Connecticut, last year’s national champions. “We were disappointed with the final result, a 2-1 loss in double over time, but not with how we played against one of the best teams in the nation. We took them to the limits,” commented assistant coach, Ryan Spencer.

UConn was undoubtedly the most competitive team on the Hokies’ schedule. But, in order to qualify for the conference tournament, the Hokies had to defeat other big names first. Under the leadership of seniors Fred Silva, Ty Enmark, Jeremy Parsels, Garrett Owens, Stephan D’Adamo, and Keeper Colin Kibler, the Hokies were able to defeat big names such as Villanova and Rutgers. “Our most memorable game was probably against Rutgers. We beat them 3-2 in double over time on their home field. Our season was about to be over but then we scored with forty seconds left in the game,” stated Silva.

So the Hokies walked away from an excellent season with their heads held high, while all bystanders gawked with dropped jaws.
The Virginia Tech men's basketball team finished the 2001-2002 season with an overall record of 10-18. The Hokies struggled continued in their second season as a member of the Big East Conference. Tech finished in last place in the East Division of the conference with a record of 4-12 in conference play.

The Hokies also faced tough times on the road, where the team only won one game, a 78-63 rout of border rival West Virginia in Morgantown, W. Va. One bright spot was the team's play at Cassell Coliseum. Tech finished with an overall record of 9-6 at home. The Hokies defeated Big East rivals Providence and Rutgers in the final two home games of the season. They also defeated last year's conference champion Boston College on a three point shot by Carlos Dixon with 1.3 seconds left in the game.

Tech received great play all season long out of sophomore guard Carlos Dixon, junior guard Brian Chase, junior center Terry Taylor, and senior forward Carlton Carter. Dixon led the team in points per game with an average of 12.2. He also led the team in assists per game with 3.1 and steals with 1.6 per game. Chase was second on the team in scoring at 11.3 points per game and made 42.3 percent of his three point attempts. Taylor, in his first season on the team, averaged 11.1 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game. Carter was the leading rebounder on the team with an average of 8.2 a game. He also averaged 10 points per game.

Overall men's basketball had a tough season but grew together as a team and hoped to be more successful next season.
The Women’s Basketball team is posting impressive numbers this season. They finished the regular season with a 19-9 record. Led by coach Bonnie Henrickson and seniors Lisa Guarneri, Sarah Hicks, Nicole Jones and Mollie Owings the Lady Hokies had an enormous amount of talent and a lot of promise going into their playoff season.

And the exciting part about it is that things just keep getting better. The team was rather young; four freshman joined the roster this year which already consisted of three sophomores and two juniors. Among the sophomores was standout Ieva Kublina. Kublina was named the Big East Conference Most Improved Player during the regular season.

Despite the impressive resume of the team this year, Kublina was not too pleased with the season. "I think we started off well, but towards the end of the season we lost games we should have won," she stated. With determination and high expectations like that Kublina will be one to watch in the years to come.

In the WNIT Semifinals the Hokics battled the Houston Cougars at Cassell Coliseum. The Lady Hokics fell to Houston 77-72 in overtime. Ieva Kublina scored a career high 32 points during the game and Lisa Guarneri had a career high of twelve assists. The women were nothing short of impressive in their final game of the season.

The seniors had the spotlight, and it was their time to shine. Overall, the team had a successful year and hoped to keep increasing their standards in the years to come.

by rebecca stover
Ieva Kuplina aimed for the basket. Nicole Jones got ready to make a basket. Erin Gibson showed off her stuff. Photos by Russell Holbrook, Monique Cook, and Tuan Pham.
Athletic Trainers

"I enjoy seeing the athletes get back and knowing you’ve helped them get back. It’s very fulfilling."

Trainer
Ron Esteban
Have you ever been hurt playing sports? If you have, the best place to go was one of the four training rooms on campus. Two were located in Cassell Coliseum, one in the Merryman Center, and one in Rector Field House.

The training room in the Rector Field House was run by Katherine Hoefer and dealt mainly with cross country, track, women's soccer, and softball athletes. Jimmy Lawrence headed the training room 115 of Cassell, and concentrated mainly on basketball, men's soccer, swimming, diving, and wrestling.

In 307 Cassell, Ron Esteban worked mainly with the women's basketball, tennis, lacrosse, and volleyball teams. On his favorite part about being an athletic trainer Esteban said, "I enjoy seeing the athletes get back and knowing you've helped them get back. It's very fulfilling."

Mike Goforth, the head trainer, worked out of 113 Merryman Center. Under him were five staff trainers, seven graduate assistants, and 34 student trainers. His training room dealt mainly with football, men's basketball, cheerleading, and the High Tech's. Originally from Bluefield, West Virginia, Goforth came into training when he was injured in a motorcycle accident and could not play football anymore.

About coaching versus training Goforth said, "I don't know X's and O's. I don't want to know X's and O's. I'm here for the health care of our athletes."
Virginia Tech golf enjoyed the finest season in the history of the program last year. "I'm very proud of what these players accomplished," Head Coach Jay Hardwick said.

The team won six events last season, the school's highest total ever. In addition to this, Tech finished first in the Big East Conference and had strong showings at both the NCAA East Regionals, finishing tied for fifth, and at the NCAA Championships, placing eighth. "We broke every school record and had the best finish for the school in the National Championship," Hardwick said.

The Hokies were a force in the Big East Conference and won their first conference championship ever. The title was significant for another reason as well. It marked the first time Tech captured a Big East Conference championship in any sport other than football.

The Hokies also proved to be worthy competition at the national level. The team closed the season with a strong showing at the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships held at the Duke University Golf Club in Durham, NC. Tech entered the championships as the seventeenth seed and finished up the tournament in eighth place.

Standouts on the squad included Brian Krusoe, Chris McKeel, Johnson Wagner, and Brendon de Jonge. Krusoe and Wagner were selected to both the All-Big East team and the Virginia Collegiate Golf Coaches Association All-State Golf team. McKeel made the All-Big East team and de Jonge was awarded All-State honors. Virginia Tech was the only school with three members selected to the All-State Golf team.

Hardwick also was recognized for the fine job he did last season. He was named the Big East Coach of the Year and was recognized as the 2001 Coach of the Year by the Virginia Collegiate Golf Coaches Association, the third time since 1993 that Hardwick has received that honor.
A golfer putted the ball towards a cup. Another golfer drove the ball across the course. Almost a hole in one? Photos by Ryan Wills.
Swim/ Dive
Starting off their season with a big win against the University of Connecticut, the Virginia Tech men and women's swimming and diving team ended their season with a 5-3 and 9-1 record respectively.

In November, the teams traveled out of state to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Nike Cup brought a second place standing for the women and third for the men. The Nike Cup wins pumped the teams up for the meet against James Madison University in mid January. The women came out on top, winning all thirteen events, with the men winning eleven.

The team prepared all season for the Big East Championship in Uniondale, New York. Altogether, the men and women's teams tied or broke nine school records at the mid February tournament. On day one, sophomore Jamie Spradlin an animal and poultry science major, timed her personal best at 4:55.02 and placed second in the 500 yard freestyle consolation race.

Day two brought three personal best times with junior general engineering major Steve Tozer at 50.89 whom placed fifth, sophomore Christian Lindberg a general engineering major at 51.07 placed seventh, and senior Steve Horning a computer engineering major at 51.72 placed fourteenth all in the 100 backstroke.

The men went into the third day of competition in third place, while the women did their best. Christian Lindberg, Steve Tozer, and freshman Kevin Furlong, a university studies major, took second place in the 200-medley relay, breaking the school record at 1:30.67.

The women came back with a bang on the fourth and last day of competition. Junior Jennifer McLaughlin, an environmental residential management major, broke the school record in the 200 butterfly twice in one day. She broke her own record from the morning preliminaries in the race with 2:01.01 placing first in this event.

Closing the season at the Big East tournament with women in fourth place and the men in third, Ned Skinner announced the team's hope for next year with the addition of recruits Matt Camden of Monacan High School in Richmond, Virginia and Casey Moore of Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake, Virginia.

by robin oakes
"The competition in the Big East was definitely harder than what we've played in the past."

Junior Cheryl Stinson

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**scoreboard**

VT 3, Garner-Webb 0  
VT 1, Evansville 3  
VT 0, West Carolina 3  
VT 1, UVA 3  
VT 3, Maryland-Baltimore Co. 0  
VT 3, East Carolina 0  
VT 0, Akron 3  
VT 0, Liberty 3  
VT 2, St. John's 3  
VT 1, Seton Hall 3  
VT 0, Notre Dame 3  
VT 3, WVU 2  
VT 3, Pittsburgh 1  
VT 0, Radford 3  
VT 3, Providence 0  
VT 1, Tennessee 3  
VT 3, JMU 2  
VT 0, Radford 3  
VT 1, Liberty 3  
VT 3, Villanova 0  
VT 1, Rutgers 3  
VT 2, Boston College 0  
VT 1, UConn 3  
VT 0, Georgetown 3  
VT 0, George Mason 3  
VT 0, Florida 3  
VT 1, Louisiana St. 3

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**Women's Volleyball**

Facing New Competition
The Hokies entered new territory in their inaugural season with the Big East conference. "The competition in the Big East was definitely harder than what we've played in the past," said Junior Cheryl Stinson. With first time visits to some Big East teams, the Hokies spent most of the season feeling out the competition. "This season was largely spent getting used to the different level of play," said Cheryl.

Playing in a new conference did not stop some Lady Hokies from making notable impressions. Stinson, a middle blocker from Ottawa, Ontario, was named to the Virginia Sports Information Director's all-state first team. She broke into Virginia Tech's record books with 116 blocks for the season (10th place) and a hitting percentage of .316 (2nd place). Stinson was also named to the second-team All-Big East. Annie Spicer, a freshman outside hitter, was named honorable mention All-Big East. Spicer was the only Hokie to start every match this season making her the 2001 season leader in kills with 283, kills per game with 3.37, service aces with 38, and digs with 196.

Perhaps the most notable part of the season was the team's trip to Walt Disney World for the SEC/Big East Challenge. "I definitely consider the highlight of the season as being our trip to Disney World. We got to play in the Wide World of Sports complex against some of the top teams in the nation," concluded Stinson, a Computer Science major.

Overall it was a great year for the Lady Hokies. The team united on the court as well as off the court.
Virginia Tech baseball enjoyed another strong season in 2002. In just its second year in the Big East Conference, the Hokies finished 18-8 in conference play and tied Notre Dame for a share of the Big East's regular season title. With its strong play in the regular season, Tech earned a spot in the Big East Conference Tournament for the second consecutive year. The winner of this tournament received an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament and a chance to play for the National Championship. However, it wasn't meant to be for the Hokies. After winning its first round game against Boston College, Tech lost its next two games of the tournament, against Notre Dame and Rutgers, and was eliminated. The Hokies ended the season with a 33-26 overall record.

Six Tech players received All-Big East honors for their strong play. Junior pitcher Joe Saunders was the only member of the Hokies pitching staff on the All-Big East team. He was one of three pitchers in the conference selected to the first team. Joining Saunders on the first team were junior second baseman Marc Tugwell, junior shortstop Spencer Harris, and senior third baseman John West. Junior outfielder Brad Bauder and freshman utilityman Wyatt Toregas were named third team All-Big East.

Saunders cemented his status as the staff ace with his performance in 2002. The left-hander led the team in wins, posting a 9-2 record on the season; and ERA, at 2.86. He also led the staff in complete games, with five; and strikeouts, with 102. Tech's infield was well represented on the All-Big East team, with three members named to the squad. Strong infield play was a major reason for the Hokies successful season.

Marc Tugwell was a major threat on the base paths, tying for the team lead in steals with 12. For the season, the junior second baseman hit .342 with five home runs and 47 RBI.

The other member of Tech's double play combination put together a fine season as well. Spencer Harris batted .292 with five home runs and 40 RBI. In addition to this, the speedy shortstop stole 10 baselines in just 12 attempts.

John West made a smooth transition to a new position in 2002. West started the past two seasons at first base but was moved back to third base for his senior season, a position he started 59 games at as a freshman. The move paid off as West put together a stellar season for the Hokies both in the field and at the plate. The senior led the team in several offensive categories including batting average, at .378; hits, with 82; and walks, with 36. He also tied for the team lead in stolen bases, swiping 12 in just 14 attempts. West put up great power numbers as well. He tied for second on the team in home runs, with eight; and was second in RBIs, finishing with 53 on the season.

Brad Bauder was the lone representative from Tech's outfield on the All-Big East team. The senior center fielder put up some serious power numbers in 2002. Bauder led the team in home runs, with 14; RBIs, with 60; doubles, with 21; total bases, with 142; and slugging percentage, at .623. He also led the team with 55 runs scored and played stellar defense, only committing one error the entire season.

Against Georgetown on April 21, Bauder had one of the best games in Hokie baseball history. In the team's 35-4 victory, Bauder went 8-for-8 with four home runs, two singles, a double, and a triple. He drove in 14 runs in the game and scored seven. The Tech center fielder set new school single-game marks for hits, runs batted in, and total bases. He also tied school records for runs scored and home runs in a game. His totals for runs, hits, RBIs, and total bases were also records for a Big East Conference game.

Wyatt Toregas, another All-Big East third team performer, also had a record-setting afternoon against Georgetown. The freshman set Tech and Big East records for at bats in a single game with nine. Toregas had seven hits and tied Tech and Big East records with three doubles. The newcomer put together a fine season for the Hokies, batting .347 with eight home runs and 51 RBIs, and is expected to be a major contributor in the future.
Players stretched their limits by doing what was necessary to make the run. ☐ A player dove for the base. Was he safe? ☐ The batter followed the ball that he hit out into the field. Photo by Andrew Leonard.
Crushing Providence with a 3-0 and 4-3 win, the Hokies Softball Team started their season with a bang in the BIG EAST conference. Out of this game sprung senior psychology major Clarisa Crowell with her first no hitter of the season, leading her to be named as the BIG EAST conference co-pitcher of the week on March 25, 2002.

Later in the season in Blacksburg against Rutgers, freshman biology major Natalie Smith looked to Crowell as she started her first game pitching in 3.1 innings. The Hokies won the first game with 3-1 and lost the second game at 5-1.

Stepping up to Villanova the next day on home turf, the Hokies lost in a double header with scores 3-2 and 4-2. Sophomore health and physical education major Amy Voorhees, freshman business major Megan Evans, freshman university studies Sarah Prosise and senior human services major Tiffany Hurt were the only lady Hokies to hit against Villanova in the first game. Sophomore wildlife science major Courtney Brinkman made a two-run home run in the second game, but it still was not enough to put the Hokies ahead.

At the State Line Classic in Bristol Tennessee, senior human nutrition, foods, and exercise major Ashlee Dobbe took the Hokies to win the fourth state line title against the University of Tennessee with her no hitter game. She was awarded MVP Honors with her stunning performance. The win took the Hokies to 5-5 in the BIG EAST conference, but games followed putting them behind. The losses to Notre Dame with scores of 8-0 and 10-0 brought the Hokies down to 5-7 in the BIG EAST conference. Traveling to Pittsburgh, the Hokies came away with a first game win of 4-0 and second game loss of 2-1. Ashlee Dobbe pitched her fifth no hitter of the season, while third baseman Clarisa Crowell hit two home runs to bring in 3 of the 4 runs for the Hokies in the first game. Amy Voorhees brought in the last run of the win against Pittsburgh.

The Hokie softball team finished their season with a 42-18 record and placed 2nd at the BIG EAST Softball Championship. The team pulled off an amazing season.
Men's Tennis

Men's tennis has high expectations

The statement, "you are only as good as your weakest link," is applicable to any sport. Even in tennis, which appeared to be an individual's game. The team needed to be able to rely on any given member to step up and assume responsibility at any given point in time. That's why this year's men's tennis team turned out such a great season.

Junior Saber Kadiri even predicted early in the season that, "I think we will do not only better than last year, but better than the 1999 team which made it to the Suite 16 of the NCAA tournament." Once again, this outlook for the team could be contributed to the depth of the team, and the talent of each individual.

The team was composed of a conglomerate of age ranges, which added to their ability. Next season the team will miss Davor Dupljak and Grant Semon who will be graduating, but luckily three stellar freshmen were learning the ropes of collegiate athletics and by next year will be ready to fill their spots.

There is no doubt that the team had a lot to look forward to in the upcoming years.

becca stover

strategic moves
Players concentrated on aim. got down low, focused their eye on the ball and tracked high in order to be a success.

Photos by Tuam Pham
The Lady Hokies got off to a stellar start this season. They posted numerous individual wins as well as seven team wins, thus far.

Tennis was a highly individual sport, so it was difficult to determine excellence from the team outcome. But as transfer standout Zdenka Videnova noted, "All of us have the same goal, which is to give everything to win. The spirit to win is with us."

Given that tennis was such an individually geared sport, was it difficult for these ladies to pull together and form a team? Not at all. They were around each other year round, and everyday of the week during school. Mondays and Wednesdays the girls lifted before practice; Tuesdays and Thursdays they practiced and ran; and practices had been known to be held on Saturdays! Freshman Alena Simmonds noted, "Our coach will also work with us more on the side for extra help if we ask. She's great and so enthusiastic!"

Held together by the "spirit to win" and great coaching by Lisa Hart, the Women's Tennis Team should post an excellent record. Watch out for those bouncing balls on the tennis courts, because as the season picked up they were going to be flying high!

Women's Tennis
Making an individual sport into a team event
"Although our season has not been very consistent, there is one thing that has been maintained throughout: team cohesiveness. They came as acquaintances and are leaving as best friends."

Tami Riley

Women's Lacrosse

Sticking Together

endurance
The team spent many hours practicing to build up their endurance for the games. Photo by Matt Wurst

love for the game
The girls on the team were very dedicated and truly had a love for lacrosse. Photo by Matt Wurst
Lacrosse is a ubiquitous hobby on the quads of Virginia Tech. It seemed that every beautiful day that came along, there were instantly sticks and balls cutting through the air. Yes, it was a great hobby. But it was an even better varsity sport.

The women’s lacrosse team had an incredible spring season. Led by Tami Riley, the girls managed to compile a 6-7 record and an amazing win over #15 Ohio State. As Riley noted, "we started off the season strong with two close games against top ranked teams..." Then it was unfortunate that the Lady Hokies began to struggle. However, as the season neared an end with only three games left, the ladies pulled out a win over win. Riley commented, "Although our season has not been very consistent, there is one thing that has been maintained throughout: team cohesiveness. They came as acquaintances and are leaving as best friends."

Despite these losses, the girls formed lasting friendships and great memories. Starting sophomore goalkeeper Jamie McGraw recalled the Georgetown game as being an excellent effort and overall great time. "The most memorable game so far would definitely have to be when we played #2 Georgetown. The whole team played their heart out and we came very close to upsetting one of the top teams in the nation," McGraw noted.

Winning or losing, the team bonded over Monday through Friday practices and time in the weight room. They did not pressure each other to perform; they only pressured themselves to be the best they could be. To reiterate Riley’s classic statement, "They came as acquaintances and are leaving as best friends."
Virginia Tech wrestling endured a rough 2001-2002 season in team competition and finished with an overall record of 5-10. The squad didn’t fare much better in conference matches and placed seventh out of eight teams in the Eastern Wrestling League. A 28-13 victory against last place Bloomsburg on January 6 at Cassell Coliseum was the Hokies lone conference victory of the season.

Despite the limited success in team competition, the 2001-2002 wrestling team did have its bright spots. Redshirt-senior Sean Gray, redshirt-junior Scott Justus, and freshman David Hoffman had strong individual seasons. All three made the 2002 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships held at Pepsi Arena in Albany, NY March 21-23. Gray ended his career on a strong note with a stellar 31-5 record and an EWL title at the 141-pound weight class. The redshirt-senior from Flemington, NJ had a record-setting career at Tech. He left with the school record for most career wins, with 133 against only 19 losses. Gray also held school records for most career pins, pins in a season, and career winning percentage. He was the only Hokie that has made the All-American team twice in his career.

Head Coach Keith Mourlam believed Gray’s name will always be linked with Tech wrestling. “He certainly made his mark on the Virginia Tech wrestling program,” Mourlam commented.

Another veteran wrestler who had a strong season in 2001-2002 was Scott Justus. The redshirt-junior finished with an overall record of 30-2. In fact, he had the finest individual season in Tech history in terms of winning percentage. His .938 single-season winning percentage replaced Sean Gray’s old record of .930 set in 1999-2000. Justus won the EWL title at 184 pounds and went into the NCAA Tournament ranked #1 in his weight class before being upset. Mourlam thought the pressure of going undefeated the entire regular season may have affected Justus’ performance in the tournament.

“Nerves got to him more than anything,” Mourlam said.

The Hokies will look to Justus for leadership next season, his last year of collegiate eligibility, and Mourlam expects great things out of his fifth-year senior.

“He’s good enough to be the national champion next year,” Mourlam said.

In addition to the strong performances of veterans like Gray and Justus, Tech received a preview of its future in 2001-2002. Freshman David Hoffman burst upon the scene with a stellar 27-8 regular season record and sixth place finish in the 133-pound weight class at the EWL Tournament. Mourlam believes Hoffman could be the program’s next big star.

“We expect great things out of him,” Mourlam said. “He could be a national champ and a two- or three-time All-American.”

Hoffman, a star in high school who won the national prep championship twice, received a wildcard selection from the EWL coaches that allowed him to compete in the NCAA Tournament. The freshman went 2-2 in his first taste of tournament competition. Hoffman cherished his experience at the tournament.

“Going to the NCAA Tournament was really special for me,” Hoffman said. “Guys that I had been reading about for years in wrestling magazines were competing right in front of me. It was such a confidence builder to be in that environment and knowing that I belonged out there with them.”
endurance
The wrestling team used all the techniques they learned throughout the season to beat their competitors. Wrestling was a sport that challenged the mind and body. 3  Photo by Jerri Kleemann, Shannon Dwyer, © Ryan Willis
Cheerleading

Behind the smiles

by becca stover

Every season hoards of fans crowd Lane Stadium and Cassell Coliseum, but it’s not just the athletes who are being watched. Thousands of pairs of eyes are drawn to the sidelines every few minutes to watch the stunts and hear the chants of our enthused cheerleading squads.

Poised behind the benches were two squads of sixteen highly talented, athletic, individuals. Each squad, varsity and junior varsity, consisted of eight females and eight males. These men and women were selected out of the hundreds who tried out. Varsity tryouts were held in the spring and junior varsity tryouts were held in the fall. According to head coach Brad Grigg, "candidates must have excellent gymnastic ability and be able to perform a highly difficult Coed Stunt."

After officially becoming a member of the squad, cheerleaders were expected to attend four practices a week, each one lasting two and a half hours. During these practices, the squads prepared for not only sideline and halftime routines, but also nationals.

Many people do not realize how much time and effort goes into cheering, but behind the smiles it is a grueling sport.

go hokies!

The cheering squad could be found all over campus cheering at football games, basketball games and just pumping up the crowds full of spirit.

Photo by Jared Kuchnowski
They're not your high school pom-poms, and their way too sensual to be the Dance Company. So, who were the High Techs? Most people knew them as the scantily clad halftime show at all the men's and women's basketball games, and a few football games.

Girls envied their talent, and guys drooled over other features. Most people did not realize the hard work, time, dedication, and self discipline that went into being the halftime entertainment, and competing at a national level. In fact, the average student was not even aware that the High Techs dance at Nationals. But they do, and they do so much more than that.

This small group of thirteen women were an athletic team, just like any other. They lifted weights at Jamerson several times a week, and even had their own personal trainer. The girls practiced four times each week, and had been known to have a quite a few 5 a.m practices!

All of this behind the scenes work was meant for only the best of the best. Hundreds of girls auditioned for the High Techs right out of high school. "Of course I was nervous," Lambert exclaimed, "but I love to dance and I just had to tryout. I would be mad at myself if I didn't do it."

All of the girls share dance as their common passion. This common bond united them in their goals, and the result of desire is excellence. The ladies of the High Techs were truly stepping it up.
Indoor/Outdoor Track

Individually UNIQUE

Track is a sport mainly based on individual performance. However, it took more than one stellar individual to win championships. It took the culmination and cooperation of numerous coaches and athletes that competed in different events.

It was almost impossible to get to know one another with this kind of diversity. As pole-vaulter Brian Munshine stated, "The season has been well for certain individuals but overall the team does not have the unity to pull off huge upsets. We honestly just don't know each other." Team unity could have helped at the meets against Tech's toughest competitors: Connecticut, Villanova, and Notre Dame.

Despite lack of unity, the Hokies managed to spotlight select standouts. The new cross country and distance coach, Mark Harrelson, had an excellent year. This was his first year as a post-collegiate. Terry Winston was another new assistant coach; Winston worked with the sprinters and jumpers. Winston should be pretty proud of himself for coaching record-breaker Damali Hay. Hay was a senior standout who broke her own school record set last year in the 200-meter sprint.

The team had high hopes for the future. Although they would lose Hay and 16 other seniors at the end of the school year, they looked forward for the 38 freshmen to step up and fill big shoes. The indoor and outdoor seasons proved to be executed in no less than classic Hokie style.
pushing the limits
This pole vaulter perfectly executes their jump. The movement of this athlete was captured gracefully. This shot thrower launched the ball out into the field. This long jumper used his arms to help propel him forward.
Photo by Jesse Penston and Ryan Willis
André Davis  
Cleveland Browns

Ben Taylor  
Cleveland Browns

Kevin McCadam  
Atlanta Falcons

David Pugh  
Indianapolis Colts

Bob Slowikowski  
Dallas Cowboys

Chad Beasley  
Minnesota Vikings

Derrius Monroe  
New Orleans Saints

Jarrett Ferguson  
Buffalo Bills
It's that time of year again when the world of professional sports begins drafting for the upcoming season. The 2002 NFL draft picked up eight Hokies. It was always sad to say goodbye to those seniors that would be moving on but luckily many of them would continue to play when their Hokie football careers were over.

Andre Davis, a top wide receiver, had a brilliant career while at Virginia Tech. He became the holder of numerous records. Davis held the record for punt return yardage (872) and was third in career receiving yards (1986). Andre was picked in the second round of the draft, 47th overall.

Linebacker Ben Taylor was picked in the fourth round, 111th overall. Taylor held leading records in number of tackles with 121. He finished third among Big East players tackles for loss at 18.

Kevin McCadam, who moved from free safety to rover this past season was picked up in the fifth round, 148th overall. During the 2001-2002 season McCadam intercepted three passes. At the end of the season he finished with 83 tackles, which included eight for a loss.

Defensive tackle David Pugh ended the season with 50 tackles, which included 14 for a loss. He also had three and a half sacks. Pugh was picked up in the sixth round, 182 overall.

Bob Slowikowski started all regular-season games this past year. The tight end averaged 23.8 yards on his 12 career passes. He also held the record for the longest reception ever for a Hokie tight end at 72 yards. Slowikowski was picked 211 overall in the sixth round.

Chad Beasley was picked up in the seventh round at 218 overall. The defensive tackle had 57 tackles at the end of the season and four tackles for the loss. He also finished the season with two sacks.

Defensive tackle and end Derrius Monroe finished the season with 44 tackles, which included three for the loss. He also picked up a sack. Monroe was picked 224 overall in the 7th round.

Last but not least was the Hokies most valuable player, Jarrett Ferguson. He was picked in the seventh round at 251 overall. The fullback also won the Excalibur Award, a strength and conditioning honor, three times. He rushed for 156 yards and five touchdowns on three carries. In addition he caught 25 passes for 256 yards and three touchdowns.

Tight end Browning Wynn, cornerback Larry Austin and split end Emmett Johnson all signed free-agent contracts.
Individuals
What will you remember most about Tech?

My friends and the time we spent together.
- Valerie Tuck, APSC

Spending time with fraternity brothers and driving to football road games and bowls.
- Michael Scolllick, EE

The wonderful time I had as a student, especially the lack of sleep!
- Ricardo Rayes, ECPE
Running track, getting 2 school records, snowball fights on the Drillfield!  
- Paul Hayes, MGT

"Programming" and horrible pictures!  
- Patricia Kuhar, HIDM

Good times with friends.  
- Mike Cortese, Econ

Performing silent rifle drill for Ring Premiere and Military Ball, and representing VT in 2 St. Patrick's Day Parades in Boston.  
- Dave Brown, AE (VTCC)

Birju Bhagat, BIT  
Joseph Bidwell, AE  
Timothy Bielawa, EE  
Rodolf Biro De Bona, AE

John Black, BIT  
Steven Black, EE  
Dawn Blanchard, For  
Sara Blickley, ECE
How do you really feel about the colors maroon and orange?

I feel as though the warm hues of the orange compliment the dark, complex maroon to yield a unique color manifestation.

- Craig Berman, ID

I have always liked maroon, but now orange has grown on me.

- Valerie Tuck, APSC
How many people do you have on your IM buddy list?

IM is for the weak, I prefer courier pigeon.
- Craig Berman, ID

More then I ever talk to.
- Katherine Berardelli, HD

Shivhan Daniels, Mktg
Katharine Davenport, ChE, Chem
Anne Davidson, ACIS, Fr
Ann Davis, MGT

Jason Davis, ME
Joseph Davis, EE
Kina Davis, AnSc, Chem
Kirsten Davis, Engl, Hist
Melissa Dorman, MGT
Dennis Dorsey, CEEN
Craig Dotson, ME
Donald Douglas, BIT

Kelly Douglas, Fin
Michelle Douglass, EE
Tiecoura Doumbia, Mktg
Kimberly Dowd, Biol

Tristan Downey, IDST
Douglas Downor, CE
Bruce Drew, ACIS
Brian Drost, CpE

Linda Dubiel, IS
Yann Dufour, Biol
Ryan Dunbar, Biol
Sanh Duong, CS

Kristen Durrett, Engl
Shiney Duthie, EE
Aaron Dutton, BIOC
Charles Dyson, Comm, Psyc

Lauren Eadie, Psyc
Samuel Eanes, Hist
Patrick Early, ME
Jason Easter, CpE

Lyndon Easton, PSci
James Eaton, BIT
Kathleen Edel, HNFE
Kristofer Edelberg, Biol
Adam Edwards, MGT
Landon Edwards, BIOC
Renita Edwards, Mkrg
Eric Eggleston, ME

Brian Ekey, CpE
Paul Elliott, BIT
Scott Elliott, CE
Ramy El-Masri, CS

Marlene Emler, BIOC
Teodora Erbes, CpE
Carol Etchart, HNFE
Maria Evangelista, Comm

Kristin Evans, BIT
Mary Beth Evans, BIT
Joanna Ewbank, Engl
Daniel Eyer, PSci

Ryan Falls, Engl
Elizabeth Falwell, Biol, Hist
Monica Fam, Art
Crystal Fant, HNFE

Sarah Fariss, ECE
Monique Farquharson, BIOC, Chem
Ka Lee Farris, Biol
Janaina Feijoo, IDST

Matthew Fellows, Arch
Joseph Ferrara, Comm
Claudia Ferrer, IS
Tim Fescoe, Mkrg
Jennifer Fetherolf, Mkrg
Brian Fichter, EE
Abdullah Serdar Fidan, ISE
Firat Fidan, ISE

Daniel Fiedler, ME
Catherine Fielding, LA
Erin Fields, Comm, Psy
Jennifer Fields, CT

Melissa Fincke, FST
Doug Firestone, AE
Jon Fisher, PSci
Kristin Fisher, CS, Biol

Martin Fisher, CS
Brendon Fitzpatrick, ME
Sonora Fletcher, Comm
Nancy Flores, MGT, Span

Eric Fonville, ME
Stephen Ford, Fin
David Foster, CS
Pascal Fournie, Mkrg

Alison Fox, ECE
Owen Fox, Hist
Catherine Fraga, APSc
Nathan Francis, Art

Elizabeth Frankenberry, BIOC
Alexis Freling, BIT
Joy French, ISE
Niels Fromm, IDSE
How has college changed you as a person?

I think college has changed me from a person to an animal!
- Abhishek Mohunta, ESM

I'm now much more ready to be unemployed.
- Craig Berman, ID

It has helped me learn to trust God more for strength each day.
- Tim Ricker, WSci

Scott Gayzik, ME
Cynthia Gbetibouo, Mktg
Megan Gedney, UAP
Derek Geiger, AE

Michelle Geis, HIDM
Michael George, ME
Hannah Gerald, Psyc
Reza Ghanbari, Arch
What is the one college experience you will never forget?

I studied abroad for a semester in Switzerland. I learned so much both inside and outside the classroom. The experience was amazing but the best part about it was the friends I met. They are the closest friends I have here at Tech.

- Shabnam Kolin, Hist

Karl Gnadt, Soc
Cornelius Godbee, Biol
Anthony Goodman, AE
Sarah Goodwin, Psyc

Nigel Gordon, ISE
Sarah Gouger, Art
Ryan Gough, Biol
Travis Graham, WOOD
Did you meet your true love at Tech?

Freshman year, Marc and I met at a Tau Kappa Epsilon party. It’s been true love ever since.
- Amanda McKee, EPP

Alex and I met my Junior year in Technical Writing. I was the only girl in the class full of engineers. If it hadn’t been for the in-class group projects, he and I probably wouldn’t have met...but thanks to Dr. Armstrong, we did!
- Jessica Stephenson, EnSc
Yes, my friend Alex introduced me to this wonderful gal named Emily 3 years ago...and now we're planning our future together. She's so cool!
- Craig Berman, ID

Yes and no. I was spending Thanksgiving my freshman year with my boyfriend at the time when one of his old high school buddies came over. It wasn't love at first sight, but we did become friends and talk via e-mail for almost 2 years before he came to Tech for a visit. He took me swing dancing and literally swept me off my feet. I fell in love that night and now we're getting married. Just goes to show that you never know where you'll meet someone.
- Celena Burkhart, HNFE

Jennifer Johnston, AnSc
Amanda Joines, Hort
Cristin Jones, CT
Edgar Jones, Comm

Erin Jones, HD
Jennifer Jones, Biol
Lena Jones, HNFE
Kazi Jordan, Biol
Nicole Jorde, Biol
David Joscelyne, CPE
Christopher Joson, EE
Lisa Julien, IS

Daniel Kane
Vedanta Kanoria, Mkge
Alicia Karwoski, CE
Kelle Kasper, Fin

Amy Keeney, PHED
Brian Keilinng, For
Amanda Keith, ISE
Christopher Kelly, CS

Erin Kelly, HNFE
Patricia Kelly, ECE
Rebecca Kelly, HNFE
Tracy Kemmerer, ACIS

Sean Kennelly, FSci
Jeremy Kerly, Geol
Justin Kerns, Fin
Matthew Kessler, PSci

Lisa Keyes, ApSc
Rakesh Khan, ME
Christopher Kiefer, EE
Laura Kierst, Comm

Jason Kies, ACIS
Michael Kikuta, ME
Intae Kim, EE
Miyon Kim, Fin
Yong Lee, EE
Yun Ju Lee, HIDM
Andrew Leetys, BIT
Bridgette Lennon, ACIS

Jessica Leonard, MGT
Jason Lepore, Psych
Karin Leroy, HD
Jason Levy, Mktg

Matthew Lewis, MGT
Tisha Lewis, Comm
Treva Lewis, BCHM
William Lewis, Comm

Bi Li, Biol
Laura Liberante, HD
Julie Ligman, Biol
Ashleigh Lilly, Biol

Ko-Wei Lin, ME
Heather Linden, HNFE
Amanda Lippitt, Psych
Seth Lipstock, HNFE

Thomas Little, EE
Ashley Liu, BIT
Warren Liu, CPE
Lindsay Llewellyn, Biol, AnSc

Emily Lloyd, ME
Keith Lockwood, FSci
Christine Lohr, CT
Benjamin Long, MGT
What teacher had a profound impact on you?

Mike Ellerbrock made me love Econ and took a genuine interest in his students.
- Erika Moore, FST

None, I think I had a profound impact on them!
- Abhishek Mohunta, ESM
Dr. Richard Rich was both a mentor and a role model. He’s really helped me to pursue a career in environmental policy.

- Ginna Kelly

Bill Green has a posse.
- Craig Berman, ID
Kristen Minor, Engl
Dion Minter, ME
Justin Miseh, EE
Jeremy Mistretta, HTM

Brook Mitchell, PSCI, Psyc
David Mitchell, BIOC
Sonya Mody, BIOC
Jillian Modzeleski, PSci

John Mohler, Biol
Abhishek Mohunta, ESM
Joy Monar, Pua
Susan Monks, ACIS

Danny Monroe, Biol
Brenna Moore, Engl
Erika Moore, FST
Gregory Moore, Span

Hunter Moore, MinE
Valerie Moore, MGT
Ashby Moran, Fin
Elayna Morethi, APSc

Adam Morris, Mktg
Timothy Morris, Math
Anthony Morrison, BIT
Kristen Moss, ECE

Elizabeth Motley, ISE
Alicia Moyer, AAEC
David Mroz, CPE
Sherry Mulkey, HIDM
Peter Norsky, Biol
Erik Norwak
Michael Novacek, ChE
Maliha Nowrouz, BIT

Katrina Nunnally, Soc
Glen Nutting, IDS
Marie-Michele N'Zi, BIT
Marcy Obenchain, MGT

Jennifer O'Hara, Math
James Ohl, ME
Rebecca Olsen, ESM
Kristina Olson, Comm

Where did you like to spend your free time?

The KAT house
- Katherine Berardelli, HD

Working in studio.
- Where else?
- Craig Berman, ID

In the depths of my imagination in my room with a bottle of Labatt Bleu.
- Abhishek Mohunta, ESM

Jenny Orca
Ryan O'Reilly, Fin
Matthew Ormsby, Arch
Katherine Outlaw, Mktg

Jordan Owens, EE
Andrew Pachuta, MGT
Nicole Pajoohi, BIT
Erin Palinski, HNFE
El Rodeo
- Rachel Roop, ESM

Zeta Tau Alph has been my home away from home! I love all my sisters!
-Ginna Kelly

Free time?
What's that?
- Dave Brown, AE

Robin Payne, Biol, HD
Anne Pembaur, CT
Steven Penn, AE
Trixie Perillo, HTM

Courtney Pershall, CT
Brian Peterson, ISE
Jason Pettrey, ChE
Quang Pham, EE
Rich Sachsel, Comm
Krishna Saddler, ACIS
Catherine Sadosky, Mkgt
Diana Salazar, Psyc

Zebulon Sale, Fin
Joseph Sanchez, Psyc
Precious Sancho, CEEN
Susan Sanders, Comm

Alba Santo, CS
Amy Saunders, ACIS
Nikolai Sazonov, CpE
Miriam Scheidt, AE

Mike Schenck, EE
Noah Schiller, ME
Robert Schilz, ME
Christopher Schlobohm, Econ

Matthew Schmid, ME
Mark Schmidtke, Biol
Joseph Schmitt, MGT
Susan Schook, Comm

Alaina Schrager, Mkfg
Elizabeth Schu, EPP
Thomas Schultz, CpE
Michael Scöllick, EE

Adam Scott, Psyc
Jennifer Scott, HTM
Tara Scott, EPP
Twanna Scott, ECE
What's your favorite sandwich to order from Macado's?

Buffalo Boo!  
-Rachel Roop, ESM

Cowpoke, no tomato.  
- Shira Cantor, Comm

I love the salsa con queso!  
- Ginna Kelly

Christopher Shaw, CpE  
Natalie Shaw, Psyc  
Grover Sheldon, CS  
Sarah Shelor, EE

Frank Sherrand, BIT  
Brendon Shimizu, NRR  
Adam Shores, Fin  
Elliott Shoup, AE
Monday nights are Hindy night!
Buy one and eat for a week!
- Craig Berman, ID

Julius Caesar with no marinara.
- Erika Moore, FST
Ryan Vernon, ME
Angela Via, TED
Tiffani Villeneuve, Mktg
Sandeep Vinjamuri, CS

Michael Voicheck, TED
Jennifer Vonusa, Engl
Katherine Voorhies, ME
Elizabeth Voorhies, Biol

Andrew Vu, Fin
Tri Vuong, EE
Douglas Wadsworth, AE
Anthony Wakefield, PSci

Charles Waldron, CpE
Elizabeth Walker, Mktg
Gordon Walker, PSci
Jessica Walker, AE

Stephen Walker, CS
Brian Ward, CpE
Dana Ward, DaSc
Heather Ward, Mktg

Justin Warnick
Christina Waryas, Comm
Tracy Waterman, Engl, Fr
Juvonda Watkins, Soc

James Watson, Art
Lauri Watson, EnSc
Megan Weaver, ACIS
Robert Webb, HIDM
What will you remember most about Tech?

Studio, Taco Bell, WUVT 90.7 FM, all-nighters, 301 G, and Miss Emily.
- Craig Berman, ID

All of the friendships I made!
- Alison Burns, Soc

Party clean-up with my "DV" bros.
- Beau Correll, IS

Jennifer Wilberger, Mktg
Aaron Williams, Art
Sherry Wilk, Comm
Mary Wilkins, PSci

Andria Williams
Kelley Williams, AE
Kristen Williams, MSE
Philip Williams, Mktg
The Huckleberry Trail!
- Katie Blye, BIT

My Theta sisters.
- Amanda McKee, EPP

The great friends I made and the memories we’ve shared.
- Karin Leroy, HD

George Wood, ME
Marsha Wood, Biol
Matthew Woods, FSci
Ruby Woodworth, Comm

Brandy Woolsey, ApSc
Andrew Wright, Hist
Whitney Wright, CSES
Amy Wu, IDST
Degree Abbreviations

AE-Aerospace Engineering
AAE-Agriculture and Applied Economics
AGIS-Accounting and Information Systems
AnSc-Animal Science
APSc-Animal and Poultry Science
AOE-Aerospace and Ocean Engineering
Arch-Architecture
ART-Art

BC-Building Construction
BIOC-Biochemistry
Biol-Biology
BIT-Business Information Technology
BSE-Biological Systems Engineering

CE-Civil Engineering
CEEN-Civil and Environmental Engineering
ChE-Chemical Engineering
Chem-Chemistry
CpE-Computer Engineering
Comm-Communication Studies
CS-Computer Science
CSES-Crop and Soil Environmental Science
CT-Clothing and Textiles

DaSc-Dairy Science

EeAS-Economics (Arts and Sciences)
Econ-Economics (Business)
EDCI-Curriculum and Instruction
EDPE-Health and Physical Education
EE-Electrical Engineering
Eng-English
EnSc-Environmental Science
EPP-Environmental Policy and Planning
ESM-Engineering Science and Mechanics

FiW-Fisheries and Wildlife Science
For-Forestry
Fr-French
FSc-Fisheries Science
FST-Food Science and Technology

Geog-Geography
Geol-Geology
Ger-German

HD-Human Development
HIDM-Housing and Interior Design
Hist-History
HNFEE-Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise
Hort-Horticulture
HTM-Hospitality and Tourism Management

IDS-Industrial Design
IDST-Interdisciplinary Studies
IS-International Studies
ISE-Industrial Systems Engineering

LAr-Landscape Architecture

Math-Mathematics
ME-Mechanical Engineering
MGT-Management
MinE-Mining and Mineral Engineering
Mktg-Marketing
MSE-Materials Science and Engineering
Mus-Music

NRR-Natural Resources Recreation
OE-Ocean Engineering

PHED-Health and Physical Education
Phil-Philosophy
Phys-Physics
PSci-Political Science
Psy-Psychology
PUA-Public and Urban Affairs

RPM-Residential Property Management

Soc-Sociology
Span-Spanish
Stat-Statistics

TA-Theatre Arts
TED-Technology Education

VIED-Vocational and Industrial Education
VM-Vet Medicine
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After months of meticulous planning, designing and pure, hands-on labor, the Visual Design Studio 4 is now open in downtown Blacksburg. The studio is a combination between graphic design business and an educational opportunity for Virginia Tech students.

"It's kind of like a transition between being a student and having a real job," said Jade Ryan Minnich, the VDS4 project manager and a senior graphic design major. The business side of the studio consists of taking on such projects as creating logos for companies or even redoing a company's entire visual identity, Minnich said. The educational side involves letting student interns gain professional experience—giving them a boost in the post-graduation job search, she said.

Truman Capone, the creative director of VDS4, said that in addition to educating students, the studio will help the university achieve Tech President Charles Steger's goal of becoming a top-30 research institution. Profits made by VDS4 will go straight back to Tech—particularly to the College of Arts and Science and the art department, Capone said.

The studio offices, located at 620 N. Main St., under Bogen's, was built entirely by student interns and professors, Capone said.

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International Week

International Week 2002 was full of food, music and dance. It was an opportunity for students, faculty and the Blacksburg community to learn about other cultures and their traditions.

The International parade kicked off the week full of events. Students in traditional dress, accompanied by a band, marched around campus from Squires to the Drillfield. In addition to the parade, one could get a glimpse of African culture when students performed skits, danced and played music for an audience in Haymarket Theatre.

On Saturday, April 6th the Street Fair was held on College Avenue and Draper Road. The event was full of food, music and fashions from all over the world. The afternoon event drew a large crowd throughout the community.

Throughout the week there were luncheons and international movies. One afternoon there was a rice and tea tasting event. These were excellent opportunities for those who liked to try new things.

International week ended with the World of Dances. The event was full of dances and skits. Salsa and merengue were a few of the dances that were performed. Live music was provided by the band Solazo. Each year the Tech community looks forward to the week-long cultural showcase.

by Jessica Marshall

full of tradition
Students expose others to their cultures. Students wore traditional dress at the International Fair and many groups performed dances. Students marched with their traditional flags in the International Parade.

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**Colleges & Departments**
In an apparent coordinated terrorist attack against the United States, four commercial passenger jets crashed on Tuesday, three of them into significant landmarks, CNN, New York.

At 8:45AM on September 11, 2001, the hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 jet crashed into the north World Trade Center tower tearing a hole in it and setting it afire. 9:03AM, another hijacked jet, United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the south World Trade Center tower. 9:40AM the Federal Aviation Administration halted all U.S. air traffic. At 9:43AM, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. At 10:05AM, the south tower of the World Trade Center collapsed. At 10:10AM part of the Pentagon collapsed, and United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked, crashed into Somerset County, Pennsylvania. 10:28AM the north World Trade Center Tower collapsed.

A witness in Manhattan told WABC-TV, We heard a big bang. Everybody started running out and we saw the plane on the other side of the building and there was smoke everywhere and people were jumping out of windows.

Another man, who escaped from inside one of the World Trade Center towers said, We moved out the back toward Broadway. The police were saying, Don't look back, don't look back. We never had any fear of the building collapse I'm still sinking in the full severity of it.

All suspicions immediately pointed at Osama bin Ladin and his group of followers known as Al Qaeda. In a taped conversation of bin Ladin and his associates, he bragged about knowing about the plans of the attacks beforehand and said the destruction was beyond his hopes. New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani said about bin Ladin, Obviously, this man is the personification of evil. He seems delighted at having killed more people than he anticipated, which leaves you wondering just how deep his evil heart and soul really is. Government officials identified about 50 people thought to have been behind the attacks

So became a day that will live in infamy, September 11, 2001. This day of tragedy that caused Americans to come together and show their patriotism and support for the United States. Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day? Out in the yard with your wife and children or working on some stage in L.A.? Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke rising against that blue sky? Did you weep for the children who lost their dear loved ones and pray for the ones who don't know? Did you burst out in pride of the red, white, and blue and the heroes who died just doing what they do? Did you look up to heaven for some kind answer and look at yourself and what really matter? sang Alan Jackson.

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Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve, said President George W. Bush.
“In a country as large as the U.S., it is easy for a person to feel small and insignificant. For once in my life, I felt like I was part of the American race.”

Kim Mattern  
senior  
early childhood development
Do you remember where you were on September 11, 2001? For many reading this, you were in Blacksburg, VA. In this emotional time, the community of Virginia Tech came together to show their support for America. Afternoon classes were canceled on September 11th. Students congregated on the Drillfield for numerous vigils. In a service on the night of the attacks, people of all backgrounds came together as speakers from many different religions, such as Christian, Jewish, and Hindu, spoke about the tragedies.

Through all the hope and prayer, there was one group that was discriminated against. With most of the blame for the attacks being placed on Osama bin Laden, Middle Eastern and other Muslim people were encouraged to stay home for their own safety. Some students expressed anger for having to endure verbal attacks because of stereotyping. Hokies United, a club formed to unify students, faculty, and other Virginia Tech employees, was created in response to the attacks. The group held a spiritual gathering the day after the attacks and sold t-shirts to raise over $1,500 for the American Red Cross.

“When I heard the news on 9-11, I stopped dead in my tracks. All of my petty daily worries disappeared in an instant as my heart went out to the victims and my mind raced through just what it would mean for everyone in America,” said Brett Salmons, a sophomore industrial and systems engineering major.

“I woke up to some announcer on my alarm/radio talking about it. I turned on the TV to find out everything was true. The rest of the day was weird, everyone just walked around with a blank stare, pondering the magnitude of what just happened,” said Kent Phillips, a junior computer engineering major.

“I feel I can relate to my parents better. Now, I will have something to talk about with my own kids when they get older,” said Sara Riggan, a freshman horticulture major.

“All we can do is pray and love. Love is the only thing that can combat hate,” said Noah Papas, a junior engineering science and mechanics major.

“It was the single most influential freshman impression I had about college and Virginia Tech itself. It’s safe to say that I am proud to be a Hokie and more importantly... an American,” said Dorsey Ficklin, a freshman business and economics major.

Wherever one was and whatever one was doing when they initially heard about the attacks was permanently locked in our memory forever.
This year of violence and opposing views has seen the rise of a new movement. Many people are demanding justice and peace, but the violence continues.

Photo: The Virginia State Police were called in to deal with the protests.

Photo: Jennifer Jackson, the son of a fallen police officer, speaks at a rally.

She received significant support from her community.

Photo by John Robinson.
“What do you Remember?”

When looking back on the year, it is hard to remember everything that has happened in the past two semesters. It seems as though everyone fell into their routines and moved through the days so that each new day became similar to the previous. However, there were those stories that drew attention and routine for many was broken.

On the afternoon of October 11, 2001, there was a bomb scare in the Newman Library. Buildings around the library were shut down as well, which included Squires Student Center and the University Bookstore. The alleged bomb was in a men’s bathroom on the fifth floor. The bomb scare was a hoax and when the bomb was examined it was filled with liquid soap.

This past year a Virginia Tech student ran for mayor in the Town of Blacksburg. Beau Correll, a sophomore international studies major, ran against 20-year incumbent Roger Hedgepeth. Correll decided to run for mayor because he believed that it was important to represent the students of Va. Tech because 60% of the Blacksburg residents were students.

For the first time ever, a Virginia Tech student won the Fulbright Scholarship. The scholarship was awarded to Michael Schmidt, a graduate student in crop and soil environmental science. The prestigious award fully funds a student at any overseas university of the students choice to pursue a masters degree. Schmidt will study at the London University College and pursue a masters in the public understanding of environmental change.

A severe case of meningitis affected the life of a young female basketball player. Rayna DuBose was hospitalized on April 2nd after being diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. The freshman center on the women’s basketball team was taken to the University Medical Center where she underwent an operation on Monday, May 6th. After the operation she was listed in good condition.

Virginia Tech held the first annual Relay for Life to benefit cancer. The event, held at the Johnson-Miller outdoor track, began in the evening of April 12 and lasted until mid-morning of the 13th. Although it rained for much of the event it was a huge success. Students rallied together teams of up to 15 people and one person from the team had to be out on the track at all times. Over $50,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society.

These were a few of the events that stood out in our minds from the year. Some were unfortunate and others were positive but they all were memorable.
Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt lower the U.S. flag Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2001, off the coast of Norfolk, Va. The carrier began air operations within hours of leaving the port and heading into the Atlantic Ocean. Navy officials declined to say whether the attacks had changed the battle group’s destination. <i>Wide World Photo</i>

anti-war protesters in the group AWOL hold a gathering. Many students as well as faculty, staff, and other members of the Virginia Tech community were involved in this group. <i>Photo by Robert Drake</i>
the war against terrorism

Operation Anaconda began October 7, 2001 in response to the attack of September 11th. The operation in Afghanistan was so named because the objective of the mission was to "squeeze" the Taliban and the al Qaeda terrorist group out. The Taliban was a "group of Islamic fundamentalists, mainly from Afghanistan's Pashtrun ethnic group, which is the country's largest ethnic group. The Taliban gained control of most of the country in 1997 and instituted an extreme form of Islamic law". The Taliban was accused of harboring the terrorists. Al Qaeda was an international group of terrorists headed by Osama bin Laden, that was suspect for many terrorist acts, including the September 11th attacks.

Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck was in charge of the U.S. military operations in Afghanistan. Also fighting alongside the Americans were anti-Taliban Afghans as well as Chechen, Uzbek, and Mongol. As of March 14, 2002, five hundred al Qaeda and Taliban were confirmed dead and as many as 800 were assumed dead. "We have eyes on them. We know where they're going. If I was an al Qaeda leader, I'd sleep with one eye open," said Hagenbeck.

At Virginia Tech and around the U.S., many people protested the war. AWOL was an anti-war group organized at Virginia Tech. They held protests and carried signs. People however showed mixed opinions toward these protesters, some supported them but others did not. A Virginia Tech graduate, Jeffry Buechler, rode a stationary bike on different occasions on Main Street with a sign bearing the words, "pedaling 4 PEACE" on it. Chris Clement, a visiting professor of political science said, "The bombings are part of a racist, hypocritical policy against the people of the Middle East for the past 50 years. The U.S. has planted the seeds of mayhem and destruction all over the world."

On the other hand, "Our enemy...are certainly dead-enders – the most committed, the most dangerous trained killers, and as we've seen, the least likely to surrender. Nevertheless, we've killed hundreds of them and will continue combat operations in the Shah-e-kot Mountains until we remove the terrorist parasites that threaten Afghanistan and the peace of the world," said Hagenbeck.
safety first
Shoes are checked by an X-ray machine at Zurich-Kloten airport, Switzerland, Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001. The security measures on the airport were tightened and shoes of passengers bound for the U.S. are being X-rayed after a passenger tried to ignite an explosive in his shoes on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami Dec. 23, 2001. (a.p wide world photo)

tickets to carnage
A man holds five tickets as others wait in line for their free tickets to a ground zero viewing platform, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at South Street Seaport in New York. In an effort to control swelling crowds at the site of the devastated World Trade Center, the city gave out free tickets to a viewing platform overlooking the attack site. (a.p wide world photo)

a watery pit
Two New York City firefighters shelter from the rain, one in the jaws of a cleanup excavator, as the recovery efforts continue at the World Trade Center site in lower Manhattan. Two flag-draped stretchers bearing victims from the World Trade Center attacks exactly four months ago were carried from the recovery site, in New York, Friday, January 11, 2002. (a.p wide world photo)

ground zero
Work continues at ground zero of the World Trade Center site Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, in New York. The towers in back are part of the World Financial Center; the view is to the west, with the Hudson River and New Jersey on the horizon. The bodies of 10 firefighters and three civilians were pulled from the rubble of the World Trade Center as excavation crews opened up the lobby of one of the collapsed towers, a firefighters union spokesman said Wednesday. (a.p wide world photo)
In the Aftermath

On January 7, 2002, thousands of people stood in line for hours in order to reach the viewing platform overlooking Ground Zero. "I'd say it's the most important nation-shaping event in my lifetime," said David Crosby, after viewing the site.

"I can feel it at a distance, but I really want to feel it up close," said Dorothy Dillard.

"It looks like a hole. It looks like hell," said Mariel Fernandez.

Firefighter Anthony Carbone said, "It's opened old wounds. You start to get to that point when time heals a little bit, but the fact of the matter is that you really want them back, you really want them out of there, you want to be able to place them in a grave and know that there's a place to rest for them."

Since, September 11th the way of life in the United States changed for many people. The Food and Drug administration published new guidelines to protect the nation's food from contamination by terrorists. Airport security was much tighter as well. Passengers faced longer lines and more delays, but did not complained for the most part. "They're welcome to go through anything I have, at any point. So my safety is worth my time," said one passenger. Some people changed how they travel such as arriving at least two hours early and packing less bags.

Also, some airlines took measures to ensure that their pilots could defend themselves in the cockpit. United Airlines begun training their pilots to use stun guns. "Our goal is to make sure we keep the bad guys off the airplane, if they get on airplanes, to keep them out of the cockpit, and, if they try to get into the cockpit, that we have a way of absolutely stopping them," said Hank Krakowski, United airline's vice president of flight safety. However, United must have the permission of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta to put the devices in the cockpits.

Other than just security measures, September 11th changed the way many people viewed their lives and how they lived them. It brought families and friends closer together and the nation as a whole closer together. Everywhere one could see some form of patriotism, from a flag sticker on someone's car to a patriotic celebration at a sports event.
CONSTANT STATE of violence

Around the time of 8,000 BC, some of the first agricultural activity took place in the land that is now Israel and Palestine. The first known name of this area was the Land of Canaan and was settled by around 2000 BC. The Jewish people evolved out of the Canaanite people. According to the Bible, Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and to Canaan, where they settled. Many different tribes of people have conquered area many times. The area eventually became known as Palestine. In the AD 600's the Muslim Arabs conquered Palestine.

As the oppression of Jews catalyzed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries began, the Zionist movement began in 1897. They wished to establish a "Jewish Homeland" in Palestine. In 1916 during World War I the Sykes-Picot Agreement of 1916 gave control of Palestine to the British and partly joint allied government control. In 1917, the Balfour Agreement declared that Britain supported the creation of a Jewish national home in Palestine, which was formalized in 1922. After World War II, it was discovered that some 6 million Jews had been slaughtered, in part because they had no where to flee to. UN Partition Resolution (GA 181) divided Palestine into an Arab state and a Jewish state. On May 14, 1948, the Jews announced the Independent State of Israel and the British left Palestine. The next day, neighboring Arab nations attacked Israel. Eventually some 700,000 Arabs were driven out of Israel.

In 1964, the six-day war began. Tensions between Syria and Israel over Syrian attempts to use water from the Jordan River for irrigation caused Egypt to close the Straits of Tiran. Israel attacked Egypt. When the UN cease-fire ended the war, Israel occupied the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, as well as Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and Syria's Golan Heights. After another war against Israel broke out in 1973, a peace treaty was signed in 1979 and Israel withdrew from the Sinai Peninsula.

Recently, in July 2000, Palestinians insisted that refugees had the right to return to Israel, which would create an Arab majority in Israel. Palestinian violence, triggered by Israeli leader Ariel Sharon's visit to Jerusalem, broke out on September 28, 2000. Despite attempts at peace by UN and U.S. officials, Palestinian rebels attacked the Israelis. The attacks on September 11th, 2001 had direct repercussions for the on-going conflict. Many Americans began to view terrorist groups in a different light. The Palestinian demonstrations in favor of Bin Laden did not go over well either. The US and other groups seemed to give Israel more support in their actions against Palestine. However, the Palestinians only stepped up the attacks as well as suicide bombings. During the last week in March 2002, the Palestinians launched suicide attacks almost every day. A bomb in the Park Hotel in Netanya killed 27 people who were celebrating Passover. Israel launched a large-scale raid to try and find the leaders behind the terrorist attacks. Hundreds of Palestinians were killed during this raid and the violence still continues. As of April 28, 2002, talks of peace despite all of the conflict were still underway.
the eyes of a child
A barefoot Palestinian boy aims his toy
plastic assault rifle at Israeli tanks during
clashes in Beit Hanoun at the northern end
Israeli troops and tanks searching for mili-
tants moved into Palestinian areas at the
northern and southern ends of the Gaza
Strip before dawn Saturday. © a.p. wide
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yasser arafat
Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during an
interview with CNN satellite channel at
his office in the West Bank town of
Ramallah Thursday Feb. 21, 2002. CNN
interviewed Arafat after Israeli Prime
Minister Ariel Sharon made a televised
speech addressing the current situation
with the Palestinians. © a.p. wide world
photo
closed hazard
Post offices around the
country shut down as more
cases of anthrax were found.
Photo by Shannon Dwyer

crime scene
Police searched the mail in
order to quarantine contam-
inated goods. Photo by
Robert Drake

a national threat
A Des Plaines, Ill., fireman
brought out clothing in yel-
low plastic bags of Postal
employees that had come in
contact with a unknown
white powder on some mail
found at the Des Plaines Post
Office in Des Plaines,
Monday, Oct. 15, 2001. AP
wide world photo

too close for comfort
People were at first confused
as to why the post office was
closed. Photo by Shannon
Dwyer
Since that tragic day of September 11, the scares of bio-terrorism and biological weapons have lurked in the minds of many Americans and Europeans. Out of the three most common biological threats, anthrax rose above botulism and smallpox as the easiest to manufacture and store.

Not long after the attacks on America, letters containing a white powdery substance entered the hands of an NBC newsman. After this, letters turned up everywhere from Capitol Hill to the Post Office in Blacksburg. Although not all envelopes were infected with the white anthrax spores, emergency crews and decontamination teams took necessary precautions to make sure all bacteria present, if any, were contained and disposed of properly.

Virginia Tech Police Chief Deborah Duncan said, "Tech postal workers have been wearing masks and rubber gloves..." to make sure all precautions are taken and all are safe.

The anthrax events either on or around the Virginia Tech campus began on October 15, 2001 when a white powdery substance was found on a chair at the Math Emporium at the University Mall. Once a sample of this substance was sent to the state lab, the negative results put the Virginia Tech community at ease.

For the next four consecutive days, anthrax suspicions were reported to authorities. The October 16 scare of simple silica gel was found in a trash can at the intersection of Hahn and Davidson halls. October 17th brought the Virginia Tech community stuffing from a chair in the Communications Network Services (CNS) building that was thought to be anthrax. A bleach stained towel in the junction of Shiffert and McComas halls was the reason for suspicion on October 18th. CNS had yet another scare on October 19th, where white powder was merely sugar. Five days later on October 24th, more white powder was discovered on South Gate Drive at Personnel Services, only turning out to be coffee creamer.

Safety Engineer for Virginia Tech's Environmental, Health and Safety Services Charlotte Wagner said that "There was no evidence of anthrax or any other dangerous materials in any of the cases," but that "The FBI is immediately called if it is determined that a case is a potential terrorist act".

The threat of biological weapons will not cease in the future. Americans can no longer live fearfully in the country of endless opportunities. On November 6, 2001, President George W. Bush stated, "Today, our freedom is threatened once again," and it will be threatened for years to come.
skeleton
Jim Shea of the United States began his first run during the men's skeleton final at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in Park City, Utah, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002. a.p wide world photo

patriotism
USA's Casey FitzRandolph carries an American flag during his victory lap following the men's 500m speedskating competition in Salt Lake City, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002. Fitz Randolph won the gold. a.p wide world photo

controversial gold
Elena Berezhnaya, second from right, and Anton Sikharulidze, right of Russia and Jamie Salé, left, and David Pelletier of Canada posed with their gold medals at a special awards ceremony for the figure skating pairs competition at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002. a.p wide world photo

opening ceremonies
Fireworks erupted following the lighting of the Olympic torch during the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City Friday, Feb. 8, 2002. a.p wide world photo
let the games BEGIN

The 2002 Olympic Winter Games held in Salt Lake City, Utah proved to be a spirited and entertaining event that helped to uplift the spirits of many Americans in the wake of terror. The United State's athletes acquired 34 medals almost tripling the previous games' total. A judging controversy and a doping scandal were handled with seriousness which helped keep the games secure.

In freestyle skiing Americans Shannon Bahrke and Travis Mayer both won silver in moguls events. Joe Pack won silver in the freestyle event when Alex Valenta of the Czech Republic landed a historic jump. Cross-country skiing was wrecked by controversy when Larissa Lazutina and Olga Danilova of Russia and Johann Muehlegg of Spain tested positive for darbepoetin. Lazutina was stripped of her gold medal but kept her two silver medals. Muehlegg was stripped of one of his three gold medals. Danilova was disqualified from one race and was allowed to keep her gold and silver. Ole Einar Bjoerndalen of Norway swept up four gold medals in the biathlon, an event which combined skiing and target shooting. In the women's biathlon, Kati Wilhelm of Germany won two golds and a silver medal, while her teammate Andrea Henkel also won a gold.

Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers of the U.S. won the gold medal in the women's two-man bobsleigh, defeating teammates in the USA-1 bobsleigh Jean Racine and Gea Johnson. Flowers became the first black American athlete to medal in the Winter Olympics. Germany won the gold in the men's two -man and four-man men's bobsleigh. Todd Hays and Brian Shimer ended a 46-year dry spell in the bobsleigh event winning silver and bronze medals. Germany's Georg Hackl won five medals in the luge events. The U.S. men's sled won silver in the doubles event.

A judging controversy surrounded the Russian pair of Elena Berezhnyaya and Anton Sikharulidze that received the gold medal over the Canadian pair of Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. The Canadian pair ended up receiving a second pair of gold medals. Sarah Hughes won the women's figure skating gold with Michelle Kwan receiving the bronze. The Canadian men's ice hockey team defeated the U.S. team for the gold. The Canadian women's ice hockey team also narrowly defeated the U.S. team. Ross Powers, Danny Kass, and J.J. Thomas all of the U.S. swept up all three medals in the men's snowboarding while Kelly Clark won the gold in the women's event. Jim Shea, a third-generation winter Olympian won gold in the men's skeleton. Tristan Gale and Lea Ann Parsley won gold and silver in the women's skeleton. Derek Parra and Chris Witty both broke world records in speed skating to win gold. Apolo Anton Ohno won a gold in the short track skating for U.S. as well.
power
Arizona Diamondbacks celebrate defeating the New York Yankees 3-2 in Game 7 of the World Series Sunday Nov. 4, 2001, at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. At center foreground was Diamondbacks' Steve Finley.  a.p. wide world photo

finesse
Venus Williams right, and her sister, Serena, pose with their trophies after their U.S. Open women's singles final in New York Saturday Sept. 8, 2001. Venus defeated Serena 6-2, 6-4.  a.p. wide world photo

speed
Ward Burton, with son Jeb, left, at his side, lifted the trophy in Victory Lane after winning the 2002 Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002.  a.p. wide world photo

endurance
Lance Armstrong, of Austin, Tex., flashed the victory sign after he won the Tour de France cycling race after the 20th and final stage between Coober Pedy and the Champs Elysees avenue in Paris Sunday, July 29, 2001.  a.p. wide world photo

strength
Miami's Andre Johnson kissed the Sewn Trophy as teammates quarterback Ken Dorsey, right, Daryl Jones, left, and Carl Walker looked on after the Hurricanes defeated Nebraska 37-14 in the 85th Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Calif., Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002.  a.p. wide world photo
the memories, the pride, the patriotism

The past year, the sports world has played with more enthusiasm than ever before. The players and fans expressed a pride for their country like never before while the events themselves were as secure and safe as possible.

At the Super Bowl in New Orleans, LA, the New England Patriots defeated the St. Louis Rams before a crowd of almost 73,000 fans. The pre-game and halftime shows both honored the heroes of September 11th as well as the victims. On a night when the fans chanted "USA" the underdog Patriots contained a potent Ram's offense led by Kurt Warner. Although the MVP of the game was Tom Brady, the Patriots' quarterback, New England strong safety Lawyer Milloy said, "Nothing against Brady, but the MVP for us was Belichick, because we all knew he'd come up with something to stump them." Belichick, the Patriots coach was able to create a defense that would hold up to the Ram's offense. Brady was named MVP after completing 5 of 8 passes in the final minutes including two spiked balls and Adam Vinatieri kicked a 48-yard field goal to win the game as time expired.

Also in football, the Miami Hurricanes played the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the Rose Bowl for the National College Football Championship. The 'Huskers were no match for Miami who won the game 37-14. Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey threw for 362 yards and 3 touchdowns and Andre Johnson caught seven passes for 199 yards and two touchdowns.

Another highly anticipated college championship game was the NCAA men's basketball championship. The much-favored Maryland Terrapins defeated the Indiana Hoosiers 64-52. Juan Dixon was named MVP and scored 18 points while teammate Lonny Baxter scored 15 points. This was Maryland's first national championship title and Indiana's first championship loss.

In baseball, the Arizona Diamondbacks won the World Series against the New York Yankees. After being defeated in extra inning by New York twice got their revenge and the championship. Luis Gonzalez hit a single RBI in the ninth inning to give the expansion Diamondbacks their first World Series and defeat the three-time defending champion Yankees.

In the first NASCAR race of the season, the Daytona 500, Ward Burton captured his first win in a race that was filled with wrecks and caution flags. A many car wreck with 6 laps to go and an error made my Sterling Marlin sealed the win for Burton, the first Daytona 500 winner from Virginia.

Tiger Woods won his third green jacket at the Masters. He shot 71 for 276 total, 12-under-par, and a 3-shot victory over Retief Goosen. Woods became the second youngest three-time winner.
American music awards

Destiny's Child, from left, Kelly Rowland, Beyonce Knowles and Michelle Williams, held up the two American Music Awards they won for favorite soul/R&B band and favorite pop/rock album at the 39th American Music Awards in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002. (AP Wide World Photo)

Alicia Keys holds up the five Grammys she won at the 48th annual Grammy Awards, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Los Angeles. Keys' song "Fallin'" won song of the year, and she was named best new artist. She also won three awards in rhythm 'n' blues categories, tying Lauryn Hill's 1999 record of five awards. (AP Wide World Photo)

Britney Spears performed with 'stache during the finale of the 2001 MTV Video Music Awards Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at New York's Metropolitan Opera House. (AP Wide World Photo)

MTV aired the Video Music Awards on September 7th, 2001. Fatboy Slim's video Weapon of Choice won six awards. Christina Aguilera, Mya, Pink, and Eve won the video of the year award for the Lady Marmalade video from the Moulin Rouge soundtrack. During 'N Sync's song Pop, Michael Jackson made a surprise entrance. The song won three awards. The awards show also featured a tribute to Aaliyah, the R&B star that was killed in an August plane crash. Missy Elliott, U2, Jennifer Lopez, and Britney Spears were among those that performed.

At the American Music Awards the women swept up the awards. Destiny's Child, Alicia Keys, and the late Aaliyah all won two awards each. Michael Jackson received the artist of the year award. Country singer Tim McGraw won favorite male country artist and favorite country album as well as collecting his wife, Faith Hill's favorite country artist award. Performers included Britney Spears, Cher, Lenny Kravitz, Kid Rock, Toby Keith, and Usher. Also the new Coca-Cola New Music Award, which goes to an unsigned artist went to Carbon Leaf, a modern rock band from Richmond, VA.

The People's Choice Awards held few upsets. ER and Julia Roberts once again received awards. ER won its ninth award for favorite TV show. Tom Hanks took home two awards in the midst of tough competition. Friends won favorite comedy and Jennifer Aniston took home the female performer award. Garth Brooks and Faith Hill won best male and female musical performers with 'N Sync snatching the favorite group award. Shrek won the favorite motion picture award.

The Golden Globes were on January 21st. A Beautiful Mind and Moulin Rouge both dominated the awards. A Beautiful Mind won four awards, including best dramatic actor for Russell Crowe. Moulin Rouge won three awards and Nicole Kidman took home the best actress in a film musical. Sissy Spacek won best dramatic actress for In the Bedroom. Gene Hackman won best actor in a comedy for The Royal Tenenbaums. The Cecil B DeMille award for lifetime achievement was presented to Harrison Ford.

Alicia Keys was the one to beat at the 2002 Grammy Awards. She collected five awards from her six nominations, including best song for fallin' and best new artist. U2, with eight nominations, won four awards including best record for Walk On and best rock album for All That You Can't Leave Behind.

The 74th Oscars were a landmark event for African-American stars such as Halle Berry and Denzel Washington who won best actress and actor awards. A Beautiful Mind won best film and director award, as well as best supporting actress and adapted screenplay. The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings won four Oscars as well. Moulin Rouge and Black Hawk Down each received two awards. Gosford Park and Iris each took home one award. Robert Redford received the honorary Oscar for lifetime achievement. Sidney Poitier won an honorary award for his long career as well.
**Events**

**Year in Review**

A national tragedy
Fire and smoke billows from the north tower of New York’s World Trade Center Tuesday Sept. 11, 2001. Mounting an audacious attack against the United States, terrorists crashed two hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center and brought down the twin 110-story towers.

**in the beginning**
New York City skyline was shown in 1990 with World Trade Centre’s twin towers in the center.  a.p. wide world photo

**retribution**
First Sgt. Johnathan Blossom, of the 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, runs for cover past a mortar during a fire fight, near Shkand, Afghanistan. The position was being attacked by mortar fire, rocket propelled grenades and heavy machine gun fire. Although U.S. forces have used high tech weaponry in the conflict the latest battles in Operation Anaconda have often come down to mortar vs. mortar. a.p. wide world photo
flashback

Firefighters hose down debris that landed in the backyard of a house at 128th Street at the scene of the crash of an American Airlines jumbo jet en route to the Dominican Republic with about 255 people aboard crashed moments after takeoff from Kennedy Airport in the Queens borough of New York, Monday, Nov. 12, 2001. © AP Wide World Photo

a world of chaos

Demonstrators place a barricade during anti-government protests near Buenos Aires's Plaza de Mayo Thursday, Dec. 26, 2001. Hundreds of protesters demanding the ouster of Argentina's beleaguered president clashed with riot police Thursday, escalating unrest threatened to unravel the-faltering government and plunge the country deeper into chaos. The death toll from two days of violence climbed to 19. © AP Wide World Photo

landmark burns

Smoke pours from the Cathedral of St John the Divine after a fire broke in the rear of the cathedral in New York, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001. The historic Episcopal church has been under construction for more than a century. © AP Wide World Photo
a dreadful reflection
A single engine airplane crashes into the Bank of America building Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5, 2002, in Tampa, Fla. According to Tampa Fire Department spokesman, Captain Bill Wade, the Conair 3000 was registered to a St. Petersburg flight school. Tampa Police Department spokesman, Joe Durkin said it was not known how many people were aboard the plane or in the building.

corporate scandal
Former Enron CEO, Kenneth Lay said a brief statement before he asserted his Fifth Amendment right and refused to testify before Congress Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002 in Washington.

the eternal flame
Members of the 1980 U.S. Gold Medal Olympic hockey team list the Olympic flame at Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium during the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City Friday, Feb. 8, 2002.
a lost jewel
A flower and a photo of slain American journalist Daniel Pearl is placed at the front door of Stanford University Memorial Chapel. A memorial service for Pearl took place on the university campus Monday, Feb. 25, 2002. Pearl was a student at Stanford in the mid-1980s. President Bush said the United States is "interested in dealing with" the Islamic extremist implicated in the slaying of Pearl, but expressed confidence Monday that Pakistan is doing enough to round up Pearl's killers.  ap wide world photo

it still continues
New York city firefighters, police, and others stood at attention as an American flag-draped body is carried from the rubble on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at the site of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks in New York.  ap wide world photo

yellow alert
Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge unveils a color-coded terrorism warning system Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in Washington. Ridge said the nation is on yellow alert. The five-level system was a response to public complaints that broad terror alerts issued by the government since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks raised alarm without providing useful guidance.  ap wide world photo

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We are so proud of you! Looks like you're in hog heaven! ILU

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Kate

We're so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Anna

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Dear Will,
Continued success and happiness in the future. We love you always.

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Dear Lee,
We knew you could do it. We are certain you will be a success in your next endeavor.

Love always.

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Dear Jeff,
We are so proud of you. The future is yours now.

We love you always...

Mom and Dad

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Teri Pincus

Dear Teri,
Grab your piece of the world.

We love you...

Mom and Dad

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Tim Kosmaczewski

Dear Tim,
We would wish you luck for the future but with your attitude and work ethics you won't need luck to achieve whatever you put your mind to.

Thanks for being the loving and caring son and brother you are. Always remember we're all here for you—winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have to do is call.”

Congratulations on your very successful years.

We all love you.

Dad, Mom, Bill, Jamie, and Mike

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Eden Porter

Dear Eden,
Never lose your sense of wonder. Hope you always choose to dance.

Love you...

Mom and Dad

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Lisa Unhi Bradshaw

Dear Lisa...YOUR hard work and caring attitude have paid off.

We are so proud of you, and we wish you a successful life.

Love,

Mommy, Daddy, Linda, Tim, and Jacob

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Kristina,
Reach for your dreams, we are so proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Steven

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Nicholas Meyers

May the rest of your life be as Happy & Profitable as your college years, and may God continue to guide your path.

We love you always...

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Jeffrey Chesman

You are one of the three brightest stars in our universe. May you shine ever brighter.

We love you!

Mom & Dad
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Michael H. Buck

We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

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John James Charonko

You’ve loved books from the time you were small
You seemed to say, “I want to know it all.”
A wonderful goal we all say
Your college graduation another step along the way
But one can never know too much it seems
For knowing makes possible a life filled with dreams
We hope your future is full of smiles, adventures, and dreams.
Happy Graduation

Love-Mom, Dad, and Kate

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Lyndon Easton

Dear Lyndon,
Reach for the Kingdom of God,
then all things will be yours!!
We love you forever,
Mom, Dad, & Malika

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Charity Davis

Always know...

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

Love,
Mom, Fred, & Michelle

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Thomas Wm. Schultz

Dear Tom:
You set high goals for yourself and achieved them. We’re very proud of your accomplishments.
May success follow you wherever you go!

With pride and love always,
Mom, Dad, Bob, & Christiana

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Tim Marshall

The world is now open before you.
Make the most of it.

Your family with love,
Dad, Mom, Don, Kelly, Cassandra & Emily

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Amanda Huffman

Congratulations

Philippians 3:12-16 and 4:6-9
“Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

You carry my love with you always,
Mom

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Ashley Jana Spicer

Congratulations

Dear Ashley,
Congratulations on your graduation! You have worked so hard to get to this exciting day and we are so proud of you. You are such a special, intelligent, and beautiful young woman with a fantastic sense of humor and a wonderful love of life. Our wish for you is that your life be filled with happiness, love, good health, success, and many happy memories. Do great things with your life Ashley and make a difference in this world.
We will always be here for you.

We love you more Dimplex...Mom and Dad

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Eric

Now that you have conquered this mountain, it is time to relax and enjoy the view.
Congratulations on your graduation!

I Love you,
Amanda

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Brett Coverdale

We are proud of you and all you have achieved in mind, body, and spirit. Continue your journey with our love and support always.

Mom, Dad, Stacie, and Amy
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Congratulations
Joshua Johnson

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and he shall direct your path. Proverbs 3:6

Love and Blessings, Your Family

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Cameron Ogden

Congratulations to Cameron Ogden, Class of 2002!

We’re so proud of you.

Mom & Dad

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Kristen Laine

Dear Kristen,

Congratulations on your graduation! Your many accomplishments and successes have surpassed all our dreams. Continue to set lofty goals, strive to be all you can be and enjoy being all that you are.

We love you very much!

Dad, Mom, and Laura

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Congratulations
Angela Lynn Wills

Dear Angela,

What a special time it is for all of us as we celebrate your graduation. Ever since you were small, we knew you were destined for great things. We are extremely happy and proud of you and all your accomplishments. As you graduate and move forward with your life, always remember, “If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.” God bless you always.

We love you very much,

Dad and Connie, Pop-Pop, Steve and Bee, Sue and Johnny

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Congratulations
David A. Cecil, III

Dear David,

Job well done! We are so proud of you. Your future awaits.

We love you...

Mom, Dad, Alicia, and Christian

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Congratulations
Kevin Sharp

Dear Kevin,

Reach for your heart’s desires. We are very proud of you.

We love you always...

Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Grandpa

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Congratulations
C.J. Waldron

Dear C.J.,

We are certainly proud of you and admire the many ways you have touched others’ lives. We trust that God will continue to bless you.

Love always,

Dad, Mom, and Mike
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Congratulations

Matthew Schrader

And in one of his earliest roles, we give you:

Matthew Thomas Duffy Schrader

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Congratulations Regina Romano

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Congratulations on receiving your Degree in Human Resources. We’re so very proud of you!

You’ve surely had a lot of fun these past four years in Blacksburg; but more importantly, the best part of those years you were working very hard toward your degree and expanding those infinite little gray cells so that you will have a great foundation for a very bright future.

We wish you peace, happiness, good luck, and the help of God’s grace in everything you do, always.

Buona Fortuna, Regina Bella

Your Loving Family
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Congratulations
Holly Disser

JUST DID IT...

Hope is the companion of power, and mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has within her the gift of miracles. 

-S. Smiles

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Evan

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Congratulations
David Johnson

To our favorite Engineer:
Here's to a job well done.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kate

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Congratulations
Channing A. Reed

Dear Channing,
A time to feel proud of your hard work and commitment, to celebrate all you have done and everything you can do.

Love,
Mom

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Congratulations
Sean Kennelly

Dear Sean,
Oh the places you will go and the things you will see. May God bless you and protect you.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Erin

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Congratulations
Danny Scott Monroe, Jr.

From a "Hokie" to a "Tar-Heel"
Good luck in grad school and may the Lord be with you as you enter the next phase of your life, pursuing your PhD in Chapel Hill.

We are so very proud of you and love you very much.
Always,
Mom, Dad, and Justin

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Congratulations
Fred Palau Okrak

Dear Fred,
The sky is the limit.
The best to you always.
We are so proud of you.

Our pride and joy, we love you always...
Mom, Dad, & Ronald

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Congratulations
Ronald A. Bowers

Dear Ronald,
Since you were a child you always wanted to be an engineer. Your hard work and perseverance in pursuing your dream is an accomplishment that makes us proud of you. May God protect and guide you in your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Travis

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Congratulations
Nicole Nahlik

Dear Nicole,
You have been our dream come true. Now may all your dreams come true. Reach for the stars...the universe is yours.

All our love,
always...
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Chris

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Congratulations
Scott Gayzik

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I just want to say thanks to everyone on the yearbook staff for making this year's book the best yet. A special thanks to Jess and Ryan for being more than co-workers but also great friends. I'm going to miss you guys very much. Make sure you come back and visit.
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Another year gone by... this is my last at VT and with The Bugle and I am sad to see it all come to an end. My four years with The Bugle have had such an amazing impact on my education and personal growth, more than I could ever mention in this short goodbye. Most importantly I would like to thank Rob for getting me involved in the first place. He knew I would fit in and love it before I ever did. I want to thank Jess for taking on the role of Editor and bringing The Bugle back to life. We had a great year and if not for her hard work we never could have made it! We loved to stay in the office for 12 hours straight to finish deadline, right Jess? You are a great friend and I will miss working with you (and Rena and silly Ryan). To Rishi, Heather, Alison, Monica, Lucas, Erik, Rashonda, Mike and Jessie: thank you for all your hard work on the Business Staff and for picking up my slack. I know that entering orders was tedious and the phone calls sometimes ridiculous, but you all managed to pull it off. To Alison and Rena: I wish you the best of luck next year, you will have my support if needed always. I cannot believe that this year is over... thanks to the girls of 7200E and to the gang at 32E (whether you lived there or just came to check out the special fridge in the living room) for putting up with my occasional att, being some of the greatest friends a girl could have. I will miss Blacksburg in all its simple pleasures... breakfast at Gillies, wing night at PK’s (it seems all I ever did was eat out), the River!!!, Downtown- Ho Ho’s especially, and the best looking campus I have ever seen. Goodbye Virginia Tech!

Amanda May Keith
Business Manager
For many, this will be the end of their journey at Virginia Tech. For others who look forward to the next year at this university it was only the beginning. For all, it is a year that we will remember unlike no other.

Whether looking at the pages of this book or moving through life let your mind’s eye take a closer look so you will always see.
look at music

Infectious Organisms impress the crowd with their performance that is pumping with energy. The band from Richmond, Virginia performed during Soundfest on the Drillfield on April 6.  Photo by Russell Hollbrook
look at culture

These dancers perform to a group of onlookers whose eyes and ears are opened to a new culture. The 43rd annual International Street Fair gathered together many people throughout the Blacksburg community. Photo by Jere Kleemann
Thousands rally to end violence against Palestine in Washington, D.C. This peaceful demonstration attracted many Virginia Tech students.  Photo by Ryan Walls
look at activity

Members of the crew team practice on Claytor Lake as the sun rises. It was a time for the team to work together and enjoy their beautiful surroundings. ✨ Photo by Ryan Willis