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Virginia Tech: hurling itself toward the 21st century. 1987 found the university racing to keep pace with both technology and with America's academic communities.

Every university experiences change; Tech's development, however, has been accelerating at an incredible rate over the past few years — faster than many could imagine.

All areas of university life have been affected, ranging from research to dorm life. With the Campaign for Excellence surpassing its goal of $50 million, reaching $95 million by December 1986, research efforts escalated, having many more funds than ever before for equipment and staffing. They also had more building space when Whittemore was completed in early 1986, with the promise of more on the way in the Robeson-Davidson addition.

Campus construction was perhaps the most visible aspect of Tech that was gaining momentum, with new buildings popping up faster and more numerous than in recent history.

In making the big decision to convert Tech's academic calendar to the semester system in 1988, university administration will implement the most dramatic change to overall campus life the university has ever experienced. The 1987-88 academic year will still be on the quarter system but will start earlier at the beginning of September. Most students welcomed the early start, in order to help them better compete with other universities' students for summer jobs and to coincide breaks with those of the other schools.

The university dominated the computerization race, completing the task in three short years: Tech had the most personal computers, public use and privately owned, of any college in the nation. The speed with which it happened was the impressive note, considering that no students were required to buy computers in 1983; all entering freshmen in the fall of 1986 in the colleges of business and engineering, as well as computer science majors, had to make the expensive purchase.

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Few expected the Duck Pond to be finished as early as November. However, the pond did not freeze over for ice skating until the snowstorm at the end of January.

Reflecting how the university has picked up speed in the past few years, Stephan Brock races around the Duck Pond with a friend in November.
Drinking laws have also felt increasing changes in the past few years. The federal government enacted measures that would withhold highway funds from states that did not raise the legal drinking age to 21. It has gone from 18 for beer in 1982, to 19 for beer in 1984, to Grandfather Clause, to 21 for everything as of July 1987. The downtown area has been changing rapidly to adapt to an ever-increasing underaged student body.

Dorm life has evolved incredibly in the last few years — considering that a few short years ago dorm room doors had to be left open six inches or more when a member of the opposite sex was within. With the conversion of most dorms to 'Option III' visitation, which allows 24-hour opposite-sex visitation on the weekends, Tech brought its on-campus housing policy more in line with those of other major universities.

Sports also reflected Tech's growing momentum as the football team won its first bowl game ever — the Peach Bowl.

All in all, it didn't come down to just change — it was a matter of momentum.
The roof of Slusher Tower provided an interesting viewpoint: on the far left of the horizon is the Performing Arts Building, one of the oldest buildings on campus. In contrast, Newman library stands brightly on the far right: its addition was one of the newest structures, completed in 1982. Lights from the War Memorial Chapel's pylons burn brightly in the middle. No matter how fast the face of the campus changed, the Drill Field has remained a familiar landmark central to campus.

Photo by Pollock
Like no other time period, campus construction rolled on

Faster than ever

Construction flew as funds from the Campaign for Excellence continued to roll in, long after the goal of $50 million was passed.

The face of the campus has changed more in the past five years than in two decades, since the construction of the four Prairie Quad dorms. It started in 1983 when the New Undergraduate Facility (athletic dorm) was begun, moving through the construction of the three-floor addition to Whittemore completed in 1986. Construction continued to accelerate as the Duck Pond was renovated from May to November ’86 and crews began the Pamplin and Robeson additions.

Perhaps one of the most significant changes that will alter Tech’s looks as well as its image is the $10 million expansion of Squires Student Center, scheduled to begin in January 1988. The facility will be upgraded to provide a higher quality area for both students and alumni. Part of the beautification plans include a glass atrium on the front of the building.

Construction sped along as research facilities and recreation areas alike were upgraded.

The most prominent construction during the year was that of the Pamplin addition. Construction began at the end of spring quarter, 1986. Robert Pamplin Sr. and Jr. contributed $10 million to the college of business during fall quarter, so the college was renamed in their honor.
The oldest of traditions rolls with the times

The traditions of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets may be something we hold with pride, but even the 114-year-old institution has sensed the rapid change the university has been going through. Cadets had more choices for a career direction than ever and the number of women in the corps was its highest ever.

During the Homecoming football game, General Howard M. Lane, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, and his wife celebrate with the Corps after a Hokie touchdown.

Drum Major Ralph Bradley led the Highty Tighties, Tech’s regimental band, in their performance during halftime of the Homecoming football game.
The corps came out full force in the Homecoming parade on Main Street and later held a pass in review on the Drill Field.
Sports reflected Tech’s Momentum.

For the first time in Tech’s history, the football team won a bowl game — the Peach Bowl, played on New Year's Eve. Maurice Williams breaks away from the pack for a touch down.

Wally Lancaster was a driving force that helped the Hokie basketball team in many of their wins. Changes in NCAA rules allowed a three-point line on the court for the first time.
Students sought relief from the stress of academics in different ways. Finding time to relax, Tracy Bishop practices the piano in McBryde 100.

A flurry of activity depicts one of college students' favorite pastimes: partying. The changes in the drinking laws did not stop parties from rolling on.
Let the Games Begin

Relaxation... students sought diversion from an ever increasingly busy and complex society. They wanted to escape the pressures of academics; deadlines put upon them required anything from three-page long calculus problems to 20 page term papers or huge computer programs. Students also worried about bills and personal problems on top of grade pressure.

Entertainment escapes were diverse: students participated in club activities, went to parties, listened to music, played sports, or simply caught up on lost sleep.

Thanks to the wide variety of concerts sponsored by the VTU during the year, students could find at least one concert to suit their musical tastes and have a fun evening out.

Dating and socializing were some of the best parts of the college environment. In a school of 22,000 students it was hard to be without friends.

Whatever their pleasure, students found ways to relieve stress and keep the momentum of their college careers going.

Sports, whether individual or competitive, were a favorite choice of students seeking to relax and have fun.

Concerts such as George Thorogood and the Delaware Destroyers were a source of entertainment.
The most familiar landmark on campus was Burruss Hall, housing the administration and the central computer services.
Mainstays

Despite rapid change, Tech still maintained some traditions

President Lavery, having been in office for over a decade, provides continuity to the university. In the spring of 1966 he spoke at the Founder’s Day ceremony.

The alumni give Tech a sense of history. At Homecoming members of the class of 1966 were recognized in a ceremony on the Brill Field.
The snowfall dramatizes a western Virginia sunset. The view from Pritchard looks out over Dietrich patio and Wallace in the distance.

In late January 18 inches of snow fell and classes were cancelled for only the third time in Tech's history. The Duck Pond renovation was finished in time for skating in the winter.
Although Blacksburg had a dry fall that kept the vivid colors away, Mountain Lake trees were alive with color.
Events, such as an appearance by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger at Founder's Day ceremonies, gave students like junior A. J. Stone the opportunity to voice their opinions on controversial issues.
Student's routines are dotted with impulse and spontaneity

Momentum was the guiding force that led students through their routine duties, activities and events.

Mid-terms, sports practice, happy hour, study sessions, fraternity meetings and patiently waiting at the computer terminals were just a few, if the time consuming, tasks which were either meticulously planned, or done on impulse.

No two days were ever the same, and spontaneity played its part in the disruption of the average daily schedule.

A quick trip to "the hill" after a big snow, an afternoon of tubing down the New River, or a walk downtown to happy hour was sometimes just too tempting to pass up.

Unexpected interruptions to a daily schedule occasionally surfaced. Very few students were disappointed when classes had to be cancelled for a day in late January because of the accumulation of two feet of snow. On the other hand, many left their classrooms with minor headaches after sitting in class while construction workers were busy hammering and drilling to construct a new building a few yards away.

Usually, however, outside distractions had to be overlooked. The temptation may have been great, but something was needed to keep students on track...it was a matter of momentum.

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Images
Photographers Capture Changing Campus Character

As night falls over "Slusher Beach", students move indoors to study, party or relax with friends.

While visiting friends of his owner, Lama Oubain, "Baby" takes a few minutes to examine the surroundings in Fitchard Hall.

Doing her part to build spirit, a member of the Marching Virginians plays during halftime of the West Virginia football game. The Marching Virginians played at all the home football games and also traveled with the team to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl.
Cheerleader Stephanie Starkey prepares to toss footballs into the crowd during the Homecoming game. The souvenir balls, donated by Budweiser, were distributed by the cheerleaders at each game.

A peach of a game. Three Tech fans who traveled to Atlanta for the New Year's Eve Peach Bowl game join in the celebration on the field after Tech's 25-24 victory over N.C. State.

Come fly with me. As part of the balloon show in Roanoke during the summer, balloonists from all over the country came to Virginia to fly, compete and meet with other enthusiasts.

While visiting the refurbished Duck Pond, in January, Phoebe feeds bread to the ducks. The pond was popular with both students and families.
Whether students drank them or dressed as them, Halloween was a Night for Spirits

The last night of October was a night of mystery and excitement. Halloween night gave college students the perfect opportunity to dress up in costumes and have a good time. Parties were the main source of entertainment on Halloween night. Parties were held at fraternities, in the dorms, in private apartments and, for the first time, on Prairie Quad.

Halloween 1986 differed greatly from previous years due to the change in the drinking age from 19 to 21. Since many students were underage, the change limited the places one could go to celebrate.

Another big change was the closing of two Blacksburg nightspots: Top of the Stairs and After Sundown. Both establishments had held large parties and costume contests. The only remaining bars holding parties were Cricketts and the Marriott. However, these places were only open to those of age.

With no bars to go to, many students turned to private parties. These ranged from fraternity parties with a Halloween theme to dorm socials. A highlight of the night for those too young to drink was the party on Prairie Quad. According to freshman Tom Fabrie, "It was difficult to find something to do. The Prairie was fun, but not what I expected at college."

In spite of the decreased number of activities caused by the tightening of the drinking laws, students made the best of Halloween night. On such a large campus, there was always some place to "haunt."

- Elaine Gracey
Heath E. Covey

Burger King Peter Reuss, Indian woman Don Walters and punk rocker James Arthur enjoy one of the most popular parts of Halloween: dressing up. With the stricter drinking laws, many students chose to attend private parties rather than go to a bar.

Three Blind Mice... Bringing the popular nursery rhyme to life. Rusty Poe, Jill Neebe and Troy Manlove party at the Marriott. Often adding to the creativity of dressing up, many people went out together in a "group costume."
Coming to join the party, not to raid it, "Hawalan Vice" cops, Brian Kane and Frank McDonough add a flood of color to a friend's party. Because of the many festivities on Halloween night, many students party-hopped to socialize and show off their costumes.

With a parrot on his shoulder, pirate Kevin Barber joins in the fun at the Sigma Delta Rho Halloween party. Pirates and witches were joined by more unusual costumes such as robots, beer kegs and Christmas trees.

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- Tom Fabrie
Economics

Halloween 23
Southern grandeur shined for the biggest college dance on the east coast. Annette Ballengee and Randy Vines came to the formal night of Ring Dance ready to party in the spirit of Dixie.

Before leaving to pick up his date, Keith Crussie makes last minute adjustments to his tuxedo. Since Friday night was formal, most of the men attending the dance had to rent proper attire.

Relaxing between dances, Bruce McKinley and Shawn Taylor wait for some refreshments in Old Dominion lobby. McKinley, a senior, presented Taylor with her ring during the civilian ring figure.
With the “Moon Over Manhattan” theme, Ring Dance gave Blacksburg a taste of NEW YORK NIGHTS.

Fabulous decorations and a fancy and fun atmosphere combined to make it an evening I’ll never forget,” said Kirsten Giboney of the class of 1987’s Ring Dance.

The event, which used the theme “Moon Over Manhattan,” was the largest collegiate dance on the East Coast.

Friday night, the formal night, was open only to juniors and their dates. On this night the traditional ring exchange was made. The juniors’ dates kept the rings hidden until the proper exchange time, since superstition said female juniors who saw their rings early risked becoming pregnant within a year; if a man saw his ring early, his date would get pregnant too, according to the superstition.

Saturday, the semi-formal night, was open to anyone with a class ring from any year. Many alumni returned to celebrate with the current juniors.

After months of hard work, Ring Dance was a night that would be long remembered. “When I walked in, I forgot I was even in Squires,” Giboney said.

- Heath E. Covey

A spectacular end to a magical night. Fireworks explode over the campus at midnight, signalling the end of the Friday dance. Ring Dance weekend wasn’t over, however; the semi-formal dance, held on Saturday, was open to anyone with a class ring from any year.

Over a year of planning went into the creation and preparation of the “Moon over Manhattan” Ring Dance. Christmas tree lights, which were attached to the back of the decorations, gave the ballrooms a glow like the New York skyline.

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- Kirsten Giboney
Psychology
Having a vehicle got students

Revved Up

he roar of the engines. The squeal of the tires. The gleam of the chrome. Was it Indianapolis? Daytona? LeMans? No, it was the commuter parking lot at 5 p.m. With over 15,000 students registered as commuters, and 6,000 as dorm students, Blacksburg often looked like New York City at rush hour.

Although they could have ridden the bus or walked to class, most students said that driving gave them more freedom of choice. "If I was just going to class and coming home, I would ride the bus," said Sandra Ely. "Since I usually have somewhere to go after class, it is much easier to drive than to ride home and get my car."

A tour through the parking lot presented a diverse mix of cars, everything from new sports cars to well-worn family cars to dependable, gas conscious compacts.

Gas, and how to pay for it, was one of the big concerns of students with cars. Driving back and forth to campus, as well as to other activities added up to a lot of miles and a lot of gas. While some students used credit, others had to dip into already taxed savings to pay for fuel.

One major problem students with a car on campus faced was the question of parking.

Although the university maintained that there was ample parking, students complained that the available lots were in poor condition and too far from the academic buildings.

Another problem students had with parking was not being able to find a space within a reasonable distance of their class. "I've had to drive around for 15 minutes to find a place," said Anne Meyer. "It's more convenient to drive, but parking is a real hassle."

Convenience was something dorm students had to live without; they had only two places to park their cars: the "I" lot or "cage," at the end of Washington Street and the lot behind the stadium. Since walking was often easier than hiking to the car, driving where they were going, and hiking back, dorm students used their cars mainly for longer trips, such as weekend outings and going home.

In spite of the problems involved, students agreed that having a car at school allowed them more freedom. Unlike at many universities, parking was a privilege enjoyed by freshmen as well as seniors for free. Well, that was, if you didn't count the parking tickets.

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Communication Studies

Classic Class. Tom Petty finishes working on his 1957 Chevrolet Belair two-door. Like most on-campus students, Petty kept his car parked in the enclosed lot known as the cage.
A popular form of travel, at least when the sun shined, was on a motorcycle. The university designated certain areas of the parking lot for motorcycles only, eliminating the need for riders to brave the obstacles of the main lot.

For working or playing: Michael Pue, a junior from Maryland, drove his 1985 GMC half-ton pickup to class as well as social events. Since the truck was four-wheel drive, Pue was able to go many places ordinary vehicles couldn’t, such as high into the nearby mountains.
Though far from the big city, Blacksburg fashion was

Wear It's At

If just one word were used to describe the dress code at Virginia Tech, it would be diverse. Students came dressed in all colors, sizes, styles and fabrics. The majority dressed in blue jeans and pull-over sweaters, but clothing styles ranged from the conservative to the bizarre.

Some students opted for a professional look. Students dressing for this part often had a reason for it: impressing a job interviewer or a fraternity or sorority. A suit and tie for men and a dress or suit for women typically described the more conservative fashion of the business world.

A handful rigged themselves with a military look: camouflage pants, a T-shirt or jersey and high top athletic shoes. "Most guys like to dress in camouflage to achieve the 'Indiana Jones' look," said Jeff Menges, junior in management science.

Some students chose to set trends or participate in fashion fads. A few Hokies outfitted themselves with old-time clothing, shoes and costume jewelry purchased from a thrift store. A less "radical," but certainly as colorful style of dressing included the popular unisexed bermuda shorts and Hawaiian shirts.

If practicality ever played a role in fashion, it did so on this campus. With winter temperatures dipping down to below zero, students found warm sweaters, heavy coats, scarfs and gloves a necessity. The rain, a typical part of the weather, made duck shoes and umbrellas important accessories too.

Sweat shirts and pants were not uncommon. And of course, Hokie attire - imprinted T-shirts, jerseys, sweat shirts, polo shirts and pull-over sweaters with printed Tech emblems and slogans - were popular.

Although fashion had no defined boundaries, one trend did exist. Ninety-nine percent of the student population owned a pair of faded blue jeans, a favorite sweat shirt and a pair of comfortable tennis shoes. "The clothing styles here generally reflect the conservative attitudes of the school, as well as the need to be warm," said Menges.

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Management Science

The country look, jeans, flannel shirts and boots, was popular with both "country" and "city" people. Waynesboro native Dan Hughes and Georgia Gimman of Arlington, both said they wore this type of attire because they felt comfortable in it.
Combining two popular fashion trends for a "layered" look, Shawn Hoffman models a black bulky sweater over a blue sweater dress. These sweater dresses, while considered very fashionable, were also practical for Blacksburg's chilly autumn weather.

Garbed in a paisley shirt, suspendered pants and tennis shoes, Kathleen Eaton typifies the new wave look. Eaton's fashion tastes fit in perfectly with her job of as general manager of WUVT, the progressive music station.

Dressing like most of their friends, Dave Myrick and Cathy Crowder sport the typical student attire. Jeans, denim jackets and tennis shoes composed much of the "fashion" on campus.
Save as they might, students’ money just went with the breeze.

Watching a student balancing his or her checkbook was not a pretty sight. After analyzing their financial situation, many students wondered, “where did all the money go?”

Where did it go? Although most students were able to cover their expenses, it often meant putting a severe dent in their piggy banks. Whether they got cash from working during breaks, from parents, from financial aid or a combination of all three, students never seemed to have enough money.

So where did it all go? Much of students’ cash went to pay for entertainment. Records, movies and partying could easily cost $10 or $20 at one time depending on one’s tastes. “I got a compact disc player for my birthday,” said Kevin Ames, “so now I’m buying discs left and right.” With the average disc going for around $12, this turned out to be quite an expense.

When the hunger pangs hit, students always seemed to have a little spare cash for a quick-“Burger King run.” Another popular hunger-beater was “Krogering,” or shopping for groceries at the local Kroger Food Store. While dorm students’ choices were limited to things that were simple to prepare, off campus students had a wider selection, but also, a higher bill at the checkout.

The one expense that every student had to deal with was bills. Things like telephone, credit cards and, of course, tuition all came with a bill to pay, which further taxed an already stretched budget. Having these costs hanging over them made students more conscious of how their left-over money should be spent. It meant deciding what was needed and what was luxury. “I spent almost $1,000 of my summer earnings last year on phone calls to my boyfriend back home,” said Dawn Fitch, “but it was worth it.”

Money seemed to trickle away into every crack it could, including such seemingly small things as haircuts, toiletries and school supplies. But, as junior Elias Fahel said, “it’s the little things that really add up.”

Combining work with pleasure, these students study and enjoy refreshments from the Squires Snack Bar. As an alternative to an “expensive” Blacksburg evening, some students relied on the cheaper entertainment, like movies or local bands, at Squires.

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Electrical Engineering

30 Student life
Balancing a checkbook wasn't the hard part: realizing how little money one had left was. Monica Blash, a sophomore in general arts and sciences, takes time to work on her finances. In addition to regular expenses, some students had rent and credit card bills to deal with.

Taking a study break to shop could be relaxing, but it could also be expensive. Junior Jolynn Conrad surveys her choices at 7-11 while on a late night shopping trip. Convenience stores, located close to campus, gave students a quick way to settle late night hunger pains.
During spring quarter, the eternal battle continued

**Sun and Fun vs. Getting Work Done**

Warm days, tanning weather, colorful scenery, fun and classes. CLASSES?!! Not exactly a typical combination, but students had to mix the academics and good times associated with springtime during spring quarter. With so many activities going on, people had to make a decision: classes or fun. In many cases, the fun won.

One spring event was Quad Jam, a party on lower quad. "I never met so many people all year long," said sophomore Michael Weber. Students packed the quad, listening to the different bands and enjoying the social atmosphere.

Baseball was the athletic highlight of spring quarter. Many fans took advantage of the hill behind right field to watch the games. For those who would rather play than watch, they got their chance in the intramural softball tournament.

A visit from comedian Robin Williams highlighted the spring quarter entertainment scene. Williams kept the audience laughing from start to finish. "We laughed for weeks after seeing the show," said junior Tony Florence. "People don't know what they missed."

But perhaps the most popular activity during spring quarter was tanning. Lines of pale bodies flocked to the "beaches" around Shultz, Eggleston and Johnson. Toward the end of May when the weather became more summer-like, students carried the fun to the New River to tube, sunbathe and party.

Everyone looked forward to spring quarter's good weather. So maybe the QCA dropped a bit, but students did the best they could to balance the fun of spring and classes. What better way to study than doing the homework while sunbathing.

- Elaine Gracey

Performing some of the music from their show at the White House Easter celebration, the New Virginians close out the final night of Homeshow. Performed each spring, Homeshow was the largest and most technically challenging of the New Virginians performances.

Although alcohol was technically not allowed at Quad Jam, the enforcement was lax enough to allow for festive consumption. Bruce McKinley brought beer, as well as plenty of ice, to his friends as they enjoyed the bands and other activities.
Taking time from watching a baseball game. Collegiate Times Sports Editor John Hunt studies for a class. With so many other activities occupying their time during the spring, students often squeezed a few minutes of studying in wherever they could.

A long way from the planet Ork, Robin Williams performs to an enthusiastic crowd in Cassell Coliseum last spring. Williams joked about everything from his family to world politics. The crowd, so excited with the show, gave Williams three standing ovations.
Behind the rush, campus was filled with Silent Services

As students went through their day to day routines, there were many things happening around them which, while they affected students' lives, went unnoticed.

Probably the aspect most taken for granted by students was the cleanliness of the buildings and grounds around campus. The Physical Plant department employed 150 custodians, each of which was responsible for the maintenance of 24,000 square feet per day. "Our goal is to maintain the quality of the academic environment," Edward W. Oliver, executive housekeeper, said.

The organization was responsible for a total of 3.1 million square feet, including academic, athletic and administrative buildings. Grounds people worked to maintain litter control year round, ice and snow removal in the winter and landscaping in the spring and fall.

The Power Plant was a commonly unknown feature of the campus. The plant was equipped to burn coal, natural gas or oil. However, only coal was used since it was half the price of natural gas, which was cheaper than oil. Using coal to its economical advantage, the plant operated at full capacity during the winter months to produce 20 percent of the school's electricity and 100 percent of its heat and hot water. Heat and hot water were by-products of the steam used to create electricity. During the summer months, the plant relied more on the local power company to supply most of the campus' electricity and hot water since heat was an undesirable by-product in the hottest time of the year. In one year, the plant used a total of 29,202 tons of coal.

The Tech Police department employed 32 officers, with at least one officer on cruise patrol 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Throughout the year, the department offered various awareness programs on topics like alcohol, drug abuse, gambling, property protection and crime prevention in the form of seminars, flyers and on-request presentations. As a safety precaution, the department offered an escort service for those who needed to cross the campus at night. During one month, there were 105 escort requests. Of the average thirty calls per day, the most frequent calls they received were assistance requests, such as keys locked in a car.

In the morning, afternoon and evening, chimes could be heard amplified from eight large speakers on the roof of Burruss Hall. The songs were digitally recorded and programmed to play by Keith Voeks, theatre manager. Voeks had approximately 15 tapes with a variety of music styles: pop, classical and seasonal. The actual chimes were located on the third floor inside five environmental cases, which protected them from moisture. The cases were about a foot wide, two foot long and ranged from two to five feet high. High density recording tapes were used, costing $105 each, that were digitally encoded. The system's computer read the encoding and converted it into sound. Each tape was played about a hundred times before it had to be replaced.

As students hurried between classes, visited with friends or studied for tests, they were surrounded by a silent network of support systems. Although these functions went unnoticed normally, if one failed to operate, such as a dorm without heat, or no mail delivery, then they became uppermost in students minds, at least for a moment.

- Kirsten Giboney

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Executive Housekeeper
- Two employees of the physical plant department make adjustments on the generating equipment in the power plant. The physical plant employed over 100 people, ranging from electricians to plumbers.

- Lenny Slusser tests water samples at the power plant on upper quad. The plant created steam, which was used to create electricity as well as providing heat and hot water to the campus.

- Mike Blau, an engineer with WUVT, goes into one of the steam tunnels under campus to inspect some of the station’s equipment. The tunnels, which ran under almost the entire campus, contained pipes for steam and water, as well as wires for telephone, computer and visual communications.
Charlie Daniels went down to Blacksburg. One of the fathers of southern rock, Daniels, and his band played a mixture of their older favorites, such as "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," along with material from their new album, "Saturday Night USA."

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- Michael Creamer
English
Five different shows made for SpecTECHular fall quarter entertainment

All quarter saw the biggest lineup of top name entertainment ever to play on campus during any one quarter. The Virginia Tech Union's series, Saturday SpecTECHulars, featured five different shows. The concerts, held in Cassell Coliseum after each home football game, ranged from rhythm and blues to comedy to country.

The series opened with a performance by the "Golden Boys of Bandstand," featuring Frankie Avalon, Bobby Rydell and Fabian, who performed their songs from the 1950s and 1960s.

The following week, Ray Charles brought his style of music to the coliseum, playing a mix of country, pop and blues for an enthusiastic crowd.

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One of the Four Tops performs to the enthusiastic, soldout crowd in the coliseum. The show, which started 30 minutes late, lasted for only an hour and a half. Even though the crowd applauded long after the end of the show, the groups would not do an encore.

Concert Series 37
Looking like a refugee from the stone age, Quesa, an iguana, explores the area outside her owner Teri Davis' apartment. Because he was of tropical decent, Quesa could not go out in the winter since he could not withstand the cold.

Although many people shied away from rodents as pets, ferrets actually made good companions. Christine Falkenbach said her pet, Pooka, made living at college feel more like home.

He didn't read very well, but Susie Billings' German shepherd, Braxton, was inquisitive and always wanted to be a part of everything she did. Billings, who lived in Stonegate Apartments, said she was glad the complex did not impose a weight limit on pets since her dog weighed almost as much as she did.
Students’ fascination with pets led to **Animal Attraction**

What gave love and affection, never stole a date, was always there and asked only for some food and a lot of love? Pets, of course.

One of the things that most freshmen left behind when they came to school was the family pet. Since pets were often considered part of the family, this parting could sometimes be as sad as saying goodbye to mom or dad. To help ease the transition from home to the dorm, the university allowed students to keep fish as pets. Although fish couldn’t be cuddled or played with, they were a good for relaxing viewing.

When students moved off campus, one of the first things on many of their “want lists” was a pet. While some opted for the faithful dog or cat, others went for the more unusual, such as birds, rabbits and snakes.

Even though owning a pet meant fitting walks, feeding times and baths into an already hectic college life, most pet owners agreed it was well worth the effort. “He makes a big difference in my workload, but he is well worth it,” said Christine Falkenbach of her ferret, Pooka.

Time wasn’t the only cost of having a pet. Students who lived in an apartment usually had to pay extra rent as well as an increased security deposit. Also, many apartment complexes limited the type of pets allowed by imposing a weight limit on animals.

After a long day of classes, tests, papers and numerous other hassles associated with college life, many students went home to an empty dorm room or apartment. But for those with a pet, they could expect a warm, sincere welcome when they walked through the door.

- **Susi Billings**

*Getting out of his cage for some exercise, Moe perches atop owner Jeff Nelson’s head. Parakeets made good pets because they were easy to care for and took up very little room.*

*Not your run of the mill pet, Ghostly Blaze gets a walk from owner, Lori Burke. Burke, a senior from Maryland, brought her horse to school with her so she could continue to train him through the winter.*

“[My pet] makes a big difference in my workload, but he is well worth it.”

- Christine Falkenbach

Animal Science
Despite the clouds, Homecoming set
BLACKSBURG ABLAZE

Homecoming weekend, the first campus-wide event of the year, featured a large variety of activities for both the students and the returning alumni. The theme, "Over the years... the fire still burns," tied the celebration with the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, as well as expressed the idea that the spirit of Tech was still going strong.

The main festivities began Saturday morning with the Homecoming parade. The Marching Virginians and the Highty-Tighties, as well as a number of area high school bands, marched through town to the Drill Field. The members of the Corps of Cadets also participated, performing a pass in review for members of the class of 1936 who were inducted into the Old Guard following the parade.

The afternoon featured a football game against South Carolina which ended in a 27-27 tie. One highlight of the game was the crowning of the Homecoming queen, Vicki Rockecharlie, during halftime. Rockecharlie, a senior in mechanical engineering, was the first candidate sponsored by the Residence Hall Federation.

A full slate of entertainment on Saturday night capped off the weekend. The comedy of Gallagher filled the Coliseum; the Homecoming dance, featuring the bands Innovation and The Fabulous Cruisers, was held in the Squires ballrooms.

With all the different activities, Homecoming weekend truly offered something for everyone. Steve Nofs, a junior in engineering said, "if you couldn't find something to entertain you this weekend, you never will."

- Heath E. Covey

President Lavery introduces the new Homecoming queen, Vicki Rockecharlie, to the crowd at the football game.

Rockecharlie, escorted by Residence Hall Federation Vice President Alan Baird, was the first candidate sponsored by the RHF.
Although write-in candidates were not allowed, the Hokie bird proved to be a popular king. Surveys taken during the homecoming elections showed that students preferred a more traditional queen to one who acted strictly as an ambassador for the university.

Returning dignitaries 1985: Homecoming Queen Peggy Fox and class of 1936 President J.B. Van Dyck await the announcement of the new queen during halftime of the South Carolina football game.

A splash of pageantry: Wanda Dillard of the Marching Virginians flag corps marches in the Homecoming parade. The Marching Virginian’s alumni joined the 330-member band and the Highty-Tighties and their alumni in the procession.
"Lines are just a fact of life at this university and you just have to learn to make the best of them."
- Michael Pue
- Dairy Science

- Students had to fight the crowds even going back and forth to classes. During class changes, the lines across the drillfield sometimes stretched from War Memorial Gym all the way to the hill leading to McBryde Hall.

- One less line to wait in. When it introduced computerized ID's last year, the university eliminated the lines for validation which sometimes stretched out of the ballrooms in Squires.
Wherever they went, students were Going Nowhere Fast

It was here! The first day of fall quarter. And as students made their way back, they prepared themselves for the most common activity on campus: standing in line.

No matter what the major or the class, the one fact of college life that no one escaped was lines. They existed in every facet of college life, from waiting in line for dinner to waiting in line for athletic tickets. And of course, lines were the first obstacle to be overcome when changing one's schedule.

Getting a good place in the line at the terminals meant getting there early, as much as two hours before the terminals opened. "The terminal lines are a terrible waste of time," said Paul Hughes, a junior in communication studies. "It seems to me the administration could set up more places and get rid of the overcrowding."

Once a schedule was fixed, a student's lines standing days had just begun. The dining halls always seemed to be filled with lines of students complaining about the food they were waiting to get.

After standing in line for terminals and food, students figured there were no more lines, but they were mistaken. If they were going to football or basketball game, students could expect a "pleasant" wait to get tickets. In fact, camping outside in subfreezing temperatures was a given if students wanted tickets for a popular football or basketball games.

Even for entertainment, students suffered through waiting. Bars had to card everyone coming in and the movies always had lines. "Lines are just a fact of life at my university, and you just have to make the best of them," said Mike Pue, a junior in dairy science.

Thankfully, one of the biggest lines had been removed. Last year the university changed to a computerized ID system, thus eliminating the need to stand in line to have the card validated every quarter.

Lines were just a part of life in Blacksburg, just like the parking tickets and weird weather. Maybe all this line standing taught students patience. Everyone who agrees, line up over here.

- Heath E. Covey

Due mostly to procrastination, the lines for the yearbook portrait photographer were long on the last portrait day. Students read the Collegiate Times and talked with friends to pass the time as they waited to "face" photographer Sandy McPhearson's camera.

At the beginning of every quarter, the lines in the bookstore wrapped through the store several times, often meaning a 2 1/2 hour wait for students buying books.

- Student Publication (Photo Credits)
Graduation marked the beginning of

New Roads To Old Dreams

The average underclassman imagined the graduation ceremony to be a dream on the distant horizon if he thought about it at all. But when the underclassman-turned-senior arrived at Lane Stadium on the morning of June 14, 1986, that distant dream suddenly became a reality.

Most of the seniors were feeling excited and festive as they prepared to descend from the five gates of the stadium and fill in the seats below. "From the opposite side of the stadium, it looked like five hour glasses filling up," said Frances Wollesen, a member of the class of 1985. Private celebrations started soon after the ceremony began. After the first five minutes, many of the soon-to-be graduates popped open champagne bottles and toasted their accomplishment.

Unfortunately, the public address system did not function properly, and most could not hear Neil Armstrong's message to the graduates. Unable to hear Armstrong or any of the other official speakers, seniors performed their own ceremony, popping corks and respectfully clapping when each speaker had finished.

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Receiving congratulatory kisses was one of the luxuries afforded a graduating senior. These undergraduates were only one of the many types of graduates that included masters, doctoral, veterinary and honorary candidates.
Keynote speaker Neil Armstrong addresses the 114th graduating class. Because of the faulty public address system, many of the seniors did not hear the official speakers.

The festivity of graduation surpassed the event's formality as seniors brought champagne to celebrate their accomplishments. One observer commented that it looked like a New Year's Eve party, with all the corks popping.

Leading the Cadet color guard into the stadium, Professor Leland J. Axelton carries the mace, which symbolizes the university and its faculty. In use since 1972, the wooden mace may soon be replaced with one made of a precious metal, such as silver, making it more ornate in its representation of the school.

"It was the most boring thing I ever went to at Tech, and I cried all the way through."
- Susie Billings
- Accounting
During the proceedings, feelings alternated between celebration and sadness.

"It was the most boring thing I ever went to at Tech, and I cried all the way through," said Susie Billings, a junior in Accounting. "My boyfriend was graduating and I knew he felt relieved, yet sad because things would never be the same."

Throughout the morning, the stadium played host to a sea of conflicting emotions. While many laughed and cheered with the joy of completion, an equal number cried tears of sadness to be leaving behind four years of friends and memories.

At about noon, 4,961 seniors-turned-graduates began to depart the campus for the final time; for these new alumni, a bright future lay ahead. For those who were left behind, the dream moved one year closer.

As one of their last acts as a group, the graduating seniors sing the alma mater. The alma mater symbolizes the student's dedication to and respect for the university.

University President William E. Lavery presents a doctoral graduate with his degree. Over 270 graduates received their Ph.Ds during the graduation exercises, an increase of 5% over last year. Enrollment in the graduate program has increased steadily over the past decade.

Showering those around him with champagne, Bob Mayo, a business graduate, pops the cork on his third bottle at the conclusion of the graduation exercises. Lynn Bentley, another business graduate, brought the glasses and shared in the festivities.
In the heat of summer, students were **sweating**

Even though it was summer, students still had classes to study for. Susan Harlowe, a senior in communication studies, takes a few minutes to study her history notes while enjoying the sunshine at the Duck Pond. Harlowe was one of 12,356 students who attended one or both of the summer sessions.

Even though Blacksburg had a reputation for being "Bleaksburg," it could be absolutely beautiful when the weather cooperated. Sunset over the campus was not only a fantastic sight, but also signalled the end of another day of classes and the beginning of a night of studying or partying.
n contrast to the regular school year when students had so many things to do and so little time to do them, the summer sessions provided the opportunity to enjoy some of Blacksburg's hidden pleasures while still earning the all important credit hours.

Although lessened after spring quarter, the student presence was still very much apparent. With 12,356 students attending one or both of the sessions, the campus was by no means empty. The drop in population also meant relief from some of the crowding of big college life. "It was really nice not having to fight the crowds; I could even find a place to park," said Lori Nipper, a junior in animal science. "You still had to work in class, but you felt more like an individual and less like a number," she said.

Students attended classes in the mornings Monday through Friday, with a three credit class meeting for one hour each day and class sizes averaging about 20 people.

The one fact of Blacksburg life that students couldn't escape during the summer was the weather. After freezing in the winter, the students sweated all summer. Most students spent their afternoons in air conditioned comfort, studying in Squires or the library.

With temperatures soaring into the 80s, anything cold was popular around town. "You have to eat ice cream fast here in the summer," said Frances Wollesen, a biology graduate. "I always get a cup so I don't lose my first scoop to the heat."

During weekends, students escaped to the New River for swimming, tanning or tubing. Others hiked to the Cascades or played on the Drill Field.

Even though there were fewer students in town, there was definitely not a lack of things to do during the summer. Students still had to study and prepare for their classes, but they also found plenty of time to enjoy the relaxed pace.

- Kirsten Giboney

A place out of the sun. While many people took advantage of summer's slower pace to work on their tans, this kitten decided to find a bit of shade. The warm weather made studying harder, even during summer school, when the workload was less and the pace was more relaxed. Students could take a maximum of nine credit hours during the summer.

Come fly with me. One highlight of the summer was the Roanoke Balloon Classic, held in early September. The event, which drew spectators from around the New River Valley, featured a variety of events, including accurate flying contests and balloon rides.

"You still had to work in class, but you felt more like an individual and less like a number."
- Lori Nipper
Animal Science
Students still wanted to go out, but the night life was VANISHING.

Going out to "close down the town" was a popular plan for a night of partying. The trouble was, with so many nightspots changing and closing, there just weren't that many places left open to close down.

When students returned in the fall, they found many popular establishments either closed or preparing to close. "With everything closing, it looks so barren around campus," said senior Tammy Ferguson.

One of the most popular places with students who were too young to drink alcohol was After Sundown, which closed in the spring of 1986. While Sundown served beer to those who were able to buy, it also featured a non-alcoholic alternative bar for the younger crowd. Because of the lack of an age barrier, Sundown's dance floor was often crowded with students enjoying a night away from the books. The building that formerly held the nightspot finally succumbed to academics as Sundown was converted into a new bookstore, selling students the very books they wanted to forget.

Another popular restaurant-bar which underwent a change was the Cuckoo's Nest, located just off upper quad. Considered Blacksburg's only "fancy" restaurant, the Cuckoo's Nest provided a place to wine and dine after special events like Ring Dance or Mid-Winters. Sub Station II opened in the building in late fall, adding another medium-priced eatery to students choices. With the demise of the Cuckoo's Nest, students were left with only the Farmhouse and Huckleberry Inn, both in Christiansburg, for their fancier dining.

Several other businesses changed hands or formats during the year including the closing of the popular bar Top of the Stairs, and the opening of the restaurant-bar Phoenix. Top of the Stairs, a popular gathering place closed during the summer, and it was uncertain as to the fate of its prime location, being the first building off campus on College Ave. The Phoenix, featuring Chinese food and a dance floor, opened on Main Street in what had been the bar Mr. Fooz.

"Next year, no one will even remember what Fooz was," said Ferguson.

As with any city, the business climate in Blacksburg was fluid and ever changing. This was even more true in a college town, where a business' success depended upon its appeal to the students. With the various tastes of college students, there was sure to be a constant turnover in business, and something new to try and enjoy all the time.

-Heath E. Covey

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"With everything closing, it looks so barren around campus."
Tammy Ferguson
Communications

Bars and restaurants were not the only things to close in Blacksburg. Little Doc's store, which had been at the corner of College Ave. and Draper Road for 22 years, closed in January. The closing left students with only one convenient drug store close to campus, Corner Drug on Main Street.
Happy hours at the Top of the Stairs were one of the most popular ways to relax after class. These students discuss the day's events at the happy hour held by WUVT during spring quarter of 1986. Top of the Stairs closed over the summer.

As part of the festivities for its final week, After Sundown held a mini-skirt contest. This young lady wore a long shirt as opposed to a mini-skirt, but was still declared the winner in the contest, which drew a number of participants.

Like the sign said, it was the end of an era. When After Sundown closed last spring, it meant the end of the only bar where underage students could go to dance and party.
As the curtain rose fall quarter, it marked the beginning of the 20th anniversary season for the theatre arts department. The anniversary was a time to reflect on the past and plan for future expansion. The department produced over 100 shows, from large events to small workshops, from tragedy to comedy to experimentals.

The department tried to do one or more shows from each area of drama every two years. The factors considered when choosing a show were the space needed and the students' needs in terms of exposure, according to Ken Stofferahn, department technical director. Most productions took about eight weeks to produce.

Because the department was fairly small, with only about 80 undergraduates, a great sense of closeness existed between the faculty and students, giving many students a feeling of being part of a "family."

One aspect of the program, which differed from many universities, was that non-majors were encouraged to participate in all areas of a production. Since shows were an extension of classes, actors and technicians got to intermix and see each other's functions.

"Having actors work on the technical side and technicians acting gives each group a new respect for the other," said Boni Hester, a junior in theatre arts.

The department received recognition for many of its shows, with the highlights coming in 1976 and 1984 when the productions of *Waiting For Godot* and *How I Got That Story*, respectively, were chosen as national finalists in the American College Theatre Festival.

The department was planning to move into the newly remodeled Squires Student Center, where they would have, according to Stofferahn, "a fully equipped academic theatre space."

As the theatre arts department applauded its first twenty years, it was also preparing to raise the curtain on the next twenty. With all the expansion, an intermission between acts would have to wait.

- Heath E. Covey

*"Having actors work on the technical side and technicians acting gives each group a new respect for the other."
Boni Hester
Theatre Arts*
In a scene from *Fen*, a story of life in the English lowlands, Nell (Jennifer Massey) tries to scare Cindy Babson and other characters with an exaggerated horror story. In the play on Squires' stage five women and one man played all the parts of poor people living in the country. *Fen* was nominated for the regional competition for the American College Theatre Festival, a preliminary to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Trying to will their team to win, these student actors play a scene from *Bleacher Bums*. The play tells the story of a group of fans at a Chicago Cubs game who are drawn together by their faith in the seemingly lost cause of a victory. The play, a studio production, was produced in PAB 204, a small, intimate playing space.
Stagecraft student, Karen Diener, mends one of the black curtains used to hide the backstage area. Students in stagecraft had class twice a week, but had to work three hours in the shop to fulfill their requirements.

Ken Stofferahn, technical director for the theatre arts department makes last minute checks on his plans as the set for Fri is assembled. Stofferahn dealt with the technical aspects of each production.

Preparing to "fly" a drop, Ken Stofferahn, graduate assistant Steve Brookhouse, and theatre major Lori Gomez tie the cloth to a pipe, suspended from the ceiling above the stage. Flying was used to move large set pieces, too big to handle on the stage.
Theatre Arts gave students the opportunity to work behind the scenes.

Technicalsities

To the average person, a theatre arts production lasted for about two hours and that was all. In fact, the two hours that the audience saw was the conclusion of six to eight weeks work. The technical side of the theatre was far more complex and challenging than most people imagined.

After being chosen for production, a play’s production staff was assigned. The designers were often graduate students, who used the work experience to fulfill requirements toward their master’s degree.

After the production staff was chosen, the scenic designer, in conjunction with the director, created the sets for the show. It was from these designs that the technicians constructed the set seen by the audience.

After all the designs had been completed, they were given to the technical director, who was in charge of taking the concepts and making them work, both in the given space and budget. The technical director made a set of detailed construction drawings of each piece of scenery. These drawings showed the people in the scene shop how to build each item.

Except for certain specialty items, all the sets were built in-house. The scene shop, located under Squires stage, had the equipment to build scenes from lumber, metal and a variety of other materials.

In an interview with the Collegiate Times, Jeffery Ross, a theatre arts major, described the department as being “excellent, with many opportunities for undergraduates to work on large scale productions with full budgets.”

By involving students fully in the technical side of a production, the theatre arts department gave students a well-rounded background in theatre, not available at an acting-only school.

Heath E. Covey

John Pendleton, a theatre major, takes a measurement prior to setting the trusses on which the set for Fiddler on the Roof is supported.

"The theatre department is excellent, with many opportunities for undergraduates to work on large scale productions with full budgets."

Jeffery Ross
Theatre Arts
Though not always quiet, dorm rooms were a popular place to study, since everything needed was close at hand. Colin Rand works on his homework at his desk in Pritchard Hall. The university provided desks and chairs, as well as beds, the rest of the furnishings were up to the resident’s tastes and desires.

Getting together in someone’s room to play cards, watch TV or talk was one of the advantages of dorm living since everyone lived so close together. With the new the visitation rules, which allowed 24-hour, opposite sex visitation on weekends, the fun could go late into the night.

When the university decided to allow microwaves in the dorms, it gave the students, such as Ken Fraine, another option in their dining. Whether for cooking meals or just popping popcorn, microwaves offered a quick route to avoid the dining hall food.
Dorm life turned out to be Not Such a Drag

Where else could a person take a shower with four other people, stay up late talking in a hall or live with another person in a 10 ft. by 10 ft. room? In a dorm, of course.

"Each dorm is like a neighborhood," said Cristie Waxman, a freshman living in Monteith. "You have to learn to get along with other people and learn to accept the weirdness of other people, like those who barf in the trash can outside your door."

Dorm life had its pros and cons. The rooms themselves, while not known for being plush, were given that "homy" touch with lofts, furniture and posters. Many students became amateur interior designers, adding tables, couches and even reclining chairs to the rooms.

Also, living in a residence hall gave students the opportunity to meet new people. "It's like a huge melting pot. You have so many people from so many different cultures and backgrounds," Sondra Henderson said.

Others who enjoyed dorm life commented on the camaraderie and the easy access to campus. But for some, that wasn't enough.

"All I know is that I want out," said West Ambler-Johnston resident Julie Lipman. Roommates, lack of privacy and dining hall food made some students prefer paying rent and food bills, among the other expenses of living off campus.

But many students enjoyed dorm living, evidenced each year by the number of people who registered for the random selection process or lottery.

Having to adjust to living with someone else, often for the first time, made dorm living one of the biggest challenges of college life. For some people, dorm life was an experience they wished to forget; for others, it was like "home away from home."

- Stephanie Scarce
- Chet Childress

"You have to learn to get along with other people and learn to accept their weirdness... like those who barf in the trash can outside your door."

Cristie Waxman
General Arts
And Sciences

"It may not have been fancy, but the food in the dining halls provided students their nutritional needs. Though many students complained about the quality of the meals, dining halls were still a popular place to meet and chat over a filling, if not always appetizing fare."
"About the only thing it's been good for this fall is mud-wrestling," said Jon Berndt about the Duck Pond.

At the start of fall quarter the pond cleanup was half finished and it closely resembled a giant crater filled with mud. The Physical Plant's reserve maintenance fund supplied the $125,000 needed for the renovation, which resulted from the need to take care of the silt accumulation.

The cleanup process involved draining the pond, waiting one month to allow it to dry out, digging out the accumulated silt and refilling the pond with water. Another renovation goal was to improve the Duck Pond visually by adding a cascade between the small and larger ponds.

"When it's finished it should be a good place to kick back. It's needed a change," said Lisa Bayer.

No longer could students find a quiet refuge to study. Gone were the walks or bike rides to the Duck Pond. It was impossible to even drive past the pond without attracting a thick film of dust or mud all over one's car.

While being inconvenient for many students, the general consensus was that the cleanup was long-awaited and definitely long-needed. The Duck Pond, while having been a good place to study, relax or just go for a walk, had long been considered an eyesore on the campus; nicknames included the "muck pond" and the "mud pond."

The special purpose housing residents found some aspects of the cleanup hard to live with, especially the dirt.

"The road stays so muddy; if you wash your car one day, it needs it again the next," said Meg Tomlinson, a Zeta Tau Alpha sister.

One side of the road around the pond was always closed in the day and sometimes at night. So those who lived on Greek Row usually had to back-track to get to campus or anywhere else.

The Duck Pond had a surprise early finish in November; it was ready for winter quarter's ice skating season.

- April Wood
During the renovation, the Duck Pond looked more like a mud bog than a dry pond. Silt accumulation over the years decreased the depth of the pond to 1 1/2 feet.

During the construction, however, the Duck Pond, which had previously welcomed couples, artists and those seeking to relax, was littered with 'No Trespassing' signs.

While the pond was draining and under construction, its inhabitants, ducks and fish, were relocated to the pond at Glade Road and Mountain Lake until the Duck Pond’s completion in early November.
As the proclaimed "War on drugs" continues in the United States, the athletes of Virginia Tech are experiencing its effects.

This year, Athletic Director Bill Dooley has implemented a policy requiring all varsity coaches to test their athletes for drug use.

The program, however, is not new to all teams in the association. Dooley said the football team began testing three years ago.

Basketball coach Charlie Moir said Tech's basketball team is in its second year of testing.

Dooley said by beginning testing three years ago, "we became the first institution in this part of the country to test our football team for drugs."

Tech President William E. Lavery said the expansion of Tech's testing program this year is primarily a result of a policy adopted this year by the National Collegiate Athletic Association "strongly suggesting" that schools test athletes during the season and requiring all athletes participating in post-season play to be tested.

...The American Council of Education estimates that about 100 colleges currently test their athletes on a regular basis.

"It's not a witch hunt though," Dooley said. The purpose of the program is to inform and educate athletes as well as to identify those with problems.

The football team has been tested twice this season and has had "no real problem with the athletes taking drugs," he said.

...Baseball team captain Joe Vienni said, "We've been tested once."

Under the policy, the first time an athlete is detected with drugs in his system, he will be suspended from competition for a week, given personal counseling, and directed to Tech's Drugs in Society course, he said.

Dooley said all entering varsity athletes are required to take the 2-credit course.

The class, taught by Kerry Redican, an associate professor in physical education, addresses such issues as the principles of addiction and analysis of drug categories.

Dooley said second offenders are sent back to the class, suspended from competition for one year and tested weekly during that year. Third offenders are removed from the team permanently, he said.

Football trainer Ed Ferrell said, "There's always an appeals process, though. The player probably wouldn't be kicked off (the team) permanently."

"If they don't want to (take the test), that's their prerogative. But it's also my prerogative, as a coach, not to play them if they refuse," Dooley said.

The new ruling by the NCAA, however, mandates they must be tested to participate in post-season play.

The tests, called urinalyses, previously have been unannounced and require the athlete to give a urine sample while being monitored by a tester who is present to verify the athlete does not try to "alter the sample in any way," Dooley said.

Dooley has a policy of testing athletes he suspects of having a drug problem.

"If I suspect them, I test them," he said.

"For our last test," Dooley said, "we simply told the boys we were having a team meeting, and when they got there we told them it was a drug test."

Tech soccer team co-captain Jeff Rush said the athletes are notified 12 to 24 hours in advance.

Until this year, the urinalyses were administered by an "in house" process whereby a single urine sample is placed in an analysis machine, called SYVA, with a control sample containing a particular substance (cocaïne, marijuana, etc.), said Ferrell. The samples are compared by a light photometer and if the amount of substance in the control sample is less than that in the athlete's sample, he is positive, he said.

Doing the whole team this way is extremely time-consuming, Ferrell said.

"Now we send the samples out to Roanoke Community Hospital, and they have the results back to us within 24 hours," he said.

William R. Van Dresser, Tech vice president for administration and operation, said the testing is funded by the athletic department through student fees, football and basketball revenues and TV revenues.

Ferrell said the athletic department pays for the number of substances for which they want the athletes' samples to be tested.

The Peach Bowl, in which Tech played, was one of the postseason games selected for drug testing. Coach Bill Dooley cooperated with the tests, having begun his own program of testing three years before.
On campus residents gain more Freedom through new visitation policy

The words "Virginia Tech is so conservative," echoed through dorm halls for many years. The University of Virginia had 24-hour visitation; Radford had 24-hour visitation. So, why didn't the students here have the same privilege?

Last winter the Office of Housing and Residence Life conducted an experiment. After an overwhelming student support for 24-hour visitation, halls in Barringer, Main Campbell and Major Williams became "Option III" halls. This new policy allowed guests into the halls from 10 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

"We watched those halls for two quarters," said Steve Janosik, associate director of the Office of Housing and Residence Life. "And based on the support we got we found that students were willing to live with 24-hour weekend visitation."

As a result, all dormitories, except Miles and Johnson, voted for 24-hour weekend visitation policies.

Maureen Hynes, a resident adviser in Slusher Tower, said the new rules "seem to work well." She added, "The university established the policy not to encourage cohabitation, but to encourage studying. And we were told to emphasize that to our residents."

Hynes said the policy did not cause many problems. Hynes felt, however, that 24-hour visitation should not be a seven-day policy "because people need their privacy."

Brian Livermon, a sophomore majoring in business, said, "I like the new policy. We are all adults here and it is like our own little world in Barringer. I feel like we're given more responsibility, more freedom," he said.

The only problem with the new visitation policy on campus involved the escort policy. Guests of the opposite sex still had to be escorted from 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. the next morning all week long.

"A lot of people disregarded the policy because they think 24-hour visitation means they don't have to have an escort on the weekends," Hynes said. "We've had to give a lot of warnings to people that have overlooked the escort policy."

Janosik agreed with Hynes. "We're concerned with the privacy issue and evening hours," he said. "Students were split on the issue of an escort policy so we modified it. Instead of having people escorted at all times, we implemented a program where escorts were necessary only in the evening hours."

"We feel we have an obligation to accommodate different lifestyles on campus," Janosik said, "and we have just about met students' demands."

- Bev Pierce

Security monitor Matt Mayfield checks sophomores Scott Carr's and Chris Bass' IDs. Although the new visitation rules were more liberal, security monitors were still a part of dorm life.
"We are all adults here... I feel like we're given more responsibility, more freedom."
- Brian Livermon

Option III housing allowed Mary Fitzpatrick and Oliver Landau to take advantage of new 24-hour weekend visitation. Many students considered Option III visitation as a step out of the normally conservative university policy.

These sophomores in West Ambler Johnston could party late into the night due to the new policy allowing members of the opposite sex in the dorms from Friday at 10 a.m. until midnight Sunday.
On a campus the size of Virginia Tech's, there was always an issue at hand. Many of these problems were felt by only a small group of students, while others affected the population as a whole. Such things like parking, administrative policies and athletics were on the minds of students as they hurried about their day. With so many other things to think about, the issues of the day often got pushed to the back burner in favor of the more pressing classes and grades. However, if a problem developed that affected the students' life, they were sure to make both their voice and presence heard, whatever side they supported.

The 1986 football season, which was filled with controversy over the status of Head Coach Bill Dooley, ended with a bang on New Year's Eve in Atlanta, Ga. For the first time in Tech history, the football team won a post-season bowl game, with a victory over North Carolina State in The New Peach Bowl. A last second field goal by Chris Kinzer secured the 25-24 victory for the Hokies.
Friday, October 3 marked the renaming of the college of business as the R.B. Pamplin College of Business, in honor of alumni Robert B. Pamplin Sr. and Jr. The Pamplins gave the college a $10 million endowment to be used for expansion and to attract top faculty members to the college. The gift brought the Pamplin's total gift to the college to around $12 million.

Tongji University in China and Virginia Tech made their first exchange of architecture students and faculty, after signing an agreement in December 1985. Four Tech students enrolled at Tongji and two Chinese students enrolled in Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies. The graduate students studying in China were Terry Stone, James Doherty, Henry Cochran, and David Sunkel. To be selected the students had to exhibit a true interest in Chinese culture and have acquired some background knowledge in Chinese society. Tongji University chose Benjamin Evans, a professor in architecture, as a visiting professor. Lou Xiaowei, a professor from Tongji, was selected to teach here.
Opened in the old After Sundown building, the Tech Bookstore gave students an alternative to the University Bookstore on campus. The bookstore sold texts and supplies, and bought back books from students. Many thought the new store would provide competition for the university store and help keep prices low.

In an effort to keep pace with the changing needs of the university, as well as taking full advantage of the available technology, the Carol M. Newman library began a process of reorganization and automation. The library had almost completed the shift to electronic cataloging, the first step in the modernization.

As part of the renovations, library officials were planning to create a single reference department rather than the current system, with reference desks for each area.

Another change planned was reorganizing books into alphabetical rather than subject order, under the Library of Congress system.

Physically, the changes included moving the circulation and return desks into the skylight area, and the addition of new office space was created to help the library staff quickly process the materials.
Mysterious black boxes appeared around campus for several weeks at a time during the fall and winter. Their purpose, far from being anything secret or exciting, was to contain the dust and fibers as workmen removed the asbestos covering from the pipes which ran under the campus. The asbestos, which had been shown to cause cancer, was removed and transported off the campus.

The wooden boxes, covered in plastic, would appear almost overnight, sit for a week or two, and then disappear. Although their purposes was not as exciting as some would have imagined it to be, the boxes provided necessary protection for the students during the removal operation.
During winter quarter, the physical plant department began running a shuttle service around campus for faculty and staff members. The service, in which a van circled the campus stopping at numerous locations, was expected to cost about $2,400 per month with the physical plant department footing the bill. The shuttle ran on a fifteen minute cycle from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students were not allowed to ride the shuttle, which created the controversy over the problems faced by students with parking and getting to class.

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded Virginia Tech $600,000 this summer for coal research. The project, called "microbubble flotation," aided in cleaning coal to contain no more than 2% ash and removing more sulphur. Tech received grants of up to $200,000 in the past, and as of July 1, received another $500,000 plus the most recent grant of $600,000. The total amount of grants this year totalled $1.2 million.
Former football coach Bill Dooley was involved in a sea of controversy off the field which rivaled the accomplishments of his team on the field. Dooley brought a $3.5 million breach of contract suit against the university, claiming that he had been fired as football coach and athletic director. In early October, a settlement was reached with the coach for an undisclosed sum. As part of the agreement, Dooley would remain as athletic director until the end of 1986 and as football coach throughout the 1986 season. He was able to retain his coaching duties up until Dec. 31, when Tech beat N.C. State in the New Peach Bowl. Many people noted the irony of Tech winning its first bowl game as Dooley's last game, since he was the winningest coach in the school's history. In January, it was announced that Dooley had taken the head coaching position at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In January Virginia Tech named Frank Beamer as the new head football coach, succeeding Bill Dooley. Beamer, who graduated from Tech in 1969, was formerly the coach at Murray State University in Kentucky. While at Murray State, he amassed a record of 42 wins and 22 losses in six seasons. His team was ranked 18th last season in Division IAA. Murray State spent 22 weeks in the top twenty.
As the football team prepared for the New Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve, the administration opened the next chapter in Tech athletic history with the appointment of Dale T. "Dutch" Baughman as the new athletic director. Baughman, formerly the associate commissioner of the Southwest Conference, was a graduate of Ohio State University. He also served as a graduate assistant under Ohio State coach Woody Hayes, and was director of athletics at Furman University. In his acceptance speech, Baughman said he felt Virginia Tech was a "sleeping giant waiting to be awakened." He said that he hoped to increase student involvement in athletics as well as building a solid athletic program for the university both in revenue and non-revenue sports.
Dateline

Founder's Day, April 25, 1986, was a day filled with controversy as well as ceremony. The keynote speaker for the day's events was Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, who spoke to the assembly of faculty, students, parents and visitors in Burruss auditorium.

In his speech, Weinberger spoke of the Star Wars plan and national defense, while praising Tech for its contributions, both in personnel and technology, to the military.

While Weinberger spoke inside, a number of protestors gathered outside the building, many carrying signs with slogans protesting Weinberger's and the Reagan administration's policies. The protestors were met by an equally vocal group of supporters for the secretary and the administration. Although not known as a political hotbed, the Tech campus, at least for a few hours, was alive with controversy. Ironically, both groups of demonstrators were vastly outnumbered by the crowd of students and parents in town for Parent's Weekend who had come to see Weinberger and the Corps of Cadets Pass in Review which followed the speech.
Virginia Tech planned the switch to a semester system in September 1988. The general consensus was that it was a much-needed change. Students wanted to get out earlier in the spring and return earlier in the fall. The Commission on Undergraduate Studies passed a resolution urging students to complete cluster sequences before the change. If a student did not complete a cluster by the switch-over date, then duplication in class curriculum and lost credit hours could occur.

In an attempt to build class unity and ease the transition from high school to college, the Office of Housing and Residence Life planned to create two freshman only dorms. The "Freshman Experience", as it was called, was designed to help freshman adjust by grouping them together and providing a sense of family among the class.

The program would also make it easier for the freshman to be exposed to the various organizations and programs available on the campus by putting them in one location. West Eggleston and Main Campbell halls were to be used for the freshman, with current residents being relocated elsewhere on campus.
False fire alarms created an alarming situation

"They're ridiculous, especially in big dorms with lots of freshmen," said Brendan McLoughlin, a Pritchard hall resident when asked about the fire alarm system in the dorms. "I remember six alarms in one night.

The use and abuse of fire alarms began after the summer of 1984, when a state-mandated fire warning system was installed. Before 1984, there were few pulled alarms, and fire drills consisted of an RA yelling "fire" through a bullhorn in dorm hallways. According to Dr. Edward Spencer, director of Housing and Residence Life, state law now requires a smoke detector in each dorm room, and a hard-wired system in all common areas. In addition, a pull alarm was required within 5 feet of all exits, he said.

The cost of fire alarms were high, with the university was charged $75 per alarm by the Blacksburg Fire Department, Spencer said. Indirect costs, such as loss of sleep and apathy on the part of dorm residents, were high, too.

"Unless I smell smoke, I don't get out of bed," McLoughlin said. "It's dangerous to stay inside, I guess, but I just don't care anymore."

With an average of more than 3 alarms per day and larger dorms recording more than 50 alarms per quarter, housing took steps to reduce false alarms.

In the larger dorms, plexiglass covers were installed over the pull alarms. When the cover was lifted an alarm began to ring. They also installed a delay system in the halls. If a sensor received a signal that there was smoke in the air, the system waited 30 seconds and then checked the air again. If it still sensed smoke, the alarm sounded. This helped eliminate problems such as dust or wind setting off the alarm, Spencer said.

Most fire alarms were traced to a specific cause, such as cigarette smoke or dust, and were not the result of "bugs in the system," Spencer said.

Students attributed the alarms to various causes. "Stupidity, that's the major cause," said McLoughlin. "Most of them are pulls."

"I think it's usually kitchen accidents," said Amanda Correll, a senior in accounting who lived in Shanks Hall. "Burnt popcorn in the microwave sets it off all the time."

The penalty for deliberately setting off an alarm was stiff. If caught, a student was suspended for the rest of the quarter.

Despite many complaints and inconveniences students generally tolerated the fire alarm systems as a necessary and useful, if annoying, thing. "The smoke detectors in our rooms are a good thing," Correll said. "I feel better knowing it's there just in case anything should happen."

-Katherine A. Schmitt

Units from the Blacksburg Fire Department and the Virginia Tech police respond to a fire alarm on campus. The fire department, housed on Progress Street, provided ambulance and fire protection service to the university, as well as the town.
Although intended as a warning device to save lives, many fire alarm pull stations were put to more malicious uses by pranksters pulling false alarms. To combat the problem, the university installed covers over the boxes that sprayed a dye on the hand of the person pulling the alarm.

Residents and visitors to Pritchard Hall wait outside the dorm after hearing a fire alarm bell. The rash of false alarms made many students apathetic to the sound and caused concern among university officials about students not evacuating the buildings.
Through all kinds of weather, Blacksburg Transit was Moving The Masses

Besides providing transportation to the Blacksburg community, the Blacksburg Transit (BT) was busy with other activities, not all of them in town. The BT received the Outstanding Achievement Award presented by the American Public Transit Association (APTA) at a ceremony held in Los Angeles. The award was given for efficient and effective service with under fifty buses.

BT driver Mark Wright also took first place in the APTA national bus rodeo in October. The rodeo, in which ninety drivers competed, was a timed obstacle course consisting of "hairpin turns", stopping within a precise boundary and various other skill testing maneuvers. Wright later entered the international competition and again took first place.

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The Blacksburg Transit was a valuable service for residents, faculty and especially students. "I don't have a car, so if the BT wasn't available I'd have to walk at least thirty minutes to school," said Mike Costanyo, a sophomore in English.

The BT averaged between 9,000 and 10,000 riders per day, totaling about 1.5 million per year; 95% of the riders were students. "The BT is great because it allows students who don't have their own transportation to get around campus and out to the mall," said Dan Montague, a senior in Marketing.

The transit employed approximately 95 drivers, 60% of whom were students.

The BT also began a Sunday service trial period, monitoring ridership to see if Sunday service was needed.

During winter quarter, the BT administration was "forced to take the buses off the road for the first time ever due to the snow and ice," said Debbie Swetnam, a BT spokesperson. Without buses to get students to class, the university was forced to close for a day, the first in nearly 5 years.

The Blacksburg Transit system proved itself worthy of its award winning reputation by providing consistent service to the students and the town. Not even mother nature could stop the buses for long.

-Kirsten Giboney

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At the beginning of fall quarter, transit officials set up tables at each bus stop to distribute schedules and answer questions. These students, waiting in front of Burruss Hall, take time to study the booklets.

After a day of classes, students board the bus at Burruss. The BT provided transportation for students throughout the year, even during the snow storms in the winter.
After Blue Law repeal, students could shop 7 Days A Week

Shopping on Sundays. After a close 51.9% to 48.1% margin, Montgomery county citizens voted in favor of repealing the Blue Law, which kept stores closed on Sunday. The Blacksburg Chamber of Commerce spurred the repeal effort in town; all precincts in Blacksburg voted for the repeal while all Christiansburg precincts voted against it. Leggett department stores lead the opposition effort.

Most students liked the repeal. "The revocation of the Blue Law is good for many reasons. It allows people to shop when they want, it increases business volume and it gives store owners the freedom to open on Sunday if they choose," said Diane Berndt, a senior in IEOR.

Students no longer had to wait until Monday to go to the store for something or wish they had gone on Saturday. For many students, getting used to no-Sunday shopping was an adjustment; in many other cities and counties shopping on Sunday was something taken for granted.

The repealling of the Blue Law gave students another option besides just studying on Sunday. "The repeal is good. It gives students more things to do on Sunday," Chris Tracey said.

On a typical Sunday afternoon before the repeal of the Blue Laws, the parking lot of University Mall was all but deserted. After the change, most of the mall stores chose to open on Sunday afternoons.

Choosing between so many different styles was hard, even on a relaxing Sunday afternoon. This student spends some free time shopping at Fringe Benefit, located on College Avenue.

-April Wood
Enjoying a day of Sunday shopping, Tracy Bishop checks out the bargains in Peoples Drugstore. Most students liked stores opening on Sunday because it gave them another opportunity to fit some shopping into their hectic schedules.
For Better or Worse

Students question worth of new parking regulations

Students were never satisfied with the on-campus and this fall new changes in parking regulations had students more enraged. Students caught parking in faculty lots paid a $10 fine, an increase of $5 from last year. The traffic committee decided last spring to raise the fines in hopes of deterring students from parking in faculty lots.

"They wonder why students try to park in faculty lots? Have they looked at our lots lately? They're gravel lots, with tons of potholes. When it rains, it's disgusting. And half the time you're late for classes because the walk is so far," said Barb Alexander, an off-campus resident.

While fines for faculty parking lot violations increased, other fines remained the same. The fine for other parking violations remained $5, while meter violations stayed at $3. Also, a late fee of $5 was added to fines unpaid at the end of the quarter.

The police had the reputation of being frequent ticketers and students were concerned with which ease tickets were given out. Kathy Ptaschek said, "It snowed one Sunday last year and you couldn't drive on the roads so I left my car on Washington Street overnight. I came back Monday morning to move it, and snow had been plowed over it. So I came back later in the afternoon to see if I could move it then, and it had been ticketed! It took me over a week of arguing with the police to get out of the fine."

But there was some good news for student parking. This year Lane Stadium parking lot was available for on-campus parking, but students had to move their cars by 11 p.m. the night before a home game. Also, the fine for a fifth ticket decreased from $50 to $25.

Whether or not the ticket fines deterred parking violations remained to be seen; for many, getting a ticket was no reason for concern. "I don't pay any attention to tickets anyway," said Damian Dwier.

-April Wood

Most students avoid the commuter lot if possible due to its poor condition and location on campus. The lot frequently frustrates students trying to dodge potholes and obtain a space close to campus.

Signs attempting to deter students from parking in faculty lots proved ineffective. Students preferred to park in them anyway and take their chances on getting a ticket.
FACULTY AND STAFF PARKING ONLY
"I think it is a really great idea, but I just wish I would be here to enjoy it," said Pam Williams about the Squires renovation.

The $10 million construction plans were scheduled to begin in July 1987 with the tentative completion date set 18 months later. The expansion plans called for additional meeting rooms, a food court, a post office, a copy center, an expanded art gallery and increased lounge area. The performing arts department will also be relocated to Squires, receiving over 60% of the added space. This was to include recital theaters, rehearsal salons and green rooms.

The Old Dominion Ballroom will be converted to a 750-seat forum hall to be used for lectures, Student Government senate meetings, and movies for small groups. The third floor will house a black cultural museum as well as the major student organizations' offices and additional meeting rooms.

The renovation will open up the original facade of the building, which was concealed when Squires was renovated the last time in the early seventies. The original front of Squires became the front wall and arches that lead into the Old Dominion Ballroom. The area above the main staircase in the lobby will be open to the sky, covered by a glass atrium.

Plans to add an escalator were dropped, after complaints that it was "too extravagant"; it was replaced with plans for a glass-encased elevator at the entrance adjacent to College Avenue.

Opinions on the project varied tremendously within the student body. While some students openly supported the renovations, others questioned the need.

"The money should be used to pave the commuter lot which needs [renovating] a lot more than Squires," John Adams said.

Despite some objections of plans for an enlarged student center, the Squires renovation plans would provide exactly what the university needed... more space.

- April Wood

While there were a few students who disagreed with the renovation, most felt it was a much-needed and long-awaited project.

Studying the Cahine exhibit, Karen Choate visits the Squires Art Gallery, a showplace for both professional and student artwork. Under plans of the renovation, the new gallery would include a crafts workshop.
During the 18-month renovation, student organizations in Squires will be relocated to other places on campus. East Eggleston, the gym, and Dietrick dining hall were scheduled to play host to most of the groups.

Taking advantage of the new study area, Amy Schumann studies in the converted Squires cafeteria. Because of students’ requests for more study space in Squires, the management opened the cafeteria as a study lounge.
Lack of available passes leaves students "Ticked" Off

"Dear Burruss- I would like to request a reimbursement for $15, the price of the UVa football ticket I paid for in my student fees but failed to receive even after I stayed out all night just to pick it up."

-Tech student.

Hokie fans saw their first sellout football game in six years. Even though Virginia Tech beat the University of Virginia, 42-10, students probably remembered the game most as "the one we couldn't get tickets for." Because of a miscalculation by the ticket office, 18,000 allotted student/guest tickets were passed out, but many students who wanted to go to the game did not get tickets.

Students who were left out were standing in line at the ticket office all night before the big Saturday game in anticipation of good seats. However, by Wednesday, one hour after the ticket office opened, all the tickets were gone and many students who had stayed out all night were left standing in line empty-handed.

"It's so unfair," said Bryan Lohr, a senior in marketing. "My roommate came back to the apartment and said he couldn't get any tickets. I thought he was joking." Richard Hodge, a senior in management said, "We had 80 German Club alumni coming down and we couldn't get tickets for them. What do we tell them?"

The UVa game was the annual Governor's Day/Greek game. According to The Collegiate Times seven fraternities and sororities did not get tickets. Taylor Clark, a senior in finance and a German Club member said, "We got employee passes because we help hand out programs at the games but the employee passes don't allow dates to come in."

Tom McNair, ticket manager, attempted to reconcile the ticket problem by offering standing room only tickets to students who did not get one. People with these tickets, however, were not allowed into the game until 10 minutes before kickoff and they had to stand in the grass area just inside the student gate. "Who wants to stand there?" Lohr said.

The Collegiate Times said that McNair felt that he had set aside too many student tickets for the game. But because of the Virginia Tech/Virginia rivalry and Tech's winning football season, McNair held 1500 more tickets for students than normal. This still was not enough. McNair told The Collegiate Times, "The last time UVa was here, there were a couple thousand student tickets not picked up." McNair also said, "We try to pick the perfect number. If we're off by 3,000 or 4,000 tickets, we lose about $50,000 revenue."

Another problem with the ticket situation was that organizations were getting tickets in mass quantities. One person with 150 athletic cards could get 150 tickets at one time. "People in line ahead of us were getting tickets, 300 at a time," Lohr said. "That's unfair to the people who stood in line all night for their own tickets."

Even though many students were upset by the ticket situation, the rainy weather the day of the game kept many ticket holders away and non-ticket holders happy that they could go.

"Tech really needs to do something about this ticket situation," Lohr said. "We pay to be able to go to the games and then all of our tickets are given or sold to other people."

- Bev Pierce

During the UVa football game, the Hokie bird leads the Corps of Cadets in cheering the team to a 42-10 victory over Virginia.

The line formed a full day before distribution, wrapping around the Coliseum and down Stadium Road. Students waiting for tickets prepared themselves by bringing homework, camping equipment, and other things to help pass the time.
Students under 21 were under the Influence of tougher ABC laws

Doug strolled into the store, went straight to the beer case, picked up a six-pack and carried it to the counter. “May I see an ID?” responded the clerk.

Doug fumbled with his wallet, pulled out a few credit cards and said, “Wow, I can’t seem to find my license.”

“Well, I can’t sell you this beer without proof of age.”

After arguing with the clerk, Doug left and headed for the next store to try his luck.

Alcohol became an issue in this country that left no one unaffected. The drinking laws became stricter and more individuals found themselves unable to drink. These new laws definitely affected students in Blacksburg.

In September, the Blacksburg police conducted a sting operation aimed at catching stores and restaurants that sold alcohol to minors. Nineteen stores and restaurants were caught in the operation which consisted of underaged Boy Scouts trying to buy beer in a store or restaurant. If the worker asked for an ID the minor walked out. However, if the clerk sold or served alcohol without asking for identification, then those selling or serving were charged. The police conducted this “sting” to remind owners that the legal drinking age in Virginia was 21.

Everyone felt the crackdown, especially those under 21. Bars carded more strictly; fraternities asked for IDs more often. Underage students found going out increasingly difficult, especially to places that served alcohol.

“The whole thing is ridiculous. You can’t get in somewhere even if you don’t want to drink, but want to dance. They’re saying it’s impossible to do one thing without the other and that is just not the case. The laws prohibit anyone underage from going virtually anywhere to party,” said Cheryl Bradburn.

For students who couldn’t get in places, many chose to drink in their dorms or have parties in their apartments. The rebels who used to beat the system with their fake IDs found these IDs less effective; they wouldn’t get the underage students into bars. Even fraternities buckled down and checked IDs more carefully.

Bradburn summed up a widely-held opinion of underage students by saying, “There should definitely be a double stamp system making it possible for all students to go out and have a good time.”

- April Wood
Fraternities carded more strictly than before because of the ABC crackdown in Blacksburg. Theta Chi brother John Minnick asks David Seraway and Karen Enstam for their IDs.

Theta Chi brother Brad Camp serves beer at a Saturday night party. Once thought of as a refuge for those under 21, fraternity parties became as difficult to get into as a bar due to the police’s sting operation.

While buying beer, Brian Kane gets carded by 7-11 employee Allan Price. 7-11 employees were supposed to card anyone who looked under 25 years old.
More than 4000 graduates attend the commencement ceremonies which are the culmination of years of hard work. President Lavery speaks to the graduating class in Lane Stadium.
Making the grade

Students adjust to strict academic requirements

Study, class, test, flunk and pass were undoubtedly among the words most used by students and faculty. It all began the preceding quarter with the scheduling of classes and receiving class tickets. Then came the outrageously long lines at the computer terminals to change a class or two... or three.

Once finally in class, many students were surprised on the first day when told to "read chapters one through five and be prepared for a quiz."

During mid-term week, professors and instructors were astounded by the number of phone calls they received about deaths in the family, car problems and personal illness.

Finals week always arrived unexpectedly. Students usually dreaded the beginning of the week, but longed for the end. After finals came the joyous break. Students couldn't get out of town fast enough- only to return to open final grades. Some were satisfied, others were not, but had to go on... it was a matter of momentum.
often called the social science of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, agricultural economics focused on the relationships between business and agriculture. Due to a much heavier concentration of students in agriculture without the traditional farm background, Professor Leon Geyer said that agricultural economics provided a bridge between agriculture and business.

"There is a sensitivity people pick up here," Geyer said. "A good appreciation of agriculture in economics is important, especially in the southern states. Agriculture is pretty important and there is another side of agriculture besides animals—the business."

The department of agricultural economics was a closely knit group of instructors and students, which was the exception rather than the rule at large universities like Virginia Tech. The faculty included many recipients of various teaching awards and the department itself was ranked number one nationally in research productivity based on the number of publications and presentations on research per full-time faculty.

"I've been real impressed with the professors," first year graduate student Dixie Watts said. "They are well-known internationally and still very humanistic."

The quality of the faculty also impressed Mary Tabor, another first year graduate student.

"I think the faculty is fantastic. A small department has its advantages," she said. "As an undergraduate, I knew two-thirds of the faculty and they knew me by name. They are interested in the students."

In addition to maintaining a close relationship with students, faculty members also focused on another important aspect of their profession—extension work. The faculty's responsibilities included programs like tax conferences that were held regularly in rural areas and communities.

Tabor said, "It seems so simple—you plant on a farm; but agriculture is mind-boggling because you have to take into account government policies, marketing, finance, exports, etc...You can't just look at one aspect of the industry."

Professor Wayne Purcell said there was an increased awareness of the impact agriculture had on the economy as well as the linkage between United States agriculture, prompting even more student interest.

Watts added, "There is emphasis on the financial side because the farm situation is in the forefront."

As for the future in agricultural economics, Geyer pointed out, "In agriculture, we buy an awful lot, sell an awful lot and process an awful lot. There's still a lot of bread and butter out there."

- Akemi Martin
he flip side of agricultural economics was lab work, and in the lab was where professors in the department of plant pathology, physiology and weed science spent their time when not in the classroom.

The department concerned itself with basic research, as opposed to applied research. Dr. George H. Lacy, an associate professor in the department, explained the difference.

"The more applied the research is the more it is aimed toward solving a specific problem. With basic research, we're coming up with new ideas."

The department had many facilities supporting the various programs which included disease, stress and pollution studies. Lacy and doctoral candidate Caitlyn Allen recently had their work published in medical journals concerning the cloning of viruses that cause soft rot in plants. Their research determined the role of enzymes in disease-causing viruses. Using the system they worked on, studying the genes responsible for causing disease in plants would be possible in the future.

Not many labs in the nation did the molecular work Lacy and Allen involved themselves in. "What we're doing now is in the science-fiction realm of molecular genetics," Lacy said.

The United States Department of Agriculture, the Virginia Center for Innovated Technology and state grants funded their research.

After classes, Allen worked ten hours per day minimum on her research. Allen said being responsible for her own work was the most difficult idea for her to comprehend at the graduate level.

"Nobody's going to tell you what to do," she said. "Your advisers don't know any more than you do."

She explained the fascination molecular biology offered her. "Sequencing DNA is the new thing. How genes change is on the cutting edge of technology."

-Akemi Martin

In the process of weeding out disease-causing viruses that affect plants, Dr. George H. Lacy and lab specialist Verlyn Stromberg compare enzyme activity overlays from cloned genes. Research conducted in the department of plant pathology, physiology and weed science focused on disarming diseases that destroy agricultural products.
Generous Benefactors
Flow of donations passes all goals

At the university's semi-centennial celebration in 1922, alumni raised more than $74,000 in 17 minutes to finance what now stands as the War Memorial Gym. Today, alumni, corporations and private donors have contributed more than $80 million in a fund-raising drive that began in 1984 as the Campaign for Excellence.

The original goal for the university was to raise $50 million, but by fall of 1985, that goal had been surpassed and a new goal of $75 million was set. This new goal was also shattered.

Charles Forbes, vice president of development and university relations reported "We're over $85 million as of fall 1986. We've far exceeded our expectations as well as our goal."

Forbes attributed the success of the Campaign for Excellence to the "major thrust" of substantial donations from the campaign co-chairmen, Robert B. Pamplin Sr. and his son, Robert B. Pamplin Jr., in addition to donations from faculty, staff and other donors.

Like father, like son, the Pamplins, Robert Jr. and Sr., donated over $10 million to the Campaign for Excellence of which they were co-chairs. In recognition of their gifts, the university renamed the business college after the two alumni.

The Pamplins donated $10 million to the College of Business which was later renamed the R. B. Pamplin College of Business. Nine million dollars of the gift will be used for endowments and $1 million for construction of an addition to the largest business college in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Another alumnus gift of $3 million will be used to establish a center to develop new drugs to treat diseases of the central nervous system. The center will also be equipped to study treatments and cures for Parkinson's disease as well as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease.

Not to be outdone by private donors and corporations, Tech alumni contributed $1.9 million to the Alumni Annual Fund, an increase of 27% over the past year.

Forbes noted that the overall visibility of the Campaign had been heightened by several factors: a dedicated support staff, involvement of "key alumni" like the Pamplins and Cliff Garvin, chief executive officer of Exxon, and the enthusiasm of other alumni who spread the word of the campaign at their places of employment and in their communities.

Forbes said that although the Campaign for Excellence was coming to a close, the Development office would continue their quest for private support at an adjusted momentum by reaching out to an expanding base of Tech alumni.

"There is a strong sense of community here," Forbes said. "Many alumni came here with little material resources and became beneficiaries of the community. Now, they have become its benefactors."

- Amy Lowenstein
Managing Millions

As associate treasurer of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Raymond D. Smoot saw millions of dollars flow through the university's coffer.

The foundation was a non-profit organization that accepted and managed the implementation of donated funds. Smoot said to perpetuate alumni interest in giving, implementation of donated funds must be prompt and devoted to something that an alumnus can identify with.

"When people give you money, they want to see something," Smoot said, "whether that something was lights for the intramural playing fields, a construction site at the vet school or a letter from a grateful student thanking an alumnus benefactor for the scholarship that enabled him or her to come here."

He pointed out that $2 million was devoted each year for scholarships and unspecified amounts went towards equipment acquisitions for labs, computers and other facilities, such as campus lighting that served students on a daily basis.

-Amy Lowenstein

Investing the millions of dollars donated annually by individual and corporate donors is just part of Raymond D. Smoot's job as treasurer of the Virginia Tech Foundation. The foundation often invited donors to the university to see what services their funding provided.
Old McDonald wanted to farm on university property, he had better have a good jeep and plenty of gas to cover the many square miles of land the school owns. On this land were various animal barns where research was conducted. In addition to over 400 dairy animals on over 600 acres of land, the university owned beef cattle, swine, sheep, horses, and chickens—all in the name of educational research. Louis Swiger, Associate Dean in the Animal Science department, said that most of the animals were raised right at the university, with only a few being bought commercially. Swiger said, selling the animals more than pays for their upkeep.

Students were able to gain practical experience in their specific options such as animal science or pre-vet, and many students stayed on and entered the graduate programs. Some classes were held out at the barns where the students could practice what they read about in their textbooks.

Richard Price, the herdsman at the beef cattle barn, was responsible for feeding the approximately 230 head of beef cattle. He also had to go and round up cattle for various classes to work on.

"Getting them to come in isn’t too hard," he said. "Now they’re used to it and they come on their own when you go out to get them."

Price said some of the studies at the barn included obtaining a select group of cattle and feeding them individually to conduct fat-lean ratio studies. Studies at the swine center included tests for reactions to feed, and calcium and phosphorous tests to see how they affected the growth of the swine.

No matter what type of research was being done at any given time, the main objective was the educational value given to students.

Sharon Browder, a pre-vet major, said, "I think the facilities at Virginia Tech are pretty good. It’s what made me choose to come here. You gain a lot of hands-on experience that you can use later on. The training here has been really good."

Browder, whose main interest was working with large animals, also had a chance to work with other animals in order to broaden her educational benefits. "I learned about other species of livestock as well in my classes and I’ve learned to appreciate them more."

Browder and others like her explored everything from how to produce the best cross-breeds to "which came first, the chicken or the egg?" All in a day’s work, the animals provided answers as well as more questions for the young explorers.

- Zandra Brow

This barn, one of the four barns housing animals, serves as a hands-on classroom for animal science majors. Barns provided an environment for field exercises such as judging small cattle herds.
While the rest of the flock grazed on the land owned by the university, this sheep decided to taste the fence. Sheep, as well as other farm animals were used for livestock research.

While snuggling up to one of the horses, Sharon Browder, a pre-vet major, tries to get him used to being around people. Part of her learning experience included grooming and halter training foals at the horse barn.

At the swine center, the animals' well-being was just as important as the research. Pigs of this size were kept in a special nursery for runts until they were large enough to fend for themselves.
Breeding New Ideas

The Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine was the newest of 27 vet schools in the nation. The college had received increased recognition for improving the quality of veterinary medicine in Virginia and Maryland, as well as having an impact on the control of animal diseases throughout the world.

Dr. James B. Meldrum, acting associate dean for academic affairs at the school, noted three things that help make the veterinary school unique:

"the students, the faculty, and the choice location."

The school accepted only 80 applicants each year, with 50 students from Virginia and 30 from Maryland. About 40% to 50% of the Virginia students attended Tech.

David Wagner, originally from Texas, was in his first year at the vet school after getting his master's degree from abroad. Wagner chose to apply to the Regional College because he considered it to be one of the most highly advanced biotechnical schools in the East. Having been raised on a large cattle ranch, Wagner's interests were in working with large meat animals and the vet school allowed him hands-on experience.

The faculty at the school were recruited from all over the world. Meldrum said besides its basic responsibility to educate the students, the faculty was also responsible for research.

A team of doctors and others within the college identified the cause of Potomac Horse Fever in their quest to respond to animal disease emergencies. Two of the college's professors aided in the development of a vaccine to fight hemorrhagic enteritis in turkeys. This development saved the industry and consumers an estimated $50 million. Research was also being conducted to combat brucellosis in cattle, a disease which cost the nation millions of dollars in losses each year.

We treat anything and everything. If it will breed, somebody here will look at it.

- Dr. Clifford Shipley

The school, located in three different places, had most of its facilities housed on campus. Additional sites included the University of Maryland, College Park campus, and the Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va. The equine center was the product of a $4 million gift from horsewoman Marion DuPont Scott and 200 acres donated by the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation. And the school continued to expand. The U.S. Senate Appropriations approved a $300,000 grant for construction of additional facilities for continuing research and instruction.

The teaching hospital, located at the Tech campus provided open public practice within a 35 mile radius, but treated animals outside that radius through vet referrals. The hospital treated large and small animals—exotic or pets or livestock.

The school also had an ambulatory health service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing individual animal care, especially in emergencies.

"It's nothing for us to put in a 12 to 14-hour day. We treat anything. If it breeds, somebody here will look at it," said Dr. Clifford Shipley, a practicing veterinarian at the teaching hospital.

- Akemi Martin
Administering injections are routine for Peggy Linkous, Will Engel and Ann Hickson. In addition to an ambulatory health service, the teaching hospital provided a public practice within a 35 mile radius of Blacksburg.

Full Time Schedule

While trying to get through the Veterinary Medicine school without losing one's sanity, many students followed Marta Acha's advice: "You make free time."

With four hours of lecture and four hours of lab daily, Acha still made time to get involved outside the classroom. Acha explained how one of her service-oriented groups worked with the public, hosting pet visitation to convalescence homes and making Halloween visits to children's hospitals.

But along with her extracurricular activities, Acha realized the importance of her studies. She spent this past summer working with Dr. Marion Ehrich, a prominent pharmacist at the school. She worked with Ehrich on the testing of medications and treatments in an effort to prevent molding in the seed used by poultry producers.

Acha said having the college located on campus was a big plus for her. "I was able to talk to the vet students already attending the school and get a good idea of what particular undergrad courses would prepare me best."

- Akemi Martin

As part of the college's mission to provide service to the community, the vet med school sponsors "pet-a-pet day" where students take small animals to nearby convalescent homes. The pets were used as a type of therapy for the patients in the homes.
New Directions
Library plan focuses on easy access

Newman library underwent major internal changes as implementation of a new strategic plan began. An outcry of dissension from faculty members over the internal changes reached area newspapers as well as the library administration.

The two major areas of opposition centered around the location of current periodicals and the consolidation of the reference desks. Paul Gherman, director of the library and its four branches, said centralizing the periodicals and the reference area would better utilize space and provide easier access to materials.

"As students become more cross-disciplinary, it makes things easier to have material in one area instead of having students referred to several different floors," Gherman said.

Under the old arrangement, if a student wanted to know about careers in biochemistry, he might be sent to the wrong floor.

"Biochemistry books are on one floor and careers on another," said Gherman. "so which floor do you send him to?"

Student reaction to the rearranging was mostly positive. Chet Childress, a senior communication studies major, said "I like the periodicals being downstairs, but I hate the general reference area being upstairs."

"I think it's more convenient to come to the library on the first floor and look up what you need and get help at the same time," he said.

One aspect that students like Childress were happy to see unchanged in the library was the commitment to updating technology. Gherman said the library was going to become even more streamlined. Additional Info-Trac systems, a laser-based system that gives a list of articles about any subject entered, were scheduled to be installed. Also, new enhancements for VTLS, the on-line library catalog will be made accessible by computer.

"The overall plan is to one day have VTLS accessible by personal computer from dorm rooms and offices," said Gherman. "The strategic plan was designed to give the best service that we can to the most people," he said.

"It's very important at Tech, because of the technology involved, to transfer as much of the library to the desktops as possible." After speaking with several faculty and student groups across campus to explain where the plan was heading, Gherman gained support from the dissenting few and the library was able to continue its function to serve the campus constituency with maximum efficiency.

During fall quarter, Paul Gherman, director of the university libraries, spent many hours speaking to various faculty and student groups in hopes of gaining support for the library's strategic plan. Gherman made appointments to speak to any groups that expressed concerns over the changes implemented at the library.

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"- Paul Gherman, director of university libraries"

"- Zandra Brow"

"Info-Trac, just one of the library's on-line information sources, helps senior H.L. Woolley find a list of magazine articles on the subject he entered. Because of the overwhelming support for the system, additional Info-Tracs were purchased for patron usage."
The rearranging of materials in the library was sometimes quite loud, but freshman Julie Vim found a quiet place to study outside the skylight window. The circulation desk was moved to the area underneath the skylight as part of the library's strategic plan.

Catering to the Individual

The Special Services Room was a technological coup for the library. It was equipped to serve the needs of disabled users. The room could also be used for persons to read to blind students.

Some of the equipment used in the room were a Kurzweil Reader which read aloud to the visually disabled, magnifying lamps that enlarged print or type and a Perkins Brailler, a special typewriter that typed braille letters.

The room also housed a cassette recorder and player in addition to a Teleray Computer that acted as a personal computer as well as being linked to the library's on-line catalog, VTLS.

Susanne Boyne, a blind student majoring in electrical engineering, had high praises for the Special Services Room.

"You can go anywhere and you won't find better blind computer facilities," she said.

Susanne Boyne, a blind student, tackles a homework assignment in the Special Services Room. She found the library's computer hardware very helpful as she pursued her studies in electrical engineering.
British Invasion

The British are coming —

to share knowledge and cultural insight

In the 18th century, battalions of Red Coats poured onto these shores to subdue their rebellious colonies.

In the 20th century, airwaves were jammed with British music, wailed by rockers from London and Liverpool.

And another "British Invasion" was taking place — university faculty of British origin seemed to be everywhere, especially here. Although not immediately detectable, the British "invaders" revealed their origin as soon as they spoke.

Virginia Tech had many British faculty members during the 1980s. Some were visiting professors, others were ex-patriots who attained permanent teaching positions.

Paul Whiteley, a visiting professor in the Political Science department from the University of Bristol, gave one reason why many British educators had come to the States.

"Thatcherite conservatism," which advocated huge cuts in educational funding, "has turned a first-rate educational system into what is becoming a third-rate system," he said. "The quality of education and moral is dropping under the current economic squeeze."

Whiteley noted that while Americans, despite their political alignment, concede education as a top national priority, many people in Britain saw little value in higher education and "think it's a waste of time."

The waning importance of education in the British system limited opportunities for faculty in Great Britain in the 1980s, and prompted them to look abroad for more favorable academic environments.

Professor Frederick Stephenson of the college of engineering said he liked the great amount of opportunity that educators enjoy in the American university system. "The British system doesn't reward merit," said Stephenson, who became a U.S. citizen in 1986. He felt that the restrictive promotion policies and fixed income scales for professors in British universities had inhibited opportunities for British educators.

Because they perceived the breadth of their educational and career opportunities, Americans "are much more motivated" and "work very hard — much harder than anyone I had encountered in Britain," Stephenson said.

Professor Malcolm Potts, who taught microbiology and medical sciences, said that there was little comparison between opportunities in his field in Great Britain and the U.S.

"Opportunities in the U.S. are outstanding," he said. Potts first visited the U.S. in 1976, and found it to be "diverse, large, energetic and exciting."

Although British faculty tended to be impressed with the vitality and opportunity of America, they found the academic environment in the U.S. — and the students they taught — very different from those of Great Britain.

One significant difference stemmed from the cost of education. In Great Britain, American students have a disarming confidence, whereas students in Great Britain are more differential.

- Paul Whiteley

"There are no tuition fees in Great Britain, whereas many states do not have a "free college education." This is not true in the United States. "In Britain, (undergraduate) students are not required to take courses in the humanities; programs are much more specialized, and specialization usually begins at age 16." Whiteley felt that a British education encouraged diversity because students were given "more time to explore their own interests," and felt that American students should "read more — of anything!" He said that reading outside of essential texts, even outside studies altogether "has surprising effects on education."

Potts, who taught students in West Germany and Israel before coming to the U.S. permanently in 1979, encouraged American students to "travel extensively outside the U.S.," to enhance their education.

Perhaps cries of "The British are coming! The British are coming!" hold much less gravity than they did in 1776. Two hundred and ten years later, the scholarly offerings of Whiteley, Potts, Stephenson, and their generosity in sharing important cultural insight had won the hearts and minds of once "rebellious colonists" without a shot being fired.

- Amy Lowenstein
Although he became an American citizen in 1986, Dr. Frederick Stephenson of the engineering department was proud of his British heritage. Here, he displays an elegant portrait of Queen Elizabeth II that graces his office.

"I was most impressed by the fact that Americans work very hard, much harder than anyone I had encountered in Great Britain."
- Frederick Stephenson

"American students are very different from students I've taught in West Germany and Israel... each group has different strengths and weaknesses."
- Malcolm Potts
The Liberal Arts Major:
Tailored for Individual Interests

or those students who were indecisive about a major, the liberal arts and sciences curriculum was a blessing. The liberal arts program provided students with the freedom to choose three different concentrations rather than one specific major. This freedom made the program ideal for the student who was either undecided or had a variety of interests. The LASe program was open to any student, but Willford Lane, the program adviser, felt that freshmen should not enter as LASe majors because of the difficulty in choosing one major, much less, three concentrations.

Few changes have been implemented since the program was initiated in fall of 1972. A committee organized the program when it first started; the committee was retired in 1980. Lane and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Michael Ogliaruso, ran the program, which was not a department, but actually an advising center. Students scheduled their classes through them and the departments of their individual concentrations.

Students had to have at least two of their concentrations in the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition to fulfilling the core requirements of the college, students had to take an extra year of a foreign language. Each concentration consisted of at least 27 hours in each field of study. While there were no requirements for these hours, Lane recommended to his students that they follow the minor requirements to get a stronger background.

Although students could choose any concentrations they wanted, problems arose with areas such as architecture or engineering because to take some of the basic classes, one had to be a major. As of last spring, students could no longer concentrate in specific areas of business; beginning this year new students could only get a general business concentration.

In choosing these concentrations, Dr. James Malone, placement office director, said “students should carefully choose and package their concentrations while looking at the future.”

The job opportunities for liberal arts graduates varied as much as the students themselves. According to Malone, “saying who gets better jobs is like saying there’s a right way to look for a job.”

Ernest Andrews, associate director of the placement office, felt that the job for the LASe graduate depended on the electives they took and the career direction they wanted to take. Jobs ranged from data processors to flight attendants, but graduates were hired mainly in people-related fields.

The outlook for liberal arts was bright. The last graduating class reported 58% employment with 4% continuing their education. Students did not need to worry about finding jobs because they did not limit themselves to one area of study.

- Chris Dormstetter

Who says liberal arts and sciences majors can’t get jobs? Because they choose three areas of concentration, LASe students have a wide variety of options open to them after graduation. A majority of the jobs are in people-related fields such as business, teaching and management.
I am writing you to express my appreciation for the educational experience and training which VPI provided for my son, David.

At VPI his major areas of study were computer science, economics, history, and mathematics. I found that it was a stimulating experience to talk to him, to watch the news or any television show with him. He developed an understanding of so many areas that he is able to apply his knowledge to explain and expand on the background of many of the economic, political, and social events going on today.

— Elizabeth B. Snell
resident William E. Lavery would have made the ultimate public relations officer for any firm. He had an image of the University that he tried to get across to the rest of the world. "I want Tech to be known as a major comprehensive university engaged in instruction, research and public service in the subject areas of our eight colleges."

Lavery helped this image come to full form through programs such as the Campaign for Excellence, which brought donations from major U.S. corporations to aid in university growth. "Ten years ago, we were only doing about $4 or $5 million in research, whereas today, research expenditures are over $70 million," Lavery said. "It's a great credit to our faculty and students."

In his quest for improving the school's status, Lavery did not forget the student body. In cooperation with the SGA, he held an open forum where students could voice their concerns. "I've always encouraged student leaders to do that type of thing," he said. "It's good to see what's on the students' minds."

For the future of the university, Lavery saw limited growth in graduate programs, but significant growth in all other areas, with more emphasis on science and technology.

Under Lavery's guidance, Tech had grown from a small-time research facility to one of the leading research schools in the nation, attracting both top quality equipment and faculty.

-Zandra Brow
Acting as a catalyst among university administrators, David Roselle functioned as the university's chief academic officer and was a moving force behind the university's entrance into the world of technology. Roselle believed "the strategy of the university was to embrace computing and make it part of the educational environment."

He said the introduction of the supercomputer fall quarter was just one more instance of the university's overall commitment to academic excellence. "Our students are entering a world of large-scale computers," he said. "It's an important component of their education."

When faculty and students presented the problem of not being able to compute from their homes, Roselle helped find an answer through technology. C & P Telephone prototyped some technology on the campus which made it possible for computations to be done on university facilities from distant locations. C & P sponsored an ad, featuring Roselle, which ran in nationally known magazines like Newsweek, Time, U.S. News and Fortune, outlining the success of the experiment.

While trying to juggle the needs of students, faculty and budgetary restrictions, Roselle had a positive outlook as he said, "I believe the attitude of the university ought to be 'we will try.'"

-Zandra Brow

Not many things happened that William Van Dresser did not know about because he had a hand in just about every aspect of campus life. As vice president of operations and administration, he was responsible for such areas as capital construction, campus police and laundry facilities.

In view of his many responsibilities, Van Dresser found attacking the growing space crunch one of his most challenging duties. "We have to make sure that the building program keeps up with the growth."

Current projects included extensions to the business and chemistry departments in addition to renovation of Squires Student Center, which he said will allow more room for student activities.

Asked to predict when the space needs will be filled, Van Dresser said, "We'll never have a total grasp on it because of increases in growth and research, but we ought to be able to look at the mid-1990s and feel comfortable about where we are in building construction."

In the meantime, Van Dresser had the same problem as the rest of the university community: finding a parking space.

-Zandra Brow

Sandra Sullivan's impact on the student population was overwhelming as she tried to bridge the gap between the students and the administration. As vice president for student affairs, she worked with the student leaders on several committees like the Commission on Student Affairs and saw her role as one that provided "a better understanding of decision making at large institutions."

Sullivan supported student opinions in some of the major changes that will affect students in the future, like the switch from a quarter system to semesters.

"I think the present quarter system is hard on students because when school has started for all of your friends, you feel as though you've been left behind," she said.

As the link between the student body and the administration, she often had to try to make well-timed decisions. She also said that trying to get necessary resources to let people be more effective was hard, but something she worked toward.

Sullivan managed to find resources for National College Alcohol Awareness Week, as her office co-sponsored the week-long activities including guest speaker Hollywood Henderson, a former Dallas Cowboy player. Sullivan viewed this as just another example of her commitment to students.

-Zandra Brow
A Step Behind

Minority recruitment goals fall short

Under court order and suggestion by the State Council of Higher Education, Virginia Tech and other state colleges were trying to increase minority enrollment to a figure representative of the 30% of black students who go to college.

Increasing the number of black applicants often meant going out and getting them. Minority recruiters spent more time at high schools with high black enrollment, travelling to schools in Virginia and surrounding states. "Establishing and maintaining contact is important," Glenn Valentine, assistant director of admissions, said.

Once accepted, students and their parents were invited to a spring orientation weekend. Valentine found the spring program the most successful of all minority recruitment programs. "If we can get a student on campus, it will influence his decision to come to the university," he said. "About 90% of the students who come decide to accept."

Retaining students once they came here was another important goal. The Virginia Tech Academic Survival Program (V-TASP) and the Minority Peer Group Leader Program provided assistance to minority freshmen in this area.

V-TAS provided a combination of academic support services. Joyce Williams Green, director of V-TAS, said, "If students that traditionally do not make it at college participate in one of these classes, they succeed."

The Minority Peer Group Leader program assigned groups of freshmen to upperclassmen, who acted as big brothers and sisters. These group leaders helped answer questions or provide information. Patricia Rutledge, a senior majoring in civil engineering said: "For people that actively participate, the program is a good support mechanism. I can tell my students, 'If there's anything you need, I'm here for you.'"

Promoting understanding between students here as well as seeing Tech minority enrollment approach the percentages of minority enrollment approach the percentages of minority in the commonwealth were important matters for the university, so important in fact that a new Student Minority Advisory Council was established. While officials said that the goals set were high, they continued to pursue them in an attempt to make this campus a more diverse one.

- Akemi Martin

Campus enrollment fails to reflect the minority recruitment efforts. From the years 1982-1986, black enrollment at Tech remained virtually the same.
A Head Start

Summer engineering program educates prospective students

Keeping with a new tradition, the civil engineering department hosted a summer program for minority high school students for the second time this past summer. The program was designed with two goals in mind: to inform participants about career opportunities in engineering and to encourage qualified students to enroll in the engineering curriculum.

The selection committee picked 20 male and 20 female students from a pool of rising seniors from schools in Virginia and surrounding states. The committee based the selection criteria on courses taken, PSAT scores, teacher recommendations, class standing, reason for desiring to participate, and interest in engineering.

While the American Society of Civil Engineers and Virginia Tech sponsored the program, Dr. Harry Pence, assistant professor of civil engineering and institute director, designed the program at Tech. "We have a lot of fun. I'm already working for the 1987 program. I do have my other work, but its been a real pleasure for me as director."

Texas Instruments donated calculators for the participants, who also received T-shirts and introductory engineering packets. Students spent their mornings in classes, instructed by volunteer faculty. They tackled basic engineering problems using both the IBM personal computers and the calculators.

Greg Parker, a freshman in general engineering and a participant in the program, found the summer session here different than others, "I've been to sessions at other schools, but this one was challenging. The instructors gave us actual programs that some of my friends now have here. It was difficult, but the work load gave a pretty accurate picture of what it is now."

Presentations by each of the ten engineering departments and other activities occupied the students' afternoons. Each department talked about their profession, what they did and how they did it; they each had an equal opportunity to interest the student.

The activities Pence scheduled for the students included lab tours (demonstrations and hands-on experience), field trips and a toothpick bridge design competition. Students enjoyed other fun activities — picnics, a pizza party and a bowling competition. Maria Wall, a freshman in civil engineering, best remembered the morning classes of engineering fundamentals, the toothpick bridge building contest which she and her roommate lost, and the field trip to the vetted construction site.

Pence also had minority professionals talk to students about what they did, and about how they became successful. Pence commented, "It's a real nice talk where the students become both motivated and challenged."

Pence invited both parents and and faculty to the closing certificate awards ceremony. Pence awarded students for most spirited, most improved and for winning the toothpick bridge building contest.

While recruiting students was not a primary goal of the program, Pence presented information on academics, social life, the cooperative education program and financial aid. He also scheduled a rap session for the students so they could get a good perspective on what this college was like for minority students. "They get the opportunity to talk to other minority students, to see what it's really like to be here," he explained.

Plans were already being made to follow up on the participants and determine program results. "We will continue the program as long as we're successful with it," said Pence, who explained that he considered the program a success, not by the number of engineers produced, but by its ability to inform students about engineering careers and curricula, so that students could make intelligent decisions about whether or not they wanted to go into engineering. Parker explained, "The program gave me insight, it really helped me."

Wall said, "Seeing the departments really helped me a lot, even if it did make you decide you didn't want to major in engineering."

-Patience Martin
ech students set another record by being the first in the nation to access a supercomputer. The $9 million unit went on-line fall quarter and doubled the computational ability of computing on campus.

The IBM 3090 model 200 processor came equipped with a vector facility that made it special.

"The vector facility is there to do high-speed numerical calculations," said Dr. Stephen Chapman, director of computer services. "For instance, if someone were trying to do ten addition problems without the vector facility, it would take 30 operations. With the supercomputer, you end up with only three."

He said there are two good reasons a university adds a computer of this magnitude: the need for additional like-capacity or the need for new functions. This million dollar unit did both.

Students and faculty were able to access the computer through the university's 2,000 terminals on campus or through 8,000 personal computers owned by students.

"The thing that makes us so unique," said Chapman, "is that anyone on campus can use the facility—students, faculty, or graduate students."

Very few campuses have an IBM supercomputer and this one is the first to be completely accessible. "It's very important as a research facility as well as an instructional facility," said Chapman.

The supercomputer was made available through university funds and a discount through IBM. Chapman said it did not take much coaxing to get IBM to try the computer here.

"Virginia Tech has become a recognized leader of computing and communication in the nation by major corporations," he said. "Through our corporate partnership with IBM, we were able to convince them that we should be the first ones to get one."

Since all entering engineering and computer science students were required to purchase their own personal computers, using the supercomputer gave students an even bigger edge over their competitors in the job market because more companies were switching to supercomputers.

"When our students leave, they will have a decided advantage because they will have had access to this type of computing environment," Chapman said.

With the university still holding onto the collegiate title for most computers on campus, the addition of the supercomputer was another prize to be showcased from the race to be leader of the technological pack.

-Zandra Brow

Accounting major Bryan Alexander utilizes one of the university's 2,000 computer terminals spread throughout three major computing labs. Accessibility to the new $9 million supercomputer was one of the key reasons for its success with students.
Free Electives
Classes that make learning fun

In the heated race to tally up enough credit hours to graduate, free electives gave students a chance to work toward their degree, and at the same time, diversify their course work. Because they were sometimes fun and perhaps required less work than other courses, free electives were sometimes called "blow-off classes" or an "easy A." However, in a world that was becoming increasingly specialized, free electives were perhaps the last vestige of an educational tradition that gave birth to the "renaissance man," a scholar well-versed in many areas of knowledge. Students could choose electives that permitted them to dabble in unfamiliar areas that they wished to know more about; others supplemented skills or interest they already had through their special classes.

Electives like human sexual development enjoyed tremendous popularity because of their provocative titles. This informative course, supplemented by entertaining role-playing games and visual aids, sought to shatter sexual stereotypes and relate sexuality to students' physical and psychological well-being.

"Sex class was a blast," reported one female in the class, "but I learned a lot too. I feel more confident about my own body and will be more confident when I have kids and have to tell them the facts of life."

Personal health, another popular course also sought to break stereotypes and deliver important information about physical and psychological health. The class helped students to practice "preventive medicine" to stave off minor conditions, such as the common cold or tooth decay, and to avoid serious conditions, such as heart disease, lung cancer and other chronic ailments.

Also contributing to the students' health and well-being were sports electives such as golf, tennis and swimming, to name a few. During warm seasons, these classes were filled quickly. Students who did manage to get a coveted place in the outdoor "classrooms," spent the quarter learning the techniques and nuances of the sport through hands-on experience.

"The Tech golf course is great to learn on," said Jeff Jones, a senior marketing major. "With an expensive sport like golf, it's great that you can take lessons and really learn how to play before you put down big bucks at a country club."

Indoor plants, a class taught through the horticulture department, drew students from many different areas of study. Some came to turn yellow thumbs green; others were perhaps still fascinated by that great pastime of childhood — playing in the dirt. Senior Andy Keating said, "I'm so tired of going out and buying gorgeous plants and having them practically dead on arrival. Indoor plants class gave me instructions on how to take care of plants and detect problems before they kill the plant."

The list of free electives could go on and on. What was an elective to one person was a requirement for another. By taking advantage of the course diversity that a large university offered, students could and did enjoy taking free electives in literally hundreds of areas.

-Sonya Lowenstein

Swimming classes provided the beginner, as well as the experienced swimmer, a refreshing way to learn different strokes and tips on water safety.

Show and Tell. Graphic arts instructor Nancy Murray shows a class how to construct a silk screening frame. Many students took art classes to supplement course work in their major area of study.
The Semiprofessionals

Graduate students walk the fine line between teaching and learning

topping out of the undergraduate role into a graduate one was definitely a change. "They are semiprofessionals in their fields, not just students. They are transferring from being students to professionals," said Assistant Dean Martha J. Johnson.

For people who wanted to continue their studies after the bachelor level, or wanted to continue their education after a stint in the business world, graduate school offered them that opportunity.

"Graduate students generally pursue an area of interest in depth and develop research, whereas undergraduates just touch the surface," Johnson said. "A graduate student is somewhere between a student and faculty," said Dean R. A. Teekell.

Because graduate students had to take classes of their own, up to 30 hours and 15 hours of research, and teach some entry-level courses, the role between student and faculty was a thin one. But playing student was entirely different at the graduate level.

To begin with, there was closer "individual and professor relationship" since there were only some 3,750 graduate students enrolled on campus, 2,400 others were enrolled elsewhere, mostly at the Northern Virginian Graduate Center in Falls Church.

Another major difference was that any grade below a "C" was considered failing. Students had to maintain a 3.0 to stay off academic probation.

The Tech graduate program, started shortly after 1900, offered students 81 different areas of study for a master's degree and 74 doctorate ones.

-Chrys Dormstetter

Molecular Magnification. Graduate student Leonardo Lopez uses the electron microscope to look at polymers. A Cunningham scholar in materials engineering science, Lopez spent his final year studying the morphology of semi-crystalline polymers.
Besides research and classes, graduates spent time teaching entry-level classes. Freshman chemistry lab was often times undergraduates' first contact with graduate students.

Reviewing data for his thesis, Bruno Barthelemy studies the development of methods used in structural optimization. For over two years Barthelemy, an aerospace and ocean engineering student, tested methods of computation for the sensitivity of derivatives.
Carbon Copies
Creative variations on an old problem
Cheating — a prominent dilemma college students faced when deciding whether or not making the grade was worth taking the risk. Some students felt that the risk of being caught was worth the grade while others felt that the act of cheating was one of the worst crimes a student could commit.

What drove one student to cheat and another to resist the urge? Students who received information on exams often did so because they felt it was the only way that they could pass their classes. One student said that cheating was a last resort.

"The material being taught is too intense for just one quarter of study," he said. Another said that "the competition in college is so great that cheating is one way of pulling ahead of the rest of the crowd."

In their efforts to "pull ahead," cheaters devised ingenious methods: programming mathematical formulas into a calculator for a calculus class, having someone else take the test and composing hand signals in classes where the same copy of a test was given to all students.

William Harvey, chief justice of the honor system, said that over the years the number of people caught cheating had not increased greatly, but the methods of cheating had become more severe. "The trend is more toward computer violations," said Harvey, "and the violations are more serious. It's gotten to the point where people have methodically thought about it and did it."

Harvey, a senior who became involved with the honor system his freshman year, said, "When I first started, the most serious violation I saw was someone who took their crib notes into their final exam. Now we've had cases where people forged professors' signatures on drop slips, broke into a professor's office to change a grade and forged a professor's name on a grade change."

One student expressed great anger toward cheaters. "They blow the curve and make it harder for those of us that do study," said Tom Schrody, a junior in engineering.

A common response from indifferent students was "they're only hurting themselves in the end."

Cheating had become a widespread problem on many college campuses and professors devised systems of their own that made cheating on tests almost impossible: having two or more test copies in the class and using trick questions to determine whether or not the students were actually doing their own work or just copying answers onto their answer sheets. In large lecture halls, deterring cheating was even more difficult. Some professors relied on graduate students to roam the room while the test was being given.

Penalties for getting caught ranged from receiving an "F" in the course to suspension, depending on the nature of the offense. To help deplete the number of students caught for inadvertent offenses like leaving off footnotes, the honor system went on a publicity drive. Large plaques were bolted to the walls in classrooms with the message: "It's your honor and your system." The purpose was to make students and faculty more aware of the system and get them more involved. "By the time we're through, there will be one in every classroom," said Robert Blanke, an associate justice for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Harvey said the plaques were to be used "as a positive reminder, not a 'big brother is watching you' type of thing."

The Honor System also produced brochures and videotapes in an effort to increase awareness and recruit justices and case workers. Harvey felt that if more students became involved in the system, they would feel like it was working for them.

For those students who were prosecuted, sophomore Gilbert Jones had this advice: "Cheating is unnecessary. If you have the ability to get accepted into a university then you ought to be able to do well in the classes you take without cheating."

- Tracy Andress
As the cost of higher education increased, students felt the strain of their shrinking dollars.

Money, or lack of it, drew approximately 40% of the entering freshman and 30% of the upperclassmen to the financial aid office to apply for grants, loans, merit scholarships, and work-study programs in order to continue their studies. Although 57% of all university students received some form of aid to offset the higher cost of education, the gap between need and aid continued to widen.

One reason for the widening gap was due to Congress changing the eligibility requirements for students. Richard-Stillwagon, director of the scholarships and financial aid office, said the new rules "aren't making our jobs any simpler," and in the long run increased the amount of paperwork to be processed; translation—longer lines and fewer recipients.

"Congress made extensive changes governing financial aid programs, especially in the definition of what constitutes a self-supporting student," Stillwagon said. "We're not sure of the overall impact, but we project that some students will end up losing $1.5 million worth of aid."

As the recipient pool for grants and scholarships receded, several students relied on what Stillwagon called "self-help" aid—loans and work-studies. Gone was the free money that did not have to be paid back either through work or future earnings.

Congress also became concerned about students repaying their loans. Cries from Capitol Hill about the 10% default rate for guaranteed student loans and the 14% rate for national direct student loans prompted the lawmakers to pass stricter legislation governing financial aid. Stillwagon was eager to point out that Tech students fared much better than the national averages.

Stillwagon said, "Our students are helping themselves. Over two-thirds of the money involved in financial aid the student pays for with definitely inferior academic standards.

Work-study jobs were awarded to students based on need as part of the financial aid packet. If a student was awarded $900 for the school year, he could apply for any number of work-study vacancies and work up to 20 hours a week until his money ran out.

For out-of-state students, fewer types of aid were available. Since the university was a land-grant institution, the state restricted the majority of aid to in-state residents.

Nora Myers, a junior in management and West Virginia native, opted to finance her education through guaranteed student loans and national direct student loans.

"I didn't have any other choice," she said, "except to have gone to an in-state school..."
Students not receiving financial aid found working off-campus one way to help supplement a tight budget. Dina Kincaid, a Day Care Administration senior, earned extra dollars by working as a swing manager at the local McDonald's.

New eligibility requirements for financial aid recipients kept Richard Stillwagon and his staff busy with paperwork. Stillwagon, the director of the scholarships and financial aid office, predicted tough times ahead as the number of students receiving aid was expected to decline.
Placement Services help students attain career goals

University Placement Services was busy providing services and resources to undergraduates, graduates, and alumni. The services included individual appointments with students, seminars and workshops, alumni placement, on-campus interviewing, educational placement files (EPF) and a pre-graduation program. The many resources offered included job listings and a placement information center.

The University Placement Services published bulletins for students weekly that were available at the center, and also sent them out to individual departments. The placement information center included job search information, employer information, directories, on-campus interviewing schedule information, career-related information, and summer employment information.

Dr. James H. Malone, director of University Placement Services explained that the staff spent most of the time in either group sessions or individual advising appointments. Dr. Ernest E. Andrews, associate director, described his work breakdown as about 40% administrative work and 60% student contact. For him, those percentages represented the ideal combination. "We're changing in doing more one-to-one appointments with students; students want to identify with jobs. They really work to be specific, and often give traditional jobs new names," Malone said. Andrews explained that career decision were probably the first important decision for students to make on their own. "It's the time for them to be ready to face the world, most are concerned and do work to get employment," he said.

Individual appointments were made to service the students, and different topics including preparing Personal Data Sheets (PDS's), interviewing skills and using resource materials were discussed. Andrews considered his work educational. "We teach them the correct phraseology and wordings, how to make good resumes, cover letters, etc. But we also back that up with the logic of why things should be done in a certain way — they can relate to what they're doing," Andrews also asked his students hard-ball questions to prepare them for interviews.

The staff conducted seminars and workshops during the year which included on-campus interviewing, preparing PDS's, resumes, summer jobs, and networking. They were scheduled at University Placement Services, and were also conducted for requested groups like curricula clubs, academic honorary groups, fraternities and sororities.

Donna Cassell, placement counselor, said that the workshop about summer jobs or internships, which she conducted, was by far one the most popular workshops. "Freshmen or sophomores who aren't sure about careers can explore different opportunities," she said. She also saw many seniors and cadets seeking summer jobs. Many seniors going on to graduate school spent their summer working, while cadets spent their breaks between college and military assignments working, too.

Large companies were becoming very serious about summer jobs as recruiting tools and often offered permanent employment to their summer interns. "Companies used internships as a recruiting tool, a chance to get to know them better. Job performance was a better indicator of potential than resumes," Cassell explained.

Interviews on campus were conducted by about 600 employees, as well as graduate and professional schools. About 17,000 to 18,000 interviews were conducted last year. Andrews explained that manpower needs often directed how resources would be spent on recruiting students, which explained why certain companies came to Virginia Tech to interview. On-campus interviews were also conducted for summer jobs where about 50 companies participated last year.

Students who participated in the pre-graduation program received important information about fees, deadlines, and steps for having the diploma mailed or attending commencement. Students learned about available job search and alumni placement information.

Malone explained, "Students don't seem to be changing their needs. Employees coming to Virginia Tech seem to be changing — there's a real change with a decrease in large companies that are concerned with manufacturing and production and an increase in smaller lesser known companies concerned with retail, leisure and food services."

Cassel advised: "Students should really take advantage of the resources, there are many opportunities that were unfulfilled by the students," noting that the placement staff was always ready to serve the students.
Branching Out

Because the school of forestry and wildlife resources was so highly specialized, recruiter often went to the department to conduct interviews. Margaret M. Andrews, counselor, explained that the companies would call and make plans with the department, which would then schedule dates. Announcements would be posted and made in class. Peter Bettinger, a senior in forestry, explained that "after the notices were put up, everybody signed up for interviews."

About a dozen companies, mostly forest industry (paper products, etc.), chemical, tree maintenance, and fishery and wildlife fields, came to the school. Andrews felt that the job outlook was going pretty good. More students were interested in working with the public, as nature guides at parks. Bettinger was interested in obtaining an entry-level position in either forestry industry, land management, or timber procurement. He realized that "you've got to start at the bottom."

Industries were also very active in summer programs, and often interviewed at the school. Liz Frassa, also a senior in forestry, had summer jobs lined up tentively. She felt that "within forestry it is pretty specialized, so it's important to get the background experience first." A community related job, working with the public either in private industry, as in public representative or working with public relations in extensive services interested her.

The school worked from both ends, the company and the students. The relationship the school has with the companies was very important, and so the department worked to match students to companies. Frassa explained, "I'm not going to be without something."

"Careers in forestry is much more social than the public would think," explained Andrews. It also included more business and computers; students were becoming more attentive to communications.

Because only around 50 students graduated a year, the relationship between the school and students was personal. "The school doesn't have a reputation to just graduate its students and say good-bye," said Andrews.

- Akemi Martin

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Rugby, a club sport, has continued to grow in popularity. Tech's team has been rated as one of the best in the area.
Regardless of the season, sports were the primary source of recreation on campus. Of course there were the more visible sports — varsity football, basketball, baseball — which were played by a selected few, but attracted the attention of many. But even the amateur athlete had his or her opportunity; intramurals gave anyone the opportunity to participate in a number of different sports.

From morning to night, the gym served as the campus athletic activity center. The echoes of racquetballs bouncing off the walls and the clanking of barbells in the weightrooms were heard continuously throughout the day.

The athletically minded were far more visible in the spring and summer. The Drill Field was crowded with people playing tag football, leaving hardly any room to walk to and from classes. Walking on the sidewalks became a difficult task, too, because of trying to dodge the joggers.

Winter sports were just as plentiful, though they were more inclined to take place on the inside.

The sports activity served as an outlet for students. Sports served their purpose, and gave many the incentive to go on because it was just... a matter of momentum.
Hokies Carry the...
For Fun, Exercise and Competition, 

Fit the Bill

There were no scholarships; there was no varsity standing. But competition was just as strong in sports designated as "clubs." Like with varsity sports, club sports allowed its team members to battle it out with other schools. While some groups played other club-designated teams, others competed with varsity, nationally-ranked teams.

The Fencing Club
Both men and women competed in this extramural sporting event. With tournaments along the entire East coast, the fencing club competed with other schools as close as UVA to ones like Johns Hopkins and Vassar.

Three members of the club qualified for the National Championships, with one finishing 32nd in Epee and another placing 40th in foil.

Most members are undergraduates, although the club was open to all students, faculty and staff. All of the equipment and training is provided free to members since many of them have never fenced before.

The Gymnastics Club
Swinging from bars to tumbling in mid-air, the members of the gymnastics club practiced every afternoon to improve their performances. The men's and women's teams have competed with neighboring universities. The club travelled to George Mason University in March for the McDonald's Cup, an international gymnastics meet.

In addition to competing, the club held two exhibitions that attracted many spectators. Anyone watching could become a member of the club since people of any skill level were invited to join.

The Water Ski Club
The water ski club was an organization for students interested in the exciting sport of water skiing. No personal equipment was required to become a member, nor was there a required skill level.

The club supported itself by raising money through dues ($45 a year) and a raffle sale in both fall and winter quarters. This money went toward club functions like parties, but more importantly, ski trips to places like Smith Mountain Lake and Craytor Lake.

For the more competitive skiers on the team, the club sponsored a ski team which has participated in events like the Eastern Regional Ski Tournament.

The Lacrosse Team
The lacrosse team was an extramural sports club composed of 35 men. Although only a club, its schedule included mainly Division I varsity teams, like The Citadel, North Carolina State and University of Tennessee. The team had a strong offense led by Don Tillar, Stephen Wagner, Michael Burns and Chris Vieni as well as a subsiding defense anchored by Dave Lacoste, Evan Davis and Joe Arostegui. Through a strong desire to play the sport and the extreme dedication of its members, the team was well fielded year in and year out.

The Weightlifting Club
One thousand three hundred and seventy-five strong, the weightlifting club was open to all students and faculty. The club maintained two facilities: a weight room for working the upper body and one for the lower body.

Like other clubs, it competed in tournaments. The club sponsored all of its competitive lifters, paying for lodging, airfare, gas and entry fees. The club had some of the top powerlifters in the nation, including Thor Kritsky who won the 1986 American Powerlifting Federation World Championship in Hawaii, he won in the 242-lbs. class. Also, Eric Hammer and Joe Rossin have placed in national competitions.

In addition to lifting weights, the club sponsored parties and was planning to build a new facility to accommodate the growing membership.
Club sports fit the bill
Changing Expectations

Keep Team's Momentum Going

"Unpredictable" was how Coach Chuck Hartman described his expectations of the 1987 season for his young Hammerin' Hokies. Despite the loss of several key players, including pitcher Dave Potts, first baseman George Canale and centerfielder Tim Buheller, Hartman predicted the ability of the young players would keep up the team's momentum of past years.

The 1986 season ended with a winning streak of 30 of the last 40 games played.

"It was a fun season. We won a lot of big games and made some great comebacks," Hartman said.

One of the major disadvantages for the team was pitching injuries. These injuries put the sophomores and new recruits under pressure to replace the injured. "We're in a sort of Jekyll and Hyde situation when we depend on young players. One day we're beating everyone, the next day they're beating us. But I think we have a good nucleus for future years in pitching."

Hartman and assistant coach Mike Nicholson agreed that once the team got on a winning streak as they did last season, confidence would build in the players.

An advantage the team had not seen in previous years was depth. With several men having the ability to play different positions, a competitive drive kept the players working hard.

The Hokies were close to winning the Metro (continued on page 131)
The Hammerin' Hokies are more than just teammates, they're comrades. Third baseman Trey McCoy and George Canale share a congratulatory "high 10" following McCoy's homerun with Canale on base.

Centerfielder Tim Buheller concentrates on making his way back to first base after an attempted steal. During the past four seasons, Buheller stole 140 times, clinching the stolen-bases record.
Buried under a cloud of dust is catcher Joe Vieni's controversial tag at home plate. The umpire called the player safe, much to the dismay of Coach Hartman and Vieni himself.

Although plagued by injuries during much of his time with the Hokies, Mike Jednorski demonstrates that he has not lost his form. Jednorski's pitching speed and specialty slider made him an important part of the team's young pitching staff.
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Conference Championship last season and that goal moved ever closer as strong teams like Florida State and South Carolina lost many of their best players. With this season’s upgraded schedule, including Maryland, Duke and Tennessee, the learning experience of playing a superb team was enough to keep team morale on an even keel, concluded Hartman. Several key players this season could look forward to moving up the ranks in the future. One of these men was sophomore Trey McCoy, whose given nickname, “Homer,” precisely defined his abilities. Coach Hartman described pitcher Brad Duvall as “a raw egg we’ve cooked over the years.” With a fastball clocked at 90-92 mph, Duvall was definitely professional material.

Success in the outfield depended upon Curtis Duffer, Allan El-Amin and Mike Conte, all whom displayed offensive hitting power as well as defensive skills. Shortstop Len Wentz and third baseman Casey Waller were just two of the season’s freshman recruits whose hard work, Hartman thought, would pay off significantly in the future.

With such a superior young team, the key to confidence and success was just down the road.

Angered over a poor call made by the home plate umpire, Coach Chuck Hartman makes his opinion known. In this game flaring tempers paid off as the Hokies defeated the ODU Monarchs 9-7.
Golf is a sport people may play all of their lives, but they mostly enjoy the game only during the warm months. But some people play it practically non-stop all year, whether the weather is warm or cold.

The Virginia Tech golf team practiced seven days a week, every week, during their fall and spring seasons. When they were not at practice, they were participating in a tournament, often being away from school for ten days at a time.

For the team, time away from school was anything but a vacation. Coach Jay Hardwick said the team plays "one of the top schedules in the country," and the competition gets harder every year. Even summer vacation was not necessarily a vacation for the players, as most of the top players participated in four to eight tournaments during their break.

The tough practices and challenging tournament schedule brought recognition to several team members during the spring and fall seasons. During the spring season, senior and four-year letterman Mark Teachey was named to the All-Metro team and the Academic All-American first team. Coach Hardwick called this "the highest honor your team can achieve," as only twenty-seven collegiate golfers make the team each year.

Juniors Miller Baber and Tim Cone also had outstanding seasons. Baber was runner-up in the State Intercollegiate Tournament and Cone was named to the All-Tourney Team after he finished playing in the McGregor Golf Classic.

Coach Hardwick remarked that the seasons saw "outstanding play from particular individuals," but team play as a whole was not very consistent.

During the fall season, Coach Hardwick played 11 different golfers in the five allowed slots during tournaments. Each player gained tournament experience as he took his turn in the lineup. Tournament experience is detrimental to a player's skill and confidence, as Coach Hardwick explained that the players "have a lot of talent, it's just a matter of them believing in themselves, that they can play with anybody."

- Paige Game

Teeing off, Mike Agee practices his golf game for an upcoming spring tournament. Last season was Agee's first with the Hokies, but by fall, Agee was a veteran.

For the second year in a row, Virginia Tech boasts an Academic All-America golfer as selected by the Golf Coaches Association of America. Mark Teachey, a senior captain of last year's golf team, was honored before the spring NCAA golf championships.
Celebrating Homecoming.
Julie Connor cheers to the students sitting on the east side of Lane Stadium. Earlier that morning, the cheerleaders participated in the Homecoming parade in downtown Blacksburg.

While showing off for the fans, the Hokie mascot and West Virginia's Mountaineer tumble in the end zone during a lull in the game.

Showing their excitement after a touchdown, cheerleaders Sean McPhilly and Stephanie Starkey perform one of their individual stunts.
WE want to get everybody behind the people that are out there on the field or on the courts. We want to fulfill our jobs as cheerleaders."

And the varsity cheerleading squad tried to reach that goal at every game, according to Coach Jody Herron.

Herron said that cheerleading has had a bad reputation here, but that the cheerleaders worked to change that by increasing student participation with shorter cheers and by decreasing their dancing and stunt-building activities during the game.

“We want to try to have a little bit of tradition (about cheering) with more organization, more enthusiasm, like Clemson or Penn State,” she said.

“What we want to have by the end of the year, is for our fans to be standing up and cheering for our football team and our basketball team as much as they stand up and cheer for the footballs that are thrown at them,” said Herron.

With that enthusiasm, she added, Hokie teams could beat anyone. Fan support was instrumental in winning, just like the daily practices. When the fans didn’t support a team, it showed; the team’s enthusiasm dwindled, like at away games, where fans were not present.

“With everyone cheering,” Herron concluded, “it would not matter if we won or lost, everyone would still enjoy the game.”

- Terri Wright

Promoting spirit to even the youngest of fans, Clark Andrs teaches a cheer to a young cheerleader who helped the squad during the W.Va game. Sheila Duggan watches her partner as she keeps in step with the rest of the squad.

Reaching newer heights, Julie Connor and Sue Brooks support Alesia Martin in one of the pyramid building stunts.

During a break from their rigorous cheerleading routines, Ryan Smith and Stephanie Wolfrey take time out to watch the game.
The Virginia Tech football team had a positive season. Unity and determination were the driving forces behind the team's success. Coach Bill Dooley's contract dispute and the enforcement of drug testing made for a controversial season, but the team faced adversity head on, off the field and on. After a 20-24 loss to Cincinnati, the team came back as strong as ever with four wins and a tie. In a standing-room-only crowd of 51,400, the Hokie team overwhelmed Virginia 42-10.

Quarterback, Erik Chapman led the offense along with "The Stallions," Maurice Williams and Eddie Hunter. Chapman handled his position well. He took total control on the field and proved that he was a talented passer. Chapman also demonstrated his quick reactions and his ability to compose plays in sudden situations.

"Erik can throw the ball deep and is a good 'ad lib' quarterback. He makes good decisions on the field and is a good leader. The receivers know he can get them the ball, so maybe they're more in the game," receiver coach Sidney Kinney said.

Williams and Hunter ran for over 100 yards each against Syracuse, Virginia and Richmond. In the past three seasons, Williams and Hunter combined for 3,603 yards. Offensive backfield coach, Billy Hite, commented on what makes these two tailbacks more desirable to pro scouts than other quality running backs, "Maurice is a big back with strength and runs very hard. Eddie has the ability to do a lot of things well, he would be especially effective returning punts and kicks."

Williams averaged 93 yards a game and seven yards per carry. He felt that his best game was against Syracuse when he "broke for two long runs; it seemed as though everything was going well that day."

Williams stats ranked him in the (continued on page 138)
Catching a Tiger by the tail, Curtis Taliaferro tackles the Clemson quarterback. Taliaferro's quarterback sack was the first of the season.
top ten of career rushing leaders at Tech. He stated, "It makes me feel like I've really accomplished something my four years here."

Hunter was also among the top ten career rushing leaders and added to the team with his running ability. He spoke highly of the offensive line, coached by Pat Watson. Hunter felt that together he and Williams contributed to the team's success. "We've also made each other better," he said, and better it was. Hunter averaged seventy yards a game and 4.5 yards per carry. Hunter felt that his most challenging game during the season was Syracuse because it was a confidence builder; he had just come off an injury to his ribs.

Chris Kinzer was definitely another key factor in the team's success. Kinzer, a sophomore, broke former kicker Don Wade's consecutive field goals record, twelve in a row. "It's an honor, the main thing is just helping the team," Kinzer said. In the Kentucky game, Kinzer handled the pressure efficiently. His field goal gave the team a 17 to 15 victory in the final seconds of the game. Kinzer explained, "Pressure is something you never get used to, the key is to adjust to it. In the Kentucky game, I knew that I had to just go out and do it."

Donald Wayne Snell, Steve Johnson, Earnie Jones and Sean Donnelly were also among the offensive drive; Lawrence White, Horacio Moronta and Morgan Roane helped supply a powerful defense.

Through all of the pressure and controversy, the football team showed how strong their bodies and souls were.

- Tanya E. Knox
Dodging past his West Virginia opponent, Eddie Hunter charges for more yardage. Hunter scored the only Hokie touchdown in the game with a one-yard dive.
Reaching for the pass, Phil Williams stretches to score two points against an Old Dominion player. Williams was the only fourth year player on this year's team.
Throughout season, Hokies search for Combinations

The Hurryin' Hokies got off to one of the slowest starts since Head Coach Charles Moir took over in 1976. After losing four starting players, including All-American guard Dell Curry, Moir attempted to rebuild with a younger, inexperienced team.

Moir had five returning players, none of which had full-time starting roles. The rest of the team was composed of walk-ons, transfer students and freshmen. Pre-season polls listed them nowhere near the top twenty and they were picked to finish last in the Metro Conference. Moir and his staff had a great deal of work to do.

The squad had just as many problems off the court as they did on the court. Freshman forward Tom Savage caught a bad case of homesickness and transferred to his native state of New Jersey before ever donning a uniform. Freshman Greg Brink was plagued by injuries; he suffered a broken ankle during a practice session and a few weeks later slipped in the shower and fractured his wrist. The final verdict: out of action until January.

It would be three straight losses to Old Dominion University, James Madison and West Virginia before the team experienced its first taste of victory against East Tennessee State. Wally Lancaster, a transfer student from the University of Maryland, introduced the three-point shot to Tech fans, a feat he continued to do for most of the season. Lancaster was forwards Phil Williams and Tim Anderson, both of whom increased their intensity and scoring to give the Hokies a well-needed boost. Center Roy Brow found the shooting punch that had eluded him for his first two years and newcomer Bimbo Coles held his ground against the stiff competition.

With one win under their belts, the Hokies were flying high, and on their way to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville where they would finally be able to use the highly touted rebounder and scorer, Russell Pierre, a transfer from N.C. State. The squad came away 1-1 for the tournament; but not before Pierre grabbed a bowl-record 22 rebounds and dished in 43 points. Pierre was also instrumental in the win over ACC foe Wake Forest. The Hokies seemed to have found the fuel they needed to get them off the ground, but once again bad luck prevailed.

During the Christmas break, Pierre was declared academically ineligible for the remainder of the season after failing an Indoor Plants class, forcing the team to forfeit the two wins with Pierre. Pierre's departure put Brow back into a lineup that Coach Moir juggled quite often throughout the season.

In the Richmond Times-Dispatch tournament, nearly everybody on the bench got a chance to see action and the team and the team was able to pull off an overtime victory, 79-69 over the Richmond Spiders. But again the winning streak was broken; the Dukes of James Madison outscored the Hokies 84-70 in the championship game. The only highlight to come from the tournament was Phil Williams named to the All-Tournament team.

Moir went on record several times to say that he was tired of the way his Hokies were being "embarrassed" and scolded the team publicly during most press interviews. By the time of the first Metro Conference opener, he had shuffled the lineup at least six different times; no one's starting position was safe.

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Trying to get open from his South Carolina opponent, Roy Brow reaches over head for the ball.

In the game against the Keydets of VMI, Bimbo Coles brings the ball inside and looks for an open man; Tech beat VMI.
Through the season, Hokies search for Winning Combinations

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Greg Brink made his first start of the season against South Carolina and had an impressive showing in the 61-57 win over the Gamecocks. Lancaster and running mate George Caesar lead the show at the guard position, Lancaster with his deadly three-point shot, and Caesar with his flair for causing turnovers and his ability to bring the ball up the floor against one of the best point guards in the Metro. Moir would rely heavily on Caesar during the season, who split time at the guard position with Johnny Fort.

Just when they thought the roller coaster ride was over, the Hokies zoomed to two straight losses. They were unable to put together 40 minutes of hard play and whoever starred in one game, would be in the doghouse during the next. Frustration set in for the older members of the squad who had been used to 20-plus winning seasons and post season play.

Throughout their trials, the Hokies did have some bright moments. Williams, the only senior, was one of the leading rebounders on the team and one of the most consistent players. Lancaster lead the team in three-point goals and overall scoring. Anderson, recipient of last year's Mr. Hustle award, continued to shine in that respect as well as did Caesar. Brink and freshman guard Bimbo Coles saw plenty of action and made their contributions felt as well, while Brow made the top ten in the nation for blocked shots.

Although this year's cagers failed to top 20 wins or the top 20 list, they did manage to pull together in time to salvage a winning season which gave them something to look forward to for next year.

-Zandra Brow

Basketball
Taking a break from the books, junior Fred Niner pitches for Sigma Delta Rho against the Betas in the Beta softball tournament. SDR beat the Betas and finished with an overall season record of 17-7.
After a long, hard day of school, what better way to end the day than with a good dose of head to head competition? Intramurals gave students a chance to blow off some steam by playing in everything from football games to water polo matches.

"It's a break from classes and lots of fun. Besides it is a good way to meet new people and become closer to the people on your team," said John Crowder, a civil engineering student.

Different intramural sports were offered each quarter. During the fall, students signed up for flag football and volleyball. Water polo and basketball were the winter quarter sports. Softball and soccer rounded out the spring quarter "season."

Some of the sports had over 150 teams participating: 175 teams played in the volleyball tournaments, 310 in softball and 340 in basketball. Undergraduates, graduate students and faculty composed these teams.

At the end of each quarter, teams played in the University Championship, competing for the title of best team.

Amateur athletes who had some extra time on their hands could enjoy the "thrill of victory" or suffer the "agony of defeat" through intramural sports.

- Laurie Strickland

Intramural volleyball allows students a break from books. A player from the "Nuisance Parameters" blocks the spike by a "Meat Puppets" team member.

Sigma Delta Rho quarterback Jeff McMillion looks for an open receiver during their game against the German Club. SDR ended their season with an 2-1 record.
With a transfer of coaching authority from Joe Collins to Larsen Bowker, the men’s tennis team faced new challenges and new problems. With “one of the deepest tennis teams in years,” Coach Bowker had the task of assigning the top six seeds among twelve competitive players.

Three candidates, including senior, Charlie Petrosky, junior, Paul Calhoun, and sophomore, Ed Butterworth, vied for the number one position. Juniors, Phil Payne, whom Coach Bowker described as “blossoming into one of the best players”, and John Woolridge, “an unsung hero and dependable team player”, rounded out a solid upperclassman core.

The team was so well balanced that two freshmen, Mark Bernstein and Jamie McAllister had as much of a chance at cracking the top six as any of the upperclassmen.

Bowker described the tennis team as “not the most talented team, but one with an excellent attitude which should carry them into winning ways.” He expected to improve on last year’s fifth place Metro Conference finish, even though the team faced such Metro powers as South Carolina, Florida State and Memphis State; regional powers North Carolina and Duke added to the tough schedule. With only one senior, Petrosky, leaving this year, Coach Bowker commented, “Tech should be, within two years, a team to contend with in the state as well as in the Metro Conference.”

-Randy Padilla
Tennis veteran John Wooldridge practices his volleying. He proved to be a dependable player for the experienced Hokie team.
"We came along like we should have," said Coach Ann Jones after her women's tennis team finished third in the Metro Conference during the 1986 season. "The girls worked hard and we improved every match."

Since four players who played number one in both singles and doubles returned, including Erika Rapport, Jones' second year as head coach was an easier task.

The team played good teams, like Florida State and Duke, in close matches. Although they did not win, they played well. "I thought we were about where we should have been," Jones said.

The team faced disappointments too. For example, Coach Jones thought their worst defeat was to Richmond, their biggest state rival. The Hokies lost to the Lady Spiders.

This year, Jones turned her attention toward the team's doubles matches. "We've been weaker on doubles in the past, we've had good single players. I want them to play more aggressive, like going to the net and volleying. I am trying to teach them to get a more positive attitude about that."

As if climbing a ladder, each player took one more step toward improving their team ranking and overall playing performance. Jones saw her team moving up slowly, but surely, in the Metro.

- Terri Wright
Junior Marla Lochiatto practices her groundstrokes on the outside courts during the warm fall season. This native Bostonian was ranked number one during the 1987 season.
Dooley: He Sued, SETTLED, Was Sent Packing

Besides the trip to the Peach Bowl on December 31, the firing of head football coach Bill Dooley was the "sports story" of the year. Every local medium and even some not quite so close-to-home, like ABC Sports, covered the story.

The controversy over Tech's "all-time winningest coach" began in 1984 when the Hokies played post-seasonally in the Independence Bowl. Due to recruiting violations, the bowl committee ruled that Outland Trophy winner, Bruce Smith, would not be allowed to play in that contest. In retaliation, Smith sued Tech and the NCAA for "injunctive relief" which delayed court action long enough for him to participate in the bowl game.

Smith played, and the suit was dropped, but not without repercussions. University President William Lavery, unaware of the recruiting violations, suffered unnecessary embarrassment over the Smith ordeal. That was the first step to Dooley's demise.

Adding fuel to the fire was Dooley's poor management of athletic department funds, which surfaced last year, and cries of dismissal from fans and alumni.

Then in March 1986, according to Dooley, President Lavery fired him from his athletic director position, only after similiar positions at Rice and Mississippi State, which he was interested in, had been filled. Although Lavery offered him to stay on as head football coach, carrying with it full pay for both coach and athletic director jobs, Dooley declined.

Dooley agreed to stay throughout '86, unwanted, to avoid the embarrassment of being dismissed. However, on September 15th, Dooley took a stand. He filed a law suit in the Montgomery County Circuit Court suing the university and the Tech Athletic Association for $3.5 million for breach of contract.

Tech had 21 days to file a response to the suit, and on the evening of October 6th, S.D. Roberts Moore, Dooley's attorney, and university counsel Jane Bulkin began talks of a settlement.

"One of the terms of the settlement agreement is that the entire agreement is to be held in a confidential way by all parties," Moore said.

Three days later, the dispute was over. Coach Bill Dooley settled his law suit out of court for a speculated $1 million. And as of January 1, 1987, after the Hokie performance at the Peach Bowl, Dooley's duties at Virginia Tech were over.

Information and graphic source: The Roanoke Times & World-News

With a 62-38-1 record, Tech's "all-time winningest football coach, Bill Dooley, discusses the next play with quarterback Erik Chapman. Dooley's duties as athletic director and coach ceased as of January 1, 1987.

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A LOOK AT BILL DOOLEY’S 9 YEARS AT VIRGINIA TECH

1978
JANUARY 8
Bill Dooley leaves North Carolina and is named Virginia Tech's athletic director and head football coach.

MAY '78
Virginia Tech joins the Metro Conference.

1980
OCTOBER
'80 Tech beats Virginia 30-0, the first Dooley-Tech victory over UVa.

'80 Tech finishes season 8-3, gets Peach Bowl bid.

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JANUARY 2
Tech loses to Miami (Fla.) in Peach Bowl but takes 15,000 fans to first bowl appearance in 12 years.

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MAY '83
Tech placed on one-year NCAA football probation for recruiting violations.

NOVEMBER '82
Vanderbilt routs Tech 45-0, killing Tech's bowl chances.

1983
1985
1986
JUNE '85
JUNE '86
OCTOBER '86
Tech wins at Clemson, Dooley's biggest victory in nine years.

'82 Football team finishes first in the nation in rushing defense, eighth in total defense.

'82 Tech gets three TV games, earns $807,000.

'83 Football team leads the nation in rushing defense, scoring defense, tied for second in total defense.

'83 Tech routs Virginia 48-0 to finish 8-2, most victories since 1905.

'84 Tech goes 8-3, gets Independence Bowl bid. Team ranks second in nation in rushing defense, scoring defense and third in total defense.

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Facing some of the same problems as the swimming program, Tech's track program was also looking to the future with hopeful anticipation. Although the men's team has fared well, the women's team has suffered drastically. “We only have nine girls seriously interested, that is, that show up for every practice, and they constitute eight distance runners and two others (one distance runner also does field events),” explained Head Coach Russ Whitenack and Assistant Coach Todd Scully.

The problem was that there was no place for the outdoor runners and field participants to practice. “A lot of the girls that came out the year before decided not to come back out, and that was true of the year before that too. We’ve lost a lot of numbers and it is frustrating. They don’t get better unless there is competition among themselves,” said Whitenack.

Because of the lack of track members, the teams do not have a dual meet schedule. Instead, they go to invitational meets, where most of the members qualify.

“The prospects look better though,” Whitenack continued. “The new athletic director said that an indoor facility should be on its way by next year.”

That would help the track program immensely, considering the track members can not practice now. Once the facility is built, Whitenack added, we can recruit runners, something we have not been able to do effectively.

Our program should be able to turn around after that. We’re looking at about five years to build a strong competitive team, which is better than before.

- Terri Wright

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Seeking to Gain

MOMENTUM
Seniors
Lady Hokies Through Season

In the dead cold of winter, many athletes could still be seen practicing and devoting themselves to their individual sports. One unique group of athletes was the Women's Basketball team. This group consisted of fourteen students, including three seniors, who were probably at the center of what Coach Carol Alfano called her "good strong nucleus."

These three seniors were Joyce Waddy, Maureen Donovan and Renee Dennis. Donovan was a forward-guard who had been the leader in handouts this year and "had written the record board for assists," continued Alfano. Renee Dennis was described by Coach Alfano as the second leading rebounder and the leading scorer. She also had her name all over the Lady Hokies' Top Ten lists.

Dennis was All-Metro Conference player for the first week in January, then Donovan filled the position. With these seniors, and other talented players, Coach Alfano confidently stated, "this should be our year; if we don't win this year, it'll be a couple more (years) before we do."

Although the team's record may not be all wins, Coach Alfano explained that by telling how they played seven of the top twenty teams. She also said, "(We are) a very underrated team."

Most people do not realize that the women's team beat JMU, a team in the top twenty. Another advantage for the team this season was the Metro Tournament, which took place at Tech this year. It gave the Lady Hokies the home field advantage for the first time.

- Laurie Strickland
Experienced Youth and

TEAM UNITY

Made Winning Season Possible

"We're very young again this year, but we have a lot of experience. I think this team can be very good," said Coach John Pierce of the women's volleyball team.

Leading the team in court leadership, serve reception and defense was junior and co-captain Sonya Adams. Although Adams was labeled the team leader, volleyball was a team sport and Adams had ten talented players by her side, including a freshman, six sophomores and three juniors. Because the team had no seniors, Coach Pierce looked forward to an experienced team next year.

Two factors influenced the success of this season: lack of injuries and home court advantage.

"With all of the injuries we had last season, it was a nightmare," Pierce said. Along with fewer injuries, the team played one of its most important events, the Metro Tournament, on home ground. Because the tournament was here, Coach Pierce claimed that the Lady Hokies "were not fatigued from travel, were familiar with the court and had the advantage of fans." Although few fans attended the matches, attendance picked up to about 200 by mid-season when students "realized we were here and what our record was," Pierce said.

Pierce contributed the successful season to fan support, team unity and a lot of motivation by his players.

- Laurie Strickland

Also known for her blocking abilities, Julie Neely gets some assistance from co-captain, Jill Motley, during a match against Cincinnati.

Best known for her blocking abilities, Julie Neely spikes a return to her opponents. Anchoring the defense, Adams, a junior and team leader, carried much of the burden of starting the diverse Tech attacks.

Leaping to block a return, Julie Neely carries "a huge load in the Tech offensive scheme," according to the 1986 Virginia Tech Volleyball Media Guide.
Rebuilding the Image of Wrestling

SPN and late night Sunday TV began the wrestling craze with "Hulk-o-mania", Ivan the Terrible, and the Junkyard Dog, just to name a few. Although this created more awareness for the "sport" of wrestling, it lessened the credibility of college wrestling. Over the past several years, the Hokie wrestlers tried to rebuild the image. It was not an easy task, in fact, it was a struggle, but the team looked ahead with confidence.

Graduation after the '85-'86 season left the Hokies without the talents of 150-lb. Ed Hogan and 167-lb. Rob Fair, a qualifier for the NCAA National Championships. Despite the loss, a strong nucleus remained with Ed Obendorfer, a 142-lb. senior in management Science, and Jon Taylor, a sophomore biology major, replacing Fair at 167-lb. New recruits for this year's squad, Joe Matyiko and Bo O'Dea, turned in outstanding performance which were merely hints to their potential as upperclassmen.

The success of the Hokies was based on depth and flexibility at each weight. In preparing for crucial matches, the more experienced wrestlers put on or dropped pounds to challenge the tougher opponent. The team's strategy was to accumulate as many points as possible with takedowns, as opposed to the quick pin. Because of the depth, injuries were less of a drawback, and everyone had a chance to compete.

As for future goals, Coach Jerry Cheynet hoped for an improved record over last season's record, national championship bids for individual wrestlers and successful tournament performance.

- Marie Sacco
GOALS

Missed Because of Injuries

 Goals. Besides being what was needed to score, goals kept the soccer team on track for the season. They set three goals: to have a winning season, to be ranked in the region and to win the Metro Conference Tournament.

After the 1985 season, in which the Hokies achieved a 10-7-1 record, the team looked for continued success on the field with nine out of eleven starting players returning. This number was quickly reduced to six, when the Hokie boosters lost several key players to injuries and the exchange student program. Jerry Cheynet, in his thirteenth year as coach, was forced to go to a makeshift lineup that consisted of many young and inexperienced players.

Despite the setbacks, Cheynet felt that his young team's attitude and enthusiasm remained high throughout the season.

The team finished with a 6-5-2 record, capping off the season with victories over Radford, Tennessee, UNC-Charlotte and Roanoke. Although the season was somewhat of a disappointment, Cheynet was positive about the 1986 campaign. In figuring the team's final overall performance, one must consider the problem of injuries and the schedule of tough opponents that were having exceptional years, many of whom were nationally ranked.

- Arnie Barromeo

Dribbling the ball away from his opponent, Ted Beason breaks toward the goal.

Soccer veteran Carmen Juliano keeps the ball under control as an opponent attempts to steal.

Co-captain Jeff Rush steals the ball from a Roanoke player. Tech beat Roanoke 2-1 in a home game.
Winter Pastime Grows Into SKI TEAM

The snowy winters and mountainous terrain of Blacksburg and surrounding West Virginia area lends itself to the sport of snow skiing. That was one reason why the Virginia Tech Ski Team drew a lot of quality skiers who wanted to challenge their skills on nearby slopes. Ski racing was the most challenging. It also helped that the people on the ski team tended to be a little "crazy". Although the team was a young one, it had lots of team spirit. They have been given the unofficial title of the "most partying ski team" in the conference.

The men's team started out the year with high expectations, but unfortunately, the team ran into some bad luck, with racers wiping out during the race, and finishing very poorly in their first two races. As the younger skiers matured, things started to click and the men's team finished stronger. Unfortunately, it was too little too late. The team was led by Shaw Hash, Chris Phillipps, Sean Hortsman and George Szelle. Pete Radding, Bart Conrad, Donnie Porter and Jimmy Reeves also contributed strong support.

The women's team, on the other hand, was a model of consistency. They finished in the top half of the 14 team conference every race. That was the major reason that they qualified for regionals for the second year in a row. Their team was led by Susan Hayward, Leslie King and Donna Kuehn. Deb Randolph, Susanna Tomann and Jennifer Flake helped the team with their participation.

-Bart Conrad

On Sunday afternoons, team members have a chance to get away from all the pressures of school and really enjoy their favorite pastime. Most members took advantage of their practice session held on the Drop Off slope at Winterplace.

Junior Susan Hayward practices for regional competition. As captain of the women's team, Hayward was a contributing factor to the women's success.

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Captain of the Men’s Ski Team, Chris Phillipps, practices his slalom racing at Winterplace, home to the skiing Hokies.
Hokies win on Kinzer field goal

Hokie teammate of the game, Kinzer came up big. Kinzer's range, decided to go for the first down. The play, a quick out to Johnson lining up wide right, worked, but the Hokies were called for holding on the next play, a penalty that cost them 10 yards. In field goal range one play, out the next. But on the next play, N.C. State was called for pass interference as Chapman tried to hit wingback David Everett at the end zone. That 15 yards put Kinzer well in range.

"If he had to try it from 60, he'd have had it," Tech noseguard Mark Webb said. "We had it. We had it - I'm just glad they didn't get the ball again."

It was definitely an offensive show, as expected. Tech rolled up 487 yards of offense, 200 more than State. Tech finished with 29 first downs, compared to 16 for State. But two interceptions, a fumble and blocked punt made the game close.

The offense dominated from the beginning. Maurice Williams went 77 yards on Tech's first play of the game, setting a new Peach Bowl record.

Fellow tailback Eddie Hunter scored two plays later to give the Hokies a 7-0 lead. Williams finished with 129 yards and Hunter had 113.

"It was most rewarding," Hunter said. "I learned a lot of things today. When I felt like giving up, I saw these linemen coming back to the huddle all bloody, and if they could suck it up, so could I."

Tech's best performer on the offensive line this year, Jim Davie was suspended from the game because of steroid use. Also, the Hokies' best rusher, Morgan Roane, missed the game for disciplinary reasons.

The losses seemed large as State's Erik Kramer passed the Wolfpack to a 21-10 halftime lead. State scored its first touchdown off a blocked punt recovered in the end zone.

And two touchdown passes from Kramer, to Nastrallah Worthen and Ralph Britt, accounted for the halftime score.

A Kramer fumble set up a one-yard TD run by Williams, and the Hokies cut the lead to 21-16 in the third quarter after missing the two-pointer. Another Kramer fumble set up the next score, a six-yard pass from Chapman to Johnson, but again the Hokies missed the two-pointer. Then, Mike Cofer's 33-yard field goal gave the Wolfpack the lead again, 24-22 with 7:12 left.

The stage was set for Kinzer's last-second heroics.
During the second quarter of the Peach Bowl, the Hokies were fighting to come from behind.

As N.C. State players try for the block, Chris Kinzer kicks the winning field goal that pulled the Hokies up over the Wolfpack 25-24.

As the Hokies struggled to pull past the Wolfpack, Maurice Williams struggles to pull away from a tackler.
The newest member to join Tech's swimming and diving team was not a freshman recruit; on the contrary, he was Wayne Norris, the new head coach that has spent 13 years perfecting his coaching techniques for a head position. Before coming north to fulfill his new position, Coach Norris spent the last five years as an assistant at Clemson University.

Described as a hard working coach, Norris contended "my goals are to help swimmers reach their fullest potential, both academically and athletically. I do care about how they do on the team and in school. I'm not just here to develop a good team, but I'm concerned about them, even after they graduate."

Because Norris came to Tech too late to recruit new swimmers from the leading high school teams, he had to go with the returning swimmers and any walk-ons that were interested. That caused the team, on the whole, not to be as strong as it could have been. Although team titles appeared out of reach, Coach Norris felt that individual goals, breaking varsity records, and having individual swimmers qualify for the NCAA and National Championships were reachable.

"I thought the men did quite well this year. Their win over West Virginia was a very good meet. I wasn't too worried about some of the smaller schools that were on our schedule, but I knew we would have a tough time against the bigger programs like West Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina and Virginia," commented Norris.

"For the women, I knew every meet would be tough, but I really didn't expect to win too many. After all, we only had eight women on the team.

Somersaulting through the air, Jill Hahn watches for the water as she prepares to enter the pool.

Sophomore Todd Sturgeon was a key contributor for the Hokies in the middle and long distance free-style events. Sturgeon is from Mission Viejo, California.
Veteran swimmer, Andy Pulsifer swam backstroke, butterfly and individual medley for the Hokies. Since Pulsifer was only a junior, he would be an experienced asset next year.
Swimming for the men's team and holding the number one position in the breast stroke event, senior Brian Duffield races to beat his opponent's time.

As a key diver for the women's team, Martha Lavely grasps her legs so as to be in a pike position when entering the water.

Taking a breath between strokes, Mark Eissing, a sophomore breast stroker, heads towards the finish line.

In his freestyle race, Brian Lubin gets a quick start off of the starting block. Lubin is a rookie H2okies hailing from Hickory, N.C.
...Future with the H2OKIES

At a meet in January, the H2Okie divers wowed the crowd with the exhibition of their precision dives.
Groups

Events, like the Tri Delta greek Decathlon, give fraternities and sororities the chance to interact in a fun and competitive way. Shawn Bassett and Jeanne Morgan have a tough go at it in the "Pass the Orange" contest.
Every single student, whether active or not, was considered a part of some organization. Organizations were divided into four categories — Corps, greeks, service and special interest. Of course, they overlapped and many found themselves under more than one heading.

Aside from academics, these groups controlled just about every activity at the university.

Involvement in certain groups ranged from two or three people to a few thousand. However, regardless of size, each group had its purpose.

There were the policy making groups, the academic ones, the social, recreational, religious and ethnic groups — and they all wanted to instill a sense of belonging in their members.

New groups were continuously being formed. It wasn't very hard to find others who shared the same ideals as those of the group.

Old groups disbanded when their goals were met, or their time had run its course.

No one had to search very hard to find a place to fit in. They were there, and to find the right ones was a matter of momentum.
Mary Coughlin and Dee Dee Hackney of Pi Beta Phi check out the rest of the field while they wait for their cue to release the balloons during Greek day.

Helping a worthy cause, Delta Delta Delta's Kathleen Kevill prepares to launch her balloons to the sky. Greeks helped out the Circle K by releasing 10,000 balloons in the air during the Greek Day football game against West Virginia. Proceeds of the event went to the Arthritis Foundation.
No Turning Back

In 1972, the university chose to finally recognize Greek societies although they had existed for many years. This recognition by the university allowed Greeks to come out from the shadows and start moving in the direction they sought. Fifteen years later, Greeks were still moving forward, at a pace faster than expected. They had the momentum and were not about to let a few things stand in their way.

The students who joined fraternities or sororities joined them not just to party, but try to be a part of society that has roots dating back to the 18th century. "If something can last that long, there must be more to it than just partying," Alpha Tau Omega’s Brooks Borcherding commented.

Although society has changed greatly since the days of ancient Greece, there were still things that have not changed. Greeks tried to keep up with the times but at the same time followed rituals that were started by the founders of their societies. Greeks did their best to help the school in getting where they wanted to go, so it was tough to consider these students to be any different from the rest. Maybe it was the same things that attracted their elders to fraternities that attracted the students to their own fraternities-they saw a fraternity or sorority as their way to make a difference that made them slightly different from the rest. Whatever it was that attracted students to Greek society, the students who have joined have made a difference.

With alcohol and its age limitations being a major concern on campus, the IFC set new rules governing rush. Dry rush was mandated the previous year, but new rules stated any fraternity function offering beer could not be held on the same day of rush. Previously, dry rush only concerned open rush. With the new limitations, the non-alcohol clause was extended to include closed rushes. Yet, with these new rules, the number of students attending rush was not hampered. "Our fraternity has grown since dry rush," stated Brian Adams of Phi Delta Theta, "and the people who have joined have made a considerable difference in the way we view our fraternity."

Greeks as a whole, have moved forward since 1972. Since then, the number of fraternities and sororities has grown by 15, with some fraternities changing and a few others folded because of financial difficulties. In recent years more fraternities have looked to establish chapters within the university.

Greeks made up more than thirteen percent of Tech's student population, and their numbers have not dwindled. "The coming years will be challenging to all Greeks, but we have what it takes to keep us going," said Sigma Nu Jamie Farver.

Dennis Quinn
Behind the Greek system is the IFC and PHC

Running the Show

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council sometimes presented a confusing image to the rest of the university. The IFC's and PHC's purpose was governing the actions of fraternities and sororities, and exemplifying to students both the pros and cons of Greek life.

While regulating Greek organizations was their primary function, the IFC and PHC worked in other areas as well. The organization of intramural sporting events, the representation of Greeks on university committees and notification of Greek alumni on both Greek and university news kept IFC and PHC members busy.

The IFC and PHC were also constantly trying to enlarge the Greek system. Greeks composed 14% of the university's population and both groups made great efforts in hopes of expansion. Rush Kickoff and Greek Week were among the events that Greeks sponsored to recruit rushees. Incoming freshman saw slide shows presented by the IFC and PHC during each night of summer orientation.

These two organization also strived to serve the University outside the Greek capacity. For example, freshman move-in was organized by the IFC and PHC. Each fraternity and sorority helped move the newest students into their dorms. Said Richard Dodson, IFC Treasurer, "It may have been a great rush tactic, but I liked meeting the freshman girls the best."

The IFC and PHC portrayed the Greek system to the whole university. Their involvement in a wide variety of activities on campus showed that they were not only Greek-oriented, but also sought to benefit the entire student population.

- Richard Dodson
IFC Treasurer

"It may have been a great rush tactic, but I liked meeting the freshman girls the best."

- Tim Gipson
IFC treasurer Richard Dodson reads his report to the executive committee. IFC money supported things like the Rush-Kickoff, the Greek Ball and the publication, Greek Exchange.

Interfraternity Council president Craig Naha presides over the executive committee, the governing body of the IFC.

Increasing the Greek population and public relations with students were goals of the Interfraternity Council. John Sweeney and Tony See sit in on an IFC general meeting which brought members of the 32 fraternities together to discuss Greek issues.

Panhellenic Council president Craig Naha presides over the executive committee.
Bill Waskey, IFC housing chairman, weighs the packaged cans before loading the truck. All canned goods went to the New River Christmas Store to be handed out to families in the Valley.
When it came down to giving to the needy, Greeks Canned Six Tons

"It's the spirit of giving," was the answer given by Delta Gamma President Natalie Mason when asked how she felt about the greek participation in the IFC/PHC Canned Food Drive.

The IFC and PHC were the sole providers of canned goods to the New River Valley Christmas Store. The store provided toys, food and supplies to more than one thousand families in the New River Valley area.

This was the fourth year that the greek groups provided canned foods to the store. A total of 12,000 pounds of food were donated by the various fraternities and sororities. That number surpassed the expected goal.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternities won the competition for the best total contributions by fraternities, and Alpha Gamma Rho and Sigma Alpha Epsilon were the best contributors per brother.

In the sorority competition, Delta Zeta contributed the most cans, and Kappa Alpha Theta contributed the most per sister.

The winners were presented with trophies during half-time activities of the basketball game against Louisville.

"We want the community to realize that greeks really do make a contribution to help people in the area and we enjoy doing it," said IFC member Tony See.

With the help of Thompson Fire Co., which donated the truck and Turf Grass, which donated the use of the scales, the food drive went off without a hitch.

Some area media that were on hand to cover the event were WSLS Channel 10, the Roanoke Times and World News, and the New River Exchange.

The Christmas Store opened to the public on Monday, December 9 in the Old Christianburg Library, and as Panhellenic President Tricia Pollard remembered: "It was so great to walk in there and see all of the canned food that the greeks from Tech donated. At that moment, I felt a lot of pride."

- Gerald Hampton

It doesn't matter what the can is, as long as it's food. IFC secretary Bob Francis helps out loading the truck full of cans. The drive brought in a record 12,000 pounds of food.
With balloons in hand, Kelly Fisher of Pi Beta Phi advertises her sorority's open house. Sororities held open houses to promote their organization, giving non-Greeks a look at them before formal rush in the winter.

Tau Kappa Epsilon members Julio Ampuero, Drew Coulson and Chris Reed discuss the rushees they met in an open rush at Squires' Dogwood Room. Squires hosted many open rushes for fraternities that didn't own houses or whose house was too far away to be convenient.
Greeks opened their organizations inviting non-Greeks to experience the Greek Life

Nothing was quite like the anxiety and excitement generated by rushing. Any fraternity brother or sorority sister would agree that open house was a student's first real impression about the Greek system. Most college students had the basic idea that Greek organizations were all about partying. However, open houses allowed fraternities and sororities to show their philanthropic side.

So what were rushing and open house all about? The open house was one's formal introduction to the Greek world, the place to learn about what goes on within the organization and what opportunities a Greek group could offer. Students could meet people eager to meet them. That first visit to a fraternity or sorority was the place where that first impression was made. Greek members dressed up, displayed awards and trophies, and wore friendly smiles to develop that first impression. Fraternities and sororities wanted to make a good impression on their interested visitors to generate support and new members for their club. Each member took great pride in his or her organization and this pride compelled them to make outsiders understand what made their group so special.

"It could only be to one's advantage to attend rush."
- Marcia Walck
Zeta Tau Alpha

"It could only be to one's advantage to attend rush," remarked Marcia Walck of Zeta Tau Alpha. Rush was open to all students who wanted to educate themselves about Greek life. Finding the right fraternity or sorority to join was often made on that first visit. Those first impressions were lasting ones.

- Debbie Blann

The "bar" is open as Alicia Waters, Julie Wright and Kim Green of Pi Beta Phi set out drinks for their open house guests. Entertainment and refreshments set an informal mood for what was many students first contact with the Greek system.

Delta Delta Delta sisters Laurie Welford and Margaret Gilbert perform a skit at their open house. Skits often provided rushees with information about a fraternity or sorority, such as its history.
Sporting his shorts made by his date. Dave Wallace of Pi Kappa Alpha relaxes with Julie McDermott of Kappa Delta during her sorority fall formals. The Kappa Deltas all made designer boxer shorts for their dates.
The preparation behind them was hard and difficult, yet Greeks tried even harder to make these times not just a formality.

Ordering corsages and boutoniers, picking up tuxedos or newly cleaned suits and dresses, and purchasing beverages were just a few of the many tasks that Greeks performed in preparation for their annual or semi-annual dances.

Formals, as they were regularly called, were classy events. The evenings started early with pre-party get-togethers held at various places where guests unwound before leaving for the formal.

After either a sit-down or buffet dinner, the host organization usually presented a short program where they gave short speeches and presented awards.

The main part of the evening began with the dancing. Couples spent the remainder of the night dancing to pop, rock, and beach music.

The Sheraton and Marriott in Blacksburg, and Tom Teriffic’s in Radford were popular sites for fraternity and sorority formals.

“This is one event I wouldn’t miss!” said Kappa Delta Kristi Bailey at her sorority Christmas formal. “It’s one of our best events of the year,” she anxiously added.

It wasn’t very often that Greeks partied together in such a formal atmosphere, and it was a welcomed change for many. “We spend so much time together throughout the year at meetings and other sorority events, but it’s great to get out in this sort of atmosphere. I always enjoy myself,” said Delta Gamma President Natalie Mason at her fall formal.

At the end of the Kappa Delta formal, a weary but smiling Amy Bocook proclaimed “I’m tired and my feet hurt, but I had a great time.”

- Gerald Hampton

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The fun starts early Saturday morning as tailgates make socializing a pre-game Event.

Bring the liquor. Mix it with furnished mixers. Add a group of people and a football game. Shake well. Enjoy your tailgate.

The work behind the idea was not difficult to accomplish; in fact, a successful tailgate party was simple to create. One only had to bring his or her own liquor and the fraternity or sorority supplied the mixers. Tailgates became a way of weekend life for fraternities and sororities. Before every home football game, the parking lot behind Wallace filled with pre-game partiers. Since it was situated within walking distance of Lane Stadium, this parking lot was very convenient for hosting tailgates: its proximity to the football field meant that the party could continue up to the last possible minute— an absolute must. However, tailgating didn't necessarily have to happen in a parking lot. Greeks living nearby sometimes held their pre-game parties in their houses and backyards.

But tailgates were not just another chance to drink; the group's tickets could easily be handed out to members. Tailgates were also an inexpensive way to get together with friends and have a good time. Greek members often invited their independent friends or people interested in joining the fraternity or sorority to party with them. Sometimes a fraternity invited a sorority to a tailgate and then escorted the women to the game, which usually meant the party continued throughout the game.

"It's just a matter of whom you want to party with or where you go. We have pre-game parties to keep the weekend rolling," said Phi Delta Theta Larry Kraemer.

We have pre-game parties to keep the weekends rolling
- Larry Kraemer
Phi Delta Theta

Checking her list, Jill McGowan of Pi Beta Phi makes sure everyone who handed in athletic cards receives a ticket to the homecoming game against South Carolina. While not only for socializing, pre-game parties were a time to get everyone together to pass out tickets.

Pi Beta Phi Jennifer Vastine prepares mixed drinks for the morning's festivities. Fraternities and sororities usually furnished the mixers, like orange juice and soft drinks, for pre-game parties.
Sigma Chi's Bill Powers and Delta Gamma's Penny Davidson enjoy their drinks in the Bentwood apartments' parking lot. Parking lots near the football field were used extensively for pre-game parties.

Mixing drinks for her friends, Pi Beta Phi Mary McGuirk acts as hostess during her sorority's pre-game party. Because of the equipment and facilities needed, elaborate pre-game parties worked better indoors than in a parking lot.
Fraternities playing water polo make it New wave fun

One of the intramural sports that was considered among the most fun was winter quarter water polo. "Water polo was fun because no matter how skilled you were, you could still mess up," commented Kappa Sigma brother Steve Nicholakos. The object was for the members of one team to score a goal in the opposing team's net while hand paddling in an innertube.

Even the expert swimmer may have had difficulty moving his innertube up and down the pool. "I think watching is more entertaining than playing. Some of the things those guys do are hilarious!" said Kappa Delta Christine Vion.

The game of water polo was designed to be fun, but when fraternities played, there was still some competitiveness. The Kappa Sigs were the reigning champions, and they sought to retain their title.

As Phi Kappa Sigma Scott Sage put it "Water polo is not as competitive as basketball or volleyball, but it does break the monotony and lets us have a good time while we're playing."

- Gerald Hampton

In his attempt to stop his opponent from passing the ball, Phi Delta Theta Denny Sisson temporarily loses control of his innertube.

Kappa Sigma brother Luke Reams searches for his teammate as others close in on him in their game against Sigma Nu. The Kappa Sigs won the game.


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The search is on

Greeks continue their search for housing

"Is there a party at the house tonight?" was a popular question asked of many fraternity members. Indeed, a major asset of occupying a fraternity house was the social aspect. Fraternities took advantage of the exposure to give Greeks and non-Greeks a peek at a small part of their organization. "With our house being so close to campus, a lot more students were able to come out and socialize with our brothers," said Kappa Sigma brother Nick Popadopoulos.

Important activities such as chapter meetings, dinners, and fundraisers were also conducted at Greek houses.

Although they were not as visible, sororities also occupied Greek housing. Many sorority national headquarters forbade the consumption of alcohol in the sorority houses. However, the women did hold their rushes, movie showings, and socials in their houses.

Not all Greeks occupied houses. Because of anti-Greek ordinances instituted by the town, purchasing land within the town limits on which to buy land was very difficult. Bill Waskey, IFC housing chairman, was instrumental in forming a sub-committee to study the prospect of housing on university property. "There is a need for Greek housing," Waskey said, "Additional housing on campus will make Greeks more unified as a whole."

Although the issue of housing was a very important one, those without houses did not suffer. On the contrary, according to Phi Delta Theta Richard Dodson, "We've been on both sides of the fence and I think that without a house, we're even stronger than before."

- Gerald Hampton

A sign of the times? Construction takes place at the site of the former Phi Delta Theta house on Main Street. The house was razed to make way for office space. The presence of Greek housing in the town is not expected to increase.
Enjoying her drink at Cricketts, Laurie Hunt of Kappa Alpha Theta spends her Wednesday night with some of her friends. Cricketts was a good spot to go for drinking and chatting during the week.
Pledging had its up and down times, but Greeks took it as being all in the Line of Duty.

ow man on the totem pole...that was what being a pledge in a fraternity or sorority meant. After rushing a greek group and receiving a bid, students started down the road of pledging.

"All of the experiences when first becoming involved in the greek system are great. But, most important, there is brotherhood," said Lambda Chi Alpha brother Mike Hall.

Being a pledge meant different things to the different fraternities and sororities on campus. Some groups made their pledges wear pins; others had to carry pledge books or paddles wherever they went.

Regardless of the differences, fraternity brothers and sorority sisters kept their pledges in line by making them work.

Checking IDs and serving beer at parties, raising funds, community service projects, and post-party cleanup fell on pledges.

However, pledging didn’t simply mean doing all of the dirty work. They participated in activities such as intramural sports. In fact, some of the pledge activities were just plain fun. The pledge trip was something that every pledge class experienced. The idea was to send a group of pledges to another school to visit the chapter there and to meet the brothers or sisters of the chapter. "When we went on our pledge trip, the road trip up and back was almost as fun as being there," said Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother Eric Racidi. "It was a real good time for us to get to know each other."

When the period was finished, the pledges looked forward to becoming full-fledged members.

"Probably the best part is initiation night," said Beta Theta Pi Craig Starnes. "Everything you’ve worked for is finally yours, and you have all of the privileges of a brother."

While waiting for a brother to meet them in front of Squires, Eric Henson, Jimmy Broyhill, Francis Riggins, and Jim Powers, all pledges of Phi Delta Theta, enjoy the free time they have. Pledging required a lot of time to be set aside for meeting brothers.
Competition between Greeks was sometimes fierce and in sports it was most visible. Everyone was born to win.

You are born with it,” stated Bruce Shepard of Delta Upsilon about competition. “We don’t practice three or four times a week just to lose; we want to win badly.”

As much as the campus had deep rivalries between teams like Orange Crush and the Magnificent Muggsies, so had the greeks themselves. Teams such as Delta Upsilon and Phi Kappa Sigma were constantly battling for the IFC championship in every sport from badminton to water polo.

“We don’t always compete for ourselves; it becomes a rivalry between the fraternities,” Sigma Nu’s Doug Turpin. Victories were always held over the losers head, which made grudge matches much more serious.

When it came down to actual playing, there sometimes was a fine line between sportsmanship and doing anything to win. Occasionally, a fight would break out between teams in the heat of the match.

However, many of these scuffles would end up being just a shouting match that subsided after the game.

Many contests dealt with the opposite in competition. The famous B-team games were for anyone who could play the sport but didn’t want to put in hours of practice. Numerous times the participants prepared for these crucial match-ups with a few pre-game drinks. However, these outings would vastly change appearance if the game was close. The beer would soon leave the system and the competitive edge, the one that was born with us all, would soon takeover and then nobody wanted to lose.

This feeling never left greeks even for such charity events as the Decathlon or Anchor Splash, or anything else. No matter who won or lost, the winner or loser still felt the same way towards his fraternity — there was none better than his.

- Dennis Quinn
Kappa Kappa Gamma

Got the mid-week blues? It's time for Humpy hour!

"Like to dance?", teased Alpha Tau Omega in their ads for Wednesday night happy hour at the Phoenix. That catchy phrase proved to be a tempting offer, which could be seen by the large turnout of people each week.

Hump night, the traditional name for the halfway point between one weekend and the next, was considered to be the perfect night for the Greek-sponsored happy hours. On Wednesday nights, students found happy hour at such places as Crickets, The Marriott, the Phoenix and Bogens. The happy hour usually ran longer than an hour, from about nine-thirty p.m. to 1 in the morning. With all of the tension and frustration of classes, homework and exams, many students needed a night to let off some steam. "My weeks are so hectic that by the time Wednesday rolls around, I'm ready for a break. Partying on the deck at Bogens with Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Alpha is a great way to relax," commented Pi Kappa Phi's Fred Reisinger.

Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Alpha had their happy hours at Bogens and offered inexpensive drinks, dancing and free nachos. Most who attended Pi Kap's and KA's happy hours agreed that the main reason for going was the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. "The Pi Kappa Phi guys are a ton of fun to be with and it's a great escape from a hard day of studying," stated freshman Angie Buczec.

Some students partied with Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Crickets and enjoyed a few hours of dancing and socializing with good friends. Across Main Street at the Phoenix, Alpha Tau Omega stressed dancing as the highlight of it's happy hours.

Regardless of one's preferences, whether they be nachos, dancing, or cheaper drinks, there was something for everyone at hump night happy hours. The chance to get out, take a break from the books and have a social Wednesday evening helped students through the mid-week blues and make it to the weekend.

- Yvette Myers

As the night wears on, the wait gets longer for Sigma Alpha Epsilon little sister Julie Dumachelle at Crickets during one of the many happy hours held at the restaurant.

These students arrive before the crowds to make sure that they have a place to sit for the rest of the evening at the Phoenix on Main Street.
KAPPA SIGMA


LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

On moving day fall quarter, many greek groups helped underclassmen move in to their dorms.
The success of the IFC/PHC sponsored Freshman Move-In program has grown since its inception three years ago.

The idea behind greeks helping freshmen to move their belongings into the dorm rooms was to give the new students and their parents a positive initial view of fraternities and sororities.

"It's a very good for rush publicity," said IFC Rush Chairman John Sweeney. "The big thing is that the parents get a positive image of greeks at Tech, which may help if their son or daughter wants to become a greek in the future."

The parents did appreciate the help. "One lady offered me five dollars after I carried some of her daughter's stuff!" said Phi Delta Theta Brian Adams.

It was not hard to spot the greeks. Each fraternity and sorority was assigned a certain dorm to cover. They stood around ready to work.

"I really didn't look forward to doing it at first" said Delta Upsilon brother Paul Klick, "But after a while it got to be kind of fun."

The movers were out early in the morning to help the freshmen move in, and even fraternity little sisters helped.

"Everyone did their share of the work, and when it was over, I think we all felt good about what we did." said Pi Kappa Alpha Robert Smith.

- Gerald Hampton
Hundreds attend a Kappa Sigma Tradition and become Early risers

ix o'clock in the morning was a tough time even for die hard party fans to get up, but the early morning Kappa Sigma Blowout, held on February 19, was responsible for many people doing just that.

A line began forming outside the fraternity house on North Main Street as early as 5:15 a.m., and it kept growing.

"This is crazy," said junior Kelly O'Hara, "I haven't seen a line this long for a party at night!"

Some eager partiers, like Tau Sigma Chi President Louis King and junior Maggie Stemann, waited in line for as long as two hours in the freezing cold before getting into the event.

The house was soon filled beyond capacity with guests who enjoyed the free beer, if they were lucky enough to squeeze their way to the bar.

"It's so weird to be drinking now while looking outside and seeing the sun rising," said junior Jean Murphy.

Most partons who attended the party early cleared out to make eight o'clock classes, or to study for a quiz to be taken later during the day.

Those who were not early risers showed up after their morning classes to find an abundance of partiers still going strong.

"The Kappa Sig Blowout is a great party," said brother Mike Muldowney, "The idea is so unique that you feel you have to come out and be a part of it.

Not many people can say that they got up to party at six in the morning, but the Kappa Sigs planned to keep up the tradition.

- Gerald Hampton

The Kappa Sigma brothers were up early to prepare for their morning party.
Pi Lambda Phi


Sigma Alpha Epsilon

GREEK

CLOSE-UP

200 Greeks
Alfred J. (Al) Stone, a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon, was easily one of the most controversial figures on the Tech campus. Stone, an English major, was also a political cartoonist for the Collegiate Times. His cartoons poked fun at campus issues as well as national ones. Everything from the new faculty-staff shuttle system to the Reagan administration got coverage by Stone's cartoons.

Begining winter quarter, the Inter-Fraternity Council toughened its policies about alcohol during rush events. The new rules effectively closed the loopholes and prevented fraternities from serving alcohol to potential brothers.

The new rules stated that "no alcohol is to be consumed by anyone at an open or closed rush function." Also, the IFC prohibited fraternities from hosting happy hours or other such social events on nights when they had a rush functioned scheduled. This was to prevent people with fake ID's from sneaking into the bars with the brothers after a rush party.

The Panhellenic Council also passed a dry rush resolution, although sorority rush had been traditionally dry due to the rules imposed by the sororities national offices.

Ooh! Dis here political cartoonist feller, gets mah goat! Imagine, having a different opinion than that of our president! Where does he think he is, Russia?!
In order for a Greek organization to serve beer at a party, it first had to obtain a permit from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Prior to Winter Quarter, the Office of Greek Affairs acted as a go-between for the Greeks and the ABC.

However, at the end of Fall Quarter, the University stopped assisting Greek organizations, which then had to deal directly with the ABC people. The university stepped out because it did not want to assume the liability involved in granting permits.

This made it much more difficult for the fraternities and sororities, since the ABC was also cracking down on the drinking age laws. The tougher regulations often made it difficult for Greek groups to hold parties, since many members were under age.
Carol Irvine, a sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, was named in February by the Commission of Student Affairs as one of three candidates for the position of student member of the Board of Visitors. Irvine was sponsored by the Panhellenic Council.

In the job as student member, the representative made the board aware of student concerns, and acted as a liaison between the board and the student population.

With the toughened enforcement of the drinking age and ABC laws this year, fraternities and sororities found it increasingly difficult to host one of their leading money makers, happy hours at local bars.

In most cases, the greeks promoted the event and split the cover charge with the bar. But, with fewer people able to drink, and consequently fewer coming out, there was less money to be made. The dwindling income caused bars, as well as greeks, to reevaluate the feasibility of hosting happy hours.

Some possible changes that were suggested included non-alcoholic happy hours, hand stamps for those of age, and hungry-hours featuring food rather than drink. With the increased pressure of law enforcement agencies, it became obvious that, if greeks wanted to continue to make money by hosting happy hours, they were going to have to change their system to meet the new rules.
Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma join to form a Dynamic Duo

The roaring twenties. That was the theme of this year’s second annual Monmouth Duo with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi. KKG and Pi Phis were both founded at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois in 1870 and 1867, respectively. Being sister sororities, the two decided to hold an annual dance together to celebrate their special bond.

The dance was held annually across the nation, wherever both chapters of KKG and Pi Phi were at the same college. Last year was the first one here at Tech. The dance had already made a tradition in being held as a semi-formal theme party. The Pi Phis carried most of the responsibility of planning the party last year, which was held Mardi Gras style. Mary Coughlin was the chairperson last year. "It was kind of neat. I don't think there's any other two sororities on campus that do that. As the years go by it will bring the sororities closer together," she said.

This year, KKG was taking most of the responsibility of planning the party. Missy Spady, chairperson of the Monmouth Duo committee, said planning started back in November, and the theme was a joint effort of both sororities. The two sororities also participated in a movie night, which just the sisters attended so they could get to know each other a little better. "It's going to be a lot of fun, and it's not just your sorority, it produces a good relationship when you get to meet a lot of girls," she said.

Diana Hackney, the Pi Phi social chairperson, planned on having fun: "Last year was a lot of fun, there was so many people there. It's already a tradition, and each year it's going to get better." Tammy Klinefelter, a KKG, enjoyed last year's dance, "We developed a bond like on Derby Day, we were cheering for each other, too." Miki Fisher, a KKG, also liked the dance, which both her roommate and sister (both Pi Phis) attended. "It's so much fun — it's like you belong to two sororities instead of just one."

- Akemi Martin

Monmouth Duo celebrators Dee Dee Hackney, Beth McClure, Michelle Reiser and Becky Winter enjoy getting to know each other at their annual party.
Triangle

Front row: Joan Taylor, Virginia Mayer, Ken Brumback, John Dong, Stephen Richichi, Melody Alcock.
Second row: Johnsummary.

Phi Gamma Delta

Front row: Eileen Alarcon, Debbie Moore, Meg Glass, Lynne Pulley, Cindy Heindl.
Third row: Matt Swinney, Wayne Ciccolo, Stephen Snyder, Jim Burlant, Rob Paine, Andrea Bort, Dana Henson, Scott Griffin.
Back row: Colin Winchester, Keith Burot, Bill Woodward, Sherrin Thompson, Dr. Lethwhic, Matthew Holland, Jim Rookie, Andrew Paine, Stephen Klosky.

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Phi Kappa Sigma

The Kappa Delta Skate-a-thon for charity was a huge success, but some skaters had to watch out for hazardous wheels.

One of Kappa Delta's biggest events of the year was its skate-a-thon to benefit the Richmond Children's Hospital. The skating was held at Dominion Skating Rink in Christiansburg, and was attended by nearly 400 students, both greek and non-greek. Skating started at midnight and ended at 2 a.m. Admission into the rink was one dollar, and all of the proceeds went directly to the hospital.

After surveying the crowd, it was pretty obvious that most were not world class roller skaters. Bodies were falling everywhere, but they quickly got up and bravely returned to the floor. "I haven't skated in 11 years," said sophomore Gilbert Jones, "I fell down a few times. I'm sure my butt will be sore later."

The late hour did not hinder the participation. In fact, more people attended than ever before. Kappa Delta Ann Smith said that the event was so popular this year "because everyone had such a great time at the last one. I know that I did."

"It was fun," said junior Nicky Gomez, "but I know I'll be sore tomorrow.

- Gerald Hampton

While greeks thought it was great to raise money for charity, those like Pi Phi Helena Bradshaw thought one of the best parts was watching their friends fall down.
Tri-Delta’s decathlon was nothing but Sun and Games

o, they didn’t pole vault, run a mile or long jump. No, they didn’t wear togas or fig leaves. What they did do was put on their sweats and letters and smashed eggs, played leap frog, hoola-hooped and built pyramids. And all for a good cause!

Delta Delta Delta sorority sponsored the second annual Greek Decathlon. “We wanted to have a Greek event involving both fraternities and sororities to improve IFC and Panhellenic relations,” Maria Micheli, Tri Delta public relations chairwoman said.

On a Saturday afternoon, eight fraternities and eight sororities came together to compete in a decathlon of sorts. Each team paid a $75 entry fee which covered expenses. The winning team of Pi Kappa Alpha/Pi Beta Phi split a $400 first place prize check which they donated to their respective philanthropies: Muscular Dystrophy Association and Arrowmont, a school for arts and crafts in Tennessee founded by the national Pi Beta Phi organization. The Theta Chi/Kappa Kappa Gamma team won second place; Lambda Chi Alpha/Zeta Tau Alpha took third place. Two of the paired teams ran the courses at one time, whether the contest was the wheel barrow race, land tubing or leap frog.

The grand finale of the games was the Neck to Neck and To the Top events. Participants passed an orange by neck, down a line of people. Once finished “necking,” they then quickly formed a pyramid. Timing of the whole decathlon finished when a Greek reached the top of the pyramid and raised his or her arm.

“When I climbed on top of the pyramid and raised my arm, the feeling was great”, said Lydra Warrick, a Delta Gamma sister.

Tri-Delts purposely held the Greek Decathlon on the prairie quad. “It was a great opportunity for non-Greeks living in surrounding dorms to look out and see what a great time Greek organizations have together,” said Phi Delta Theta’s Nick Bock.

While the main point of the Greek Decathlon was to raise money for charities (remaining money made by Delta Delta Delta went to Cancer Research for Children), fraternities and sororities discovered just how fun fund raising could be.

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“Practice makes perfect as these Phi Kappa Sigmas and Delta Zetas rehearse pyramid building before the “To the Top” event. The last event of the decathlon, “To the Top,” involved building a pyramid after an orange was passed neck-to-neck between participants.

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Tri-Delts Maria Micheli and Sarah-Fontaine review the set up for the decathlon. Micheli arranged the festivity, held to benefit Tri-Delts philanthropy, Cancer Research for Children.

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“When I climbed on top of the pyramid and raised my arm, the feeling was great”. 
- Lydra Warrick
Delta Gamma

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Paying careful attention to her egg on the spoon, Michele Perusse of Phi Mu gets a lift from Sigma Nu brothers Doug Smith and Dan French around the decathlon course on Prairie Quad.
Holidays give Greeks a chance to show some X-tra Spirit

The Christmas season was a special time for many people, and Greeks were no exception.

Greek work for charities for charities picked up during the holiday season. Buying toys for needy children, and donating canned food and time to the IFC sponsored canned food drive were just two examples of Greeks exemplifying the holiday spirit.

The Panhellenic Council sponsored the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the lawn outside Squires Student Center and invited student leaders, faculty, and administration representatives to participate in the event. Vickie Rockecharlie, the homecoming queen, was given the honor of actually lighting the tree. Refreshments were served to everyone who attended, and the lighting concluded with the singing of carols.

One or two greek groups would get together and walk around town to other fraternity and sorority houses to sing Christmas carols. The carolers were often invited in for refreshments and more caroling before left to continue.

Most fraternities and sororities held private parties where they exchanged gifts. The Kappa Deltas had a private Christmas party at Tom Terrifics in Radford, and the Phi Delts had a party where the brothers exchanged gag gifts, and each senior had a humorous poem written about him.

"It doesn't matter whether we're at school or at home. When the holiday season comes around, you want to share it with your friends," said Zeta Tau Alpha Robin Medlin.

- Gerald Hampton

The lighting attracted Greeks from nearly all fraternities and sororities, and concluded with the singing of carols.

212 Greeks
Phi Kappa Psi


Zeta Tau Alpha


Greeks 213
With a look of disgust, Clare Spindler of Pi Beta Phi races to eat her pizza faster than her competitors. The pizza-eating contest, held at the Duck Pond, was one Greek Week activity.

Delta Delta Delta Liz Chamberlain tries to regain her balance on Sigma Chi Jeff Mitchell's shoulders. Each sorority participating in Derby Day had Sigma Chi coaches to teach them about the games.
Greek Week/Derby Day

Derby day culminated the end of Greek week

One hundred percent Greek for one whole week. During spring quarter, sororities and fraternities united to celebrate a common bond by all of them being part of the Greek system. For one week, Greeks participated in a variety of events that made up Greek Week. Derby Week, an annual affair sponsored by Sigma Chi fraternity to raise money for the Muscular Distrophy Association, also took place the same week. The fund raisers and theme parties of both Greek Week and Derby Week opened the lines of communication between Greeks, offering them a chance to become better acquainted with members of other fraternities and sororities and also to be recognized for their strengths and spirit.

Greek Week included such activities as the live pizza-eating contest, the dating game and the road rally. Derby Week consisted of ten sororities competing in various events to aid Sigma Chi fraternity in its quest to raise money for the MDA. Participants competed in an air band contest, skit night and a Sigma Chi-sponsored beauty contest.

Derby Day derived its name from the Sigma Chi custom of wearing derby hats which contained the name of a certain sorority. The object was for a sorority member to approach a brother and ask the name beneath his hat. If her sorority name was beneath the hat, she had to kiss the brother in order to obtain the derby.

On the final day, known as Derby Day, the sororities completed their final games, and listened to the band "Wild Kingdom" as they waited to find out the winners.

Kappa Delta took first place in the Derby Week contest, followed by Pi Beta Phi in second and Tri-Delta in third. "Derby Week left me with a real good feeling because all of the fun and games were for a good cause," said Delta Zeta sister Pam Shirah.

Greek Week came to a close with a banquet at which several awards were presented. Michael Strickland and Vickie Rockecharlie won the titles of Greek Man and Woman of the Year. Kappa Alpha fraternity captured the Improved Greek Organization Award. "Derby and Greek Weeks are held every year, not only to strengthen the bonds of Greeks," said Sigma Chi Carl Miller, "but to also bring forth a positive image of Greeks to the rest of the university."

"Derby and Greek weeks strengthen the bonds of Greeks. . . present a positive image to the rest of the university" - Carl Miller Sigma Chi

"A policeman makes sure this sorority sister does not smuggle any alcohol onto the playing grounds. Due to the new rules, alcohol was not allowed on the football field grounds during Derby Day.

"Enjoying the music sponsored by the Miller concert series, a mixed group of sorority sisters and Sigma Chis dance to the music of Wild Kingdom. Miller helped Sigma Chi sponsor Derby Day, with all proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association." - Sharon Whetstone and Wendy Wantling
From 43 strong to over 650 now, the Corps of Cadets had grown to become an integral part of this school. Since Virginia Tech's founding as a mechanical and agricultural school in 1872, the Corps of Cadets dedicated itself to producing the concept of the "total cadet": academic excellence, leadership abilities, camaraderie and unity.

In the early days, students and the four faculty members didn't worry about walking across a windy Drill Field to class because only one academic building existed. Classes were not the only thing early cadets had to worry about though. Several wars took students away from campus and put them on the battlefields, allowing cadets to demonstrate the leadership abilities they had acquired. Six graduates received the Congressional Medal of Honor for their service in the four major wars.

Any review of Corps history would be incomplete without mention of the Band Company, popularly known as the Highties Tighties. In 1883, a ten-piece Glade Cornet band was organized to provide music for drills and parades. The band was composed of students and musicians from the town, but it did not march. In 1893, the band was made an official part of the Corps. The band went on to win numerous first place trophies in parade competitions and continued the tradition today.

In 1975, the Highties Tighties was the first company to integrate women into its group; the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets was the first in the nation to admit women. Before they were integrated, women were organized in a separate company. In 1975, the first coed dorm was created.

Virginia Tech and Texas A&M were the only two universities in the nation retaining a Corps of Cadets. The VTCC continued to be an important part of this university. Contrary to popular belief, ROTC was never a requirement for being in the Corps. Members lived in a cadet environment while pursuing a civilian academic program. The cadet program, from freshman year through graduation, continued to be an integral part of the educational system. Cadets learned the worth of the individual and the mental and physical preparation necessary for academic excellence. These attributes were used by cadets to serve the United States, in both the military and civilian worlds, for over a century.

- Rene Woo
Tech's official title was Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College between 1872 and 1896. The cadet uniform of this era displayed the college initials on the collar.

At left is the lecture hall of Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College's First Academic Building, used primarily for chemistry lectures. The building stood behind the current location of Burruss.

Corps training at the turn of the century included the practicing of cannon firing, such as in this exercise behind Lane Hall. When World War II was over, the cannon firing was removed from the training.
The Corps of Cadets has been a visible part of the university since its conception. Through the years, organizations and traditions within the Corps have developed and become an integral part of the college life for both Corps members and civilians.

The Skipper Crew fires the traditional cannon salute for the administration and alumni at the Homecoming pass-in-review on the Drill Field. The Skipper was also fired at home football games each time the Hokies scored.

With the Ring Dance sabre arch completed, Ron Colangelo returns his sabre to its scabbard as his date, Stephanie Jones, prepares to present him with his ring. Colangelo designed the 87th annual sabre arch formation through which juniors escorted their dates.

The Color Guard carry four symbols held dear to many during the homecoming parade down mainstreet. The American flag is the most important and next to it is the Virginia State flag. The final two flags are carried in honor of Virginia Tech and the Corps. The Tech flag has a VT and the Corps flag bears the Corps shield. The rifles carried on either side show the protection of the cherished symbols.
Of the approximately 2,000 groups that applied, the Highty Tighties were one of six college bands chosen to participate in the Coca-Cola Centennial in Atlanta last May. Four and a half million dollars were spent on the weekend affair, evident from the fountains of free Coke on every corner and the numerous red and white banners hung all over the city. The Highty Tighties received national coverage of their traditional precision street marching.

Frank Wiley, a cadet in I Company, stands in Halloween Formation, dressed as a Roman Gladiator. This celebration of Halloween is a long standing tradition and stands with other traditional events such as Pie Day and Turnabout Day.
Commandant Staff: Colonel Gene F. Wessell, First Battalion Advisor; Lieutenant Colonel Howard M. Lasseter, Commandant; Colonel Ellis C. Vander Pyl, Second Battalion Advisor.

First Battalion Staff: James Fain, Adjutant; Enri Kraus, Commander; David Dargan, Executive Officer; Ronald Gamble, Operations Officer.

Second Battalion Staff: Patience Connelly, Adjutant; Tom Yarbrick, Commander; Jack Powell, Operations Officer; Deborah Myers, Executive Officer.
Training cadets for future leadership roles in the military and business required a strong chain of command. The Commandant of Cadets, Lieutenant General Howard M. Lane was the adviser to the Corps and his staff consisted of Colonels Wilson and Vander Pyle who were advisers to the first and second battalion, respectively. In addition to the Commandant, the Corps has a chain of command made up of cadets. Steve Smith was Cadet Colonel, the highest ranking cadet, who lead the Corps. The Corps was then separated into two battalions. The first battalion was commanded by Dru Kraus and the second battalion by Tom Yambrick. Each commander delegated portions of their command to staff members.

"If I omit a detail, 700 people suffer. If I make a change for the better, 700 people benefit." said Kord Wissmann, the Regimental Operations Officer.

"The worst aspect of my job is that as an intermediary for the Corps, many cadets don't realize that lots of things are beyond my control" said Sean Meiers, the regimental supply officer.

Although the chain of command had to plan this year's Corps activities they also had to plan for the future years of the Corps. "I would like to see a growth in the size of the Corps, but the growth must be a drive for quality as well as quantity," said Jack Powell the Second Battalion Operations Officer. In the past years, the corps has undergone changes to keep up with times. The most obvious changes this year were to the New Cadet system or the training of the incoming freshman and changing from physical training or PT from 6 in the morning the afternoon. Keeping up with changes is continuing as possibilities for changes in uniforms and growth were reviewed.

The Corps had to change to meet with the demands of a modern university and to be able to adapt while maintaining the proud traditions of the corps requires strong leadership. A responsibility beyond the training of cadets lay on the shoulders of the chain of command.

- Scott Schroeder

Regimental Staff. Rainer Bojo, adjutant; Steve Smith, commander; Rodney Teal, executive officer; Laura Garza, public information officer; Kord Wissmann, operations officer; Sean Meiers, supply officer.
Unflexible. A day in the life of a cadet consisted of a rigid schedule from sunup to sundown. Unlike civilian students, cadets began each morning with a formation. In an inspection order uniform, cadets formed up on the "VT" to raise the flag. After morning formation, the companies marched to breakfast. Cadets schedules then jumped into a normal college day mode: classes. In late afternoon, the cadets either assembled with their companies for evening formation when the flag was lowered or participated in afternoon physical training (PT). Directly following formation or PT, the cadets went to dinner. After 7 p.m., cadets reassumed their roles as students and studied until 11 when the bugler of the guard played taps on the quad, signaling the end of another day.

Reveille. The morning alarm at 5:55 wakes Robert Garner in time to prepare for the 6:35 morning formation. Cadets got an early start every day in order to polish their brass and shoes for the formation.

Polished to perfection. A cadet polishes his shoes for morning formation since shoes or scuffs that do not shine means getting a "rat stick" at inspection. A "rat stick" was a type of demerit given to freshmen for making mistakes.

Attention! Alpha company new cadets, William Pugh, Albert Benson, John Allen, Brian Simonson and Phil Koelsch wear the required bib at dinner in Shultz dining hall. Freshmen had to wear the sail until Tech beat VMI in a major sport. In addition to wearing the sail, freshmen were also required to sit at attention during dinner.
Left, Right, Left. Kenneth Baranowski, the officer of the day, salutes each company as they march by on their way to Schultz. This company could be anyone of the 11 in the corps, after any formation, because the same scene was repeated every day throughout the year.

Hit the Books. Utilizing the tutor paid for by the Corps, Terri Saunders asks a question about her chemistry homework. The Corps employed tutors in chemistry, calculus and engineering fundamentals. These tutorial sessions were held in the Brodie hall study lounge.
Dear Mom and Dad,

Hi! This week has been incredibly long. Each day seemed like a week in itself; we have been so busy.

Sunday, when you left, we fell in with a roll call (that’s when we learned that those friendly people who had greeted us earlier are now sirs and ma’ams) and then quickly learned to march just enough to get us the few yards to the dining hall for dinner.

It was a good thing we set up my room before you left because after that first formation we didn’t get a break. In the morning we got up at 5:45 for PT (physical training) on the Drill Field led by the rangers. After an hour of squat thrusts, sit-ups and running around the Drill Field singing jodies like they did in Stripes, we rushed back for showers and went to breakfast. Can you believe that in those 15 minutes we had to get our uniforms on and in perfect shape?

Speaking of eating, Mom, if you could see my table manners now. We must ask permission to be seated at the table, then put on our sails (napkins tucked into the front of our shirts) and take one bite at a time while sitting at attention. Of course, we try and leave as soon as possible, but we can never leave a bud at the table by him or herself. Oh, by the way, a bud is a person going through the new cadet system with you; you get really close to the ones in your company because we all get in trouble together. I found that out the hard way when my buds left me at the table alone and the upperclassmen harassed me. We leave out a separate exit, the back door, because using the stairs to the front entrance is a privilege we must earn.

The rest of our days are filled with marching drills, sports competitions, band practice, more marching, and meetings to keep us motivated. Oh, and it’s not just “Lynn” anymore - now all I hear is “Miss Lewis, that’s wrong, Miss Lewis, step out, Miss Lewis this, Miss Lewis that!” Oh, and my poor guy buds. It’s so hard to learn their names because, with their crewcuts, they all look alike.

I’ve had some fun moments here though. This week we had several parties. One was a brass and hat party where we boiled the lacquer off the brass and learned how to put our hats together. Boy, what “fun.” We had a picnic for all the freshmen in the Corps and that was fun. In a few weeks we get to get back at some of our “favorite” upperclassmen who find something wrong with everything we do. It’s called pie day and the freshmen pick an upperclassman from each grade level and smear a pie all over his or her face. I want to get Cadet Sergeant Justen; he is such a jerk. You would not believe he is the same person that helped me find my room last week.

Oh, Mom, last night after the tuba party (What a party! We got in the shower and cleaned all the brass instruments; don’t worry Dad, we wore bathing suits), I finally had enough time to eat one of those cookies you made for me; too bad they had gone stale!

Well, I’ve got to go shine my shoes and polish my brass for a special formation tomorrow. Please write soon and send more cookies!

Love always, your new cadet, Lynn

— by Jones, Thompson and Szabo

On pie day senior Mary Benedict squirts her assailant, freshman Robert Stahle, before he smears the inevitable pie in her face. Pie day lets freshmen get their “revenge” on one upperclassman from each grade level.
Seven games, six parades and constant practice made

Hectic Times for Highty Tighties

The Highty Tighties started the year off with a busy football season. Seven home games with a new show for each one averaged twelve hours of practice a week. Nevertheless, this schedule did not hinder the Band from keeping up their grades. They had the second highest OCA out of the eleven companies in the Corps.

Musically, the Highty Tighties experimented with show style tunes such as "Tonight" from West Side Story and "Jupiter" by Gustav Holst's The Planets. The Band wound up the football season when they took to the streets to prepare for the annual Blacksburg and Radford Christmas parades. Though the weather had gotten quite cold the bandsmen marched in warmth when the townspeople of Preston Avenue, Airport Road and Church Street made a huge banner proclaiming "Welcome Home Highty Tighties" in response to the passing of a permit allowing the Band to continue marching on their streets. The neighborhood mothers and children then provided a spread of hot apple cider, cookies and hot chocolate to the Band before they continued with their practice.

The highlight of fall quarter was the Highty Tighties' presence at the New Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. After being selected for the Coca Cola Centennial Parade last spring, this was their second visit to Atlanta in less than a year. Judging from the crowd response at the Peach Bowl Parade it was evident that many spectators remembered the distinctive unique band from May 1986.

After the hectic fall schedule the winter quarter allowed some time to wind down. The first half was spent in preparation to play for the President at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C. This was their year with this honor. In addition, the jokingly termed RDMB (Rapid Deployment Marching Band) often put together short notice or early morning hour performances such as the Class of 66 reunion at the Marriott and the Special Olympics Finals. The second half consisted of street practice on Preston Ave. in preparation for the parade season spring quarter.

Spring quarter brought excellent showings at the Apple Blossom Parade in Winchester, Virginia, the Preakness Parade of Lights in Baltimore, Maryland and the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. These parades concluded an eventful but fun year for the Highty Tighties. Fond memories were made for all the bandsmen as well as providing a happy ending for the graduating seniors.

- Greg Thompson and Christie Szabo

Robert P. Repass
Commanding Officer

L. Dean Worley
Executive Officer

Ralph Bradley
Drum Major

An elevated position shows a different angle of the Highty Tighties precision marching as seen in the Homecoming parade through Blacksburg.

Highty Tighties

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To wind down the fall quarter, each class performs an original skit at the annual Highty-Tighty Doobie Party. Freshmen Chris Marshall, Scott Carter, Todd Lewis, and Steve Collins, posing as Dingons, attack on the planet Uranus in the HT '90 parody of Star Trek.
All things considered this article should say things like "Alpha was the best in the Corps this year, the best in unity, spirit..." and whatever else. Who could say which company was the best? The only thing that can be done is to highlight memories of a great year we had as a company, as classes and as individuals.

First, there were the seniors who were the survivors of the years gone by and the storytellers to the newcomers. They began the groups known as Pi Alpha Pi and Galactic Staff, which remained the well known leaders of such nocturnal activities as "pieing" and possibly even the removal of someone's towel as they were showering. David Peat, the company commander said of his years here, "We thrive on the memories of our past and relive them through the new members of our company."

Secondly, there were the juniors. The members of Alpha '88, as diverse as they could be, yet there was something that bound them together. Whether it was Paul Daly voicing his opinion that "Paul is Great, P.I.G" or Lee Butler in his sprint across the VT during formation yelling at the top of his lungs, when the juniors were needed, they sprung back from complete diversity into one group again.

Next came the sophomores. These guys are still in limbo as cadets, because they never had an official turn night with the revised new cadet system that they went through. Tim McCann stated that "Alpha 89 was the first true 'Rat' class because we were experimented on... and the experiment failed." The sophomores are here to say, they only lost two in two years.

The freshmen, however, are a different story. They lost twelve of the eighteen that started in Cadre Week. These losses did not stifle the enthusiasm of those who remained. "We're small in size but big in spirit, when Alpha sounds off people are going to hear it!" said John Allen. The class now challenged the Rangers on turn night by refusing to speak up to them by "Yes Ranger."

Memories of the great times Alpha company had including winning the best Christmas decorations contest, the making of the Alpha Company Story on video tape and many others do not overshadow the fact that everyone in the company knew that grades came first. This showed when Alpha had the highest overall OCA in the Corps for fall quarter.

- David Peat Jr. and Scott Schroeder

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Highlighted Memories

Alpha Company remembers a great year

Alpha freshmen, John Allen and J.P. Sacherri participate in an afternoon warm-up for the impending annual attack on upper quad that follows the first snow.

Contrary to his name tag, Alpha Company First Sergeant Larry Smith stands at attention on Turn About Day as his freshmen replacement, Albert Benson, prepares to inspect him.

Skip Adams portrays Grace Jones at the Alpha Halloween party. This costume won first prize in a tough competition.

Alpha Company
Some Bravo members take a rest and watch a game of frisbee while on a company hike at Poverty Creek in Jefferson National Forest. Getaways like these helped to promote camaraderie in a less formal environment than the campus setting.

Service, sports and company parties made it a Busy year for Bravo

Brotherhood in an ensemble that worked. Bravo company-bridged the gap between individualism and unity. "As individuals we excel in all facets of college life and serve as social ambassadors to the Corps", said junior Bryan Moorehead. On any given evening, Bravo cadets could be found at numerous fraternity meetings, various intramural teams, and a host of other campus activities. Among Corps activities, they had members on Battalion staff, Color Guard and Skipper Crew along with nine other Corps organizations.

Although most of its members were involved in at least one extracurricular activity, company cohesiveness never suffered. Like a fine piece of machinery, Bravo came together in drill competitions, service projects, sports, cookouts, and parties. Earning second place in the Homecoming pass-in-review, re-roofing and painting deteriorating homes of the elderly and earning second place in the Corps intramural football league were only a few of B company's achievements. Sophomore Scott Knapp captured the unit's sense of accomplishment when he said, "We got the job done."

But getting the job done, as new cadet James Moll discovered, sometimes meant "making sacrifices for the good of the unit." Taking time to improve uniform appearance, concentrating at unit drill practices and applying artistic talents to a homecoming banner were some of the specific ways members gave of themselves. Yet the cadets in Bravo Company felt the sacrifices made were worth the friendships gained. Members described Bravo as "fraternal," "close-knit," and "like a family." Ties to the company were exhibited when alumni of up to eight years returned for a reunion to visit and to continue support.

"This year was a bonding of past with present, hard work with fun, and individual effort with teamwork," said company commander, John Kelley.

- Cathy Possch

Reminiscing at a company reunion dinner at Valley Pike Inn, fifth year senior Bruce O'Loughlin shows some old Bravo company photos to freshman Melissa Jones.
Commanders set out to make Charlie Company Well-Rounded

Cadet Captain John Gawne, Charlie Company commander stated, "My goal this year, as it has been every year, is to achieve overall excellence through a lot of intense training and a little bit of fun." In achieving overall excellence, academics was given priority. "My emphasis for the freshman is academics," said Cadet First Sergeant Andre Wormley. Yet the leadership of C Company understood the importance of producing well-rounded individuals. Members were encouraged to take an active role in Corps and campus organizations to make the most of their college experience. Members of the Gregory Guard, Conrad Calvary, Navy Seal Team, Blue and Gold Society, German Club and numerous other organizations came from the ranks of Charlie. "Membership in the Corps provides a person the opportunity to broaden one's mind academically and socially," exclaimed sophomore cadet David Sikora.

With those ideas in mind and the efforts of the entire unit, Charlie turned in another year of successes. As Ken Baranowski, C Company executive officer reflected, "I want each member to gain a sense of pride and accomplishment while preparing themselves for the future, whether it be in the military or civilian world... and they have."

- Henry S. Young

Up, over and into Charlie Company, these freshman help one another over the Burnuss wall on "turn day." The wall represented an exercise in teamwork, an important quality in the Corps.
"We've got spirit!" chants C Company at the Vanderbilt game. The companies held informal cheering contests to see which group cheered the loudest.

Charlie Company

Charlie Company 233

John Gwane
Commanding Officer

Ken Baranowski
Executive Officer

Delta Driven Spirit

Events both in and out of the university diversified Delta

Determination, excellence, leadership, teamwork and accomplishment. Through these traits, the pride and spirit of Delta grows," stated freshman cadet Bryan Hardesty. Though its members came from various backgrounds, Delta company strived for the best education possible while using teamwork to become leaders of the future.

With a renewed spirit for the pursuit of excellence in Corps activities, Delta participated in a wide array of service projects such as newspaper recycling drives, blood drives and monetary contributions to both the New River Valley Chapter of Big Brothers and Sisters and to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation.

The spirit of Delta continued with a reputation of high standards in athletics. Defeating four other teams in first battalion, Delta captured the Battalion Football League trophy.

Delta company traditions touched cadet members as well as civilians. The annual release of a baby pig at Ring Dance was a tradition started long ago when the freshmen, upset at the junior class, decided to ruin the Ring Dance by releasing a pig. Because of the novelty, the release of a pig became an integral part of every Ring Dance.

Diversity was evident in Delta company. Many of the members belonged to and held leading positions in university activities, including fraternities, committees, class offices and Corps organizations such as Gregory Guard and Arnold Air Society.

Pride and comradeship bounded the members of Delta together and kept the "Spirit of Delta" alive.

- Rene Woo

Delta Company


Delta Company

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Cadet First Lieutenant Mark Smith leads his platoon to dinner after an evening formation. Platoon leaders were in charge of several squads within their company. Their job was similar to a resident advisor's in that they were responsible for taking care of dorm problems like leaky faucets or no heat.

Steve Campbell and Dean Burris form up to be a two-headed person for Halloween formation. Every year cadets dress up in crazy costumes, hold an evening formation and march to the dining hall for a Halloween celebration.
India Company began its second year of activity after fifteen years of dormancy, proudly continuing its new traditions of academic excellence, leadership and university and community service. Led by David E. Wallace, company commander, Joseph F. Leary, executive officer, and L. Richard Baker, first sergeant, India Company pursued academic excellence and service activities to help worthy causes in both the university and community.

A majority of India members participated in the Cadets Against Drunk Driving, devoting time to organizing and manning of Alcohol Awareness Week, the group's major event of the year. Cadets from India were prominent in social fraternities, university organizations, such as Circle K, the University Honor System, and many Corps organizations including the Arnold Air Society, the Blue and Gold Society and the Gregory Guard. "I know of no other company that is as well represented in both university and social activities as India," commented Rich Baker. Militarily, many India members held important positions in the cadet and midshipman staffs.

Despite involvement in Corps and university functions, India's main goal this year was again academics. I Company maintained one of the best study environments in the Corps through careful observation and exhaustive company tutoring lists, in which upperclassmen assisted freshmen with difficult subjects.

I Company remained in the forefront of Corps and university activities, and posted an admirable record on the year. I Company was reformed last year by sophomores, juniors and seniors volunteering to leave their own units in First Battalion and provide leadership for that year's incoming freshmen, the class of '89. This year saw the emergence of I-89 as a strong and tightly-knit sophomore class, the first upperclassmen to come from India in fifteen years. With the class of '90 now representing another motivated and united India class, India Company became a firmly established unit in the Corps.

While indoors, freshmen cadets are required to carry their hats tightly at their sides. India company freshmen drop their hats to divert attention from a bud (fellow freshman) who just lost his hat to an upperclassman for not carrying it properly.

Making their way to the drill field for the pass in review, Mary Benedict, Carmela Newens and Robert Blanke march with India Company in the Homecoming parade.
Striking a Balance
Maintaining traditions while allowing for fun

-E-Frat pledges didn’t eat goldfish to prove their “brotherhood”; instead they showed their pride in an organization through every task they did. E-Company, better known by its unofficial nickname, E-Frat, distinguished itself from the rest of the Corps of Cadets with company activities that paralleled those of a fraternity. E-Frat sponsored parties, successful fund-raisers and community service projects. For one community service project the members of the company all gave up one of their free Saturdays to restore a house in Blacksburg for unwed mothers. “I was always taught that well done was better than well said. I am proud to be part of E-Frat, whose main goal was to get the job done well,” said cadet Curtis Anderson, a sophomore in architecture.

However, each year a strong backbone of the group was taken away when the seniors graduated and a hoard of freshman came to take their place. Unlike in past years, a very small, elite group of freshman were brought into E-Frat. The class of ’90 showed exceptional creativity in doing the mundane freshman chores such as painting the hall trash cans, decorating for the holidays and making the homecoming banner. This drive brought them into the close-knit group of E-Frat.

The members of E-Frat strived for success in all areas of the university. Echo had members in the University Honor System, the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, the Semper Fidelis Society, and the Caving Club. And many of the members were also a part of greek fraternities.

The company’s members took their motto of “unity and pride” very seriously. The service and university projects E-Frat participated in brought its members into a true “brotherhood.”

- Stephanie M. Jones

Dave Seaver

Echo Company

Jim D. Godek
Commanding Officer

Douglas A. Stuntz
Executive Officer

E-Frat
Unity & Pride

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Giving up one of their free Saturdays, Darrell Mottley and Paul Mazzaro work on the yard of a future home for unwed mothers. Repairing the house was an E-Frat community project.

E-Frat freshmen participate in a tug of war at the annual Corps picnic. While the freshmen tried to gain a foothold in the competition, the rest of E-Frat cheered them on.
The troop that pulls together, plays together.

Fox trot Company members were easily spotted; they were the sharp cadets sporting unique red and gold t-shirts with F-Troop stenciled boldly across the front. These same cadets could be caught jamming in the local air band contests or helping out the parks department in a service project.

What did it take to be a "Trooper"? Family-like unity, a few good dance steps to show off at the many unit parties and a skilled hand to polish the brass Skipper cannon, found only in F Company's unit area, were just some of the qualities.

Being a member of F-Troop wasn't all partying though; it also took a lot of hard work both as a cadet and a student. The "Troop" proudly displayed several gold corps streamers on their guidon along with the distinction of being home to a long line of Color Guard members and Corps leaders. Foxtrot also boasted the best drilled cadet for the past few years.

And when Troopers weren't studying, shining shoes or rocking to the latest tunes, they found the time to participate in various extracurricular activities including German Club, Gregory Guard, Honor System, Rangers and class committees. Members in F-Troop took pride in their company and in setting an example for the rest of the Corps.

Dirty but never down, Eric Dorminey and Mike Potvin await the next order on the Drill Field during "turn day." The new cadets became official members of the Corps of Cadets by participating in a variety of athletic, unity-building activities.

- Jolie Clavelli

Dressed as California raisins, seniors John Wilson, Eddie San Nicolas and Bill Chapman "heard it through the grapevine" as they dance out to Halloween formation.

Not content with smearing a pie in his superior's face, Paul Carder pours beer down Karl Schuetze's pants on pie day. The annual event offered freshmen a chance to get revenge on the upperclassmen without fear of demerits.
Executive officer Richard Keatley discusses policy in the unit area at a Golf company commanders meeting. These meetings, held every two to three weeks, brought the entire company together to discuss unity activities.
Giving it all to stay on top:

Going for the Gold

Gold Cord: Officially known as the Beverly Parrish Award, it was the award given to the company that wins the year-long, inter-company competition to determine the best all around unit in the corps. Golf Company held the Gold Cord this year. The award was based on a number of categories ranging from athletics to academics. In athletics in the last two years, Golf either won the championship in its battalion or placed in the finals in flag football, volleyball, basketball, softball and waterpolo. This annual competition also included categories such as military appearance and conduct, drill and ceremonies, and service projects, which G company excelled in. Golf cadets believed that scholastics was the most important thing in the university life and they maintained good study habits and academic performance. The members of G Company, as a whole, also believed in having fun. The company sponsored free keg parties each quarter, and also had an annual ski trip which G Company cadets thought of as "one of the best weekends of the year." A two day company picnic every spring rounded out their social events. G Company believed that no matter what the task at hand was, the best way to do it was with teamwork and motivation. Company Commander Philip-Freeman said, "it's the spirit and unity within Golf that gives us the momentum to strive for higher goals year after year."

David McCulloch

Debbie Peschka adds another few miles on the company "run for your life" chart. This voluntary program was designed to motivate company members to enhance their physical fitness.

The Golf Company championship flag football team finished the year with a 3-0-1 record, thus clinching the 2nd Battalion title for the two years straight.

Philip Freeman
Commanding Officer

Richard Keatley
Executive Officer

Golf Company
Cadet First Sergeant Jay Price leads Hotel Company's new cadets in cadre week drill competition. New cadets arrived early fall quarter to learn the ways of Corps life.

Members of Hotel Company carry the "flaming VT" to a pep rally. The flaming VT was a symbol representing Hotel.

During "turn day," cadet Jeremy Stein motivates "rat" William Mattes prior to participation in the rope bridge phase. After cadets were "turned" they could associate with the upperclassmen.
From the flaming VT to the five points of pride, Check out Hotel Co.

Hotel Company based its philosophy on five points: "pride in the class, pride in the uniform, pride in the company, pride in the Corps, and pride in yourself." These were an important part of Hotel Company's unity.

The 13-foot flaming "VT" has been a symbol of Hotel Company's pride in the school for almost 30 years and was traditionally carried to home game pep rallies to inspire spirit.

Hotel Company was not just made up of traditions, but also of unique personalities. Unit members were involved in university functions like the greek System, clubs and other organizations as well as in Corps groups. Yet Hotel Company remained a tightly-knit unit that believed in working together as well as having a good time. The leaders of Hotel promoted a pride in academic achievement, military bearing and spirited competition to make Hotel one of the proudest companies in the Corps.

- Denise Shuster
Kilo Company was reborn in 1985 after a thirteen year hiatus. Members were drawn from established units, a fact which gave the company its reputation as a 'Black Sheep' unit. "Working with people we didn't know wasn't easy," remembered junior Paul Metrey. "It was a year of consolidation."

That being done it was time to move on. And move on Kilo did, with a vengeance. "We've been gaining momentum ever since September. There's no one we can't beat," says David Lee, referring to the Gold Cord competition for best all-around company. Pride was a Kilo hallmark, as was a real spirit of camaraderie. "We're really a tight knit group of individuals," commented James Rodriguez. "We're all different, but we stick together." "Being the new kid on the block may have given us a complex. We've worked so hard to get where we are that we exhibit a certain amount of arrogance," says company commander George Dateno. "But that's not bad."

K Company has become an extremely involved unit. Members were active in the SGA, Honor System and numerous other student organizations, civilian and military. As a company, Kilo worked on the Pembroke home for the elderly and planned more such service in the future. Their intramural teams and academics were also outstanding.

Kilo firmly believed that a company that partied together, stayed together. To that end it hosted numerous planned and impromptu parties. Any given Friday K members could be found relaxing at a happy hour after a hard week. The annual Christmas party, complete with eggnog and St. Nick, had become a firm tradition. Spring quarter brought out the sun and the Kilo tradition of 'Beastcrunching' on the Plain.

As Kilo Company moved through its second year the 'Black Sheep' saw a promising future. Said Terry Richmond, "We're on a roll. Try and stop us now."
The unofficial winner of the Kilo contest for 'unannounced' fire drills, Ed Heath beat his fellow cadets with his sheik outfit. This event, held only in Kilo's ranks, was a way to add humor in an otherwise rigorous day.
F Troop members Pamela Posey, Eric Dorminey and Paul Carder portray Laura Garza, Tom Yambrick and game show host Chuck Woolery in their "Love Connection" skit at the variety show preceding Mil Brawl.
A blend of new and old ideas come together for a year of Tradition and Change

A year of changes continued as the Corps of Cadets experimented with the new cadet (freshmen) system, regulations and uniform style. Freshman cadets had a much different system compared to the class of 89. Last year the freshmen were turned to the sophomores in February and maintained a semi-formal basis with the juniors and a formal status with the seniors for the remainder of the year. This year, the new cadets were recognized by the entire cadet regiment by the 20th of February.

Regulations governing the cadet lifestyle were added and stiffened. Cadets were required to wear the uniform to the library and the computer lab during the day. This was done to prevent the abuse of wearing civilian clothes at undesigned times and in undesigned areas. To enforce the new rule the demerit penalty was raised so as to ensure immediate punishment of offenders by putting them on automatic study tours. This is a system in which a cadet is required to study in uniform for a certain number of hours dependent upon the number of demerits acquired. Other changes included inspections made at formations to ensure proper uniform guidelines were being adhered to as well as random room inspections by regimental and battalion staffs.

Cadets were given the choice of wearing the blue wheelcover hat or the new garrison cap to classes. Sophomore cadet Steven Jones remarked, "I like the convenience of choice in daily headgear and I think the garrison cap is a welcomed alternative." However some civilian students had differing views on this change. Civilian Gerald Hampton felt the wheelcovers better fit the cadet uniform. Removed from the blouse ensemble was the white wheelcover. They were reserved for the Highty Tighties, the Gregory Guard and the Skipper crew during their respective performances.

In the dorms, microwave ovens were placed on the second and fourth floors. With the advent of microwave popcorn, the ovens were kept quite busy. "I especially like being able to reheat my pizza," said junior Stephanie Jones. An RHF specifically for the cadet dormitories was formed in the winter to try and improve living conditions.

Tradition was maintained with the Military Weekend, the highlight of the year. This annual event was themed a Salute to Tradition and began with the Friday afternoon formation signifying the start of the festivities and welcoming the visiting guests from VMI, West Point, Texas A&M and other military schools and academies. The evening continued with a variety show of original skits followed by an informal dance, known as Mil Brawl. Saturday consisted of a Guard Mount performed by the Gregory Guard and the formal Military Ball that evening. The weekend concluded with a brilliant display of fireworks over the Drillfield and the playing of Silver Taps.

- Christie L. Szabo and Gilbert Jones

Flag detail is done twice a day, seven times a week. Brian Smith has his turn as he ceremoniously folds Old Glory signifying the end of another winter day.
Bugle staff found it did whatever it took to get it done

What gets you through

"Lynn, come here... the computer's doing it again... no, wait... it's fixed now."

"What do you mean the photo lab is under water?!?"

"Who quit now?"

...all too familiar quotes uttered by all staff editors at some time or another during production of the 1987 Bugle.

One major adjustment that had to be made between the 1986 and 1987 Bugles was the introduction of computer typesetting to production. Before the 1987 book all copy and headlines were typed on sheets of paper and sent to the company, which typeset them for the staff. For the 1987 book, the staff typed all material on computers with a word-processing and typesetting system called PagePlanner, which was provided by the publishing company. The staff then mailed diskettes to the company. Many of the non-computer literate section editors became proficient with the program, after much groaning and swearing at the computers. Doing their own typesetting gave the staff a much more accurate idea of copy fit than they could have had with the old system.

The Bugle staff had to deal with several setbacks during the year, including a $6,000 debt from the 1986 book and an inexperienced staff. All but three of the eleven section editors were in their first year on the staff, and five section editors quit and were replaced during the year. This produced an almost insurmountable handicap to work with. Editor in Chief Lynn Browder edited the service organizations section while student life section editor Heath Covey filled holes left in three other sections than his own. Managing editor Gerald Hampton completed the Greeks section. It was a year of cutting corners to try to bring the material together and of disappointment among the staff in those who had quit and left their work unfinished. Covey summed it up well on his poster in the office that read: "Stages of yearbook production: exaltation, disenchantment, panic, search for the guilty, punishment of the innocent."

On a lighter note, the 1986 Bugle received the Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) for the third straight year, making it one of the top five yearbooks in the country. It also received the Silver Crown award from Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Several members travelled to Washington D.C. in November for an ACP convention, attending seminars on everything from layout to photography plus editorial roundtables.

- Lyn Nesmith

Deciding what's going where, academics editor Zandra Bow prepares a practice layout for one of her spreads. Drawing practice layouts was an essential part of the creative process, providing editors an opportunity to experiment without committing to any permanent design.
Putting their heads together at the Old Post Office in Washington, D.C., Lynn Browder and Associate Photo Editor Matt Pollock spend some time sightseeing in the nation's capital. The Bugle staff went to Washington in the fall for the Associated Collegiate Press convention where they received the Pacemaker award, the highest attainable in yearbook publishing, for the 1985 Bugle, titled Shades.
Roller skating at the Kappa Delta Skate-a-thon, Nicky Gomez gets up from a fall. She was the Bugle’s office manager for winter quarter.

Editorial Meeting. Chet Childress, Lynn Browder and Heath Covey look over some materials for Covey’s section in an attempt to fit photographs and copy on two pages.

What gets you through
Writing instructions on her final layout, sports editor Terri Wright, finishes a football spread for her section. Lines and instructions had to be expressed exactly on final layouts in order for the publisher to reproduce the editor's idea.

Reviewing copy at any time and in any position, Chet Childress, copy editor, took on the responsibility of editing the entire 496-page book. Childress had to contend with a new computer system and sometimes, late copy.
Careful inspection of color pictures by the student life editor, Heath Covey, was important since 70% of the Bugle's student life section was in color. Covey's other responsibilities included assigning stories, designing layouts and, of course, making deadline.

Making last minute changes on some deadline material, editor in chief Lyne Browder approves a student life story before compiling it on the computer. Ideally, every item would be edited by a total of three people, but with the rush of deadlines, most things were only edited twice.
Why do they do it?
The Collegiate Times pulls a newspaper together

"We don't have to do it, so why do we do it?"
That was the question many Collegiate Times workers asked themselves. This staff would spend 30 to 50 hours a week putting together the nationally ranked paper, all for no pay and little thanks.

So why did they do it?
"I ask myself that all the time. Why do I torture myself like this?" News Editor Maggie Stemann said. "I guess I do it for the people who work here. I'm sort of stuck with it now."

Stemann's response was a popular one, echoed by Sports Editor John Hunt. "I don't know why I do it," Hunt said. "Obviously, it's the best training that a journalism student can get here, and that includes every class offered. It prepares you for life after college."

"Also, there are a lot of benefits that other papers do not have, such as being able to travel to way games," he added.

Rochelle Royce, editorials editor, said, "On a very personal level, it's been extremely important in my growth as an individual. I hope it takes me somewhere careerwise. But more important than that, I like working together with a group of people without being greek."

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Laying out ads in the CT, Louis King works late into the night on deadline. Production workers like King were responsible for making sure all lines and copy were straight, as well as filling the inevitable blank spaces that appear after stories have been laid out.

Collegiate Times Editor in Chief Greg Greer gets a little relief from the pressures of his demanding job by reading the comics. Greer was responsible for all operations of the CT, which had a budget of over a quarter-million dollars.
Classified ads manager Patti Snyder works on the ads for an upcoming edition of the Collegiate Times. Classified advertisers included students, organizations and businesses.

Responsible for the layout of his section, Sports Editor John Hunt found that he spent a lot of time in front of a typesetter terminal editing stories.
Adding up the CT profits brings a smile to Business Manager Chris MacDonald. Keeping track of all the money kept MacDonald busy. One of her big headaches was delinquent accounts. The CT used an independent collection agency to recoup some of the back debts.
"Believe it or not, I do it because I like it," she said. "I like the hard work. Even when I wake up tired the next morning, I feel like I have accomplished something. The satisfaction of actually having done something makes it all worthwhile."

And what had Rochelle and her colleagues done? They participated in a mostly volunteer staff of about 50 hard-core workers and 25 to 50 no-so-dedicated folks to put out the largest paper, circulation-wise, in Blacksburg.

For the 1986-87 year, the paper increased its circulation form 13,000 to 14,000 copies each issue and went from four to six terminals on its in-house, computerized, photo typesetting system. But the CT did not deviate from its commitment to remaining entirely student operated and financially self-sufficient.

The CT's budget topped $270,000, with a projected profit of over $40,000; the 1985-86 year ended with a $45,000 profit. All of the money was generated from the sale of advertising space in the paper, a source of great pride among the staff.

That staff was composed entirely of student: writers, editors, sales representatives, production workers, secretaries and business staff. The writers and editors gave their time to the CT for free; while the business and production people received small salaries or sales percentages.

The CT's news and editorial focus was on issues affecting or involving the students and campus in general. (continued on page 260)
Pulling it all together

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Some of the major stories covered included a visit by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and the associated protests, the stormy and controversial departure of Athletic Director Bill Dooley, and Tech's first-ever bowl victory with a victory of North Carolina State in the New Peach Bowl.

The paper continued its coverage of cultural events in the area — from the Virginia Tech Union's fall concert series, which included Tech's first major concert sellout in six years, to Broadway plays such as Evita.

The CT's Affaires section added a weekend calendar to the list of the paper's regular features, which included campus notices, classified ads and a full page of mostly home-grown comics.

Virtually anyone could write for the paper, which, like the other student media, suffered from a seemingly perpetual shortage of staff, especially in the editorial positions. Yet, despite the open-door policy and ample opportunity for writers to advance on the staff, most section editors constantly had to scramble to get events covered.

Which brings back that nagging question of why would anyone want to work on the CT.

"I don't think I would do it if I didn't enjoy it," Features Editor Karen McBeth said. "It's good for a resume, but if I didn't like the people I wouldn't be interested in this job. There is a great deal of satisfaction in seeing what you do come out in print twice a week."

- Greg Greer

Taking a call from an advertiser, Amy Schumann reflects on the ad being discussed. As ad manager, Schumann was partially responsible for the CT's financial success.

Performing one of her many duties, Rhonda McLendon catches up on some CT bookkeeping during her regular office hours. All the receptionists for the CT were students.
Scott Hoffman, Mary Regan and News Editor Maggie Stemmann listen attentively as they hear the latest from a news source. The news section covered campus politics, academic and student life policy changes, Blacksburg Town Council meetings and other items affecting the university community.
This student DJ introduces the next song during his show on the AM station. All disk jockeys for the college station were students.

Making last minute adjustments. Denise Allen, WUVT sports director, prepares for the Sunday night sports show. In addition to music, WUVT provided students with informational shows like “Tech Talk” and the sports show.
WUVT gains momentum

Two new consoles and a wildly successful fund-raiser were highlights of the year for WUVT. More than 150 student volunteers participated in all facets of the AM and FM stations' operations.

WUVT was owned and operated totally by Tech students. While working in radio could be fun, it also entailed a great deal of hard work. The station raised all of its operating expenses, making it financially independent from the university and the government. Raising the money was complicated by what Business manager John Bowes, a senior in management, called a “college town economy that provides difficulties for a small business, especially one that is a progressive non-profit radio station in the Bible Belt.”

The stations' progressive programming provided the campus and the Blacksburg community with an alternative listening choice. While new music was the sole fodder for many college radio turntables, jazz, old rock, reggae, blues, country and classical were only a few of the diverse blends of musical genres available on WUVT-FM. Terry Mathias, FM program director, said, "We're the most democratic station around. We (continued on page 264)
don't force people to like what we play, like Top-40 does. Intelligent people have the need to determine for themselves what they do and don't like.

WUVT's AM station changed format to all rock and roll and new music. The station had previously run all dance music, so the shift was a significant departure. General Manager Kathleen Eaton said there was a lot of enthusiasm for the change.

The AM format change was only one of the new aspects of WUVT's operations. Both the AM and FM stations boasted new consoles.

The AM console was donated by a WUVT alumnus, and the FM console was purchased in the spring. Both contributed greatly to the quality of the broadcasts, as they replace aging, unreliable equipment.

WUVT reorganized some of its staff as well. Two music directors were added, one to coordinate jazz music and the other for dance music. Eaton said the staff was split in this manner to provide better service and care for those records.

Another staff change was the merging of the FM underwriting and AM sales director positions. Eaton said the positions were combined because of lack of enough staff to handle all the jobs, and also to take advantage of an extremely competent person.

WUVT participated in a nationwide new music search sponsored by Campus Voice. Demo tapes from over 400 bands were entered into a nationwide competition. All the tapes were submitted by college radio stations. WUVT's entry, the Blacksburg band Not Shakespeare, won the contest. The decision was made late in the winter.

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News Director Pat Robb reads the headlines during his folk music show on WUVT-FM. Even though his show was on the FM station, Robb was still in charge of the news on AM.

Waiting for a song to end, AM DJ Kevin Perry chooses which record to play next. A "rhythm" station in the past, WUVT-AM switched its format to only rock and roll.
Anticipating the end of one song, Teresa D'Orazio, AM program director cues up for the next one. To avoid "dead air," DJs had one record ready to go while another played.
WUVT gains momentum
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by votes called in to college radio stations
across the country. Not Shakespeare
received a recording contract with the MCA
label, and WUVT got some prize money.
An alumni newsletter was started in order
to help former WUVT volunteers keep in
touch. The newsletter was published quar­
terly by the alumni. Alumni also were able to
donate to WUVT through a special fund set
up for alumni contributions.
The station also raised money through
radiothons in the fall and spring. During the
radiothon, listeners called in pledges to sup­
port the station. A pledge of $2 was enough
to get the on-air DJ to play any song the
listener wanted. WUVT's fall radiothon
earned $1300 over its goal of $2000. WUVT
was able to buy some badly needed new
equipment with the extra money.
While the radiothon was a huge success,
there were always financial difficulties in­
herent in a station independent from the
university. Despite those problems, WUVT
continued to maintain its musical integrity,
"remaining outside the corporate structure
of commercial radio," said DJ Greg Greer.
These difficulties could never be surmoun­
ted without the work of the dedicated volun­
tees, though. Music Director Kat Egan said,
"It's exciting that so many people are willing
to work so hard to make something different
work."
Public Relations Director Tenny Williams
summed up the station by saying, "WUVT is
quite possible one of the top college radio
stations in the nation, due in part to our
strong commitment in a format that has
something for everyone."
- Kathleen Eaton
- Mark C. Munson

Fall quarter's FM program director, Terri Mathias,
selects records to be played during the next show. As
program director it was Mathias' job to decide what was
used in heavy rotation.

WUVT Staff: Front Row: Julie Brenner. Second Row: Teresa D'Orazio,
Jay Harlow, Terri Mathias, Kathleen Eaton, Kat Egan. Back Row: Dave
Santilli, Roland Fallon, Tenny Williams, John Boxen, Denise Allen, Dan
Carnes, Max Schmitz, Mike Blas, Andi Steppich.
Photo editor-in-chief Mary Carothers explores an abandon house in Montgomery county. She was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the photo staff's operations and managing the staff.

Scott Hamilton, a senior in industrial arts education, was the photo editor in chief for fall quarter.

Ani Kirk is perched on a desk in the photo staff's new office on third floor Squires. As the Collegiate Times photo editor, Kirk had to make sure all requested events were covered and that the section editors had their prints on time.
The photo staff deals with setbacks and goes on

Taking it all in stride

Some cultures fear that a picture will rob them of their soul; but Virginia Tech relied on photographs to capture the essence of the college experience.

The Virginia Tech Photo Staff dedicated itself to covering all campus activities, whether it was a home game, the Bruce Hornsby concert, Weinberger protesters, or a search and rescue practice at the New River. These events and many more were captured on film and processed by the photo staff in order to fill the pages of the Bugle and Collegiate Times.

Unlike in past years, the photo staff was not made up of experienced senior photographers; instead, a new generation of photogs filled the ranks. After Scott Hamilton stepped down as photo editor in the fall, Mary Carothers, a sophomore in architecture, was chosen to take his place. The relatively new staff, consisting of mostly freshman and sophomores, was faced with many 'firsts': the first year that the photo staff had a female editor or female associate editor, the first year that a sophomore had held the editor's position, and the first year that the photo staff had their own office. The smallest photo staff ever was playing a game with the odds against them. When the photo lab on the third floor of Squires Student center flooded this year, the staff felt like they were fighting a losing battle. Instead of giving up they formed a line and passed all the (continued on page 271)

Staff photographer Tom Glaab takes his portrait in a mirror in his room.

Photo lab manager Chad Valentine wears a banner that depicts the word 'photograph' in Greek. His duties included preparing the darkroom for deadlines and ordering supplies, among others.
Student Publications Photo Staff. Front row: Bruce Robertson, Chad Valentine, photo lab manager. Second row: Matt Pollock, Bugle photo editor; Christian Johnson. Back row: Ani Kirk, Collegiate Times photo editor; Mary Carothers, photo editor-in-chief; Dave Knachel.

Staff photographer Christian Johnson.
Taking it all...

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Photo paper, cameras, chemicals, and equipment out of the flooded area. The flood was caused by a cracked filter and processing had to be moved to a different area temporarily. In addition to faulty plumbing the staff had to make do with old and abused equipment. Photographers were forced to modify assignments in order to use their personal equipment due to the staff's small supply and its needs for repair.

In the midst of biweekly deadlines for the Collegiate Times and weekly deadlines for the Bugle, many of the problems in the photo lab could have stopped production completely. However, thanks to the staff members everything ran as smoothly as possible. The new staff may have been lacking in experience but they had energy and were determined to live up to all of their commitments.

For the photo staff, commitments came in the form of photo assignments and deadlines. The Bugle had deadlines from September to February and the photos for these the book's 11 sections had to be turned in early in order to give editors time to create their pages. Deadlines for the Collegiate Times came twice a week. Assignments for the news, sports, and affairs sections had to be covered and additional feature pictures had to be shot for the front page. With each assignment a photographer was sent out to cover the specific event and had to develop and print the best picture to turn in for deadline. Sometimes the 'photogs,' as they were called, only had to travel on campus to cover assignments, but many times assignments took them to the New River, away basketball and football games, or all over the East Coast for conferences. Traveling was only a part of the many hours involved which often ran into the early morning.

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This is for everyone:
when you finish printing
please put your negs
in the box to be filed
Don’t keep them !!!!!
we may have to have them

THANKS.
Late hours a few times a week were compensated by diverse opportunities like going to the Peach Bowl and sitting on the 40 yard line to take close-up shots of the action, getting front-row complimentary tickets to concerts, and flying to places like Mississippi and Florida with the team to shoot a basketball game. These special assignments were given to photographers who had devoted a lot of their time to the photo staff.

Being an active member of the photo staff was a difficult job that took a lot of time and hard work, but it also had its lighter moments. Practical jokes, darkroom airband sessions, and frequent visits to Pedro’s relieved much of the pressure of the job. Since most of the photographers were not communications majors, as in the past; everyone had something different to contribute to the staff. Some staff members focused on sports while others specialized in ‘artsy’ shots. The staff, although smaller in number than in the past, did not lack in originality or determination.

The photo staff was given use of the defunct ‘Campus Quarterly’ office in early February but just as they were settling in it was time to pack up to move to the ground-floor of Dietrick Dining hall, which would be their home during the two-year upcoming renovation of Squires.

A new location promised new problems and new adventures for the Photo Staff; they were optimistic when looking toward next year when they would be veterans in the art of capturing Tech on celluloid.

- Ani Kirk

The convex mirror in Squires recreation area lends an unusual medium for Chad Valentine (on the right in the first photo) and Matt Pollock to make each other’s portraits.

Staff photographer Carolyn Smith.

Staff photographer Bruce Robertson cuts up a roll of men’s basketball in the film room.
Meeting of Media Minds

Student Media Board guides the individual media

The Student Media Board was composed of representatives from the Collegiate Times newspaper, the Bugle yearbook, the Silhouette literary magazine, the Student Publications Photo Staff and WUVT AM and FM radio stations. The editors, business managers and advisors of these media sat on the board; students were elected by the previous year's board.

The board voted on issues brought by the individual organizations such as proposals to spend money. It also was a forum for status reports, where the other media could keep up with the current events of the others.

The media board was a subcommittee of the Commission on Student Affairs (CSA); Greg Greer, the board's vice-chair, was the media's representative to the CSA.

One of the most important debates the board had was over its funds and those of its individual media. The editors were frustrated by the fact that each medium generated its own money and yet it was forced to follow the university's procedures in handling these funds. A decision to please both the editors and work within Tech's constraints was not reached.

Another major task that faced the board was revising its constitution; they had been operating under a four year old version and many of its by-laws and policies were outdated.

The renovation of Squires, where most of the media were located, kept the board busy for all of spring quarter as they made plans to move the print media to Dietrick dining hall and to move WUVT to the Central Office Building in downtown Blacksburg.

At a winter quarter board meeting, treasurer Tracy Steinberg gives a budget report before the board votes to fund a photo staff conference.
Breaking all Records

Silhouette has most profitable year yet

The Silhouette was a literary magazine composed of works such as poems, short stories and photographs, all submitted by students. In addition to producing the 76-page magazine, the staff hosted readings of authors' works on campus.

The magazine had a banner year in that it sold more copies in advance and made more money on sponsored readings than in any previous year.
When students looked for something exciting to do with their time around campus or late at night with their friends, all they needed to do was look to the Virginia Tech Union. The VTU, as it was more commonly called, was the organization which attempted to enrich the social, educational and cultural experiences of the school, surrounding community, and especially, the student.

Many of the projects undertaken by the VTU were geared toward specific groups of the university community. For example, the appearance of such musicians as Michael Hedges and Matt "Guitar" Murphy were attended by jazz and blues fans respectively. These shows enjoyed tremendous success in both student support and artistic presentation.

The VTU consisted of 11 separate committees. Each of the committees worked with the common goal of creating an event that could be enjoyed by all types of people.

The VTU's first priority was to decide the breakdown of the annual budget. After these decisions were made, the scheduling of events could begin, which naturally led to the creation of the VTU's quarterly events calendar. The promotions committee created this calendar, as well as providing news releases and the VTU newsletter.

The art committee supplied the university with art exhibits, featuring works from around the world. It furthered its efforts with advice and support for other committees that made use of visual media in advertising the union's efforts. And once the Union was able to get a performer or performers to visit the university, treating them like stars was the job of the house and hospitality committee. Not only were they responsible for hosting the performers, but they also participated in ushering and crowd control. The committee was also the force behind the Christmas decorations at Squires, home of the Virginia Tech Union.

Speaking of top performing stars, the popular concert committee offered some great oldies bands like the Temptations and the Four Tops, who sold out their performance. Other crowd favorites included George Thorogood and the Delaware Destroyers, who also sold out, and Virginia's own Bruce Hornsby and the Range. There was more music, however, thanks to the now and then Committee, who brought students a diverse musical spectrum with both local and nationally known bands like Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin and Michael Hedges in the "Just Because It's Wednesday" series.

The special events committee sponsored various social functions that occurred during the year. To get the newly arriving freshman acclimated to the social scene, the VTU staged a freshmen mixer and holiday mixer. (continued on page 278)
In February the VTU brought Bruce Hornsby and the Range to Burruss Hall. Hornsby is a native of Virginia.
VTU offers wide range of entertainment

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Committee members also participated in the lighting of the Christmas tree.
The newly formed lively arts committee gave a strong list of shows and speakers, with stage productions of *Evita* and *A Chorus Line*, and appearances by the Chicago City Ballet and Wynton Marsalis. An array of timely and entertaining speakers including, Dumisani Kumalo, who spoke on a very personal level about apartheid, Colonel Chuck Scoot, on the perils of terrorism, and Lorraine Warren, on the supernatural, visited.

Providing students with interesting, and stimulating learning activities was another job fulfilled by the VTU. The short course committee's function was to organize and develop classes that were both useful and fun, in such areas as sports, music, and arts and crafts. The recreation committee afforded students the chance to participate in sport with the various events which it sponsored. From the ACU-I Indoor Games Tournament to the VTU volleyball tournament, the recreation committee offered students a chance to relax and enjoy life at the university. And for the student without a car, the travel committee gave them the opportunity to visit Valley View Mall in Roanoke to take care of their Christmas shopping.

The films committee rounded out the 11 committees, which composed the VTU. Its job was to bring quality cinematic features to the students while keeping prices on the tickets at a minimum. Hits like *Top Gun* and *Stand By Me* went over big with the students.

All of these committees shared a common goal: to provide students and members of the community a wide scope of things to do. A united effort by the VTU committees let students kick back from the books and enjoy college for a while.

- Jeff Thompson
The Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) represented the entire student body in the university governance system.

In the spring of 1986, executives were elected and they reviewed plans for the expansion of Squires Student Center.

The Virginia Tech Alliance, a group that would bring leaders of many organizations together in a forum, was approved in concept by the Senate. The SGA's Senate was composed of representatives from all of the university's colleges. The Senate also passed a new constitution for the SGA in the spring. They began discussing the Blue Laws in Montgomery County, due to requests from students.

In the fall the SGA sponsored an open forum with Dr. Lavery, although few students participated. The senators hosted the President's reception for the freshman. They were also instrumental in repealing the Blue Laws. The constitution passed the Student Constitutional Affairs Board and the Commission on Student Affairs, of which the SGA is a subcommittee.

Due to the efforts of several senators, 'A SPEAK' tests were initiated for graduate teaching assistants to ensure fluency with the English language.

The Student Life Committee worked with the dining halls in developing a specialty room in each hall that served basic fast foods for students in a hurry.

The SGA also placed representatives (students) on all university self-study committees.

Winter quarter the SGA got Sunday bus hours approved by the Blacksburg Transity Authority; a trial program was implemented. They also pushed to have double majors listed on diplomas and the proposal was tentatively approved by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies.

Five delegates attended the Conference On Student Government Associations (COSGA) of Texas A & M.

The SGA's Designated Driver program was implemented in several local establishments, providing free non-alcoholic drinks to persons who will be driving friends who will be drinking.

Many students were concerned about parking regulations, so the SGA put forward several proposals that were endorsed or accepted by the University Traffic Committee. To round out the quarter a campus-wide newsletter was published and distributed.

A course-evaluation book, which was a compilation of students' ratings of courses, was to be published in the spring. Other issues they considered were the extension of the library's hours and 24-hour service of Squires once renovations were complete, scheduled for 1989.
1986 Residence Hall Federation President Jeff Mitchell presents a petition that would be circulated to support Secretary of State Weinberger's coming to campus for Founder's Day. 1987 SGA President Dan Mahony stood with Mitchell as they made the press announcement in the lobby of the Old Dominion Ballroom.

1986 president of the Young Democrats on campus gives his support of the proposal to bring Weinberger to campus.
Chi Delta Alpha members meet in Squires to plan their next service project. The sorority, open to men and women, performed service projects and worked for the elderly in the area.
After twenty years of service, Chi Delta Alpha was

Lending a Helping Hand

The members of Chi Delta Alpha celebrated their twentieth anniversary by continuing their tradition of service to the community. The sorority, which was open to male and female students, worked with many local charities and service groups, and provided much needed manpower to their operations.

The members worked with the Voluntary Action Center helping to clean and maintain the homes of senior citizens in town. They also hosted social events for the elderly.

During the winter, Chi Delta Alpha members helped man the Montgomery County Christmas Store. In this project, they collected food and clothing for the needy in Montgomery County.

Chi Delta Alpha’s major event for spring quarter was their annual Service Day. This event brought together many of the service organizations on campus to perform large scale service projects, which were beyond the scope of an individual group.

To celebrate their twentieth anniversary, Chi Delta Alpha members hosted a reunion and dinner in May for their two hundred plus alumni.

When asked to describe the benefits of being a member of Chi Delta Alpha, Mary Lynn Youngwerth said, “the satisfaction of helping the community and giving something back to an area that has given so much to us.”

- Heath E. Covey

The Residence Hall Federation's congress consisted of all elected officials plus delegates from each dorm.
Dorm Life...

Residence Hall Federation made it all fun and games

From the first time students arrived on campus, the presence of the Resident Hall Federation (RHF) was felt in a variety of ways. For all students, especially those new to campus, the RHF was helpful at the beginning of the year, assisting with check-in and providing "Good Stuff" boxes. In many cases, the RHF was responsible for a lot of the signs and decorations placed around dorms at the time of check-in. The RHF made a special effort to make life easier for the freshman by sponsoring Playfair, various socials and freshman mixers between brother and sister dorms, giving these new students a chance to become acquainted.

But RHF's involvement didn't stop with check-in. It continued to promote various activities including tuck-ins and movie nights. The group also designed other programs for freshmen to allow them to get to know one another. In Slusher Wing, for instance, the RHF collected activity cards together with those from O'Shaughnessy, the Wing's brother dorm, and obtained group seating at all of the football games.

The RHF was also involved in many fundraising activities, both for profit and charity. During fall quarter they sent letters to the parents of students on campus to give parents a chance to buy their sons or daughters a fruit basket before Christmas vacation. Bake sales were also sponsored in many dorms.

As in past years, the RHF sponsored "Spirit Month," which involved the competition among all dorms for points and prizes. A canned food drive was one way the various dorms earned points. The cans were collected as a community service project by the RHF and Project Home Repair (PHR). The proceeds earned from recycling aluminum cans went to purchase materials that PHR used to repair the homes of the low-income, elderly residents in the Blacksburg and Christiansburg areas.

For the first time ever Tech participated in a national lip-synch contest to raise money for Students Against Multiple Sclerosis (SAMS). The RHF helped bring this cause to campus in addition to being the primary sponsor of it. Balloons and sweatshirts were sold in order to raise money for the cause. Newsletters were kept posted to keep dorms informed on this and other activities going on around campus.

In addition to these and other fundraisers, RHF influenced many changes made both on campus and around Blacksburg. One major project that the RHF helped initiate was the addition of two more meal plans for students who found that 19 meals were too many. More coed housing, extended visitation and a revised escort policy were also instigated under the influence of RHF. The group also lobbied for the repealing of Blacksburg's Blue Laws. These laws hampered students for whom Sunday was one of the few days they had available for shopping.

RHF was a large, dynamic organization that acted as the voice of on-campus residents.

- Ellen MacBeth

RHF Executive Board. Seated: Suzie Nussel, president; Alan Baird, vice president; Karen Ruby, national communications coordinator. Standing: Dave Schulman, Mike Chapman, finance officer; Beth Ann Grosso, student life chair; Joe Hussman, facilities chair; Sandy Perry, programs chair; Jeff Stiles, publicity chair; Joe Pohzehl, secretary.
"Ladies and Gentlemen, presenting the spectacular finale to today's Maroon Day halftime festivities! Under the field direction of Kim Coleman and Tom Layne, 330 strong... The Spirit of Tech... The Marching Virginians!"

Thus opened the 1986 season of The Marching Virginians. Under new director David McKee, the nearly 300 musicians and 38 flag corps members continued the tradition of "The Spirit of Tech." Under the guidance of the eight member student administration, student field leadership, three graduate students and a full time director and arranger, The Marching Virginians were on their way to another exciting and award winning season.

The edition of The Marching Virginians band reflected the diversity of the Tech student body. Drawing its membership from all seven undergraduate colleges of the university, with nearly one-third from the college of engineering, The Marching Virginians represented the entire student body: over 175 student musicians auditioned for the 100 freshmen openings.

The Marching Virginians thrilled hundreds of thousands of fans during the season in stadiums throughout the Southeast and on television broadcasts. The band rehearsed two hours daily in order to produce a new and exciting show for each Lane Stadium performance. Each show was a blend of the pageantry of the Big Ten bands, stylistic elements of drum corps, precision drill and the Marching Virginians own unique show band trademarks and traditions.

The band's music aroused and amplified the spirit of Hokie fans at home football games. The band's quality and dedication won the admiration of not only Tech fans, parents, students and alumni, but also that of the Barnhouse Publishing Company. For the third straight year, the company chose The Marching Virginians to record a demonstration disc to be included in Barnhouse's 1986 Marching Band Catalog. Copies of the catalog were distributed to every school band in the United States. The Marching Virginians received immense praise in various published reviews of the disc.

The Marching Virginians did more than just play during the season. As the official "Spirit of Tech," The Marching Virginians hosted the second annual "Marching Virginians Maroon Day" at the West Virginia contest and the world's largest Hokie Pokie at the 1986 Homecoming. The band took its spirit on the road to the 1986 Oyster Bowl game in Norfolk, and participated in pep rallies and other events throughout the 1986 football season.

The band's season began one week before classes started in September, and ended in mid-November. After the close of the marching season, members had the opportunity to perform in either the Metro Pep Band, University Symphony Band or other performing ensembles.

The Marching Virginians were a closely knit group of dedicated performers and friends. There existed a family atmosphere within the group. The band members' mutual interest in music and friendships resulted in spirited performances throughout the year.

- Bert Scott
The sousaphone section of the Marching Virginians dance to the 'Hokie Pokie' during halftime at the Vanderbilt football game.

At the parade preceding the Peach Bowl, the Marching Virginians play in the streets of Atlanta, Georgia.

The Marching Virginians performed on the lawn of the Alumni Association Hall in the spring of 1986.
The Agricultural Education Society was a small, but growing group at Virginia Tech. Throughout the year, members were involved in numerous local and national activities. The AES worked in close association with vocational educational programs in high schools. The national agricultural youth organization, the Future Farmers of America, also established a relationship with the AES.

The major event the AES conducted was the annual Agricultural Education Society Leadership Conference. The conference was held during fall quarter in Squires Student Center. It was a great tool for instilling the importance of good leadership in the youth of today. During the past year, the conference surpassed all others in attendance. Over 700 FFA members and guests attended the 6th annual conference in October. The team of state FFA officers worked in conjunction with the members of the AES to teach classes concerning leadership responsibilities such as goal setting, etiquette, foreign travel and public speaking abilities. These classes provided the opportunity for AES members to experience teaching.

The AES also sponsored a program to recognize the most outstanding new vocational agricultural teacher in Virginia. The certificate of recognition was presented to the winner at the Annual Awards Banquet in May. Approximately 98% of these new teachers graduated with an agricultural education degree from Virginia Tech.

Throughout the year, the club was involved in several other programs. Members enjoyed being an active part of the intramural sports program at Tech. The club had a team during each new sports season. Unique fund raisers such as plant sales in the fall and spring and car washes in the spring kept the club active. Members also sponsored the annual state FFA Scrapbook Contest in June by bringing collections of the year's activities to be judged by the AES members. Community service was also a big part of the AES. This year a canned food drive for the Christiansburg Christmas Store was conducted in December.

Social activities were also held during the course of the year to keep members in close association. Several potluck dinners were held at the close of each quarter. Other activities included a square dance, banquet and a winter ski trip.

The club strived to continue to be a success at Virginia Tech. Goals were set and reached by members through hard work and dedication. Members continued to serve Virginia Tech, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through cooperative efforts.

- Kerri Hively
**Agricultural Economics Club**

**What was agricultural economics?** This was a question that the Agricultural Economics Club helped answer. One of the goals of the club, according to its president, Anne Herring, was "to familiarize students with what agricultural economics is."

"Agricultural economics is accounting, finance, management, marketing, engineering, and animal science all wrapped together," said G.W. Washburn, vice president of the club.

Other goals of the Agricultural Economics Club included the social and professional development of its members and the maintenance of good faculty-student relationships. To achieve these goals, the club sponsored a variety of social and professional activities including speeches from industry professionals, social gatherings and intramural sports and teams.

To raise money for these activities, the club held a fund raiser during fall quarter. The club sold about 200 bags of fertilizer to area residents and members spread the fertilizer one Saturday morning. The fertilizer sale became the main fund raiser of the club over the past few years.

"We want to break the stereotype that agriculture means shoveling manure in a field," said Anne Herring.

- Jack Rouch
The 30 members of Mortar Board, the National Senior Honor Society, established friendships through service to the university and the community. The year began before the start of class in September, with officers Carla Valvo, president; Dave Fuller, vice president; Marie Whitfield, secretary; Peter Gaiser, treasurer, LuAnne Ladson, historian; Lisa Hagen, editor; and Wes Harris and Tim Preston, elections chairpersons, holding a retreat. Many innovative ideas for projects came out of the retreat, including helping with SHARE, the Pulaski County's food co-op program, aiding the honors program office with the distribution of flyers, hosting a Halloween party at the Juvenile Detention Center and stocking the Montgomery County Christmas store. The Mod Scrod, Mortar Board's entry in the Ugly Man on Campus contest, developed a life of his own, while a Valentine's bake sale in the Animal Science building added funds to the treasury.

New to the club was the establishment of a Mortar Board scholarship through the Virginia Tech Educational Foundation as part of the Virginia Tech Campaign for Excellence. Letters were mailed to all the Virginia Tech Mortar Board alumni in hopes of raising the $10,000 endowment. The scholarship was to be awarded from a spending fund, to which 6% of the endowment fund would be transferred annually.

Finally, social events served as a reward for work well done. These took the form of impromptu happy hours after meetings and semi-formal covered dish suppers before exam weeks.
Golden Key

Golden Key was a national academic honors organization dedicated to excellence. A non-profit organization, it was one of over 80 collegiate chapters across the country. Golden Key provided recognition, prestige, scholarships, fellowship and service. Membership was offered to all juniors and seniors who achieved a QCA of 3.3 or better.

Golden Key received its charter at Virginia Tech on February 25, 1986, the first charter in Virginia. Nationwide, there were 70 chapters. The membership included 300 students, with about 20 active. In the short time since its founding, Golden Key became involved in several activities serving the university.

One such program included Golden Key members working with the office of admissions and being present at orientation sessions to provide information about Virginia Tech student life to prospective students. While activities such as these were both interesting and rewarding to Golden Keyers, participation was voluntary. Golden Key looked forward to growing as an honor society and as a prominent organization at Virginia Tech.

- Carolyn Lobosco
As a link between the university and the public, The New Virginians set out to be Musical Ambassadors

“We’re just regular students with a desire to achieve,” claimed New Virginians’ manager Kevin Headley. The New Virginians were the “musical ambassadors” for Tech, composed of over eighty full-time students with similar interests — music, dance and friendships.

The singers and show band were the visible parts of the group. Of the 22 singers, 11 were new. Time was something the performers had to manage; everyone spent about four or five hours a week practicing songs and dance routines, not to mention the time on the road. “It can and has affected me. You have to find time to do homework before it’s due or while you’re on the road,” said singer Dennis Williams. “But it’s all worth it when you see everything come together during a performance.

While the singers and band were in the spotlight, the technicians and public relations staff were in the background making the performers’ jobs easier. The technicians set the stage for the group while the PR staff advertised, promoted and sold tickets for the shows.

Since they were a self-supporting organization with extensive bills to cover, publicity and show scheduling were very important. The group performed about 27 shows throughout Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia and Florida for high school groups, civic organizations, corporate conventions, as well as for such dignitaries as Virginia Senator Paul Trible.

The corporate conventions were especially important because the members made important contacts with professional business people. “Group members were not only offered jobs in the performing industry, but with computer corporations, accounting firms and many other types of businesses,” Headley said.

Because they were given the title of ambassadors, students portrayed an image that was very important not only for the group’s sake, but for the school’s as well. “They see us as well-groomed college students. Many of the people we perform for may never see Tech’s campus; we are often their only link with the university. Giving a good impression of the school and The New Virginians is very important to us,” Headley said.

“As a member, you learn discipline, responsibility and gain confidence. You also learn many other skills that will be profitable throughout your life. These qualities are just as important as what is learned in the classroom,” he said.

- Kimberly J. Fain

Trying to get the audience to “Give Iowa a Try,” Jon Parker, Dennis Williams and Dave Secrist perform part of the Lady America medley. This closing medley comprised songs from America’s north, south, east and west.

Intensity, excitement, and enthusiasm are all part of a New Virginian’s performance. Looking for someone to sing to, Laurie Saunders sings “Crush on You.” Saunders, a 1986 graduate, toured with “King 6,” an elite singing group that performed for U.S. troops in the Pacific.

Decked out in his “beach clothes,” Dennis Williams sings “Day-O” in the Tropicana medley. Williams performed with the New Virginians for three years.
Collegiate 4-H'ers combined community service and club socials to produce activity for its forty members. As a service oriented group, the 4-H'ers assisted the Blacksburg Recreation Department in their "Santa Claus Calling Program" for children. Posing as Santas and elves, the club members listened intently to the excited wishes of young Blacksburg residents on the telephone. At the state level, the club took second place at Richmond in the collegiate division of the "Keep Virginia Beautiful" contest for their own campus plan. President Joe Pohzehl describes the project as "a relatively new idea that is still in the planning stages."

Not only a service group, 4-H was also a fun club. Members enjoyed interaction at socials and the national conference as well.

Activities ranged from a Christmas social of pizza and movies to International Night with guest speakers and the faculty reception for 4-H faculty members. Participation extended beyond campus when members enjoyed skiing in North Carolina with the Appalachian State University Collegiate 4-H'ers. In anticipation of the National Collegiate 4-H Conference, Pohzehl and service chairman, Kevin Sutton, travelled to Ohio State to help plan for the spring event.

Maintaining a reputation of enthusiastic aid in the community, representing the campus nationally and statewide, and enjoying group interaction, the Collegiate 4-H'ers strived to make their best better.

- Mary King
Fashion Merchandising Society

According to Nancy Herrmann, president of the Fashion Merchandising and Design Society, the purpose of the club was "to get clothing and textiles majors familiar with the fashion industry."

This 70-member group sought to achieve this goal by selecting guest lecturers from various industries to speak at their bi-monthly meetings. These speakers contributed their knowledge on subjects such as merchandising, advertising, department stores, magazines and newspapers, and the design industry.

"We want to familiarize students with employers," said Herrmann. "We want students to learn about the outside world as well as the academic."

Tech alumni were a major source of information about the world of fashion. Many students found contacts and important sources this way. Alumni support was so important to the club that they presented an Outstanding Alumni Award to the alumni that contributed the most to the club.

Perhaps the most important contacts the club provided were among students themselves. Incoming transfers and freshmen, as well as returning students, discovered others with similar interests and experience. Herrmann said, "If you need help with a class, you can get it easily. You meet people in meetings then see them in class. You can begin close friendships this way. There is something in the club for everybody."

- Sharon Curtiss
The Pre-Vet club was for all students interested in pursuing a career in veterinary medicine. Their goals included preparing students for vet school by helping them with filling out applications, preparing for interviews, and choosing alternate career paths if they were not accepted into vet school.

At meetings they hosted guest speakers including Dr. Roberta Wallace from the National Zoo in Washington D.C., professors and students from Virginia-Maryland Regional Veterinary School and Dr. James G. Adams from Carroll Veterinary Clinic.

Members of the Pre-Vet club enjoyed a trip to the Marion Dupont Equine Center and a ski trip to Winterplace. Projects included mock interviews which were videotaped, a tattoo clinic, dog wash and work experience with cattle.

- Jean Carpenter

Alpha Epsilon Delta was the premedical honor society at Virginia Tech. The Virginia Delta chapter was chartered on March 17, 1977. From that beginning, the chapter has had its ups and downs. Presently, the chapter had 30 full members and eight associate members.

Each full member must have had a 3.0 grade point average, had attended Virginia Tech for at least five quarters, and had a sincere interest in medicine.

AED invited physicians and individuals in medically related fields to speak to members and to the interested university community on their area of expertise. Recently, the chapter held a symposium on AIDS and invited speakers who discussed techniques for medical school, stress management for premedical students, emergency medicine, economics in medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry and family medicine.

Besides having professionals come in, the chapter coordinated a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course. Also, to prep members for medical school, the chapter held practice medical college admissions tests and practice interviews. To make the community more aware of their health, AED held an annual health fair where members and physicians from University Health Services carried on simple tests to help students and the community be more aware of the present health situation. Members also donated their time to help out Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Blacksburg.

- Shawn Pucher
American Society of Civil Engineers

Civil Engineers were getting together to work out problems and gain experience. "Exposure to the real world is all part of the American Society of Civil Engineers," said the club's president Kevin O'Donnell. ASCE Student Chapter's allows college students to become part of a wide-reaching professional society of civil engineers worldwide. The club combined practical problems and informative lectures to broaden engineering students' perspective of the civil engineering field.

ASCE sponsored speakers throughout the year to attend meetings and inform students of the latest civil engineering "happenings." The speakers included professors from the graduate schools, engineering consultants and working engineers. Each person added their own input to the meetings. The club compensated the speakers by utilizing dues collected from members throughout the year.

Aiding professional groups was an important part of ASCE's activities. Working together with the Habitat for Humanity program, which built houses, allowed the group members to get some "hands on" experience in their field.

During the spring ASCE was responsible for the reconstruction of a house in Pulaski. They volunteered in the construction process and at the same time gained valuable experience.

The year also saw the ASCE as a beneficial factor on campus. During the summer of 1986 the Duck Pond was dredged; the ASCE arranged and conducted a post-construction analysis on the pond. They provided survey information, contour maps, and sediment contour devices before the pond was restored. The pond will be carefully watched to monitor the silt build up.

Spring quarter marked the return of the Regional ASCE Banquet to this campus. The banquet took place April 3 and 4th of this year. It allowed club members to meet and compete with other students from different schools. Technical programs, oral presentations and "concrete canoes" were the program for the banquet. Once again ASCE took civil engineering out of a school atmosphere into a more competitive atmosphere — the real world.

- Cyndi Wilson

Members of the ASCE ask a guest speaker questions concerning civil engineering.
Garnet and Gold: Michelle Pittman, secretary; Jean Carpenter, treasurer; Karen McKee, vice president; Kim Forsten, president.

Garnet and Gold

The Garnet and Gold Society was an honor and service society made up of women in their junior year. It was open to all majors and new members were inducted in the spring. Those who were interested in joining the society had to have successfully completed 90 hours at the end of spring quarter. They also had to have a QCA of at least 3.4 and to be in the top 35% of their class.

The purpose of the Garnet and Gold Society was described by their constitution as, "to promote and maintain the academic honor of all women students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, to encourage high scholastic achievement and to make significant contributions to areas of interest to campus life."

The society had projects such as a story hour at the Blacksburg Public Library, bingo games at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, and helped the staff at Warm Hearth Village, a senior citizen home.

- Jean Carpenter
Since its charter in February 1986, the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) was already the largest chapter in Virginia, as well as in the mid-Atlantic region.

The purpose of PRSSA, according to the handbook, was to "cultivate a favorable and mutually advantageous relationship between students and professional public relations practitioners, to foster the students' understanding of current theories and procedures, encouraging them to adhere to the highest ideals and principles of the practice of public relations, and to instill in them a professional attitude."

This professional organization was already involved in educating its members with guest speakers from the public relations field, and with workshops and conferences, which took delegates to Washington D.C., Pittsburgh and San Antonio.

"In the short time that we've been chartered, we've established ourselves as a professional organization and provided our members with numerous activities and opportunities in the PR field," said Rob Norman, chapter president.

PRSSA could be considered an extension of the educational system, letting students put textbook PR into action, in the form of the various committees. In addition, resume and job seminars were sponsored to help juniors and seniors prepare for their entrances into the business world.

"We hope we've set a precedent for the organization and that it'll continue to grow in the coming years," Norman said.

- Lori Batkay

Front row: Karin Fisher, treasurer; Lori Batkay, public relations director; Sue DeNoyer, secretary; Kristin Albers, vice president; Rob Norman, president. Back row: Tammy Ferguson, Cathy Webster, Steve Milley, Mary Bayus.

Club member Steve Caudill and President Rob Norman discuss upcoming events after a PRSSA Meeting.
The Society of American Military Engineers meets in the 'Museum' in Rasche.

Society of American Military Engineers

The Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) was made up of outstanding student engineers in the Corps of Cadets. With 47 members, the society's main goals were to recognize those exceptional engineers and to promote good relations and understanding between civilian and military engineers. S.A.M.E.'s motto was "quality first", which Secretary Karl Jenkinson found was reflected in the members' other activities. Jenkinson said that many of the top leaders in the corps came from S.A.M.E. "Most of our members go on to become engineering leaders in the civilian world as well as in the military," Jenkinson said. Their post won the Distinguished Student Post Award in 1986 and were in the running for it again in 1987. S.A.M.E. brought in speakers last spring and again in the fall for EXPO '86. They worked closely with the Student Engineers Council during the EXPO and throughout Engineer's Week in winter quarter. The Old English Catapult Contest, one of the events in Engineer's Week, was introduced by S.A.M.E. in 1986.

Being similar to a fraternity, those cadets pledging the society had to carry around a red castle they had made themselves and collect the signatures of all the active members. The pledges tried to outdo each other with their castles and tried to be the most inventive. One winner during the year had a well-planned castle with a working drawbridge and an internal lighting system. The group worked with the YMCA's "Project Home Repair" and also sponsored freshman engineering information nights, targeted at aspects of the military. They provided tutoring for freshman engineering courses and calculus.

Darrell Mottley, president, said, "What makes us so great is that we're always ready to help anybody. We're really very much a service-oriented society." Jenkinson added, however, that they did have room for fun and threw a party at the end of each quarter.

- Karl Jenkinson

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The Hightie-Tighties added more than music to Tech's football games. Their spirited cheers were led by Regimental Band Drum Major Ralph Bradley.
The Highty-Tighties
The regimental band of Virginia Tech

Approximately 100 members make up the Tech regimental band. The Highty-Tighties provided discipline combined with musical skills.

The Highty-Tighties were a featured attraction at the Homecoming parade, displaying precision routines.
Only in its fourth year of existence, the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps was fast becoming one of the fastest growing units in the country. With the goal of training young men and women to become future officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps, NROTC, the campus's largest ROTC, had a number of social organizations and clubs to promote teamwork and professional skills, in addition to the classes.

The *Esprit de Corps*, a 37-foot sailboat, let naval students travel up and down the East coast. While on the boat, cadets learned hands-on knowledge about how to sail a boat.

The *Semper Fidelis Society* was an organization whose primary objective was to promote the brotherhood and professionalism of the Tech Marines, both civilians and cadets. Its activities included a mix of work and fun: the Navy/Marine Corps Ball, Mess Night, the 100 mile run for charity and the Auburn Physical Fitness Test.

The *Blue and Gold Society* was an organization that fostered the pursuit of naval professionalism. This society offered a social climate in which the navy midshipmen could develop their naval heritage.

For those who wanted to develop the "marine way of life," the *Raider Company* afforded them the chance. With an emphasis on preparation for Officer Candidates School (OCS), the Raiders offered its members the opportunity to do work in the field, rappelling, day and night compassing, and weapons qualification. People in Raiders could parallel their work with the Seal Team.

Another physical fitness group, the *Bull Dog and True Grit*, used a point system in order to achieve award. Scores on the three-mile run, pullups and situps were tallied; a score of 285 or better qualified cadets as "true grit" and 300 points, the highest score, meant they were "bull dogs."

Preparing to make a career in the armed forces was not all work and no play. Much of cadets work was in the classroom, learning techniques and theories behind skills. Organizations that let these students practiced what they learned helped produce better, well-rounded military men and women.

- Scott Umphlet
- Matt Nelson

*Captain Stevens* and Midshipman third class *Knapp* sail on the *Esprit de Corps* out of Norfolk Harbor.

**NROTC Battalion Staff.** Front Row: Maurice Barker, operations officer; Henry Young, executive officer; Maria Jaeger, adjutant officer; Scott Umphlet, public affairs officer. Back row: Matt Nelson, supply officer; Bob Tobias, commanding officer; Bruce Brahe, finance officer.
Lisa Fisher and Midshipman first class Hand enjoy the Navy Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November. The evening included dinner, dancing and a speech by Brigadier General Joy.

Midshipman fourth class Jones endures the obstacle courses of Raider Tap.
The Virginia Tech Rescue Squad was on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They responded to over 700 calls during the year. Most of the emergency calls they received involved intramural sports injuries. With the unit being located on campus, the squad's response times were as fast as 60 seconds. They also worked for the betterment of the community by offering courses in CPR, first aid, and emergency medical treatment. The squad consisted of 48 student volunteers, ranging from biology majors to architecture majors. "Probably every major or college has been represented by a squad member," Mike Page, rescue squad president.
Southern Colonels

The Southern Colonels was the jazz band of the Highty Tighties, made up of musicians who enjoyed playing a larger range of music styles than was available in the regimental band. This year they performed for a variety of audiences as their recognition continued to grow. Some of these included providing dance music for the Class of 1936 reunion at the Marriot, and being entertainment in between skits at the annual Mil Brawl Variety Show. Usually dressed in the cadet mess jacket the Variety Show allowed for a more casual appearance. Band members were seen in sleeping attire ranging from footie pajamas to just a night shirt. They played their usual mixture of popular tunes and golden oldies. The Southern Colonels final performance was for a variety show for a local high school, hopefully inspiring future new members.

Through a camera lens, one can find an unusual perspective of anything. These shots capture the area's scenic beauty. Under the discerning eye of the photographer, any can picture can take on an image, often reflected as abstract art. Film records the year's events, but it also is an art form — it catches light in ways that often go unnoticed. It acts as a looking glass, reflecting the individual's outlook.
...Linear Concepts...
Capturing it All
Foreshadowing
'Weather' it's worth it or not
Geometrically Speaking
One last look
People

Wendy Gilbert, a junior in International Studies, uses Newman Library as a hideout to study for an upcoming test.
A Wide Range
Students from all over share lifetime experiences

With a student population of more than 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and over more than 2,000 faculty, Virginia Tech had its share of diversified people.

They came from all over the world, and each person added a part of himself or herself to this campus.

There was always someone new to meet, and something new to experience.

The experiences of being a Tech student became the common bond that united the some 22,000 students.

Studying, playing, socializing...meeting new people, making new friends...it’s a matter of momentum. We were able to look back on the good and bad times we shared and continue to learn...It’s a Matter of Momentum.

It’s a matter of MOMENTUM
Nancy J. Ackor
Accounting
Catherine Elaine Agioni
Psychology
Kristin R. Alberse
Communication Studies

Julie Lynne Allen
Engineering Science and Mechanics
Kim Marquitta Allen
Marketing Education
Stephen Joseph Allen
Sociology

Ellen Altman
Economics/Communication Studies
Donald J. Anderson
Dairy Science
Mea Anderson
Finance

Frank O. Andreas
Mechanical Engineering
Linda G. Anthony
Marketing/Management
Allison D. Antrim
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Robert Anthony Arentis
Mechanical Engineering
Irvin Armentrout
Agriculture Education
Denzil L. Arnold
Physical Education

Allison Askew
Marketing/English
Todd Aufmuth
Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management
Glenn B. August
Mechanical Engineering

Douglas A. Baehl
Mechanical Engineering
Joseph W. Bain
Mechanical Engineering
Todd Bajema
Accounting

Dot Baker
Communication Studies
Micheal W. Baker
Finance
Ann E. Bakula
Marketing/Art
Paul Blaserak  
Civil Engineering
Mary Beth Barbero  
Electrical Engineering
Keith Edward Barker  
Architecture

Sandra Priscilla Barker  
Marketing Manager
Brian Scott Barnes  
Theatre Arts
Jonathan Maurice Barnes  
Business Management

Heidi M. Barry  
Architecture
Paul R. Bartal  
Management
Brian C. Bashista  
Architecture

Lori Batkay  
Communication Studies
Andrew W. Baucom  
Computer Science
Christopher A. Beausoleil  
Civil Engineering

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"Homecoming means coming home; every time you come back to Tech it should be like coming home," said Vickie Rockecharlie, a mechanical engineering major and the 1986 homecoming queen. Rockecharlie, a native of Rockville, Virginia, said that although she thought being homecoming queen was a "great honor," she also saw it as a responsibility. "I try to be diverse, because Tech is diverse," she said. "I want to help the people on campus, because this is the one group I can really touch."

Rockecharlie was helping the YMCA with a program about stress on seniors. The program will help the younger students here so they will be prepared by their senior years. "They thought I'd be a good person to help them," she explained.

Becoming homecoming queen was just one more activity in Rockecharlie's busy life. "The more you do, the more you want to do," she said. "I want to give everything." And she definitely practiced what she preached. Rockecharlie was involved in a number of extracurricular activities, among them, being chairman of standard boards for Kappa Delta, head RA for Main and East Eggleston, vice president of Order of Omega, a member of the Honor System judicial panel, publicity chairman for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a member of the Newman Community Catholic Group, a Phi Sigma Kappa little sister, a member of the Student Alumni Association and the 1985-1986 Greek Woman of the Year.

Rockecharlie's father is a Tech alumnus and her brother and sister both attend Tech. "Maybe I was just born and bred a Hokie," she said with a smile.

- Kathy Moncure
Diane Biddle  
Art History
Karen Elizabeth Bijwaard
Animal Science  
**Stacy Billos**  
Management Science

Paul D. Blackard Jr.
Mechanical Engineering
**Cheryl Blackmon**  
Management
**Cindy Blakely**  
Urban Affairs/Planning

Nancy Lynn Blalock  
Housing Management
**Robert B. Blanke**  
German
**Richard M. Blood**  
Electrical Engineering

Joan A. Bloss
Urban Affairs
**Amy E. Bloxom**
Marketing
**Jim Bongardt**
Aerospace and Ocean Engineering

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Brian Bonner
Electrical Engineering

Sandra J. Boring
International Studies

Ronald W. Borsato
Electrical Engineering

Victoria L. Borton
Management Science
Clayton J. Botkin
Agricultural Economics

Allison E. Bourland
Communication Studies

Thomas Randolph Bowen
Chemistry

Christopher Bowers
Computer Science

Ben Bowman
Psychology

Joseph Warren Bowman
Agricultural Education

Elizabeth K. Boyle
Communication Studies

Bruce Kent Brahe
History/Geography
John Gordon Brock
Civil Engineering
Sharon Browder
Animal Science
S. Lynn Brower
Communication Studies

Beverly S. Brown
Mechanical Engineering
Kristin E. Brown
Geography
Robert Erekine Brown
Business

Sheila Marie Brown
Psychology/Math Education
Dana Browne
Mechanical Engineering
Anne M. Bryant
Clothing and Textiles

Heather S. Bulmer
Interior Design
Amy S. Bunn
Marketing/Management
Brian Thomas Burke
Architecture
Mary Margaret Burton
Finance
Philomena F. Byrne
Civil Engineering

Elaine Marie Calderoni
Management Science
Eve Callanen
Communication Studies
Maria M. Campanella
Animal Science

Stephen J. Campbell
Computer Science
Joanie D. Canada
Biology
Carl Stanley Canestrano
Marketing

Elizabeth Canevari
International Studies
Gary Vincent Canter
Geography
Erika Cappelluti
Biochemistry/Math
Steve Smith's alarm went off at 5:40. That was 5:40 a.m. and that was every day. As regiment commander of the Corps of Cadets, Smith had over 660 men and women to command, not to mention a degree to complete in aerospace and ocean engineering.

The selection process for the position of regimental commander started with each junior cadet being interviewed for five leadership positions, commander being the highest. Smith wasn't exactly a long shot for the position; in his junior year he was the highest ranked non-commissioned officer, commander of the Color Guard. Smith also served as leader of his squad.

As regimental commander, Smith held a seat on the athletic association's board of directors and on the search committee responsible for finding the new athletic director, Dutch Baughman. Smith also sat on the Commission of Student Affairs.

Smith's extracurricular activities outside demanded an equal amount of his time. He helped organize the Military Ball, participated in the Society of American Military Engineers and was a member of Omega Delta Kappa Honor Society. But it was not all work and no play for Smith; he was an active member of the German Club.

How did one person do all these things? Smith explained his system as fairly simple. "You put out your hottest fires first. And when the stress built up you go for a long hard run," something else he fit into his daily routine.

Smith dedicated his college career to the Corps of Cadets. What did the Corps give him in return? Smith called it "an education in myself."

- Lisa Branson
Richard Alan Clark  
Computer Science

Dwayne L. Clarke  
International Studies/Economics

Kevin D. Clem  
Electrical Engineering

William R. Clements Jr.  
History

Cara Coffman  
Biochemistry

Laurie Collins  
Psychology

Martha Colter  
Communication Studies

Susan Compton  
Interior Design

Robert E. Conner  
Agricultural Economics

Lisa Carol Conoly  
Communication Studies

Rob Conrad  
Marketing/Management

Emil T. Consolacion  
Mechanical Engineering

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Jason Elston Cosby
Architecture
Rachel Anne Cotton
Poinsetta D. Cowles
Housing Management

Ellen Crabtree
Marketing
Robert Crandall
Civil Engineering
Deborah Ann Crane
Computer Science

Pamela L. Crews
Accounting
Rick Crump
Physical Education
Keith Walter Crussie
Marketing
Gregory W. Currey
Civil Engineering
Robin L. Cuthbert
English
David Dadd
Electrical Engineering

Andrew John Daifron IV
Computer Science
Anne Dahlgren
Marketing
John R. Dalrymple
History

Francis W. Daniel
Dairy Science
David D. Dargen
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Dennis Darnes
Civil Engineering

Kenneth R. Davis
Industrial Engineering
Leslie Reagan Davis
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Lisa Kay Davis
Political Science
Block and Bridle President Chris Eastep had her mind firmly geared toward the future. She knew exactly what she wanted and how to get it. Most of the activities she was involved in helped in preparing her for a career in agricultural economics.

"Everything I've done is for that end goal," she said.

Friends were very important to Eastep and this influenced many of her decisions. She decided to join Block and Bridle because of the family-like atmosphere of the organization; it was like a social club, she said.

Block and Bridle was sponsored by the animal science department and was open to any student who was interested in animals or the animal industry. Through the organization, Eastep was involved in community, campus and statewide events such as sponsoring United Way fund campaigns, and meats, livestock and horse judging teams. Money for these activities was raised by holding several barbeques throughout the year.

Eastep was president over 150 members in Block and Bridle. To get in, she said, people must pledge in either spring or fall quarters.

In addition to her responsibilities as president of Block and Bridle, Eastep was pledgemaster of Alpha Gamma Rho's little sisters and a member of the agricultural economics club. She also worked part-time, 20 hours a week. She managed all of this and her homework, but admitted "it's a lot to keep straight."

Eastep hoped that with her education and involvement in extracurricular activities she would be successful in the competitive industry of agricultural economics.

- Tracey Woodward
Mrs. Robert L. Debernard  
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Teddy J. Debord  
Management Science
Rosendo Delphin  
Civil Engineering

Forest Craig Dennis  
Computer Science
Kay Dent  
Business Education
Micheal Andrew Derenge  
Materials Engineering

Deborah Deschka  
Engineering Science and Mechanics
Suzanne Marie Desnoyers  
Communication Studies
Colleen Marie Dey  
Accounting

Maria Difazio  
Animal Science
Hong Anh Do  
Civil Engineering
Amy Neal Dodson  
Clothing and Textiles
Julie Dumouchelle  
Communication Studies  
Steven S. Dunning  
Finance/Management  
Michael S. Eaton  
Accounting

William David Eborall  
Geography  
Patricia C. Echols  
Interior Design  
Diana Eckert  
Management

Jonathan Eugene Edwards  
Industrial Engineering  
Sharon Edwards  
Finance  
Danette L. Eggleston  
Communication Studies

Mathew Joseph Eick  
Agronomy  
Robyn Lynn Eisenberg  
Communication Studies  
Karen Ellis  
Biology
Myra M. Enman
Agricultural Education
Andrew G. Erickson
Accounting
Gail W. Ertzgard
Marketing Education

T. Scott Evans
Math
James Hammond Eve IV
Landscape Architecture
John E. Ezell
Vocational and Technical Education

Stacie L. Fain
Physical Education
Katie Farrell
Political Science
Andrew D. Ferguson
Industrial Arts Education

Tamela Alice Ferguson
Communication Studies
Audrey Susan Fick
Dietetics
Cynthia Dale Fisher
Industrial Engineering
"Different" was what drew Kathleen Eaton to WUVT.
"What first attracted me to WUVT was that everyone was different," she said.
Eaton, an English major and general manager of the campus radio station, said that WUVT had an integrity that made it better than professional radio; it played music that did not appeal to the masses.
"We will never play Top-40," she said.
While Eaton admitted that "ego maniacs" get into radio, she did stress the closeness between the staff and the other media.
"It's going to be hard being separated from the other media (during the Squires renovation), but it will be worth it because we'll have more space," she said.
As general manager, Eaton was responsible for overseeing all the station's activities, generating funds and playing boss to some 145 DJs.
"It really requires a love of the media," Eaton said, "because you sacrifice things like grades when you do this."
But Eaton said the fun outweighed the work and she was happy she got involved with WUVT.
"WUVT is my love," she said.
- Chet Childress
J. Foster
Electrical Engineering
Katherine Fowler
Civil Engineering
Geoffrey S. Fowler
Landscape Architecture

Rebeka Friedlander
Family and Child Development
Shelley L. French
Agricultural Economics
John Elliott Friedman
Elementary Education

Scott David Frite
Landscape Architecture
Denise D. Frye
Management Science
Jennifer E. Frye
Elementary Education

Elizabeth A. Fuellhart
Psychology
David Bradfield Fuller
Biology
Susan Fuller
Mechanical Engineering

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Peter W. Gaiser  
Electrical Engineering

Louise M. Gallagher  
Mechanical Engineering

Elizabeth Gallup  
Animal Science

Jim Galonsky  
Finance

Julie A. Garber  
Home Economics Education

Kathleen Garcia  
Accounting

Donna Yvette Gatlin  
Interior Design

David K. Gayer  
Landscape Architecture

Jennifer Ann Gee  
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

Jeanette J. Gentry  
Engineering Science and Mechanics

Warren H. Gillespie  
Political Science

Theresa A. Gillice  
Management
Susan Page Graves
Biology
Jeffrey T. Gray
Accounting
Thomas L. Green
Communication Studies

Laverne B. Gregg
Computer Science
Robert Scott Grenger
Mechanical Engineering
Amy C. Griggs
Biology

Barbara Grimes
Elementary Education
Timothy Guilliams
Finance
Susan Elaine Gutch
Sports Management

Eric S. Gyorko
Electrical Engineering
Elizabeth Hadley
Accounting/Information Systems
Sue Lyn Hagarman
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research
Scott Klein, a finance major, was an active student during his years at Tech. He became a brother of the Sigma Chi fraternity, was a member of the IFC Executive Committee, and covered Metro Conference sports, campus politics and Blacksburg Town Council affairs for the *Collegiate Times*. Yet Klein was best known for his active voice in student government and as the man who first called for the resignation of ex-football coach Bill Dooley.

Klein, a member of the Student Government Association for four years, served as a senator and as an SGA representative to the media board. He was elected treasurer, but his attempted run at the president's position failed.

While treasurer, Klein made a formal request that Dooley relinquish his position as athletic director. Ironically, this very event was in the works. While Klein admitted that his actions were hasty, he said that he wouldn’t have done such a thing if he didn’t have both alumni support and the best interest of the student body in mind.

“My platform while running for SGA presidency was that I would represent the student body,” Klein said.

Klein felt his future was in the world of politics and felt lucky to have become involved in a strong student government when the student body needed one.

What three changes would Klein like to see in the future? “A less regulated student lifestyle; a successful athletic department for both major and minor sports; and the ability for Tech to provide a degree that is valuable for every student at Virginia Tech,” he said.

- Joel
Susan Kay Hiebert
Forestry and Wildlife
Kevin A. Hilfrety
Math Education
Dawn C. Hill
Computer Science

Barbara Erica Hillier
Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management
Karen B. Hinkle
Communication Studies
Cathy S. Hively
Agricultural Education

Elizabeth C. Hoffmann
Finance
Mary C. Hogan
International Studies
Kurt R. Holderied
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

Helvi Holland
Business Management
Bradley W. Holley
Communication Studies
Camelita Angela Holliday
Liberal Arts and Sciences
The essence of success is teamwork," she said. "I want to utilize all RHF members and tap into their resources." With a policy to "restructure an organization that has outgrown itself," Nussel and her executive board set out to build a more organized and unified RHF. Her attempts at reorganization were to make RHF more powerful and dynamic by getting students involved.

"Programs like Adopt an Exec (where a residence hall and RHF executive board member work on programs together) and getting our homecoming candidate elected only strengthens the grassroots of our organization. I want more middle management; that is, I want everyone from delegates to hall chairs working on projects. I think we need to be less leadership top heavy," she said. Nussel didn't just guess at what the RHF needed; she worked her way up the ladder and saw what could make the organization better. Her sophomore year she was a hall programs director and then hall chair. By her junior year she was program chair for the campus and this year she was elected president.

"I want to be remembered as a president who was able to listen and respond to the entire student population. I try to make myself available because I want to know what students want."

- Chel Childress
Elementary Education
Thomas Houghtaling
Science Education
Ann Howard
Elementary Education

Steven Hubert
Biology
Debbie Lyn Hudgins
Marketing Management
Winfred P. Hudgins Jr.
Biology

John Charles Hudson
Architecture
John Geoffrey Hudson
Mechanical Engineering
William Scott Hudson
Finance

Kevin D. Hunt
Geography
Sharon Hupp
Sociology
Pamela S. Hyde
Natalie Jordan
Education
Chaerul Kamal
Civil Engineering
Brian F. Kane
Electrical Engineering

Leyla Karabulut
Marketing
Joanna Kearney
Aerospace and Ocean Engineering
Michael Keating
Marketing Management

Richard E. Keatley
Nuclear Science
Michael Keffer
Civil Engineering
Robin Keith
Political Science

Terry W. Kemp
Architecture
Beth Kenney
Management
Gregory Laroy Keys
Sociology
Lisa Knoble  
Marketing
Keith Knudsen  
Industrial Engineering
Nikki Lee Koch  
Marketing

Janis Lynn Kohler  
Accounting Information Systems
Laura Ann Kopelson  
Biology
Brett Andrew Kethetmer  
English

Donald R. Krause  
Science Education
Sharon L. Krieger  
Statistics
Roderick E. Kron Schnabel  
Electrical Engineering

David S. Kulina  
Architecture
Lee N. Rump  
History
Lisa A. Kurowski  
Computer Science
As chief justice of the Virginia Tech Honor System, William Harvey, a senior in management science, held one of the most important student positions on campus. He had numerous responsibilities as chief justice, ranging from coordinating the activities of the Honor System to administrating the operation of the Honor Code.

Harvey was appointed chief justice by Tech President William Lavery and upon a recommendation from the Honor Review Board. "It's a very powerful position," Harvey said. "I represent 22,000 students, but the power must be used correctly." For example, Harvey was holding three seniors diplomas from last year's graduating class. All three students were accused of violating the Honor Code and their cases were still being decided; Harvey realized that he could not get involved personally. "Knowing that I can affect someone's life is hard. As long as you feel you did the right thing, it's okay."

Harvey felt the honor system at Tech was important because of the growing competition between students for superior grades. "Student honor codes show what peers will and won't tolerate," Harvey said.

Harvey was concerned over students' awareness of the seriousness of the Honor Code. He explained that the majority of student were aware of the Honor Code, but they did not realize that students were in charge of the trials. In order to increase awareness, Harvey wanted to include an explanation of the Honor Code in all freshmen letters. "Publicity through flyers and a video presentation on the Honor Code system will increase the positive meaning of the education system," he said.

- Mykla Woods
Anne C. Leonard
Biochemistry
John Ira Leonard
Industrial Engineering/Operations Management
Robert J. Lockwood
Computer Science

Danielle Lerro
Accounting
Aaron Lesser
Electrical Engineering
Karen Levander
Engineering Science and Mechanics

Cheryl Levandoski
Family and Child Development
Anne M. Lewis
Fashion Merchandising
John Junious Lewis III
Management/Management Science

Ryan D. Lillard
Wildlife
Julie Ann Lindsay
Interior Design
Daniel O. Lineweaver
Dairy Science
Klaudia Katrina Lipford
Computer Science
Robert Long
Agronomy
Deborah Anne Lorenzo

Adam G. Love
Human Nutrition and Foods
Amy E. Lowenstein
Political Science
Shelly Loxsom
Engineering Science and Mechanics

William T. Luck IV
Electrical Engineering
Todd Luton
Business
Alicia B. Macy
Architecture

Melanie J. Maddalon
Elementary Education
Lisa M. Mahon
Biology/Micro Optics
Kathryn Malton
International Studies/Political Science
Dahlgren said she like being "acting president," but preferred her role as second in command. Dahlgren, a marketing major, stepped in as class president when President Jim O'Brien went to Europe last fall to study architecture.

"It was good experience to step in as president," she said. "It was fun and I got to know administrators and other student leaders much better. But I'm ready to enjoy some free time."

Assuming the president's job meant doing O'Brien's work as well as her own vice president duties.

"I had to do both jobs. I was on campus from eight in the morning to 11 at night, going to classes and sitting in on meetings," she said. When O'Brien came back, Dahlgren was ready to step down and perform only those jobs delegated to the vice president: sitting on the student budgeting board, working with class committees and being O'Brien's "right hand man."

Dahlgren said she thought she was an effective vice president, as well as an effective president.

"People came up and told me that I did a good job and that made me feel good," she said.

"I'm a perfectionist. I give my all in this office. I'll never have to say I wish I had done this or that. To me that's a good feeling."

- Chet Childress
William E. Meese  
Forestry

Valerie Mejia  
Interior Design

Glenn Walter Melhorn  
Management/Marketing

Scott Craig Merritt  
Aerospace Engineering

John W. Michels  
Civil Engineering

Debra Dawn Middleton  
Marketing/Management

Judith L. Midkiff  
Human Nutrition/Food

Marcel Mileo  
Landscape Architecture

Ann S. Miller  
Marketing

Beth Blaine Miller  
English

Debora Lea Miller  
Biochemistry

Fernando Miller  
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Nancy L. Morris  
Communications Studies

Joan M. Mostakis  
Civil Engineering

Junius Sampson Moyler III  
Biology

Melissa L. Mullins  
Home Economics

Steven Mark Mullins  
Civil Engineering

Mark C. Munson  
Materials Engineering

Timothy James Murphy  
Civil Engineering

Cynthia E. Myers  
Finance

Deborah J. Myers  
Aerospace and Ocean Engineering

Julie Ann Myers  
Statistics

Rebecca Sue Nelson  
Economics

Michelle Nevitte  
Political Science

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The Collegiate Times editor position was a controversial one, former CT editor John Branscome said. "I not only got to meet a lot of people and do a lot of things," he said, "I also made a lot of enemies.

Branscome, a communication studies and history major, said when he first came to Tech he decided he didn't want to get involved with the newspaper because it took a lot of time and commitment.

"One of my friends tricked me and took me to the CT and introduced me to Erika Davis," Branscome said. "She assigned me my first story.

Branscome started as a staff writer, worked his way up to editor in chief and in his last year was senior editor, an advisory position he created when he was editor.

Branscome said, as editor, he stressed a sense of pride, but not defensiveness and he believed organization and administration were his strong points. The most difficult thing, Branscome said, was being both a student and an editor/student leader because it took so much time. But Branscome said he was very glad he did join the CT because there was more to a college education than sitting in a classroom.

Over past years Branscome became attached to the university as a whole and wanted to be active in its future. "Often the establishment looks down at students or sometimes treats them condescendingly. What they don't realize is that we are the alumni of the future," Branscome said. "When their generation of leadership has passed, my peers will take over the university. I plan to become an active alumni. I've tried to better Tech through my editorship and it does not stop with my graduation."

- Veronica Slusher
Kevin Osborn
Mechanical Engineering
Jeanie M. Ostmann
Marketing
Astrid K. Pallme
Computer Science

Lisa Marie Pardun
Clothing Textiles
Frances Marie Parker
Statistics
Laurie D. Parks
Spanish/Education Option

Lisa A. Parrish
Accounting
Scott H. Peach, Jr.
Business Management
Beth Peacock
Family and Child Development

Daniel Pearce
Animal Science
David A. Peat, Jr.
Management Science
Teresa M. Pelkey
Biology
Deanna Lynne Pendrey  
Psychology

Priscilla L. Pennington  
Family/Child Development

Robert Colby Perkins  
Statistics

Rhonda Lynne Perry  
Biochemistry

Nora Peterschmidt  
Industrial Engineering

Laura Margaret Petitt  
Community Health

Lori Lynne Petty  
Ngoc-Anh Nauyen Pham  
Mechanical Engineering

Arthelius A. Phaup, III  
Civil Engineering

Cara Elaine Phelps  
Animal Science

Dana Marie Phillips  
Finance

Stephanie Phillips  
Family and Child Development
Dion Pfifer
Mathematics
Lisa Nan Piland
Housing, Interior Design Resource Management
William Pitchford
Electrical Engineering

Kurt Dennis Pluntke
Geology
Todd Dudley Poff
Civil Engineering
Patricia A. Pollard
Hotel/Rest. Management

J. Kyle Potocki
Electrical Engineering
Laura L. Powell
Computer Science
Stephen Powers
Civil Engineering

Susan Diana Powers
English/Education
James R. Prices
Geography
Terry Charles Prince
Public Administration
"I'll definitely be able to look back in ten years and say I had a good time," said Mary Bayus, a communication studies major, about her years here at Tech. Bayus described herself as easy going and a person who loved to meet other people.

Bayus got to meet many people by becoming active in campus organizations. She was public relations chairman and the representative for the Standard Committee of the Delta Gamma sorority. Bayus was also on the SGA communications committee for two years, the class of 1987 publicity committee for one year and a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America for two years.

Some people got to meet Bayus indirectly. She was selected to model in the DJR catalog, a greek clothing catalog. It was an experience she said she would always remember. She modelled for two years in a row. Her first time came as a surprise to her. She explained the story about how she was just riding through town on her bike and was stopped by one of her sorority sisters so that she could take some pictures of Bayus. Next thing Bayus knew, she was the cover girl for the latest DJR catalog.

Bayus's advice for other Tech students: "Take advantage of everything Tech has to offer, and keep an open mind." Good advice that Mary Bayus certainly put to good use.

- R. Gibson
Kim Lauren Rapp
Marketing/Communications
Tami Leanne Ratcliff
Mathematics
Anthony Bolles Reed
LASC/FCD/PSYC/PSCI

Cynthia E. Reeder
Accounting
Jill Margaret Reinicker
Exercise Physiology
Kathryn Renick
Accounting

David L. Rice
Mathematics
Carolyn R. Richards
Marketing
Mark E. Richardson
Accounting

Marsha Leigh Richardson
Electrical Engineering
Jacqueline A. Richter
Statistics
Percival G. Picketts
Poultry Science
Gregory S. Roby
Civil Engineering
Victoria D. Rockecharlie
Mechanical Engineering
Christine M. Rogertson
Agronomy/Agriculture Education

Ronald N. Roseveare, Jr.
Forest Products

Besty N. Ross
Clothing and Textiles

Stephanie L. Rohrbach
Management Science

Cheryl Kathleen Rosum
Hotel/Rest. Inst. Management

Lauren S. Rowley
Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

Lew Roufberg
Electrical Engineering

Jack Rouch
Accounting

Rochelle R. Royce
Communication Studies

Stephanie M. Royer
Agricultural Economics

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Jeff Rush
Physical Education

Jeffrey Todd Russell
Business

Sebrina R. Ruth
Marketing

Suzanne Rylant
Physical Education

Kathryn E. Saatman
Engineering Science/Mechanics

Mark Salmon
Agricultural Education

David H. Salzberg
Geophysics

James Kenneth Samborsky
Electrical Engineering

Shelley Hedy Samuel
Psychology

Sharon Leigh Sanderson
Electrical Engineering

Eric T. Sasaki
Architecture

Hollie Satterfield
Computer Science
Leigh A. Saunders
Biology

Betsy Kathryn Sawyer
Mathematics/Political Science

Sharon E. Sawyers
Business Education

Sam Scarborough
Technical Education

Brian K. Schakel
Mechanical Engineering

Theresa Ann Scheyer
Animal Science

Suzanne Dawn Schriver
Animal Science

Amy L. Schumann
Communication Studies

Edward T. Scott
Animal Science

Lisa D. Scott
Elementary Education

Donna Scrimenti
Management Science

Sonja Joann Sehen
Accounting
Vincent Joseph Serio III
Biochemistry
Karen Denise Serp
Mechanical Engineering
Helen Serrano
Communications/History

Kimberly Shaffner
Management
Michael L. Shane
Management Science
Gregory Jon Sheffler
Finance

Debbie E. Shelor
Industrial Engineering
James Allen Shiflet
Agricultural Education
Kelko Shimizu
Management Science

Peter K. Shiner
Electrical Engineering
Howard Neil Shipley
Engineering Science and Mechanics
Penny J. Shornak
Computer Science
Cheerleader Alesia Martin remembered the Clemson game as the football game that meant the most to her.

"Clemson was excellent. They're nationally known for their spirit, and then we just kind of shut them up," she said.

Leading the "shutting up" from the sidelines was the varsity cheerleading squad, which Martin had been on since her second year of cheerleading at Tech.

Martin, a sociology major, began gymnastics training in the eighth grade and said this experience helped her immensely in college cheering.

"It is not so much cheerleading as it is gymnastics," she said.

Body control, coordination and, in particular, guts were the main traits a college cheerleader must have, she said. "You have to want to try stuff or you won't get anywhere."

Martin said that a good part of her "guts" was based on the trust she had in her partner, Mike Shane, who happened to be her roommate's fiance.

"If you don't get along with your partner, there's no way you can work together without getting hurt," she said.

Martin remembered last year when she separated some cartilage in her ribs after she fell on her partner's knee after a toss. However, most of her memories of cheerleading were good ones.

"I definitely met a lot more people through cheering," she said. "A lot of people in the Corps recognize us because they sit closest to us. My boyfriend can't stand that."

- Rusty Saunders
Ivette Ilyya Silva  
Accounting

Gail E. Sinclair  
Physics

Michael A. Sipe  
Electrical Engineering

Andrew Siprelle  
Political Science

Danette W. Sites  
Laura Skinner  
Architecture

Dale R. Slover  
Industrial Engineering

Laura Jean Smiley  
Exercise Physiology

David Gilamn Smith  
Civil Engineering

Diann P. Smith  
Computer Science

Markham Keith Smith  
Materials Engineering

Michael Carter Smith  
Computer Science

382 Seniors
Michael William Smith
Marketing/English
Miriam K. Smith
Art Graphics
Robert D. Smith Jr.
Electrical Engineering

Sandi Smith
Marketing Education
Stephanie Smith
Property Management
Rhea Sofokidis
Accounting

Supparerk Sooksmarn
Industrial Engineering and Operational Research
Sherri Lynn Sortor
Biology
Dewey Spangler Jr.
Civil Engineering

Blaine Allen Stackhouse
Electrical Engineering
Debra Stacy
Interior Design
Janelle Stalcup
Communication Studies

Seniors 383
Odysseus S. Stassinos
Electrical Engineering

Brian James Steffey
Industrial Engineering/Operations Research

Jennifer R. Steger
English

Richard Stephens
Electrical Engineering

Tina Marie Stevens
Mechanical Engineering

Wayne Stevens
Biology

Jeffrey Stuart Stein
Geology

Bruce Stienbaum
Laura J. Stem
Finance

Lisa D. Stewart
Family and Child Development

Sharon Louise Stock
Communication Studies

Susan L. Stoner
Electrical Engineering
"Knowing what's going on" was the name of the game for the student Board of Visitors member, Tracey Beck.

Beck, a senior in political science, tried to get a feel for what was happening so that he could represent the student population.

"It is impossible for one student to represent the entire population; Tech is so diverse. But I'm the person who can best represent the students because I'm exposed to almost every view there is on campus," he said. Beck's activities included being SGA vice president and sitting on CSA and the University Council.

"I realize that everything I do won't get accomplished this year — it takes years. But I'd like to come back in a few years and see some things changed that I influenced. Then I'll know I had a positive effect," he said.

As a voting member, Beck participated in most BOV activities, ranging from sitting in on executive sessions to representing the university as an official.

"I enjoy the opportunities I've been given," he said. "The other members are great."

But Beck admitted that the board had some problems accepting the first few student members. He noted that this attitude had changed because the board recognized that students "can do a good job, be good student leaders and still make good grades."

And as for the future of the student BOV position, Beck said: "I hope I've made it a more stable position for the next student. The position is growing. We can't lose what we have now."

- Chet Childress
Diana Jordan Tippett
Industrial Engineering/Operations Management

Michael Tilley
Management

Rachel Catherine Tingey
Biology

Joan Themides
Hotel/Restaurant/Institutional Management

Ann Marie Tobias
Civil Engineering

Daniel R. Tobin
Finance

Elizabeth A. Todd
Biochemistry/Biology

Grace Torres
Consumer Studies

Barbara Towle
Business Management

Mark Traccarella
Statistics

Ngoc-Thuy Tran
Civil Engineering

Dawn D. Travers
Animal Science

Seniors 387
Annette E. Uliana
Mechanical Engineering
B. Scott Umphlet
History
George Vanbalen
Accounting

Pamela A. Vara
Industrial Engineering/Operations Research
Shirley Ann Vest
Industrial Engineering/Operations Research
Joseph C. Vieni
Management

Robert F. Virostek
Electrical Engineering
Paula C. Volpe
Industrial Engineering
Rose Ann Wachowski
Computer Science

Jennie Wagner
Finance
Steven L. Wallen
Electrical Engineering
Gregg Walton
Kimberly Walton
IEOR/Sociology

Laura G. Walton
Home Economics

Jon H. Ward
Materials Engineering

Betsy Warner
Education

Gordon B. Washburn, Jr.
Agricultural Economics/Agriculture

Addie Marie Waxman
Biology

David Michael Weaver
Animal Science

Robert Weaver
Mathematics

Paul Wayne Webster
Industrial Engineering

Lucia Ann Westlake
Hotel/Restaurant/Institutional Management

Tom Whale
Accounting

Mark Andrew Whelton
Marketing/Management
Jonathan Barnes found that "music is a form of communication." Learning how to play the trumpet at age nine was just the beginning of this business management major's musical career.

Barnes expanded his talent by learning the piano and studying various musical forms. He has been involved in seven jazz and classical bands since 1980.

His musical training started in church and soon spilled over into his studies at elementary school. He thought of his education as "the study of learning how to use your brain." By asking questions, he worked at his own pace, studying all types of music, especially be-bop, an intricate, high form of jazz.

Mimicking artists such as Wynton Marsalis and John Coltrane was the first step for Barnes in learning to transcribe music and compose his own music. "But not until the music becomes your own does it become a part of you," he said.

Working in the Virginia Tech Jazz Ensemble, the New River Valley Symphony and several other groups helped Barnes land commercial opportunities. He spent part of the summer of 1986 working on an as of yet untitled movie. In auditioning for the part of a trumpeter, Barnes was required to transcribe a jazz solo. When he won the part, he had to mimic a solo in front of the camera.

His musical ability helped him to be recommended for numerous gigs. In addition to playing in Squires' Now and Then Music shows, Barnes opened with trumpet solos at a Bruiser's concert. He also performed with the Four Tops and The Temptations at Cassell Coliseum.

"Your personality comes out on stage because you like what you're doing. Musical charisma is part of the show."

- Corey Browder
Burnie E. Williams
Marketing/Finance

Janet Williams
English

Kimberly Williams
Marketing/English

Raymond L. Williams
Sheila Bay Williams
Elementary Education
Matthew S. Wilson
Management

Susanne Wilson
Biochemistry/Chemistry

Thomas E. Wilson
Landscape Architecture

Carlyle R. Wimbish III
Political Science

Jeanne-Marie Wingate
Mechanical Engineering

Chris Wingfield
Accounting

Paul Patton Winkel III
Psychology/Art
"Sex, drugs and rock-n-roll — that's what it's all about," claimed Burnie Williams, a graduating business major.

At first glance, Williams, a six-year veteran of school work, seemed to be a typical student, here to get a degree and get out as soon as possible. Typical, however, was not the word that described Williams, or Nard, as his friends called him.

Williams worked at the dining halls for five years to help support himself. He attained the position of student supervisor in Owens "C" room and had been supervisor of "D" room in Dietrick. He liked people and he felt right at home in the center ring.

Dorm life was old hat to Williams, who lived in one for sixteen quarters. Everyone on the hall knew him; it was hard not to. He got along well with everyone, even the RAs. "I never went to a hall meeting and I never will," he claimed, although he did once get a personal invitation.

Williams was a charter member of Sigma Delta Rho, which was conceived in his Newman hall room, as well as a member of Delta Sigma Pi.

What was his best time at Tech? "Going to the Peach Bowl, I think. I waited six years for a winning team to bring home a victory like that," said Williams, who had seen Tech lose two previous bowl games.

Williams graduated with degrees in marketing and finance. When asked how he felt he just smiled and said, "I'm not sure I'm ready for the real world, but I do want to get out of here."

- Chad Valentine
George Yun
Chemical Engineering

Belinda Yvonne Lo
Accounting

John M. Zinzarella
Accounting

Ellen Zoller
Elementary Education
Trey Abernathy, Freshman
Stony Creek
R. Scott Abernathy, Freshman
Virginia Beach
J. Shawn Addington, Freshman
Chesapeake
Maggie Ahl, Sophomore
Longwood, FL
Melissa A. Aikman, Sophomore
Virginia Beach
Bryan R. Alexander, Sophomore
Norfolk

Scott Allen, Junior
Waxhaw
Terah Louise Allen, Freshman
Fredericksburg
Deborah Altizer, Junior
Bluemont
Cheryl Anderson, Junior
Culpeper
Karen Y. Andrews, Junior
Suffolk
Darrin T. Armentrout, Freshman
Richmond

Amanda A. Armstrong, Freshman
Blacksburg
H. T. Atteate, Junior
Corning, NY
Karen Augustine, Junior
Springfield
Keith Austy, Sophomore
Midlothian
Brad Aycock, Freshman
Darlington
Michael Ray Babb, Freshman
Greenville, SC

Fred W. Bailey, Freshman
Johnson City, TN
Jana Bailey, Junior
Amherst
Todd B. Bailey, Sophomore
Nassau County

Aubrey Alan Baird, Junior
Richmond
Randy K. Baldwin, Junior
Temple Hills, MD
Claudia Banner, Junior
Welch, WV

Will Barbee, Freshman
Richmond
Tonya Bareford, Freshman
Estesville
Meredith Barnes, Freshman
Parkersville, WV

Eleanor K. Bartenstein, Soph.
Kountze
Debbie Bartholomew, Soph.
Kings
Teresa Barton, Junior
Roscoe

396 Underclasses
When one thinks of jousting, scenes of knights on horseback and fair-maidens come to mind. For Michael Pue, a junior in Dairy Science, it brought to mind visions of tiny rings waiting to be lanced.

Pue, who had been jousting competitively for two years, described modern jousting as being "the same sport as in medevil times, but much safer." Jousting, the state sport of Maryland, consisted riding through a set of three arches, each with a ring to be speared. The rings started at a diameter of 1.75 inches, and went down on successive rides to .25 inch, the size of the hole in a lifesaver. The rider had three chances to spear each size ring. The winner was the rider who took the highest number of the smallest ring.

Pue, known in the sport as the Knight of Rocky Ridge, said he practiced two to three times per week and jousted almost every weekend during the summer. He rode in the novice-amateur class, which was the first classification for a jouster. After a given number of wins, a rider advanced to semi-pro and ultimately to professional class.

Pue won three jousts during the summer of 1986 and took fifth in the Maryland state tournament. He also placed fifth in the nationals, held on the Lincoln Memorial grounds in Washington, D.C.

While so much practice time, as well as traveling to so many tournaments, might have seemed a drag for many people, Pue said he enjoyed it. "I've made a lot of good friends in jousting, and I really enjoy the sport. I love to ride, and jousting is a chance to add the thrill of competition to the fun of riding."

- Heath E. Covey
Andrew Bond, Sophomore
Patrick Borders, Freshman
Robert L. Bersato, Junior
Kingsport, TN
Germantown, MD

Robert K. Boswell II, Sophomore
Rodney Dale Bowles, Junior
Madison Heights

Adam G. Bowen, Sophomore
Exmore

Barbara G. Bowman, Freshman
Claudville

Kelly Branan, Sophomore
Richmond

James T. Brennan, Freshman
Richmond

Robert L. Briggs, Junior
Chesapeake

David M. Britt, Sophomore
Franklin

Susan Brock, Sophomore
Arlington, VA

Denise Broglio, Sophomore
Bowie, MD

Jennifer Brooks, Sophomore
Fairfax

Corey Ann Browder, Freshman
Colonial Heights

Darielle Browder, Freshman
Fredericksburg

Alan Brown, Junior

Eric Brown, Sophomore
Amsterdam

Kelly Sue Brown, Freshman
Virginia Beach

Laura M. Brown, Sophomore
Calpepper

Margaret J. Brown, Sophomore
Lafayette

Tyson Brown, Sophomore
Henderson

Walter Thomas Brown, Freshman
Newark
Elizabeth Browning, Freshman
Davis Munlap

Christopher C. Brumm, Freshman
Winnsboro
Deborah Bebe, Freshman
Fairfax
people always love seeing the Bud-Man drive around," boasted John Lind, a 21-year-old junior, of his job. "Especially girls and partying guys. You always get 'Hey, got a case for me?' ."

Lind, a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, worked for the Eden Distributing Company, the local Anheuser-Busch Distributorhip, as the Bud-Man, and he enjoyed every minute of it. The Bud-Man label got started as "a gimmick from Budweiser, the parent company, just to publicize our product," Lind said. "The more visible we are, the more visible our product becomes, and Bud-Man is associated with good times."

Lind was given the job immediately following an interview with Eden's. "I'm the Pike fraternity bar chairman, and being such, I had to deal with Eden's Distributing, Co.," Lind says. "After dealing with them for awhile, they offered me a job as the campus representative, so I took it."

Although he only got minimum wage, Lind said his hours were very flexible, and he got a lot of fringe benefits. "Not to mention the tremendous prestige that comes with it," Lind laughed.

"The company, Budweiser, likes us to give away certain promotional products," he said. "The state of Virginia has a law stating that promotional freebies cannot cost in excess of one dollar per item, thus we can only give out posters, simple keychains, pins, paper hats, etc."

Other benefits Lind mentioned were the flexible hours, and the fact that when the college students were out on break, there was no need form him to work, because Blacksburg was mainly a college town. "And," Lind added, "I get Bud accessories. Bud shirts, pins, pens, stickers."

The Bud-Man delivered to all local restaurants and establishments that served beer.

"I work personally with the kegman," Lind said. "And we have to service the establishments by cleaning their beer lines and making sure everything is working properly. We also do similar things for the fraternities," Lind added. "Everyone knows frats go through a lot of beer, so naturally Eden's wants them to keep serving Anheuser-Busch products, Bud, Busch, etc. The happier we make them, the more likely they'll stay with Anheuser-Busch beers. The number-one beers," said Lind, holding up an index-finger.

Lind was one of three or four other men in the Pike fraternity to have been a Bud-Man. Being both Budweiser's Representative and the bar chairman, he insured that Pikes served Bud products at its parties, and that they had a clean system.

"This job did not impress my mother," Lind said, grinning. "Adding it to my job with the fraternity, my mom started questioning what I was at Tech for; an education or a good time. I'm here for both."

There were weekends when Lind was busier than others. "During Homecoming and UVA weekends, for instance," Lind said. "The town of Blacksburg, especially the student population, goes through much more beer than usual. It can go up to 50% plus more."

And what were Lind's preferences in beer?

"Whenever drinking at a restaurant or bar, I order a Budweiser product," Lind said with pride. "But if offered a free beer, of any sort, if it goes down, I'll take it."

- Kathy Moncur
Phillip Carter, Sophomore
 Warsaw
 Elaine M. Castillo, Freshman
 Norfolk
 Shaw Cavenoe, Freshman
 Frederick, MD
 Frank L. Chan, Junior
 Alexandria
 Steven R. Chandler, Junior
 Virginia Beach
 Sheila Cheek, Junior
 South Boston
 Teresa Lynn Chesnek, Freshman
 Brookville, MD
 Stephanie Adair Cheung, Junior
 Farmington
 Lorri Child, Junior
 Broadus
 Tina Chindgren, Sophomore
 Reston
 Kristine Chiocci, Junior
 Randolph, NJ
 Earl Chipman, Junior
 Mt. Gilead, OH
 Mia J. Cho, Sophomore
 Blacksburg
 Todd Ashley Claborn, Freshman
 Blacksburg
 Stephen C. Clayton, Sophomore
 Troutville
 Kara Clement, Junior
 Herndon
 Sandra R. Clements, Sophomore
 Farmville
 James Gregory Cleveland, Junior
 Navy Yard
 Leeanne Cobb, Sophomore
 West Lake Village, CA
 Susan Coffey, Freshman
 Rockville, MD
 Susan Collier, Freshman
 Charlottesville
 Stephen C. Collins, Freshman
 Anna Maria, FL
 Gabriela Coles, Freshman
 Spanglind
 Deanna Jean Cometto, Junior
 Huntington, WV
 Bart P. Conrad, Junior
 Boston
 Christopher Cook, Junior
 Woodstock
 Ann Michelle Copeland, Junior
 Chatham
 Heath E. Covey, Junior
 Frederick
 Aliceon L. Cox, Sophomore
 Pooleville
 Paul Cozza, Junior
 Fairlax
 David E. Crabtree, Sophomore
 Marion
 James Cransell, Sophomore
 Shinon
 Amy Crilly, Junior
 Hagerstown
 Joyce Culbertson, Freshman
 Down
 Carolyn Ann Culpepper, Freshman
 Beavercreek, OH
 R. Scott Dalton, Junior
 Martinsville
 Tammy Daniels, Sophomore
 Crumby
 Maria Dasilva, Sophomore
 Wilmington, DE
 Steve Davenport, Freshman
 Baltimore, MD
 Charles Warren Davis, Freshman
 Blacksburg
 Gloria Lynne Davis, Freshman
 Gloucester
 Valerie Davis, Sophomore
 Norfolk

400 Underclassmen
The duck pond was a popular place to relax for both people and animals. The pond, which was refurbished, played home to several types of ducks and, during the winter, flocks of Canadian geese.
Steve Gross

Most first quarter freshmen were too busy adjusting to college life, being homesick and studying like never before to be concerned with anything else. But Steve Gross was not like more freshmen.

Gross was the first freshman to play with the New River Valley Symphony. He plays the timpani, a set of two or three kettledrums. The symphony was composed of men and women from the area, and a few other Hokies. Steve was modest about his talent.

"I take it seriously," the business major said. "It's just something I love to do."

Gross started playing the timpani during his sophomore year in high school when a music teacher sparked his interest. His teacher, a Juilliard graduate, taught Gross to play and kept him practicing.

"Mr. Whaley really made me work, but he was a great teacher and I learned a lot from him," Gross said.

Aside from playing in the New River Valley Symphony, Gross was also a member of Tech's Percussion Ensemble. Being involved in these two groups required many hours of practice.

"I practice an hour a day, ideally," Gross said. "But you have to. It's like any other talent. If you let it slide, you lose it."

Playing the timpani was not the only extracurricular activity Gross enjoyed; he also liked to run and play soccer.

Gross liked Tech, but said he would love to study abroad, in England or Scotland, possibly during his junior year.

"I've been to Europe twice, and once you go, you have to go back." Gross said.

Gross loved to travel, and would like to eventually have a job that would send him all over the world. His goal was to be satisfied with himself and what he'd accomplished in life, and he planned to reach that goal with hard work and perseverance.

When it came time to move out into the "real" world, Gross still wanted to play the timpani. "I take it seriously now, so when I have a career, playing and practicing won't be so demanding," Gross said.

- Gretchen Gibson
The War Memorial Chapel, located at the top of the Drill Field, seems to glow from the spotlights surrounding its base. The pylons on top of the chapel each bear a statue symbolizing one of the ideals on which the university was built.

Jean Gelah, Junior
Kenedale, TX
Chuck Good, Freshman
Lynn
Ashley K. Goodrich, Sophomore
Fairview, PA
Mary Kim Goodwin, Freshman
Vienna, WV
G. Gotlandco, Sophomore
Silver Spring, MD
Robert Gregorio, Junior
Burke

Susan J. Gregory, Junior
Vienna
Jennifer S. Greiner, Freshman
Grafton
Scott F. Griffiths, Sophomore
Fredericksburg
William L. Grose, Junior
Williamsburg
Elizabeth A. Grosso, Junior
Portville
Martha Grow, Freshman
Beane Vista

William Guenthner, Sophomore
Alexandria
Mary Rebecca Gullfye, Junior
Roanoke
Carly I. Gullfye, Junior
Richmond
Connie Gupton, Freshman
Buffalo, NY
R. Wayne Guyan, Sophomore
Blacksburg
Angela Hadjian, Sophomore
Hixson, TN
Jeffrey Hadley, Sophomore
Roanoke

Eileen Hager, Junior
Buckhannon

Mike Hagerty, Junior
Richmond

Antoinette Hairston, Junior
Martinsville

David Powell Hall, Sophomore
Richmond

Penny Hall, Sophomore
Roanoke

Cynthia Ham, Freshman
Vienna

James Hamblin, Junior
Roanoke

Jean Hammonds, Sophomore
Newport News

Teri Ivy Young, Sophomore
Amherst

Hall H. Harkrader III, Junior
Hamden

Roger Dale Harris, Junior
South Boston

Sandy L. Harris, Junior
Alexandria

Marcus Hansen, Junior
Charleston, WV

Denise Anne Hayden, Freshman
Alexandria

Glenda P. Hazlegrove, Freshman
Farmville

Debra Heath, Junior
Centreville

Johe Heery, Junior
Vineland, NJ

Andy Heimplich, Freshman
Hampton

Heidi Hoffrich, Freshman
Newport News

Laura M. Helinski, Sophomore
Baltimore, MD

Sandra L. Henderson, Junior
Chesapeake

William L. Hendrickson, Soph.
Springfield

Jeneve E. Henegar Jr., Soph.
Williamsburg

Shane L. Hessley, Freshman
Clintwood

Allan Horling, Freshman
Burke

Catherine Hess, Freshman
Bel Air, MD

Troy Hetrick, Freshman
Woodbridge

Wayne Michael Hewitt, Junior
Chester

Aleksa B. Hicks, Sophomore
Cleveland

B. J. Hicks, Sophomore
Rutledge

Lisa Hillbert, Sophomore
Woodbury Boro., NJ

Don Hill, Freshman
Davenport

Robert Hogan, Sophomore
Sutton, WV

William Holder, Freshman
Garthwood, MD

Suzanne E. Holderness, Junior
Manassas

Nancy Hooker, Freshman
Cooksville, MD

Jennifer Hooper, Sophomore
Springfield

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Most students found time for one or two extracurricular activities in their schedules, but not Alan Baird. Baird had been a member of Meistersingers, University Choir, and the Water Ski Club. In addition, he was a double majoring in business and political science, a brother of Sigma Chi and most importantly, vice president of the Residence Hall Federation (RHF).

Baird got started in RHF his freshman year when his RA asked for a volunteer to go to the RHF meetings. Baird had always been involved in high school so he volunteered. He soon found out he had made a good decision. "The more I got into it, I knew it was the type of organization I was interested in," Baird explained. "Once you get into it it's kind of hard to get out."

Baird's first position was the facilities chairperson of Ambler-Johnston and then his sophomore year he became the chairperson of East Ambler-Johnston. While chairperson, Baird was involved with projects like spring quarter, in the residence hall.

As a junior, Baird was vice president of RHF. Some of his duties included representing RHF at administrative and social functions, serving as Chairman of RHF Congress, and keeping up with what each residence hall was doing. Some of Baird's goals have already been put into action. He started having one RA from each quad become a member of Congress. He nominated Vickie Rockecharlie for Homecoming Queen and recommended her to the Congress to represent RHF. RHF had never had a homecoming candidate before. "Coming in our first year and winning it gave RHF a great sense of pride," Baird said.

RHF as a whole was involved with freshman check-in, loft sales, refrigerator sales, and carpet sales among others. RHF also helped change visitation policies, escort policies, and succeeded in getting three more halls changed to coed halls. RHF was also working on more social functions for students who were effected by the drinking age raise. The committee was working on a program called Dry Ideas.

A problem RHF faced was the closing of Squires, which will cause all programming to be done in the halls. "RHF is taking the closing of Squires not as a handicap but as a benefit because it will make us concentrate and unite our views on the internal structure of the organization," Baird explained. "It will bring us closer in touch with people on campus which is our purpose."

All of this experience with RHF helped Baird with his career goals of becoming a lawyer and becoming involved in state politics. "RHF had given me tremendous leadership experience," Baird explained. "I have learned to voice and portray my views and the views of others in a realistic manner, like that used in the business and political worlds."

When asked if he had any advice to give to other students, Baird said, "Take the initiative yourself and get involved. You meet people, learn the ropes of the university, and it makes college life fun."

Alan Baird has definitely found his niche at Virginia Tech.

- Judy Brechtsbauer
One of the large trees, which line the Drill Field, show the signs of winter in Blacksburg. The trees provided popular, shady spots to study when the weather was warmer.
Despite the New Year's Eve chill, this Tech student cheers the Hokie team to victory at the Peach Bowl in Atlanta. Tech beat North Carolina State 23-24 to win its first post-season game.
After the first of several snowfalls, the Drill Field looks peaceful and worlds away from the usual hustle of students going to class.

Angela Liu, Freshman
Gaithersburg, MD
Amy Locklufe, Freshman
Chesterfield
Resha Anne Lockwood, Freshman
Richmond
Valerie Looney, Sophomore
Vansant
Karl Wesley Loos, Freshman
Martinsville
Susan Lore, Sophomore
Bridgeton, NJ
Taking advantage of winter quarter's inclimate weather, junior communications major Paul Hughes gets in some raquetball practice in the gym.
The trees around the drillfield, some decades old, have stood watch over the day to day activities of the campus and its students.
Dwayne S. McGraw, Freshman
North Tuzewell
Atlanta, GA

James W. C. McKay, Freshman
Spotsylvania

Jeff McLeod, Freshman

Susan McLeod, Junior
Bumpass

Kathryn R. McMahan, Soph.
King George

Robin McNeely, Junior
Arlington

Krista Mead, Junior
Richmond

Kimberly P. Meadows, Sophomore
Danville

Jeffrey K. Menges, Junior

Cortney Dawn Merkel, Junior
Richmond

Alphonso Mervyn, Junior

Dennis Allen Michele, Freshman
Virginia Beach

Robert Miller, Junior
Millersville, MD

Phillip M. Millet, Junior
Vienna

Margaret Mock, Sophomore
Hampton

Judi Mokwa, Sophomore
Richmond

Elsa Montaner, Sophomore
Bogota, Colombia

Steven J. Montgomery, Soph.
Reston

J. David Moore, Freshman

Scott, Moore, Sophomore

Cynthia Lynn Moran, Junior
Salem

Claudia Isabel Moreno, Freshman

McLean

Elizabeth Morrison, Junior
Alexandra

Donna J. Morton, Junior

Wise
Steve Nofs

"Even though I'm studying for a high-tech field, I'm still a country boy at heart," was the reasoning given by Steve Nofs, a junior in electrical engineering, for joining the Virginia Tech forestry club. Nofs joined the club during the fall of his sophomore year.

Nofs said he felt the engineering program at Tech was very good, but also highly competitive. He said the forestry club gave him a chance to escape the pressures of class and do something he enjoyed away from academics. "On weekends, we cut firewood and did other projects to benefit the club and the community. It's a opportunity to do some physical work and to ease the tensions of the week."

He felt that the competition in the college of engineering is beneficial in that it created better engineers by making them learn more to get a degree. But in many instances, he said, there was so much pressure to succeed that students "worry more about passing than learning."

Nofs said the biggest attraction, at least for him, of the forestry club, was the people involved. He described them as "good people, wild and crazy, but always willing to help a friend."

While it may have seemed odd for an electrical engineer to be active in the forestry club, Steve Nofs made the connection seem natural. His attitude about both his school work and his participation in the club was "a little hard work never hurt anybody."

- Heath E. Covey
A fire hydrant near Blacksburg Elementary waits for the maintenance crew to mow the grass around it.
At the golf course, John Dumbleton, a sophomore in engineering, jumps in the air off the back of the sled while David Childers, a junior in hotel management, drives his sled over a jump, hurling Dumbleton into the air.
Michelle Pittman, Junior
Newport News
Marnee Prestel, Freshman
Laurel, MD
Loria Price, Freshman
Huntington
Steven D. Price, Sophomore
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Walkersville, MD
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Edgewood, MD

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Manteno
Steven L. Rhudy, Freshman
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Hamilton Square, NJ
Michael Rinaudo, Sophomore
Chesapeake
Carla Roatan, Junior
Bedford
Meg Nugent

uggling a full class-load, a job, and a time-involved major didn’t seem to bother Meg Nugent.

A sophomore and art major, Nugent also found time to design and paint the fifth floor lounge of West Ambler Johnston and to write a comic strip for the Collegiate Times. “A.J. Associates”, based on the lives of Nugent, her roommate, and her hallmates on the fifth floor West Ambler Johnston. She began writing her strip at the beginning of the year, when she read an article in the Collegiate Times asking for interested writers.

“It’s got to be funny. It isn’t such a matter of the way it’s drawn. Comic strips are a good way to get a point across, someone will appreciate it more than a long editorial in a newspaper. Even political cartoons, they hit home a lot faster than a newstory,” she said.

Design being her favorite aspect of the art world, she planned to pursue a career as a commercial artist. “I enjoy art. Commercial art is more interesting and more up-to-date than the fine arts. If you go into the fine arts, it is hard to find original subjects. It’s like; ‘here’s yet another landscape for me to paint.’ But commercial art will always be original. That’s because my imagination is my own, no one will ever be there.”

And her recipe for breaking into the commercial art field: “Talent, the right connections, and luck.”

- Corey A. Browder
Cadets practice lining up during "hell" week.

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Freehold, NJ

David Robinett, Freshman
Waynesboro

Tom Rockecharlie, Freshman
Rockville

Mary Sam Rogers, Junior
Richmond

Elizabeth Rose, Freshman
Sandston

Carlos Rosas, Freshman
Parkenburg, WV

Brandon Wesley Rowe, Junior
Clintwood

Anne Ryan, Sophomore
Alexandria

David James Ryan, Sophomore
Richmond

Leonard D. Sandberg, Junior
Galax

Lisa A. Sarver, Sophomore
Christianburg

Bob Savel, Sophomore
Wytheville

Cathy Scheetz, Sophomore
Sorrells

Carillon Schilansky, Sophomore
Hantix

Lake Schlauder, Junior
Bealeville

Lisa-Marie Schlezer, Junior
Beal Air, MD

Jean M. Schneider, Junior
Virginia Beach

Anne E. Schrader, Sophomore
Springfield

Scott Schroeder, Sophomore
Boston

Gary Schropp, Sophomore
P. Washington, MD

David A. Scott, Junior
Westerville, OH

Dasa Seacaves, Freshman
Richmond

David C. Seaver, Junior
Anandale

John Sexton, Sophomore
Vienna

422 Underclassmen
In the split of a tree at the duck pond, a duck shelters its offspring from the cold.
James Monroe Shafer, Soph.
Natural Bridge
Peter Shapiro, Junior
Miami, FL
William L. Shepheard, Soph.
Virginia Beach
Pamela Lynn Shirah, Junior
Richmond
Terry Shoemaker, Freshman
Richmond
Bonnie Shrewsbury, Sophomore
Fairfax

Underclassmen
Sara Hart

Sara Hart, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, proved to be capable of balancing her studies and her activities.

In addition to being a little sister to the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, she was also the president of the Virginia Tech Dance Theater. The group, an informal dance troupe, was made up of students who like to dance, but didn’t have the time to major in dance. Its main priority was working toward an annual show in May, “Kaleidoscope ’87.” Most of the students were choreographers, and the dancers had the option to schedule as much practice time as they wanted.

As president, Hart’s responsibilities included organizing rehearsal times, assigning committees, presiding over meetings and “making sure all things run smoothly.”

Hart started in the group as a freshman, after an audition. She served as treasurer for part of last year.

The troupe covered most types of dance, such as ballet, modern, musical comedy, and tap.

“Dance is a good release from all the tension at school. It gives me a chance to get exercise and think of something other than school,” she said.

Thirty people were in the group. “It’s a manageable size. We’re all friends, and it’s not too big that you don’t get to know everyone,” she said.

“I think the dance theater is nice because it doesn’t try to be a real professional type of group. We realize we are students first and dancers second. We just dance for fun,” Hart explained.

- Corey A. Browder
Suzane Sadler, a sophomore in architecture, waits for another bus to take her to her doctor’s appointment. The scheduled bus had slid into a car on Crissom Lane that morning.
Amy Boswell, a freshman in General Arts and Sciences, unloads in Owen’s parking lot on freshman move-in day.

The campus was home to more than just students and faculty members. Squirrels, chipmunks, and ducks all roamed about, enjoying the many open natural areas around campus.
Beth Luco

Beth Luco, a sophomore biochemistry major, saw her position as publicity chair for the Resident Hall Federation (RHF) not only as a way to meet “involved people” but also as a means to “help improve the life of the dorm residents.”

Luco became involved in RHF as a freshman because of her friends’ involvement. “It’s a neat program. Our goal is to help people, but we get to have a lot of fun too,” she said. Luco also said that being a member of the RHF allowed her the opportunity to meet people in various influential positions throughout the university. This was Luco’s first year as an official member of the RHF, but she planned to remain involved as long as she lived on campus.

Luco’s activities as the RHF publicity chair ranged from putting up posters for the RHF sponsored Homecoming Queen Vickie Rockecharlie to placing advertisements in the Collegiate Times. She also decorated the dorms for the incoming freshman. “We came down about a week before the freshmen to get to know each other better and to prepare the dorms. We worked pretty close with the resident advisors on this,” said Luco. “I feel RHF is pretty effective on-campus, and that is who it primarily is set up to serve, but it could be improved to include the off-campus residents as well,” said Luco.

The RHF was not Luco’s only interest; she is also a member of the Virginia Tech Equestrian Club. “I’ve competed in club competition but have not been chosen to compete outside the club, yet,” she said. This interest in horses was incorporated into her plans for the future. Including possibly attending a school of veterinary medicine, preferably here at Tech. “If I can afford it and can get in, it would be great to stay here, that is unless I get tired of being in Blacksburg, then I suppose I’ll go elsewhere,” Luco said.

When asked if there was anything she wanted people to know about her, she responded by flipping through her calendar. Luco has her favorite quotes written on the days of the week throughout the month. The quote she chose was borrowed from the musical group The Smiths and seemed to sum-up her personality quite well.

“I want to live and I want to love.”

- Ferdinand Ricci
Proving that “tubing” was fun in winter as well as summer, these students hurdle down the hill on the Tech golf course. The golf course was a popular place for sledding after the many snowfalls winter quarter.
On a Saturday afternoon, sophomore Shawn Beck flies a kite on the drillfield.
Patrick Shurney, a sophomore in political science, kicks ice out of his pickup truck after freezing temperatures the night before.
Before the homecoming game against South Carolina, a Blacksburg resident sells mums to the fans. Mums have become as much a tradition at homecoming as a queen, a concert, and a football game.
James "Doc" Sinclair, and with his wife, owners of Little Doc's Store on College Avenue, ran the store which was frequented by students for 38 years. When the Sinclairs retired this year, Blacksburg lost a landmark as the establishment's doors closed forever on February 1.
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Much effort and energy is put into each performance by the New Virginians. Tech's musical ambassadors travel all over the country singing and dancing at other schools and special events. Here, two members sing during the fall homecoming show in Burruss auditorium. The momentum and enthusiasm generated by each performance always ended in a standing ovation by the audience.
Football games, like this one against West Virginia, gave students the opportunity to really show their Hokie spirit. The object of being in the stands is to support the players, but along with that, the fans were also able to enjoy the fast-paced atmosphere. Fans came in all shapes, and sizes, and in the stadium, there's always the fan who will go the extra mile to show his spirit.

Endless opportunities make Tech a Horn of plenty

No matter who you were or what you preferred, Tech provided the atmosphere and activities for everyone to become involved. Whether it was cheering at a home football game, or preparing for sorority rush, most who participated left with a sense of belonging. Hundreds of people passed through the doors of Squires Student Center daily. The building was the center of involvement, and was bustling with activity from early in the morning to late at night.

The War Memorial Gym hosted those who enjoyed just about any sport. The gym had some of the best facilities in the area. New groups and events were continuously being formed or formulated, and new people were participating in them.

In this big melting pot, we could always find a group of people, regardless of size, who shared our interests. Some found it easier than others, but it was out there. To find it, we needed a little something to give us a push...it was a matter of momentum.

Parades, Founder's Day ceremonies, class reunions, and Homecoming were just a few reasons for alumni of all ages to return to their alma mater. This Hokie alumnus, at his 50th year reunion enjoys his position in the Homecoming Parade. Tech's alumni support has always been tremendous, both financially and morally. There are alumni clubs in almost every state and major city in the U.S.
The downpour did not dampen the spirits on Amy Wagenherst and Sandra Weneziano as they cheer in the Highty Tighties during halftime of the Maroon-White football game in Lane Stadium. The home football games were always well attended by students, alumni and fans. The weather may have altered the plans of some, but it did not keep these die hard fans from showing support for the Hokies.
When studying is done, students find they have

Time on their Hands

All of a student's time wasn't spent studying and doing homework. There was an almost even balance of leisure time that had to be set aside to retain sanity. Sometimes, the best part of the study period was the study break.

It could have been a few minutes to chat with friends, or a few hours to go outside, weather permitting, in hope of catching a quick suntan. Tubing in the New River, a jog around campus, a night out bar hopping, or a game of pick-up basketball were just some of the ways students managed to get around studying all of the time.

When the time came to hit the books again, it may have been hard to concentrate. But to keep going took momentum.

The Duckpond is a favorite spot for students and nonstudents to enjoy the outside. In the spring, the area is a haven for picnics. It is also a nice place to get away from everything and spend sometime with alone as Bill Clery does with his miniature power sailboat.
A few years to interact and mature...

The Final Step

Every now and then, especially during those first few months away from home, a yearning for family and good home cooking may have surfaced among some of us.

However, after a relatively short period of time, this place began to take on the title of home.

It contained all of the necessities of home: food, shelter, recreation and interaction.

This was where we did the most of our growing up.

We learned responsibility. If the phone bill wasn't paid, it was cut off. There was no one around to make sure that we got up on time to make the eight o'clock class.

We learned patience. Waiting in line for hours to use a computer terminal may not have been fun, but it had to be done.

Our lives picked up momentum from our experiences here and they made us mature and helped to prepare us for whatever may lie ahead.

Events such as Spring Celebration, which is held on campus, gives not only students but also town residents the chance to take part in the activities. The university serves not only as a haven for campus dwellers, but also as an information and recreation center for many of the town residents. Many of the youngsters at these events are children of faculty and staff, and they get a little taste of their parent's working environment.

Winter in Blacksburg may be cold and sometimes gloomy, but that doesn't turn the ducks away. Many of the ducks were relocated during the draining and reconstruction of The Duck Pond, but after completion of the project, our feathered friends were soon returned to their home. The ducks are an attraction not only to students, but to anyone who comes to see the birds frolicking around the pond area.
Fan involvement in sports was not limited to the stands, as shown by this student who is aiding the baseball team with its equipment.

There are many spots around campus where anyone can spend a few quiet personal moments. Whether it be for studying or just to take in the scenery, the campus and the surrounding areas always provide a secluded spot.
Momentum carried us along

Why use momentum to describe Virginia Tech? Because although every university sees change from year to year, Tech has been picking up speed as it moves toward the 1990’s. Changes have come fast and furious as of late, affecting everything from athletics to the academic calendar. The hurried change made for an exciting environment - we were constantly involved with new people and new ideas. A Peach Bowl victory, a new athletic director, a new football coach, another new athletic director, an early quarter system, a plan for the semester system, four new buildings going up, a renovated Duck Pond, more co-ed dorms and more 24-hour visitation, more research, more donations... all indications of an acceleration that couldn't be beat - they all contributed what we call momentum.

Tech's momentum carried us along and prepared us for challenges we faced for our future.