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Rebecca Modelahan 2005 WS grad Leslie Sherman was known for her sense of humor and her sunny outlook on life. Whether training for the Marine Corps Marathon or tackling a serious school project, Sherman always remained optimistic about the outcome.

lech tragedy hits home

2005 grad dies in Norris Hall shooting

From September 2001 to June 2005, a passionate history lover, an active runner and a loyal friend frequented the halls of friend frequency WS. Her name was Leslie

Last week, Sherman was murdered along with 31 other Virginia Tech students and

faculty members in the most violent attack by a single gunman in American history. The sophomore was found in her French classroom in Norris

avid do-gooder in community, volunteering Hall.

For Spartans, Sherman will always be remembered for her sparkling wit and her offbeat sense of humor. She was an



Anthony Sherman Sherman, pictured here with 2004 grads Rebecca McMahan and Ashley Hughes, made friends easily. The WS "trackies" were like a second family to her. Hughes remembers going on *Oracle* assignments with Sherman, just to get a different perspective.

Orleans in November 2006 and participating in many of her church functions.

"She was an absolute beam of energetic light," said James Percoco, who taught Sherman's Applied History class her senior year. "She had a depth of compassion for people that was phenomenal. I miss her very, very much."

On her Facebook profile, Sherman lists as one of her favorite quotes: "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees." She certainly

fulfilled this vow of activism in her 20 short years, History teacher Cathleen Boivin

remembers Sherman as being committed and very personable.

"You couldn't help but like Leslie," said Boivin. "I perceived her as being a very sensitive young woman. She was very bubbly, didn't take herself too seriously, but she

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heartbreak echoes the halls

Christina Solm

The heavy, raucous and forceful winds were almost gone from Blacksburg by the middle of last week, leaving behind a silence filled with the same immeasurable sadness that was felt around the country. The lives of 32 people ended on Monday, April 16, after a 23-year-old student at Virginia Tech, Seung Hui Cho, went on a violent shooting rampage through two buildings on the expansive campus. The massacre has been declared the deadliest one-man shooting spree in US history.

"[It was] the worst day of my life," said VT sophomore and WS '05 graduate Eric Davis, a football

The university held a candlelight vigil on Tuesday night. The lines were so packed that some could not get in. Over the next couple of days, a high percentage of students went home to visit their families.

"It's a ghost town," said VT sophomore and WS '05 graduate Joann Cassano about the Blacksburg campus and her nearly empty dorm building last week. The news of the shootings hit WS hard because almost everyone in the school is connected to VT. Last year, 44 WS seniors entered the university. The

shooter's random killing is shocking to those whose mothers, fathers, siblings, teachers or friends graduated from or are attending the school. Some faculty members, including Principal David Smith, went to VT. And true tragedy struck when WS received the news that WS '05 graduate Leslie Sherman was one of the 32 who had died.

"Whenever an incident like this happens, it serves as a clear demonstration that something like this could happen anywhere," said Smith. "It is an ugly reality and upsetting to everyone."

Most students at VT are in disbelief.

"It's just surreal," said Cassano. "That's the only word I can think of."

The first shooting occurred on the fourth floor of Cassano's dorm building—her floor.

"At first it was called in as something different because they didn't realize what had happened at first. Then at 8:45 a.m. they come in banging on our doors telling us to get up, get out, it's an emergency," said Cassano. "So us fourth-floor kids gathered in a lounge one floor down. We sat for a while then eventually they told us that two people on our floor had been 'injured'."

Cassano was allowed to go anywhere except the fourth floor. She left the building to get breakfast at



After the Virginia Tech shootings, WS students signed a banner that was sent to the school. Spartans wrote notes to show support for the Hokies.

9:20 a.m. The lockdown dining hall.

"My phone died quickly," said Cassano. "And I couldn't go my room to do anything online, so it wasn't until I got to a friend's house that I could get onto Facebook. Thankfully, [WS senior Sean Hogan] left a message for everyone telling them I was safe."

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Throughout his 11-year tenure at WS, Dr. David G. Smith has taken the title "principal" to a new level.

With Smith, being principal means being involved and genuinely caring about the well-being

of our school. He has helped WS cope with everything from student and faculty deaths to the more recent Virginia Tech massacre that affected WS and

our community so much.

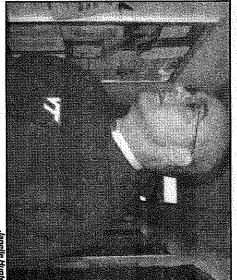
He always knew how many words were needed to solve an issue, never speaking too few or too many. He also coined the phrase we hear so often, "Take care of yourselves, take care of each other, take care of this

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But to The Oracle staff, Smith has been an amazing asset. Not only has he reserved the right to censor our paper given to him by the Supreme Court case Hazelwood v.

Kuhlmeier, he has also ore been a cooperative and enthusiastic source for countless stories in his time here.

The members of The Oracle can only hope that the next principal will be as helpful and supportive of our paper as Smith has. Dr. Smith has played an important role in the growth and betterment of this school. He this will be missed and never forgotten.



I andle Hunter Principal David Smith will be remembered as an encouraging speaker, especially during tough times like the events of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech.

No one has the right to

make you feel

Sexual harassment no laughing matter

By Beth Stinson
Viewpoint Editor

I've recently heard some serious things about a middle school teacher. Students who were in his class have long talked about this man's alleged sexual behavior and inappropriateness students.

had been arrested for possession of child pornography reached WS. The news turned out to be a rumor that was grossly exaggerated (he actually left the school to coach at another school) and the accusations against him are completely unfounded. About two weeks ago, news that he

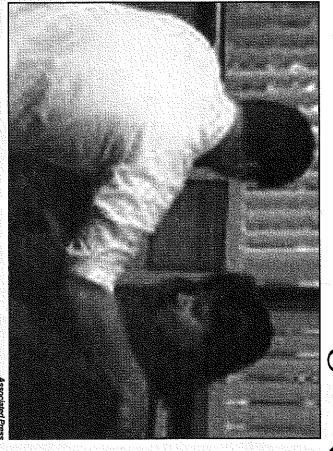
was, in fact, making students uncomfortable, why did no one step forward? Why did almost every former or current student claim to have been made uncomfortable by this teacher?

The fact of the matter is that middle and high school students are extremely skilled at keeping quiet when it comes to their personal safety. If a teacher, at Not one student, to my knowledge, ever told another teacher or administrator about his actions. The only people students told were their friends and rising eighth-graders. If he

any time or in any way, makes a student uncomfortable, that student has the

obligation to tell someone.

Teachers are in fact rarely the ones



This Internet photo demonstrates some of the inappropriate behavior that can be considered sexual harassment, which is prevelant in middle and high schools. Teenagers are skilled at keeping quiet when it comes to their personal safety.

performing the harassment.

When I was a freshman, a teacher's

assistant succeeded in making a great many students, both male and female, extremely uncomfortable. After falling asleep in class one day, I woke up with his fake leather jacket on my shoulders. He would walk up behind the freshman

girls, grasp our arms firmly, and move us out of his way.

One girl had 36 missed calls from him. The TA would often sit in the corner of the classroom, after taking roll, polishing his combat boots and brandishing his class ring, with which he threatened two boys on various occasions. This TA

age as you.

and that because he was a senior, it was really no big deal. Completely illogical, I know. It is embarrassing to talk about how incredibly naive I was.

The point I am trying to make is that students need to stop acting like that. No one has the right to make you feel uncomfortable or victimized.

You can't expect someone to care about your problems or your sexual harassment accusations against others if the only people you tell are the same upcoming chest waxing.

None of us said anything to our teacher, who was completely unaware of what was going on until we told her over a year later. As freshman girls, my comrades and I felt that this was normal, victimized. You have to indeed dated a freshman girl. From the back of the classroom he once sat down, removed his shirt, and told us of his stand up for yourself. uncomfortable or

So please, if you feel like your PE teacher is watching you change, or an older boy plays with your hair, you need to tell someone. It is cliché, it is corny, but it is the truth.

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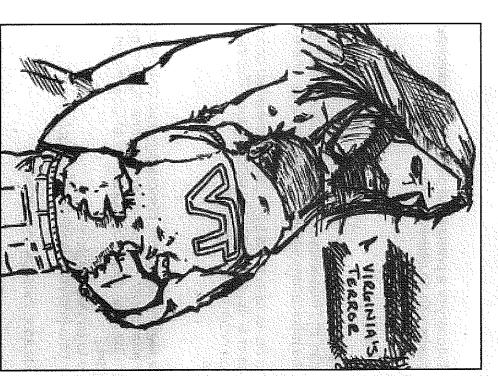
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Tokie hearts beat with Spartans



By Sean Hogan Oracle Editor

I have been a Hokie all of my life. The events of April 16 are

not going to change my mind.
CNN ran a story late that
Monday about how students
who plan to attend Virginia
Tech next year felt about that Facebook group, saying "I'm still a Hokie, didn't doubt it for a second." I'm not here to gloat about having my Facebook post on cable TV, but to reiterate how proud I am of not only my future college but the students Tay's events. The story featured a post I made on the "Virginia Tech Class of 2011" of all Virginia colleges and tons stor

"Still attending Virginia Tech as the Class of 2011" within the first 24 hours after the shootings. There was only one post in the "Not going to Tech almost every senior in that group still wants to go to Tech, some more than ever. In the VT Class of '11 Facebook group, there were about 125 posts in the separate forum entitled more nationwide.

What is strange to some almost every senior in th

anymore?," from a Chantilly High School student simply stating, "Let's see if anyone has the gall to admit this changed their decision."

Four posts followed within the next few days, basically telling doubters that there was no reason to leave. There were tons posts ranging from

"Anyone who backs out now is a Fokie," to, "It's gonna take a lot more than a clown with a gun to stop me from coming," to "I'm sending in my deposit tomorrow

close-knit community that illustrated their strength so much on April 16.

My biggest point to explain to prospective students is that People are more proud than ever to become a part of such a

william Morva situation." Let me point out that William Morva's situation had nothing to do with Virginia Tech university in the country. People might try countering that by saying "Well, there was that whole William Morva than ever next year. It's going to be safer at Virginia Tech than ecurity is going to be better

community. such a close-knit ever to more proud than mind...People are change my Hokie all my life. I have been a 16 are not going to The events of April be a part of

other than the fact that it all happened there. Out of the two people Morva killed, one was on campus, but the situation on campus, but the situation was handled remarkably well considering there was an escaped inmate on the loose

I am incredibly proud of the support given to both VT students and family members from all across the country. It makes this quote from the a student of the University of Miami, Russell Denney, stick even more: "Forget any and all college affiliations today. For today, we are all Hokies."

Easter goes, SOS 4

By Erika Gleason & Kelly Sipple

Spring break should not even be called spring break anymore, unless you go to Florida or some other place where the temperature is above freezing. We should just give up and accept it for what it is, the "end of winter" break.

Next school year, because Easter is earlier, FCPS

has scheduled spring break for March 17-21, giving us even more reason to call this the "end of winter" break. Though there are some drawbacks to this scheduling, it is also incredibly beneficial.

This past year, FCPS students had to go through the entire month of March without any breaks. That's four full weeks of piles of homework, sleep deprivation, and a lot of stress. Having spring break right in the middle of the month would make March a little more

FCPS is not only making spring break earlier but also giving us about the smallest winter break possible. Our last day of second quarter is December 23, and we have to return to school again on January 2. With such a tiny, pathetic little winter break, the sooner we get time off, the better.

Spring break is usually remarkable because it

actually takes place in the *spring*.

For the 2007-2008 school year, spring break will begin on March 17, four days prior to the official start of spring. Instead of basking in the sun and enjoying the blossoming flowers, chances are we will instead be limited to indoor activities (this is disregarding any fluke weather activities such as the last five days of this year's spring break).

warmth for their spring getaway vacations. Students who travel to beaches will not get the golden tans they so desperately desire. They will find a suitcase packed with jeans and jackets, not flip flops and bikinis. Some may even have to change their plans all together. Juniors often travel across the country for college visits, a trip which is essential in making the monumental decision about which college to attend. Unfortunately, students may be deterred from making By moving spring break forward by almost a month, FCPS ruins the plans of students who depend on who depe



seems, goes our break

Easter falls on March 23 next year, which is why spring break falls in mid-March. This is good news for those who travel over the holidays. We still believe that we should have the day after Easter off as well, but seeing as how that never happens, we should just be grateful for any time off around the Easter holiday at all.

The third quarter officially ends April 4, so we will have from March 24 to the very end of the quarter to study for exams uninterrupted. By having a short spring break, we will have time to relax and sleep in before hitting the books again to review for tests. We also have another day off in April after the quarter ends, so no one has to worry about not being rewarded for all of their hard work.

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freezing. This problem would be more severe for students who want to attend college in the

The cold weather does merely only affect those traveling for leisure or school. Every year we travel with achurch to Mexico for a 10 day mission trip. The colder temperatures will make our six-day bus ride much more miserable than it has to be, considering the fact that there is no heat on our old school bus.

Whether early in the year or later, spring break should always start around the same time.

We know that the date set for Easter is based on calendars and therefore FCPS can not change that date. They should, however, try and keep spring break around the same, and later, time. This would prevent unnecessary headaches and complications which result following the hassles of an earlier spring break.

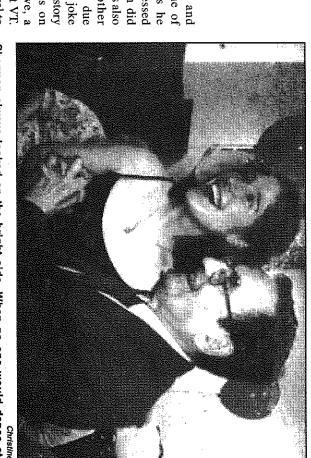


for her positive attitude Sherman remembered

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classes in high school, was president of the History Honor Society and was majoring in history and international studies in Blacksburg. She was also saving money to study in Moscow this summer. Percoco has a framed picture of her in his room from the day he had a deep side. She impacted a lot of people. She was a wonderful representative of WS as a high school."
All throughout her time at WS and VT, Sherman had harbored a great love of history. She took several extra history classes in high school, was president

introduced Sherman to author and narrator David McCullough, one of Sherman's idols. Percoco says he remembers Sherman being impressed with the voicing job McCullough did for the film "Seabiscuit." Sherman is also featured along with several other students in Percoco's new book, due out in 2008. "We always used to joke with [Sherman] and call her the history nerd who used to have crushes on presidents," said Deepika Chadive, a WS '05 graduate and sophomore at VT. "We used to tell her that it was illegal to love history as much as she did."



Sherman always looked on the bright side. When no one would dance at the National Honor Society's "Senior Prom" in the spring of 2005, she decided to break the ice. This photo, snapped while Sherman glided across the floor with her "date," illustrates exactly why she touched so many people, friends say.

Sherman had planned on running in the New York City Marathon in the fall with WS '04 graduate and VT junior Rebecca McMahan. Instead, WS '06 alum Emily Grossman is setting up a "Run for Leslie" event in June at Burke Lake Park to benefit the Memorial fund WS is setting up for Sherman.

"Leslie had the best heart, best spirit I ever knew. She wasn't ashamed of anything she did," said McMahan. "I know the world can still be changed by her now."

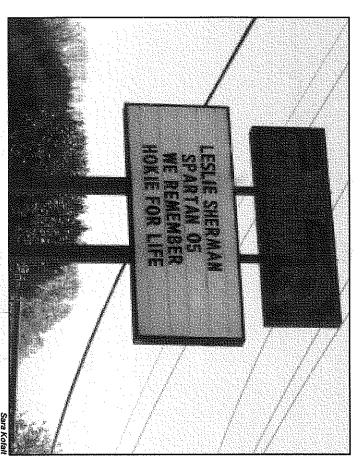
rnow." History teacher Margaret Tran

remained in contact with Sherman after she graduated, and received one last email from Sherman the weekend before she was killed. In it, Sherman asked about Principal David Smith's retirement, and detailed her life at VT. Tran d Sherman as dedicated and classy.

"Leslie came to my wedding rehearsal. The fact that she took the initiative to ask me if she could come, I will absolutely never forget that," said Tran. "I feel blessed to have ever had a student like that. We've really lost

"Leslie had the best heart, best spirit I ever knew. She wasn't ashamed of anything she did."

Rebecca McMahan WS Class of 2004



Spartans came together to mourn the death of Sherman and 31 fellow Hokies

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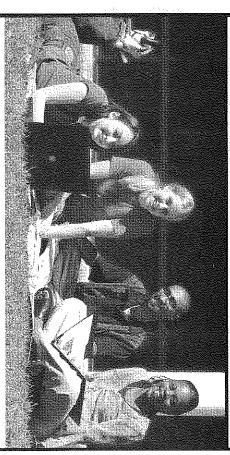
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to dialing while driving New state law puts a stop

By Josh Lipman
Oracle Editor

Governor Tim Kaine and the Virginia legislature have a message for students: Don't dial and drive. Starting July 1 it will be illegal for students younger than 18 to drive and use their cell phones at the same

Driving with a cell phone, even a hands-free one, will be a secondary offense, meaning students can only be cited for it if they're pulled over for another infraction. The citation carries a 50 dollar fine.

distractions and one of the newer distractions is cell phones," said school resource officer Shaaron "It can [be effective as a secondary offense] because a lot of accidents can be caused by

Driver's education teacher Sue Spatcher stressed a need for the state to create driving guidelines if parents won't do it. She expects the law to appear in next year's driver's education manuals, although she is unsure how much time classes will spend on it.

"I think [the new law] is a great idea," said Spatcher. "Distractions are one of the major reasons why people, not just feenagers get into accidents."

legislation. The House voted 86 - 10 in favor of the bill after it failed to pass on the first two attempts. Virginia is the fourteenth state to create a law partially banning not just teenagers, get into accidents."

The bill's passage marks the third year in a row the Virginia House of Delegates discussed this type of

cell phone use in cars.

Students will still be able to use cell phones in their cars during emergencies and while parked. Some believe cell phones serve other useful purposes in cars

well.

"[I drive with a cell phone] all the time," said junior ett Roop. "You don't have to stop to use the phone.

Brett Roop. "You don't have to stop to use the phone. You get directions while you go."

Groups such as AAA Mid-Atlantic advocated for the ban saying that the fatal crash rate for 16-year-olds is twice as high as the rate for 18 and 19-year-olds. According to the Insurance Information Institute, mobile phones are the most common accident-inducing distraction.

"[Cell phones] ring and they startle you," said Spatcher. "You instinctively want to go find them."



Senior Paige Voniak taks on her cell phone while in the car. A new law has been set in place that will make this activity illegal for drivers under 18 starting July 1. "[I drive with a cell phone] all the time," sai junior Brett Roop. "You don't have to stop to use the phone. You get directions while you go."

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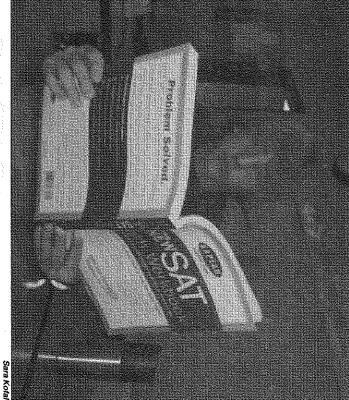
By Sarah Alvarez

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student submits. Students should always check with the individual colleges they are considering, but some colleges will allow the ACT to substitute not only for the SAT Reasoning Test but for the SAT Subject Tests as well," said Susan Rexford Career Specialist.

The ACT exam is an aptitude test that goes past the boundaries of the SAT reasoning exam and tests the knowledge in specific subjects. The ACT consists of 215 multiple-choice questions and takes about three hours to complete, as opposed to the SAT exam which consists of only math, reading, and writing sections. The ACT exam takes classroom information into account when testing students' aptitude on certain subjects.



Junior Alex Kingsley studies the SAT workbook. Although the SAT is still important to colleges throughout the application process, more and more schools now accept ACT scores as a substitute for the SAT. The ACT consists of 215 multiple choice questons and takes about three hours to complete.

with an assessment which quizzes the knowledge they have acquired in the classroom. For these students, the ACT is ideal," said Rexford. "Some students are more comfortable

The ACT contains sections on science and other subjects. The consensus of a variety of test takers is that it is an easier exam often times referred to as one of the junior year's

secrets of success. For some students the arduous ten sections in the SAT reasoning test does not capture an accurate picture of their overall intelligence, one student referred to the SATs as a strategy exam in contrast with

encompasses more of the qualities of a

One student thinks the ACT exam

fair exam testing.

"I've heard it's a better exam," said junior Lindsey McGuiness.

For junior Bruno Bambaren who is fluent in Spanish, German and English the ACTs will be a better measure of his aptitude in math and science- which he

"I think the language barrier will make ACTs a better exam for me," said

reading extensively complex passages. The trite passages of the SAT make it a deal of international applicants may al find the ACTs a better exam as it do not require solely mastery of skills strategically oppressive Schools like MIT which have a great

reading sections are tough,"

said Bambaren.
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Now that all colleges and universities accept ACT scores students will have a greater opportunity for obtaining strong results to submit to schools.





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Reactions VOI in wake Tech shootings

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That Monday unfolded with nervous uncertainty as those with ties to Hokies tried to make sure that their families and friends were not hurt.

"I heard [about the shootings] that afternoon. My friend called me while I was driving and she told me people were shot at VT," said senior Denny Park. "I was shocked and then I was worried about my cousin. I was in disbelief and I locked in a room with a couple of students and a professor."
Sophomore Chloe Clanor could not called my cousin right away. She

get in touch with her brother Andre, a freshman at VT, until she got home from

The

"We tried calling him but the cell phones didn't work," said Clanor. "My cousin talked to him [on AOL Instant Messenger] and called us."

The social networking site Facebook was common way for students at Virginia Tech to let everyone know they were safe. Many updated their statuses or responded to others' inquiring wall posts. More than 3,500 students joined to the status of t the Facebook group
To honor all 5"I'm OK at VT."

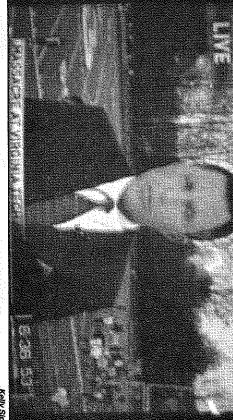
To honor all those who died, Governor Timothy Kaine declared April 20 a Statewide Day of Mourning. WS students and faculty came to school that Friday decked in the Virginia Tech colors, orange and maroon. At noon, all

in the building held a moment of silence to remember those who were lost.
"I thought it was pretty amazing the support WS gave out with the orange and maroon," said Park.

Math teacher Tom McGrath, who is a

VT alum and has a daughter who attends the school, appreciated the compassion and solidarity shown by his colleagues. "Everyone was very supportive," said McGrath. "Many faculty members offered assistance. I got numerous emails."

On Friday evening, FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale held a memorial at Robinson Secondary School Field House to support all those



tragedy brought reporters, including Chris Gordon of NBC 4, to WS.

had been affected by the tragedy. More than 2,500 people showed up and Smith spoke on behalf of WS in a speech that celebrated the life of Sherman

Virginia Tech next year, the news of a school shooting presented a crucial dilemma: Would it be wise to go to a For the seniors planning to attend rginia Tech next year, the news of a

school that is now grouped with names such as Columbine and Oklahoma City? Most of these seniors have decided to still enter the VI community next year. "As far as safety goes, I'm not worried about that. It could have happened anywhere," said senior Caroline Rabil, who plans to arrive in Blacksburg next fall. "[The school] made split-second decisions that they thought was right so I'm not really worried about that."

Cassano believes the university made a few mistakes on that Monday. "All in all, [the situation was] not handled very well," said Cassano. "They should never have let us go [after the first shooting]. They should have told us what happened...[There is] nothing to do about it now. But I just think someone made a bad decision at that point."

The media has done around-the-clock coverage of the shootings and advanced technology has enabled information to spread quickly around information to spread quickly around the world. But the press has also ignited

criticism from those who find it intrusive or think that it puts unnecessary focus

bombarded [Cho's] house," said Rabil.
"And they blame the school too much. I
don't think you can prevent anything
like this from happening. When you have
messed-up people, it's not the school's
fault." on certain issues.
"I think [the media are] trying to find someone to blame. They over-

handled the coverage in a different way.
"It seemed like they were Park, who will also be a Hokie next year, believes that the media could have

overemphasizing [Cho's] nationality," said Park. "They could have focused more on the people we lost instead of emphasizing the killer."

When Korean-Americans and Korean immigrants found out that the shooter was of their ethnicity, many became

community, especially since he was from around here." fearful of backlash or prejudice.
"[My parents and I], we both felt a little embarrassed about it," said Park. a big blow to the Korean Park.

Park, however, had faith that people in the WS area would see beyond a person's nationality and not resort to unreasonable anger.
"I really believe that the community around here was above that," said Park.

"But there's always going to be a few ignorant people."

rampage. The world has thus experienced a feeling of senselessness in response to the tragedies of April 16. Some wondered if it could have been preventable. The media have brought attention to the warning signs of any Psychiatrists and reporters are still searching for a real reason behind Cho's rampage. The world has thus

future dangers.

"This has affected us as an institution," said Smith. "It reminds us to always be vigilant."

The suddenness and shock of the fatal events of that day have also the day. fatal events of that day have also reminded many to cherish life and seize

"I've always been someone to take advantage of life and soak up all I can, but this has opened my eyes even more," said Cassano.

This week, VT students returned to the campus and tried to bring some

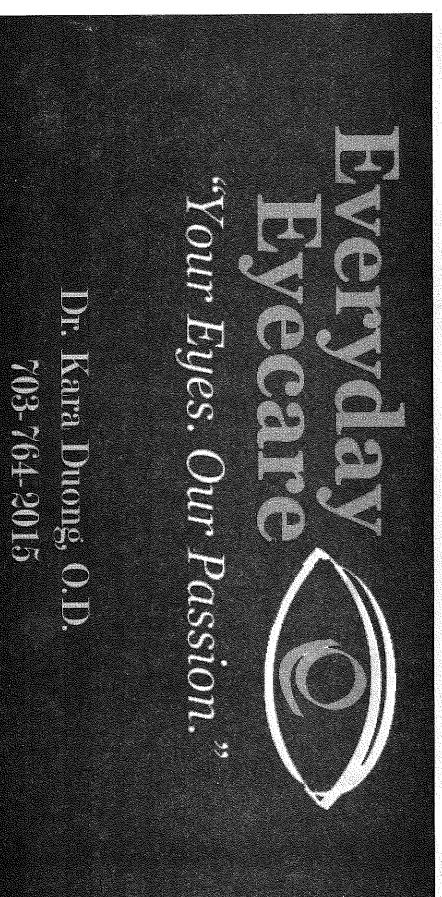
normality back into their lives. Classes resumed and friends reunited. And although things will never be the same, life would have to go on.

Math teacher and VT alum Marianne Razzino has a tiny magnet on her filing cabinet with a drawing of a person looking out onto green mountains. A small pink shape is nestled in one of the valleys. The caption says, "I left my heart in Black-burg"

heart in Blacksburg."

The magnet is a sign of the love that Virginia Tech has garnered throughout the years and the affection that continues to remain in many hearts despite the tragedy that has occurred So last Friday at noon, myria

So last Friday at noon, myriad thoughts and remembrances rose silently through the WS building. Some prayed for those lost, others simply reflected on the tumultuous events of the week. But in unity, the orange and maroon clad school showed its support for the VT community and the rural, picturesque town of Blacksburg by demonstrating the words that could be seen and heard throughout the country.
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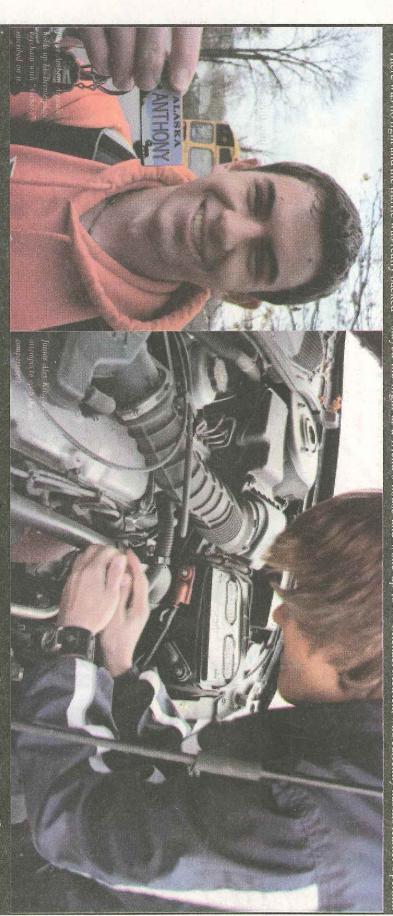


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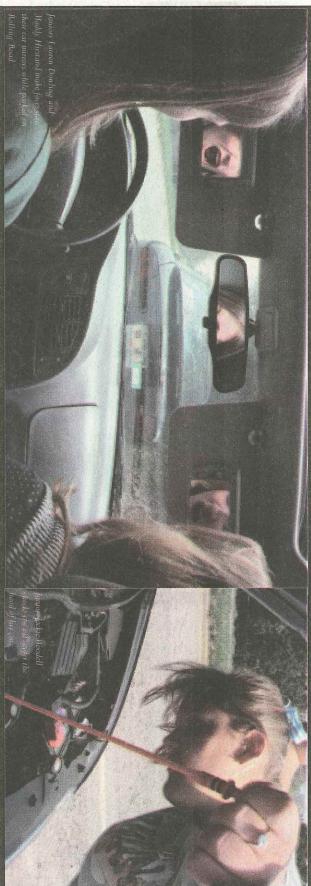
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Layout by Kristin McGregor and photos taken by Sarah Wink



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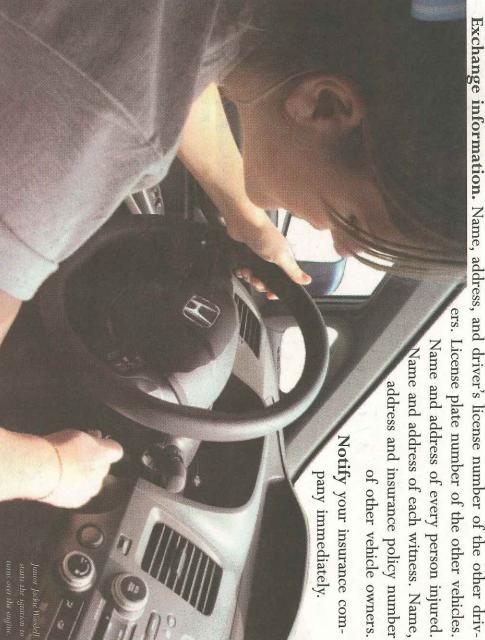
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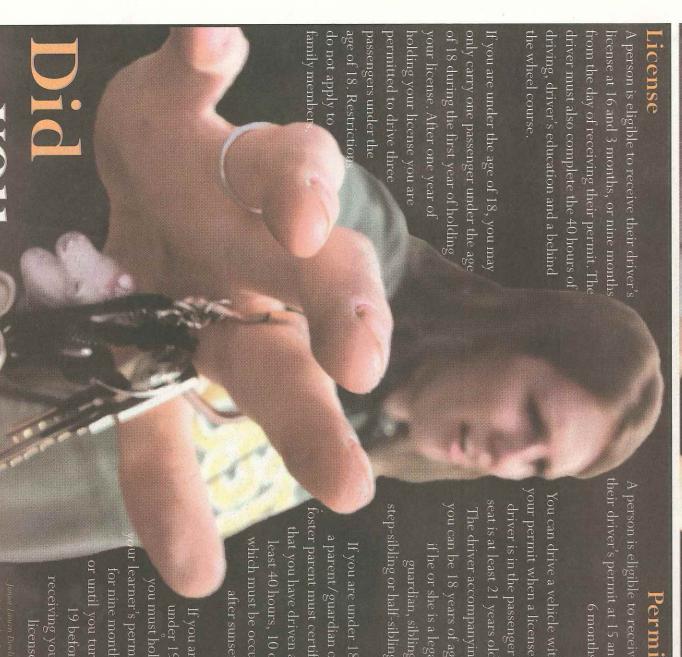
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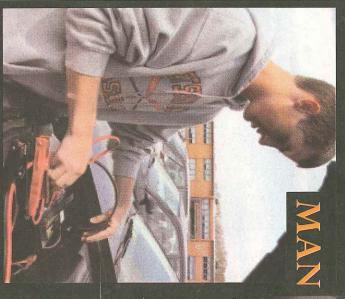
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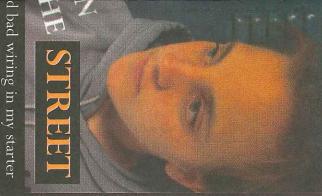
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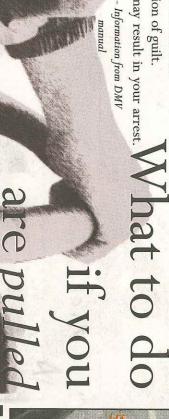
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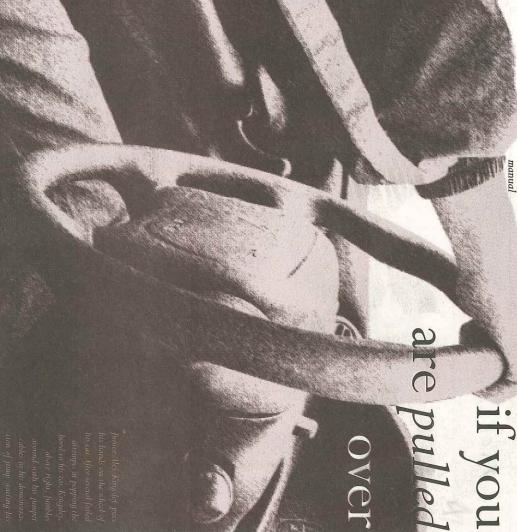
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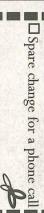


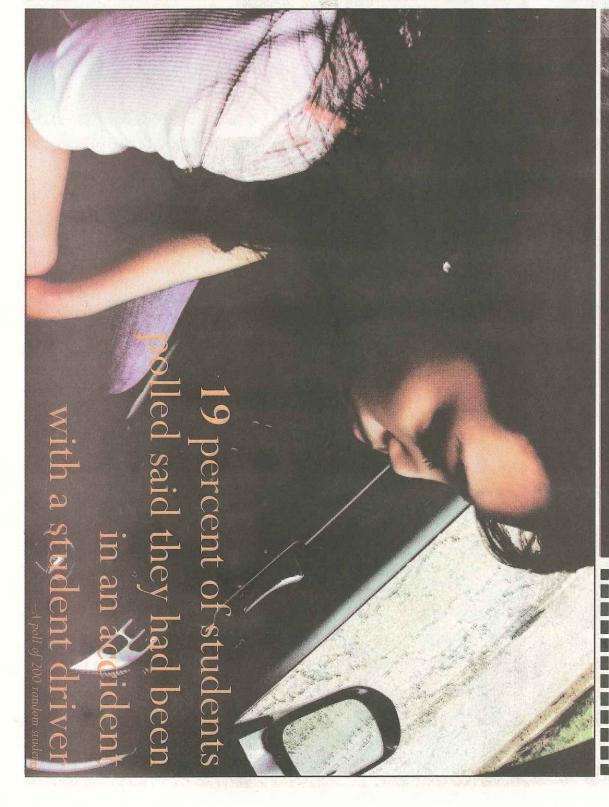
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"Courage, it would seem, is nothing less than the power to overcome danger, misfortune, fear, injustice, while continuing to affirm inwardly that life with all its sorrows is good; that everything is meaningful even if in a sense beyond our understanding; and that there is always tomorrow."

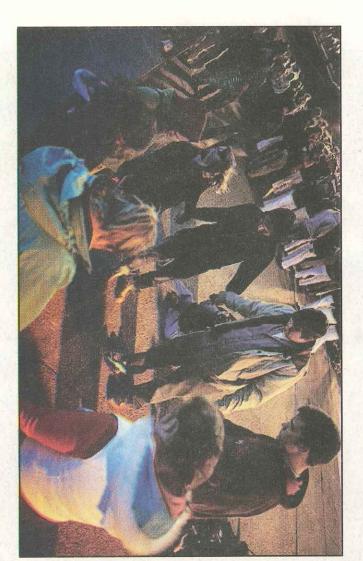
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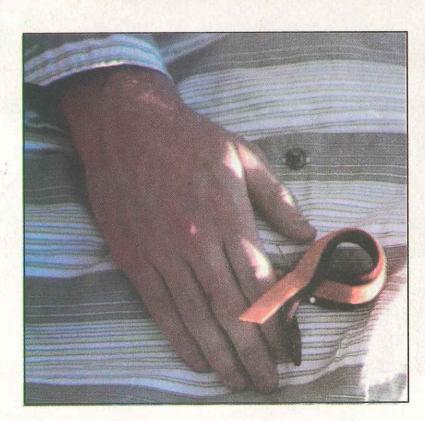
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with full-time Part-time teaching comes responsibility

By Jenny Taylor Sports Editor

Most recognizable by their overstocked carts containing all of their classroom materials, part-time teachers could be considered the nomads of the teaching profession.

In FCPS, instructors must teach at least five classes to be considered full-time workers. Five, however, is

to certain electives such as foreign languages. While Spanish is the school's most popular foreign language, German, French and Japanese teachers often work partime as a result of smaller student enrollment in their In FCr5, msu workers. Five, however, is to be considered full-time workers. Five, however, is often an unrealistic number of classes when it comes often an unrealistic number of classes when it comes

of returning to that position each year. You may have to go to another school if the student numbers thance." "It's difficult being a part-time teacher," said German acher Christine Bonheim. "There's the uncertainty

In some cases, teachers a multiple schools during the teachers are forced to uring the same year.

Bonheim spent her orange days at WS and her blue days at Fairfax HS. Through e-mailing, updating Blackboard and staying after school nearly every orange day, she was able to successfully keep up communication with her classes and sponsor the German Honor Society.

"Every time I've had to come by after school she Bonheim] has been there," said senior Chris Berens. when I try to turn in late work, she's

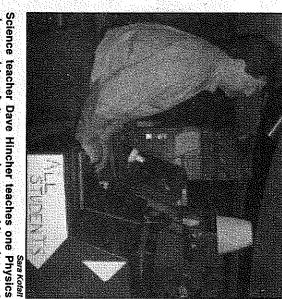
"Only sometimes not there."

The use of pa students to que The use of part-time teachers has caused some students to question whether they are at a disadvantage when it comes to receiving help outside of class. Since part-time teachers are usually at school less often than full-time teachers, it may be more

challenging to track them down.

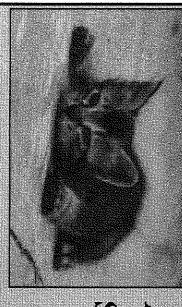
"I think it's fair that some students have part-time teachers," said Berens. "It just might be difficult if you need to see the teacher a lot."

As a result of their conflicting schedules and terruggle to attend to each student, part-time teachers, are forced to adapt to their unique situation.

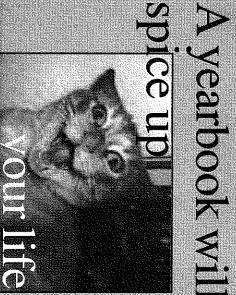


Science teacher Dave Hincher teaches one Physic class and two Astronomy classes on blue days an spends his orange days as a car salesman. Hinche also entertains elementary schoolers on blue days

e "During special testing times, I needed to be at both schools at the same time. Fortunately, I had colleagues who helped administer exams when I physically douldn't be there," said Bonheim. "Teaching the same course at two different schools challenged me to develop new and even better methods of teaching."



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By Andreana Maxwell
Managing Editor

around, the most intriguing scenes of last week episode replay and yet another episode begins. This is "Grey's Anatomy."

"Grey's Anatomy" is no longer a weekly It is 8:58 pm on Thursday night, time to drop everything and quickly turn on the nearest television to ABC (channel seven for those of you who are not addicted). As nine o'clock rolls scenes of last week

show that one may occasionally watch. It is an addiction. Each hour-long episode captivates viewers as the twisted lives of the interns and doctors at Seattle Grace Hospital are exposed. Unlike the normal hospital or emergency is no longer a weekly asionally watch. It is an

Unlike the normal hospital or emergency room show that focuses on the blood, gore and incredibly rare illnesses, Grey's Anatomy is about the doctors, not the patients. Narrated by the surgical intern Dr. Meredith Grey (played by Ellen Pompeo), she reveals the thoughts of an intern inst trained to live and the control of an intern just trying to live up to the expectations of her mother while falling in love with a married

offer a completely control at least one. It is every viewer to relate to at least one. It is every viewer to have a favorite. Dr. Derek impossible not to have a favorite. Dr. Derek Shepherd "McDreamy" (played by Patrick Shepherd "ha object of Grey's affection and "trains") doctor, Christina is all yours. She is a perfectionist who has an opinion about everything. Dr. Alex Karev (Justin Chambers) is another intern who was initially disliked by emotional instability. Dr. Isobel Stevens "Izzie" (Katherine Heigl), on the other hand, fell in love with a patient and received \$8.6 million after he offer a completely different personality allowing every viewer to relate to at least one. It is many but continues to win over the audience with his gradual shift from wannabe plastic surgeon died, and is still trying to mend her broken heart.
For those who like a blunt and almost obnoxious Each of the doctors and interns on the show

This show is pure drama at its best. The doctors are faced with problems in their own lives, yet still put on a smile and deal with stressful cases and complicated patients. "House," which airs on Tuesday nights on Fox, has not received the cult like following that defines "Grey's Anatomy". "House" focuses on extreme medical cases and the science of doctors break into the patient's house to discover the hidden source of the illness. Additionally, Dr. House's Vicodin addiction and extreme manipulation has reached a point of absurdity.

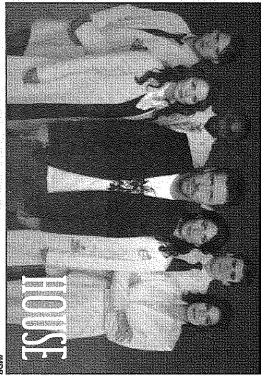
For those of you dying to watch a captivating show about life as a doctor, join the cult of "Grey's Anatomy" viewers. Your Thursdays diagnosing difficult patients. The show, however, is completely unbelievable. An episode is not complete until Dr. House's posse of young

will never be the same

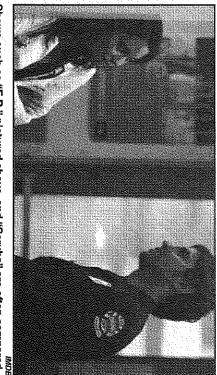


"Grey's Anatomy" has won Drama and Best Supporti Emmy award for Outstandin two Golden Globes for Best Television Series ng actress (Sandra Oh) as well as winning a

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"House, M.D." has won two Golden Globes in 2006 and '07 for Best Actor (Hugh Laurie) and an Emmy award for Outstanding Writing.



Shows such as "E.R," pictured above, and "Scrubs" are often compared to "Grey's" and "House," as they are all hospital-based dramas.

By Ariane Irvine Senior Staff Writer

"House" and "Grey's Anatomy" are two completely different shows, made for two completely separate audiences.

That isn't to say that they can't be compared. Of the two, "House" is a much better show, with a better plot, better character development, and a better grip for realist.

a better grip on reality Let's face it – the hauled up in front of an ethics committee, being fired? Let's face it – the premise of "Grey's Anatomy" just doesn't work in a hospital. The sort of things that the doctors get away with is just astounding. How have they all avoided being

idea of actions leading to consequences. The main character has been pulled in front of ethics committees numerous times, spent a night in jail, gone to court several times and had his job writers of "House" seem to have a better

to resort to sex jokes in order to keep their show entertaining. The show is more likely to have the characters bantering back in forth while breaking into a patient's house than sitting fact that the pair's coworker thought they were joking rather than by any angst-ridden confessions over coffee. After he realized that they weren't joking, he started constantly complaining that it was affecting their work. around ignoring their jobs while discussing their sex lives in detail. In fact, the only recent romance on the show was made funnier by the Also, the characters on "House" don't have

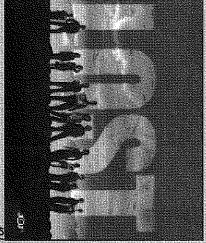
save them. everything in their power after the doctors have done Patients on 'House' only die

even seen as a way to amp up the sexual tension even more, because afterwards the angsty doctors obviously need to sleep together to get over the fact that they spent all their time gossiping and sniping instead of trying to help If "Grey's Anatomy" had stuck with more of the medicine side of the hospital, it might have been more interesting. It sticks, however, more to obviously fatal things like degenerative heart disease so that no one ever actually has to their patient diagnose an illness – they just have to stand there and act emo in as annoying and noisy manner as possible as their patient dies. Dead patients are

In contrast, patients on "House" only die after the doctors in charge have done everything in their power to save them, not just gone into hysterics and cut vital wires that said patients needed to survive.

A few issues ago, a fellow Oracle writer decided to bash the best show to ever hit television in this very column. I'm here to stand up for LOST. True, the storylines of the passengers of Oceanic flight 815 can get confusing if you missed an episode or two, but this is a complex and stimulating show, not a part of the Fox Sunday night line up. I would recommend buying or renting the show seasons at a time to avoid the agony of waiting a week until the next episode (and yes, if you follow the show, you will agonize). This show is the only show on television I think is worth obsessing over. Give it a chance and enjoy the ride.





W.N.T.W. is a TLC program that originated as a show from Britain, but this rehashed version isn't bad. The two hosts, Clinton Kelly and Stacy London, make the show entertaining and funny without the overblown scripted-ness of other reality television shows. In any given show, an unsuspecting fashion disaster gets all of their clothes taken away from them, (later donated to the salvation army). They are then given a \$5,000 visa credit card to spend in New York City on a whole new wardrobe. Kelly and London give them guidelines to follow based on what would fit their body best and at the end, final touchups on their hair and makeup complete the makeover package and finish their new look.

S N N Food and I Anyone who claims that hip hop is dead hasn't listened to Lupe Fiasco's debut album. The rhymes are a refreshing change from mainstream hip-hop since they don't revolve around sex and drugs. His JOHOL

sound is unique because he incorporates elements of other genres of music into his.

The song "Pressure," for example, has a 70's rock feel. "American Terrorist" features an acoustic guitar solo and "The Instrumental" has an alternative sound. I, personally, can't find a track on his CD that I don't love and would recommend this album to anyone who loves music.



-Compiled by Bethel Habte

it to Florida acrosse sticks

By Erica Wink Junior Staff Writer

Rule #1: Don't take your top off. Rule #2: No talking

to boys.

Sand, sun, surf, bull rides, hula dances, teacups, Cinderella's Castle and of course a little bit of lax. This spring break the WS Varsity girls lacrosse team hopped on a bus headed for Disney's Wide World of Sports

for lacrosse spring training.

The girls left on the Thursday before Spring Break and arrived in Florida on Friday afternoon. The team stayed in the luxurious Buena Vista Suites Hotel just ten minutes from the Disney Theme Parks. They spent most of their time at the parks or on the fields playing teams from all over the country.

"The people in the hotel thought it was very strange that we could fit a whole team into an elevator that was meant to hold like only five people," said junior

midfielder Meghan Lamson.

On the Friday the girls arrived in Florida, they went on a run and had a short practice in a parking lot behind the hotel in order to prepare for their first game on Saturday."I must say it wasn't one of our brightest decisions [practicing around cars]. When the manager



Varsity girls lacrosse coach Brian Puhlick makes the most of the team's Spring Break trip to Florida.

came out I thought we were getting kicked out of the hotel," said junior attacker Tory Generazio.

The girls won their first game 12-4 against Old Bridge, NJ. After the game the girls spent the rest of the day in the Magic Kingdom and on Sunday the ream spent the entire day at Cocoa Beach.

"We had a lot of fun at Cocoa Beach, but no one reapplied sunscreen," said Lamson. "When we got back to the hotel room, a lot of us were burnt. We had to resort to asking our room mates to put aloe on our backs."

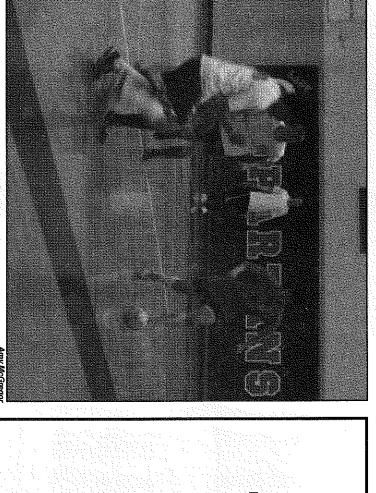
Iate afternoon. On Tuesday the team played Princeton, NJ and won 13-8. For dinner, the team went to Joe's Crab Shack where they entertained the entire restaurant with their singing and dancing. Rookies were required to stand up and dance to the YMCA song which the On Monday the girls spent the morning at MGM Studios then played Walton, GA, winning 16-4 in the

returning players on the team requested.
"Initiation could have been a lot worse," said junior goalfe Linn McGavin.

Wednesday morning the team played Saugerties, NY winning 17-0. They spent the evening at Old Town The seniors then danced to the Macarena. The team also gave Coach Brian Puhlick a hard time, telling Crab Shack workers that it was his fiftieth birthday. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" while he got the chance to hula for the restaurant.

shops were so cute," said McGavin. "My favorite was the entertainment shop because they had shirts and stuff." a mechanical bull multiple times.
"I fell in love with Old Town because all the little shops were so cute," said McGavin. "My favorite shop where they went shopping, atc dinner and rode mini carnival style rides. Before heading back to the hotel, the team watched their coach, Brian Puhlick, fall off of

When they finally arrived at WS, before getting off of the bus, Publick made a short announcement that, "what happens in Orlando stays in Orlando." Early Thursday morning the team headed home hen they finally arrived at WS, before getting off of



Amy McGregor This season, the JV boys soccer team includes 25 players on its roster, while only 11 can start in games.

crowds the field

By Nicole Simpsor Entertainment Editor

weather tryouts, cold practices and hectic schedules. This year, the JV boys Spartan sports teams have had to overcome countless obstacles like rainy soccer Team can handle anything in

it's safe to say that the boys will have no shortage of players on the field. With 25 players, as opposed to the usual 18 on the team, they have an excess of good, plentiful company.

The JV boys team is full of talent and it's safe to say that the boys will have

players including three keepers, one of which has a slightly pessimistic view of his first year on the team.

"I'm hurt, but I don't think I'd play anyways," said freshman goalkeeper Bradley Sanford, "I think sophomores get priority."

get priority."

With so many players, and only 11 needed on the field at any given time, the players' playing time is left in the hands of their coach, Technology Specialist Jerry Mason. The experienced sophomores seem to be first priority, but much more than grade level goes into deciding who gets time on the field.

"The playing time is based on performance, we try to give every player an opportunity in the game to show how effective they are that day, and that ultimately determines their playing time," said Mason.

Having a larger team has just as many benefits as it does extra players. Although more players does not mean

mean larger practices, tightly packed benches and optimistic hopers for a better skilled, better filled, varsity team. "I think having more players is helpful because we have more people more fundraising opportunities, it does

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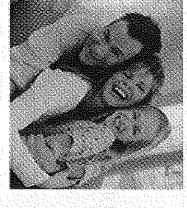
on the bench for when people get hurt," said freshman JV soccer player Victor

A bigger team means bigger practices which can be more beneficial than it may sound. Soccer practices often consist of scrimmages and with more players, they can more easily separate into two teams. Judging by the boys' record thus far, the team is filled with talent and looks forward to a good, successful "We have an unusual l season. number

because we have a lot of good incoming freshmen," said Mason. "JV is to give them an opportunity to be prepared for varsity."

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Spartan Spotlight Varsity Lacrosse Chelsea Capets Freshman,

By Ghauri Khanna Scoop Editor

How long have you been playing lacrosse? I have been playing lacrosse for 2 years.

Q: What made you want to start playing lacrosse?
A: My neighbor played lacrosse and I started to like it so I thought I would try out for the team.

Q: How does it feel to be the only freshman on girls

A: It feels good. I fit in well with the other girls so I like

Q: How did you prepare for tryouts?

A: A lot of practice and a lot of condition at school.

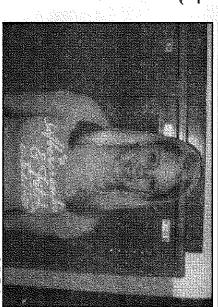
Q: Going into tryouts, what were your expectations and did you meet them or exceed them?

A: Going into tryouts, I just wanted to do my best, do well and stay focused, and I guess I did.

Q: Who has had the greatest influence on you?

A: All the older girls on the team have had a really big influence on me and how I perform.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being on the team?



Colin Em Freshman Chelsea Capets plans to improve her speed and shot on goal during this lacrosse season.

A: My favorite thing about being on the team is probably being able to play with people who play at a higher level than I do so I always feel challenged.

Q: Did you ever play any other sports, if you stopped,

why? A: I used to play soccer. I've been playing soccer since I was five years old, but I quit two years ago when I started playing lacrosse.

Q: What did you think of the Florida trip? What was your favorite thing and your least favorite thing?

A: I had a lot of fun in Florida, especially at Disney World. My favorite thing about being there was rooming with the other girls and playing in the games. My least favorite thing was definitely the 14-hour drive

Q: What are your strengths and weaknesses?
A: My strength is shot placement, which is where I shoot the ball in the goal. My weakness is keeping both hands on the stick. Q: What has been your favorite game moment so

A: My favorite game moment was when we beat Lake Braddock.

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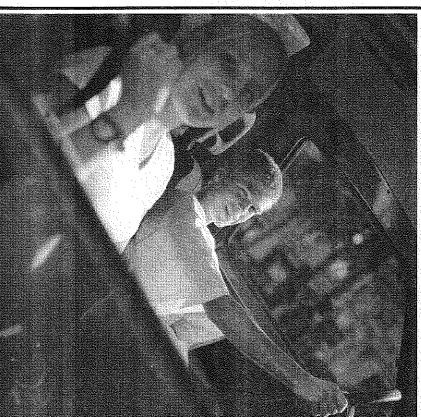
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By Sean Hogan Oracle Editor

Deciding on a college major is one of the most important choices a person can ever make. Sure, you can change majors after your freshman year; add a major during your junior year and spend seven years on your senior year, but it's still an important process.

After careful deliberation, I narrowed everything down to either business or nutrition science. Either way, I could use ideas from my major to make improvements at my current place of employment, Subway.

The first of my proposed changes would be a change in wardrobe. The "Fresh Fit" t-shirts that look like they were designed by colorblind kindergartners are out. Instead, each of the four team members during each shift would wear a giant foam suit of one of the parts of a Fresh Fit meal: a sandwich, a bag of chips, a cookie and

In addition, each worker would have to wear roller skates because, seriously, who wouldn't want to see a

guy dressed like a sandwich on roller skates? That idea actually came from a dream I had over spring break (a nightmare when you think of it), where I skated into the rack of chips and knocked them all down. After I stacked them back up, I picked up a Cambro container of tuna, lost control of my left leg and dumped it on the owner's head. The day following the drama, the owner gave me odd looks when I kept apologizing for the previous day's events (I had a "doctor's appointment" the day before).

My nutritional changes to the food lineup wouldn't be too drastic, because every chance Subway gets they add a healthy item for customers to ignore on their way to the rack of chips. I might phase out the selling of non-baked chips. This wouldn't be because of the lack of nutritional value of the chips, but instead because you can seriously making a killing-there are like four chips in each bag of Baked Lays but they still sell for 99 cents.

After careful deliberation, I've decided to major in management. Hopefully, I won't end up owning a Subway and getting tuna dumped on my head in some weird guy's a nightmare.

Stevie's Story

Having employees wear foam sandwich suits would be an interesting change for Subway to consider when it comes to marketing their new Fresh Fit meal.

enver high

By Stevie Fiorino Etc. Editor

I was the highest I've ever been over this past spring break. I went from 175 feet above sea level in Virginia to 5,280 feet (1 mile) above sea level in Denver,

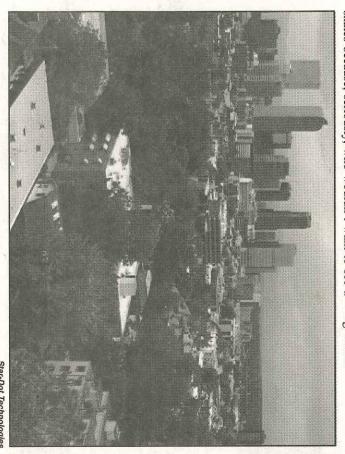
Some people don't really think much of drastic altitude changes. Once you've lived in one place for so long, however, visiting an elevation that is more that 5,000 feet higher than you're used to is quite a noticeable change.

The higher you are, the less oxygen there is. After about three or four hours of being in Denver, it became a little difficult to take normal breaths and my hands mildly swelled. It took a full 24 hours and glass of water after glass of water to fully adapt to the altitude change.

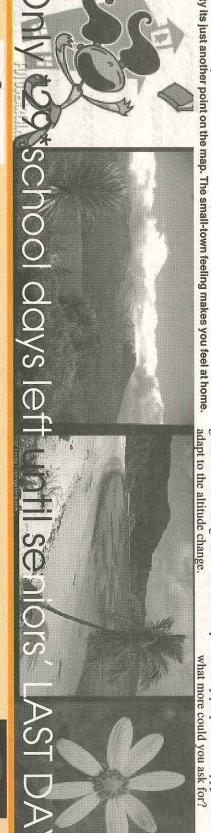
Now enough about Denver's elevation, let me tell you how beautiful and exciting it is. From just about every street corner, sidewalk, road or apartment balcony, you can see the gorgeous Rocky Mountains. The air is clean and crisp. The days are cool and the nights are warm. The people are friendly, outgoing and laid back. The town of Denver, believe it or not, has that small town "everybody knows everybody" feeling.

When you first meet somebody, they act as if they've known you for years. Meeting and getting to know new people in Denver gave me a more laid back outlook on life.

You would have to work pretty hard to put yourself in a bad mood in Denver, Colorado. With beautiful mountains, friendly people and a happy environment, what more could you ask for?



Life in Denver is definitely something everyone needs to experience at least once in their life. The best part about it is the fact that you make it out to be this huge city but in reality its just another point on the map. The small-town feeling makes you feel at home.







Senior Night Softball and Baseball vs. TC Williams 6:30 pm	Girls Soccer vs. TC Williams 7 pm	
SAT at WS	Crew Regional Park Regatta	Saturday
George Clooney's Birthday!	29 Jerry Seinfeld's Birthday!	Sumday
US Gov and Comparative Gov AP Tests	29 Senior Night 30 Girls Lax vs. d's Hayfield 4 pm/ Michael G, Titunik Scholarship due to Mrs Rexford	Monday
Boys Soccer vs. Hayfield 7 pm	Greater 1 Springfield Chamber of Commerce Scholarship due to Mrs. Rexford	Turesday
Girls Tennis Districts @ Wakefield	Girls Tennis vs. Hayfield 4 pm	Wednesday
Interims	WS Theatre 3 presents "Annie" at 7:30 pm. \$12 online, \$15 at door	