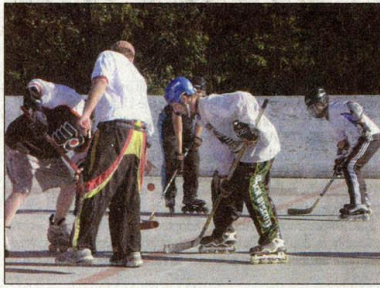


Renovating the rink



Roller Hockey Club holds out hope for a new rink as plans for basketball facility threaten to tear it down.

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CT Bracket Projections



The CT sports staff breaks down the South and Midwest regions of the NCAA tournament.

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News Notes

Police arrest man after dog attacks police officer

Yesterday afternoon 64-year-old Clyde G. Gillespie, Jr. was charged with permitting an animal to run around aimlessly when his pit bull terrier attempted to attack a police officer. The Blacksburg Police officer had been responding to a person who needed assistance in recovering a car. While at the scene, Gillespie had opened the door to his house and allowed his dog to follow him outside.

The dog then attacked the officer, who fired a shot and missed. As a result, the dog became frightened and Gillespie was able to gain control of it. The owner's dog was considered not vicious, and nothing will happen to the dog. The police stated that there will be no effect on the town as a whole as a result of the issue being an individual affair. No one in the incident was injured.

Hokies' baseball team wins first conference game

The Virginia Tech baseball team had a strong start to conference play over the weekend, winning two games of a three-game series against No. 21 Georgia Tech. In the first game of the series, the Hokies withheld a late Yellow Jackets surge and won the series opener 5-3.

The Yellow Jackets responded in a big way the following day however, and punned the Hokies 19-4. Georgia Tech rode an eight-run sixth inning then followed it with a six-run eighth to eliminate any hopes of a Hokie comeback.

Tech then showed the ability to bounce back following a tough loss, and won the final game 5-4 and took the series. The Hokies rallied in the top of the ninth when Jose Cueto batted in the tying run in the final inning, and Warren Schaeffer notched the game-winning RBI with a single to left field. The Hokies (10-6, 2-1) return to the diamond for a game at Liberty on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Beyond the Gates to show Rwandan genocide

HOLLYWOOD - "Beyond the Gates," which opens Friday, chronicles the first five days of the 1994 Rwandan genocide in which extremists from the Hutus, the country's majority tribe, went on an ethnic-cleansing rampage, turning machetes and machine guns on the minority Tutsis.

When the violence broke out, some Tutsis and moderate Hutus took refuge at the Ecole Technique Officielle in Kigali. The secondary school was also the base camp for UN peacekeepers from Belgium. But after the Belgians were ordered to vacate, the

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Vanpooling comes to Tech

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The Office of Transportation and the Virginia Tech Fleet Services have united to form a one-year pilot vanpooling service that will be available to all permanent and full-time Tech faculty and staff.

The Virginia Tech Fleet Services, which falls under Parking Services, has leased four 10-passenger vans to start the initiative on March 19.

"The mission of Alternative Transportation is to promote and encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation like bicycling, walking, carpooling and riding transit to get to, from and around campus instead of a single occupancy vehicle," said Office of Transportation communications manager Jennifer Harris. "In keeping with this mission, Alternative Transportation manager, Debby Freed, decided to introduce a new program: vanpooling."

The program was created for areas with low population. "Vanpooling is frequently used in areas where the population density is not high enough to support transit," Freed said. "This is a pilot program which was approved for one year by the vice president for facilities."

It has taken nearly two years for this idea to be implemented, but Tech employees and those in neighboring counties have already expressed an interest in the program. One faculty member is appreciative of the Office of Transportation's continuing efforts to serve employees.

"I've read about the new vanpooling program and I think it is a VAN pg. 2 >

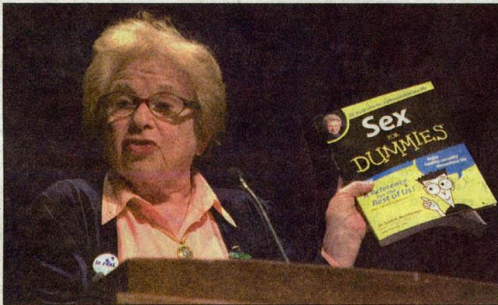
Tech Triumph



CLARK RUHLAND

The Tech men's basketball team cheers in the South End Zone suite of Lane Stadium after their 5-seed announcement for the NCAA tournament. For more on the upcoming games, see page 6.

Sex doctor cracks myths and jokes



PAUL PLATZ/SPPS

Dr. Ruth Westheimer spoke in Burruss Auditorium, giving students advice on sex and the human body.

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Last night in Burruss auditorium, the well-known 4-foot-7-inch Dr. Ruth Westheimer, author of "Sex for Dummies," spoke to students and local residents about sex, cracking its many myths, discussing her opinions of sex, and even giving young men and women homework to benefit their sex lives.

"I want everyone to find a significant other and for everyone to be sexually literate and to be able to satisfy their partners," Westheimer said in a press conference prior to the lecture.

Always reminding the audience that she is, "old-fashioned and a square" Westheimer began her lecture on the

subject of masturbation for both men and women, elaborating on the ancient custom and how it originates from the Bible story of Onan. She disproved many of the myths that have risen about masturbation.

"There is a myth that women don't masturbate, that men lose their hair, people have to wear glasses, and that boys grow hair on their palms," she said. "There is nothing wrong with masturbation."

Westheimer went on to say that the U.S. has the best data in the world on human sexuality thanks to her predecessors such as Dr. Alfred Kinsey.

According to data, 30 percent of all sexually active women have an orgasm with intercourse, 30 percent have an orgasm when the clitoris is stimulated, 30 percent

believe they have to instruct their partner how to satisfy her, 5 percent can "tighten their thighs," think about erotic situations, and have an orgasm, and lastly, 5 percent have to overcome depression and alcoholism to have an orgasm.

Westheimer stated that her position on abortion is that abortion should be legal but only for when contraceptives fail, not as a contraceptive. In terms of homosexuality, Westheimer made a point that all same-sex couples should have the same respect as heterosexual couples.

"You have to stand up and put your issues on the table," she said.

Following this, Westheimer gave the audience some homework. She advised the girls to contract their vaginal muscles, and "wink at the driver next to you."

For the men in the audience, she advised to stand in front of a mirror and to examine and to "admire" their erection.

"Penis size has nothing to do with sexual satisfaction," she said. "Unless its miniscule."

Westheimer ended her lecture with encouragement to only have sex if they want to and to stand by all personal morals and values.

Following her lecture, Westheimer conducted a question and answer session where she addressed topics such as make-up sex, multiple orgasms, anal penetration, and middle-aged sex.

The night ended with a question addressing the best techniques for fellatio.

"I advise you to leave here and buy an ice cream cone and practice on that," she said.

Dr. Ruth's lecture was the first event in Tech's new Jewish Awareness month.

RHF hosts conference for student leaders

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Two Tech students organized the 2007 Virginia Association of College and University Residence Halls to help delegates from colleges and universities across the state immerse themselves in the pool leadership and methods of residence hall workers across the state.

"The theme for the VACURH conference was "Go Fish," Conference Chair, Meagan Callihan, a biology Major and the secretary for the Residence Hall Federation, helped organize the conference. She said the theme "Go Fish" encouraged students to "feel in" their experiences from the conference.

For her fellow conference chair, Jeyfe Sugang, the theme "Go Fish" meant to "have" multiple schools come in ... and to learn from each school."

Sugang, a psychology major and former RA faced all the challenges of organizing the event with Callihan. Conference Advisor, Yolanda Avent, the Assistant Coordinator for RHF, also helped organize the event.

The VACURH conference was held Feb. 9 through 11.

The RHF philanthropy was a Children's Book donation. Donated books were distributed to children in the New River Valley through Blacksburg Public Library.

VACURH conference staff placed collection bins in local bookstores for the drive.

The conference raised 100 books and \$200, Callihan said.

The books were distributed the weekend of Feb. 24 to children in the New River Valley. The money will be contributed to either the Blacksburg Public Library, or a local public elementary school's library.

VACURH has been working hard to achieve their goal to donate \$1,000 to Heifer International. So far efforts made thus far have put them at 79%, according to the VACURH website.

There are 11 schools, including Virginia Tech, who brought delegates to the conference, Callihan said. There were 10-15 student delegates per school, which amounted to a total of 150 attendees.

Callihan's previous leadership experience as director for RHF last year helped guide her for this event. However, she encourages all those in the midst of such challenges "to plan in advance ... (and to) appreciate the staff you are working with."

Sugang felt that the greatest challenge when organizing this event was "making sure every thing came together at the right

Higher Education funding on the rise

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According to an analysis released Wednesday, March 8 by the State Higher Education Executive Officers, state and local funding for public higher education has been rebounding since it plummeted drastically at the beginning of the decade.

"We collect data annually by our members on state appropriations and tuition revenues," said Charles Lenth, senior associate of SHEEO about the report. "We do it on a per student basis so it is relatively comparable."

According to the analysis,

enrollment has gone up by 14.8 percent, while state and local support per student fell by 14.2 percent, making the five years preceding 2006 a tough period nationally for higher education funding.

"When you are dividing the number of dollars by the number of students, the number of students goes up and you get lower per student expenditures," Lenth said. "In the most recent year, enrollment slowed down dramatically so you are dividing the number of dollars by fewer students."

On a more local note, the state of Virginia is also following this national

Total Education-Related Revenue in 2006

Source	2006	2005
State funds	\$70.7 billion	\$65.6 billion
Local funds	\$7.0 billion	\$6.7 billion
Net tuition	\$36.3 billion	\$33.9 billion
Total	\$114.1 billion	\$106.1 billion

Uses of State and Local Funds by Higher Education

Category	2006 Share	2005 Share
Research/agriculture/medicine	12.3%	13.0%
Public student aid	5.7%	5.6%