IT mourns Virginia Tech victims

By James Boozer

April 16, 2007 will forever be a day that no one will ever forget. Once news of the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech reached our campus, an otherwise normal day quickly became one of deep sorrow for those who lost their lives.

IT's first response came by e-mail from the Counseling Center alerting those who may have had trouble dealing emotionally to the VaTech incident of the resources available to them. The Center also sent out an e-mail statement to IT faculty and staff about symptoms of people “responding to uncertainty,” tips for coping, advice on accessibility. In a joint e-mail statement, IT President Lewis Collins and Jason Tenenbaum, Student Body President, expressed IT’s shock and sadness upon hearing about the massacre at VaTech.

“Our nation witnessed a horrifying and tragic act of violence that no one can understand or justify, a senseless rampage in which lives of young students, much like you and I, were lost for no cause. They were not defending our country in war; they did not provoke an attack or in any way cause harm to anyone. They simply went to class, like each of us do every day, because they aspired to learn more, to become better educated and more fully-rounded persons. And those who lost their lives were not just students, they were also faculty. Professors like those on our campus who teach classes and conduct research every day in order to help advance society. Their lives were taken for no other reason than that they were sitting in the wrong classroom, at the wrong college, at the wrong time. The people who lost their lives yesterday were just like you and me, like the professors that teach us every day, like the friends and mentors we depend on every day we are at IT,” said Tenenbaum in the statement.

IT, along with many colleges and universities, joined Virginia Tech family members across the nation in declaring last Friday an “Orange and Maroon Effect” day to honor those killed and to show support for Virginia Tech students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and friends. According to last Thursday’s edition of IIT Today, “the Orange and Maroon Effect” was born several years ago as an invitation to fans to wear orange and maroon to VaTech athletic events. On April 20, all Americans were asked to be a part of the Virginia Tech family and wear orange and maroon to support the families of those who were lost, and to support the school and community they left behind.

Howard Rod Blagojevich issued a proclamation declaring Friday, April 20 as a day of mourning for the Virginia Tech victims and called for a moment of silence at 11 a.m. The Governor’s proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America suffered a great tragedy on April 16, 2007 when 32 people were murdered and dozens more were injured at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois grieves with those who lost loved ones on that day, and we pray that they and the entire Virginia Tech community can someday find peace and solace in the wake of this senseless act of violence; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine, “April 16, 2007 will be remembered in the hearts and minds of Virginians and all Americans for the rest of their lives.” Indeed this is a tragedy that our nation will never forget, and we come together as a people to mourn with the victims’ families; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kaine will declare a Day of Mourning in Virginia on April 20, highlighted by a bell ringing ceremony at noon (eastern time) in honor of the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is humbled yet saddened to join in this solemn observance, and will hold a bell ringing ceremony in accordance with Governor Kaine’s declaration:

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2007 as A DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE VIRGINIA TECH VICTIMS in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to join in the ringing of bells at 11 a.m. (central time) in memory of those who lost their lives on that dreadful day.

We will continue to invent the future through our blood and tears and through all our sadness ... We will prevail...

-- Nikki Giovanni, University Distinguished Professor, poet, activist

How prepared is
in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy?

By James Boozer

Following the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech on April 16, colleges and universities across the nation are re-evaluating their emergency crisis plans to assure students, faculty and staff that safety measures are in place to protect them. While the odds are extremely high of a similar situation that happened at Tech occurring here at IIT, some can’t help but wonder just how safe are we.

TechNews: What is your response to the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech?
Cohen: My response is no different than any other person’s in that I am saddened that a disturbed or distraught individual would bring so much tragedy into the lives of so many innocent people. From a professional perspective, it certainly reinforces in that I am saddened that a disturbed or distraught individual took place at Virginia Tech?

TechNews: These are the faces you should know from Virginia Tech.

TechNews: What is your response to the tragic events that took place at Virginia Tech?
Cohen: It is not really a matter of difficulty. We can be at any point on campus in a matter of minutes with multiple resources. Sometimes traffic on the city streets pose an obstacle, but [I] assure you in an emergent event, Public Safety will find

TechNews: By the end of last week, I will have met with my Supervisory Staff, the Chicago Police District Commander, spoken to other campus law enforcement officials, and of course our own IT Administration to review our existing response plans to such events.
Cohen: Do IIT have a plan in place to respond to any shooting/hostage incidents that might occur on campus?

TechNews: How difficult is it to design a system in which emergency information is available to everyone at all times?

TechNews: Do IIT have a plan in place to respond to any shooting/hostage incidents that might occur on campus?
Cohen: We do have plans and policy in place for such events, but I cannot go into detail as to what they consist of for obvious reasons.

TechNews: Where should a student or student do we go when confronted with a situation in which you not only heard gun shots, but may be held at gunpoint?
Cohen: I cannot give you a definitive answer as each situation is unique. I would suggest to you that if you hear gun shots you have backed two options: a barricade in place or flee to an area of safe refuges. If confronted at gunpoint, I believe the only option is to do as the offender demands unless circumstances are such that direct confrontation is the only means of self preservation.

TechNews: If you had to choose one thing that you feel is the most important thing that you have done to prepare for a situation at IIT?
Cohen: Our hearts and prayers are with our entire Virginia Tech community. Rest assured that your IT Public Safety Department is committed to providing as safe an environment as possible for students to pursue their academic and social activities. That is our goal now and always.
The politics of tragedy

By Joe Kaiser

"purposelessness" and "hopelessness" will be the more atheist people become, the more

Atheism, abortion, and evolution! See, shootings have in common? Violent video games might like to hear some alternative "explanations" for what happened.

Jack Thompson: What do all school shootings have in common? Violent video games with any national tragedy, I was glued to my computer and TV, packing my brain with every morsel of information I could glean. And while I noticed SideShow very often anymore, but I noticed that tragedy strikes when we least expect it, and that Cho was a seriously disturbed individual.

Ken Ham, writer at Answers in Genesis: Actually, the Church of Scientology: Atheism, abortion, and evolution! See, shooting was madness, and obviously the NRA should be disbanded, and immediately and ungodly laws should be that was OLKO."tzt.

Fred Phelps, who you really ought to Google: God sent a crazed man to shoot at your children.

Author Dinesh D'Souza: Athiests disappear when there is tragedy, I guess. Richard Dawkins didn't speak at any VT funerals, so... Atheism doesn't make their grading criteria crystal clear beforehand, we don't have to wonder about this. Of course, this is a very scary thing, especially as college students, and half the nation's parents of college-aged kids are thinking "My kid goes to school with 200,000 other students, and any one of them could shoot him/her! We have to fix something!" But every day when we wake up we run the risk of potentially committing suicide, so it's just that Cho was a seriously disturbed individual with some kind of psychotic determination, that tragedy strikes when we least expect it, and messying around with society isn't going to fix much of anything.

A frustrated mind's talk!

By Disha Doshi

OK! I can visualize that hint of pleasant shock in your eyes on spotting my article in this week's TechNews. Now I do admit that I have been away for a while now but honestly speaking my life has been a big drug since the last couple of weeks. I was in fact terrified that my life was moving along the course of a renowned Indian writer Manu Pancholi. He started writing a novel at the age of 26. The creative instinct in him strangled him while he was half way through the novel and never came back for a long time. The long wait finally ended when his mind started screaming and the duke of his life at 76. He picked up his pen again and worked on finishing his half done novel and later on went to publish it when he was 80.

Man! The thought of waiting for an eternity to get back to the work I love and enjoy to do (read: writing) scared the hell out of me. So finally with much courage I decided to get hold of my laptop and put up some crap that I am sure by now you guys have the patience and the courage to bear with. Unexpecting that my life is still filled with classes and work, this time I decided to put up my frustrated and crazy thoughts of two incidents on a typical frustrating day.

I go to the Bursar's Office, Main Building to get my much awaited refund back and I make the biggest mistake ever of taking the elevator. Phut! The door closes and I wait for the elevator to start moving. It doesn't. I pinch myself to make sure I am not under the spell of some mental hallucination that does not let me feel the elevator moving. I try to open the shedd door no response. Finally after a long wait that felt no less than 10 minutes (the amount of time in which I could have climbed up the stairs and got back down 5 times) the elevator started moving and finally I landed at my destination. My frustrated mind could only come up with an ingenious idea of replacing the elevator at Chicago's John Hancock Building, the one that travels a distance of 100 stories in almost less than a minute with the elevator at Main Building. HFT! The thought of waiting for an eternity just to make the most basic thing in life go was a scary thought. But overall, if it seems to be "fair", we let it be - they are right, we are wrong, our grade was correct, we are accountable for it, end of story.

So, two points: one, be fair beforehand, and two be ready to take a few extra points, you just want to understand "why" you deserve the grade. But it also touched on grading criteria, and this part was quite interesting. What was interesting was having a professor tell others that yes, they should have a predefined grading criteria, this was an example, in this given question which is worth 5 points, 1 point corresponds with identifying the issue and 4 points with understanding the question. Then why is it that grading criteria? Why do we get non-answers, the question is to bring in a few students in order to give a broader picture of the profession/course into the curriculum and exercises done in that class, but it also touched on grading criteria, and this part was quite interesting. What was interesting was having a professor tell others that yes, they should have a predefined grading criteria, but overall, if it seems to be "fair", we let it be - they are right, we are wrong, our grade was correct, we are accountable for it, end of story.

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Students and teachers can sometimes seem to be on opposite sides, playing a tug-of-war, neither of them wanting to give in and both trying to make the other fall. This is specially the case when you are younger: your homework can never be wrong, it's just the mean teacher that hates you. We've all been there. Well, let me tell you something that my mother was a teacher herself, and both trying to make the other fall. This is specially the case when you are younger: your homework can never be wrong, it's just the mean teacher that hates you. We've all been there. Well, let me tell you something that my mother was a teacher herself. My frustration was so big that I had to beg for a few extra points, you just want to understand "why" you deserve the grade. But it also touched on grading criteria, and this part was quite interesting.

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Horror strikes Virginia Tech
By Kaushik Thinnaneri Ganesan

The escalating epidemic relates to our nation's appetite for unhealthy food and lack of exercise. Today's children eat unhealthy foods in ever-larger sizes. Consumption of high calorie foods like French fries, hamburgers, and sodas has increased 50 percent. In addition, the majority of the kids spend on average of five hours daily sitting in front of computer or television instead of participating in physical activities.

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ISA Cultural Night
- An evening with Indian talent

By Kaushik Thinnenar Ganesan

The 12th of April was a day most Indians had been waiting for this Spring. The reason - the ISA Cultural Night, of course! Not merely because it was a day we could get together at Hermann Hall and spend a few hours watching a plethora of events. More so, because it was a chance for us to share part of our culture with our new friends here from all over the globe. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome them to the show and help them try to understand some aspects of the varied Indian culture, albeit with an extra factor - entertainment.

And the actual event on April 12 was precisely all of that. Beginning with the customary invocation of the Almighty, the event kicked off with a beautiful rendering of an Indian folk song, with Ajay Ramani singing the male portion in Tamil, and Purva Majumdar crossing the female’s part in Hindi. Quite a creative mix for a song composed by the famed Indian Musician, Maestro AR Rahman. And what a performance it was, with both singers performing a wonderful job, going on to become one of the best events of the day.

Next up was a classical dance for a medley of Indian songs, and it was pretty well executed. Some of the other performances included neatly-choreographed group dances, more singing and a solo Break dance for a popular Bollywood song by yours truly, The Masters of Ceremonies - Vinu Mohan, Gautam Gaonkar and Nivedita Chandrasekharan themselves performed in two separate group dances, both coming off really well. The finale was a group dance of, hold you breath - FOURTEEN people! And boy, did they pull off a good job? Snacks were served during the break - in the form of tasty Samosas - fried tetrahedron-shaped pastry shell with savory potato, onion and pea stuffing; Pakora - another Indian snack made of onion, eggplant, lentils, potato, spinach, cauliflower, tomato, and chili, dipping them in a batter of gram flour and then deep-frying them. There was also a sweet - the famous Gulab Jamun, and soft drinks were served.

A big thank you to Bhuvn Patel, President – ISA, Pankti Gala, Cultural Programme – ISA and their team for putting up such a wonderful show! Overall, an evening well-spent in some Indian entertainment. What with the finals week looming large ahead of us, not far away, the ISA Cultural Night was a refreshing “final break” (So to say!) for the Spring ’07 semester.

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IIT Campus News Briefs

- Campus Safety Message
  Illinois Institute of Technology places the highest priority on campus safety.
  The university has a full-time Public Safety Department providing 24/7 patrols and assistance to students, faculty and staff. In addition, we have close relationships and continuing coverage by the Chicago Police Department. To prepare for unexpected events, the university has a thorough Crisis Response Plan. This includes procedures for responding to a range of incidents including severe weather, utility failures, medical emergencies, hostage situations and bomb threats.

- 2007 Alumni Awards
  Each year the IIT Alumni Association Awards honor alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their professions, communities, and/or the university. You are invited to join the IIT community in honoring this year’s winners during the annual Alumni Awards Ceremony. This the following alumni will be recognized:

- Department of Human Resources
  It is the responsibility of HR to develop, implement, and maintain an employee relations program. The focus will be on developing a "people" focused culture.

- Corporate Vice President for Human Resources
  He will remain in both of these roles.

- AM's Mike McCourt Wins Prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
  Mike McCourt (fourth-year Applied Mathematics) has been awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, one of approximately 1,000 such fellowships given annually. After graduating from IIT in May with a B.S. degree, Mike plans to use his fellowship in a PhD program in Applied Mathematics, likely at Cornell University, focusing on numerical methods. NSF designed the fellowships to support graduate study in science, mathematics and engineering. They provide three years of financial support for studies leading to a research-based master’s or doctoral degree.

- Bruce Mueller Named Chief People Officer (CPO)
  After 20 years of service at Motorola, Bruce was the Managing Director of a global outsourcing company that delivered unique integrated worldwide Human Resource and Information Technology solutions to clients that included: Motorola, Inc., Gateway, Chubb Insurance, Rohm & Haass, and General Motors- Europe, among others. He has been active in the school’s Math Club, helped to organize a mathematics-related IPRO, and participated in a summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in Hong Kong.

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**“Blades of Glory” carves up a comedic riot**

By Colin Emch-Wei

**A&E EDITOR**

Ever since the brilliance that was “Anchorman”, I’ve been patiently awaiting a new abstract comedy from Will Ferrell. “Talledega Nights” didn’t do it for me, so that set back the proceedings quite a bit. However, “Blades of Glory” managed to deliver the comedic punch I’ve been patiently waiting for.

The premise behind “Blades of Glory” is simple: professional figure skaters Chazz Michael Michaels (Will Ferrell) and Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder) get into a fight after they tie for a gold medal, and as a result are banned from men’s figure skating. They live their lives in shame, with Chazz working at a children’s ice skating show and Jimmy doing stock inventory at a sports shop. All seems lost until Jimmy’s skater brings a loophole to Jimmy’s attention: he can once again compete, but only in the pairs category. Through a series of chance events, Jimmy and Chazz are united as former foes in the first-ever same sex skating pair. To say the least, hilarity ensues.

Surprisingly enough, Ferrell and Heder make a very good comedy duo. Ferrell’s physical antics and improvisation skills match perfectly with Heder’s uber-geek persona and delivery, and the two play off each other’s characters well. There is a high-level of quotability in “Blades of Glory”, something that I felt was truly lacking in Ferrell’s last couple of movies (“I’m looking at you, “Talledega Nights”). The timing of most one-liners was perfect, which most people in the theater in a state of constant laughter.

“Blades of Glory” is a no-frills, honestly hilarious and stupid escape from life and well-worth the ticket price.

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**The “ABC” of Indian Celebrity Marriages**

By Kaushik Thinnaneri Ganesan

**TECHNEWS EDITOR**

It’s being touted as the marriage of the year in India. And why not? After all, it is a union that will create a new power couple – the Bachchans is news – and it’s happens to be something in the form of arguably the most beautiful woman in the world entering wedlock with India’s biggest celebrity son – isn’t it good enough to make the media go gaga? Or is it, judging by the hype accompanying the event for quite a few months now!

Ever since Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Abhishek Bachchan announced their engagement in January, all eyes in India and town have been focused on their marriage – covering everything right from the pre-marriage preparations to what color the groom would be wearing during the Reception to where the marriage would take place! The couple, now branded the Bradgelina of Bollywood (so much so that some sections of the media have nicknamed them “Abhiwariya”), had been seeing each other for quite some time now. Even in their most recent movie, acclaimed South Indian director Mani Ratnam’s Guru said that the chemistry between them was too obvious to miss. There is reason to believe that the Big B (Bachchan Senior) is not all too happy with the marriage. But again, as they say, “all’s fair in love and war” and some concessions will have to be made if you are India’s most eligible bachelor and your laddylove happens to be the Queen of Bollywood with an international fan following that crosses all barriers. For Abhishek Bachchan, it’s a dream come true, for he has been madly in love with Aishwarya for quite some time. As far as Aishwarya is concerned, well, let’s just hope that things have finally settled for her. She has been single for too long (notwithstanding her penchant for having affairs with the currently-most-happening husk-in-Bollywood – from Salman Khan to Vivek Ghosn to finally Bachchan Jr.). Here’s wishing the couple a (hopefully!) long and blessed marriage life. As far as the seemingly unnecessary media-induced hype surrounding the event, what can we say except that The Fourth Estate is beyond all, and has its own set of rules? The world would be a totally different place if the media didn’t exist. The pen (in this case, the keyboard) has created impossible things out of nothing, and hence, over-indulging in the Abhishek-Aishwarya marriage may well be justified. That this writer even ventured to devote some space in TechNews to this marriage is a classic case in point!

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**Not worth scaring the snot out of Boston**

By Colin Emch-Wei

**A&E EDITOR**

I still enjoy cartoons. I’m a big fan of “Family Guy”, “The Simpsons”, and other adult cartoons. Understandably, when it was announced that “Aqua Teen Hunger Force” was being released as a feature-length film, I was elated and needed to throw some ticket money at a movie theater. Unfortunately, my happiness ended about 5 minutes into the film. The tone is set by a musical number, of which the lyrics state “If you don’t like the movie, we still have your [expletive] money and we’ll spend it on drugs.” With a message like that, I was sure that the film would be either awesome or a complete waste of time.

It was the latter. “Aqua Teen” is probably the worst movie I’ve seen in a very, very long time. With a plot line weaker that a 5 year old and not enough jokes to fill a minute of stand-up comedy, I was left with a feeling of sheer disappointment and a regret that I had dropped almost ten dollars on such a piece of garbage. Enjoy the drugs, guys.

“Aqua Teen” centers the events following the discovery of an ancient piece of gym equipment that Master Shake (Dana Snyder) steals from neighbor Carl (Dave Willis). In doing so, the sentient foodstuffs attract the attention of several of the animated series’ most memorable villains, including the Mooninites and Emery & Oglothere. What starts off as just a quest to get an elusive piece to the workout machine continuous and totally hap hazard adventure to save the Hunger Force’s city and discover their true origins.

My issue with the movie, for the most part, was the lack of overall cohesion in the plot. While I understand that “Aqua Teen” is based off of a series of random events and off-kilter ideas, there simply wasn’t enough to keep me interested. Much like a child with attention-deficit disorder, “Aqua Teen” jumps around in the movie so much to the point that I lost track of what was going on almost immediately. The one-liners were few and far between, and I’m pretty sure that the only other comedic device in the movie was the stupidly random junk going on in the background. Quite simply, all the really clever elements present in the TV series just weren’t in the movie.

Boston, you got all riled up for nothing.
The Perry Bible Fellowship
by Nicholas Gurewitch

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7. Send out (4)
10. Magic word (11)
11. Assess (4)
12. Early Peruvian (4)
13. Seasoned (11)
18. Pixie (3)
19. Cocked (7)
20. Primed (3)
21. Sub-machine gun (3)
23. Dry, as of wine (3)
24. Frequently, in poetry (3)
26. Absence of noise (7)
28. Glaring mistakes (7)
31. Record company (1,1,1)
32. Mad cow disease (3)
33. Assign officially (7)
36. Nips (7)
38. Viper (3)
39. Beer (3)
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42. Poised (3)
43. Comes into view (7)
46. Cloth remnant (3)
48. Decorated with pictures (11)
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20 Things I Learned on FOX News Chicago’s new 90-minute edition, 4/16/07

By Joe Kaiser

1. At small restaurants around Chicago, your credit card can be stolen using disproportionately advanced technology, while at large chains equipment is standardized. Therefore, you should not use a credit card.

2. Are you letting your child buy a belt at a flea market? It may contain knives. Your child can also buy these things on the Internet.

3. Rod Blagojevich still has perfect hair.

4. An astronaut ran the Boston Marathon... while in outer space! (on a treadmill)

5. Sea World is fun for the whole family.

6. Eric, from Chicago, says “I would be happy to contribute to the Olympic Bid.” Thanks Eric.

7. Only 19% of Chicagoans who voice their choice agree with Eric, though.

8. FOX is committed to publicly humiliating Leroy Coleman, a principal who had consensual sex with one of his teachers behind closed doors at a high school.

9. Registered sex offenders apparently can’t be election judges.


11. The weather lady needs to get her hair did.

12. There were a bunch of protestors in Oregon, and they dumped red dye into a river. Some of the shots said they were protesting Iraq, and others said Darfur, so either they wanted to pound out as many protests as they could at once, or FOX mixed up its archive footage.

13. FOX plays “The Final Countdown” by Europe when they are about to tell you “4 Things You Need To Know Before You Go To Bed” as they do for “The FDA is Lax with Food Inspection.”

14. Mark Suppesia, FOX anchor, forgot to file his taxes on time.

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16. Whenever an Alderman is campaigning, they usually only put women in their commercials. One must be old, and one must be a minority. Sometimes they do both in one person.

17. During the News at 9, everybody sits at desks. After 10PM, everyone stands in front of monitors.

18. You can keep track of Cubs Coach Lou Pinella on the “Lou-o-meter”: it is “Lou-sing it,” “On the Edge,” or “Sweet Lou!”

19. A Red Sox fan really pulled a Bartman on Garret Anderson, so they should be banned from the field.

20. Apparently, all Richard Gere has to do to be burned in effigy is kiss an Indian lady.
Who We Haven’t Been Informed About at Virginia Tech

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Ryan Clark
22 year old, fifth year Biology and English major, from Martinez, Georgia. “Stuck” was a member of the VT marching band and served as a resident advisor.

Austin Cloyd
18 year old international studies major, from Illinois. She was interested in a home rehabilitation program created by her mother.

Jocelyne Couture-Nowak
Taught French at Virginia Tech and was responsible for creating the first French school in the town of Nova Scotia. Her husband Jerzy Nowak who also teaches at Virginia Tech had two daughters.

Daniel Perez Cueva
21 year international affairs major, from Peru. His mother and father both live in Peru and have been trying to get visas to be with their son.

Kevin Granata
He was a Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics. He was one of the top five researchers in the country on biomechanics. He continued from Page 12.

Matthew Gwaltney
24 year old graduate student of Civil and Environmental Engineering, due to graduate in May. He was the Sport’s Editor for Virginia Tech Newspaper and was at every Men’s and Women’s Basketball and every Football game.

Catlin Hammaren
19 year old Sophomore majoring in French and International Studies, from Westtown, New York.

Jeremy Herbstritt
27 year old grad student from Bellefonte, Pa majoring in Civil Engineering. He loved machinery and taking stuff apart and putting things together. He did his undergrad at Penn State.

Rachael Elizabeth Hill
18 year old freshman majoring in Biology, from Henrico County’s Grove Avenue Christian School, where she played Volleyball.

Emily Jane Hitchens
19 year old freshman majoring in animal and poultry sciences.

Jarrett Lee Lane
22 year old senior majoring in civil Engineering. Valdicor libertarian of his high school in Harrows, Virginia.

Matthew J. La Porte
20 year old sophomore considering political science, from Dumont, New Jersey. He was a part of the Air Force ROTC program and on VT’s Corps of Cadets.

Henry J. Lee
20 year old freshman majoring in computer Engineering. His family fled from Vietnam in 1994, he is one of 10 siblings.

Liviu Librescu
An Israeli engineer and math lecturer who taught at Virginia Tech for 20 years. Specialized in Aeronautics and was responsible for saving the lives of students, by blocking the door and telling them to get out.

G.V. Loganathan
51 year old environmental engineering professor from Chennai, India. He was a professor at Virginia Tech for 25 years.

Partahi Lobantaran
34 year old doctoral student, studying civil engineering at Virginia Tech for 3 year. He was from Indonesia and his goal was to become a professor in the United States.

Lauren McCain
20 year old international studies major from Hampton, Virginia. On her myspace page she said, “the purpose of her life is Jesus Christ.”

Daniel O’Neil
23 year graduate student of engineering, from Rhode Island. He loved to play his guitar and write songs.

Juan Ramon Ortiz
26 year old graduate student of civil engineering from Puerto Rico. He was teaching a class at Virginia Tech as a part of is grad program.

Minal Panchal
26 year old graduate student who had just gained acceptance to Virginia Tech. She was from Borivali, India and wanted to follow her father’s foot steps and become an architect.

Erin Peterson
18 year old freshman from Westfield High School. She was a 6’0 all basketball all star at her high school and carried them all the way to the district championship.

Michael Pohle
23 year old majoring in biological sciences, from Flemington, New Jersey. He was expected to graduate this year.

Julia Frye
She was a graduate student from Middletown, New Jersey majoring in biological systems and engineering. She was interested in solving water issues in Ecuador, she had been researching this with a professor since last year.

Mary Karen Read
19 year old freshman from South Korea. She was born into an Air Force family and moved around a lot. Her family settled in Virginia after she was accepted.

Reema J. Samaha
18 year old freshman from Washington. She studied classical ballet and loved to belly dance.

Walleed Mohammed Shaalan
22 year doctoral student in civil engineering, from Zagazig, Egypt. He was recently married and had a 1-year old.

Leslie Sherman
She was a sophomore majoring in history and international studies from Springfield, Virginia. She loved to travel.

Maxine Turner
22 year old senior studying chemical engineering, from Vienna, Virginia. She was finalizing her classes before a May graduation.

Nicole White
20 year old international studies major, from Suffolk, Virginia. For more information about the Virginia Tech Hero’s, please visit the Virginia Tech web site.
Who’s Hot? Don Imus; Who’s Not? Rutgers Women’s Basketball Team

By Stephanie Herrera

Hot: Don Imus

That’s right; it’s not a miss print. Don Imus is the hottest thing right now, considering half the college students in the United States didn’t know who he was until his quote of shame. I have to give him credit for exposing how ignorant our country is. This over 20 year talk show host has made his millions from pissing people off. Why in the world is it a problem now? Because his sponsors finally pulled out. That’s what makes this horrific, he was only canceled because of this, not because people were offended and not because he lost listeners. The reason our country works is because it is a democracy. We are given the freedom to hold our own opinions and we are given the freedom of speech. My point is if you walk into a movie about sex, drugs and alcohol, and comes out of the theatre outraged, whose fault is it? Yours, you were the idiot who willingly and knowingly walked into and paid to see that movie. Don’t get me wrong there is accountability for your words. If you are on a television or radio show, you must be held accountable for your actions and words, and must I reiterate that Don Imus has made his living by being a comedian. Only this time his joke wasn’t funny. We have all heard sketchy, racist, sexist, homophobic jokes and laughed, but when the joke isn’t funny that’s when the public has a problem with it. For instance, black comedians almost always compare black and white people in different situations, but when someone of another race uses the “N” word then there is controversy. When jokes are funny and comedians make people laugh, they make money and gain a reputation, but when they are not funny, they are in a world of trouble. This is not okay! Society cannot pick and chose what to tolerate and what not to tolerate, it’s either all or nothing. I don’t feel pity for the unemploy multi-millionaire, but his termination should have been a result of society as a whole, not because he embarrassed his sponsors. The sad part was that Imus was not even clever enough to come up with that comment on his own, the words were spoken through his head phone and repeated by him.

Not: Rutgers Women’s Basketball Team

More power to the Women’s Basketball team for going public about it. There is some question though as to whether or not they took advantage of all the publicity. The team or the coach would have been better off making a general state from the entire program stating, “Don Imus is an ignorant person and he says a lot of idiotic comments, we will not give him the satisfaction of having a reaction, but by just ignoring him.” Instead they all had to get up and say a personal statement about how his comment was offensive. Not that it would have been okay to single out the only white girl on the team, but how offended was she really? By making this the topic in news for several, long, overdrawn days, Don Imus when down in history exactly how he wanted to, famous and rich.

Who We Haven’t Been Informed About at Virginia Tech

By Stephanie Herrera

The media has focus has been deterred to the killer’s life history, what when wrong, how this could have been prevented, and how many times they can play and analyze his homemade, “I’m a psycho” video and has not focused on the lives that the victims lead and never finished. This article is solely dedicated to inform you of the people we should be idolizing.

Faces at Keating: Jessica Patera

By Stephanie Herrera

If you listen to music when you work out what do you listen to? I listen to country or the radio in the gym. I also listen to music on my MP3 player.

<Do you like to play or watch any sports?> Yes, I like to watch baseball and I like to play volleyball and soccer.

<Are you apart of any clubs or organizations?> I do the Phone-a-thon and I am the Vice President of Student Life. Also, I am on the volleyball team here at IIT.

<What do you do when you work out?> I run everyday and lift every other day.

<Height/Weight> 5’8” / 140 lbs.

<Minors> City & Regional Planning

<Year> 3rd year

<Major> Architecture

<Name> Jessica Patera

<Birthday> November 3, 1985

<High School> Niles West

<Hobbies> I like crafts, running and traveling.

<Where do you do your work out (schedule)?> I work out everyday, in the morning or at night.

<Do you know Sports?> Answer to last week’s question: B. Jesper Parnevik

Before Mark Buehrle, who was the last player on the White Sox to get a no hitter, and when?

WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPORTS SECTION or would like to see something else in it

Contact Stephanie

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HEALTH TIP OF THE WEEK

http://exercise.lifetips.com/

“Foods are not good or bad. A healthy eating style is like a puzzle with many parts. Each part (or food) is different. Some foods may have more fat or sugar or salt while others may have more vitamins or fiber. There is a place for all these foods. What makes a diet good or bad is how foods fit together. Balancing your choices is important. Fit in a higher fat food like pepperoni pizza at dinner by choosing lower fat foods at other meals. And do not forget about moderation. If two pieces of pizza fill you up then you do not need a third.”

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Answer in next week’s TechNews

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Baseball

Tuesday, April 24 vs. St. Xavier at 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25 at Northwestern at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 26 at St. Francis at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 at Olivet Nazarene at 12:00 p.m.

Double Header

Sunday, April 29 at MSOE at 12:00 p.m.

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