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Second-half surge leads Hokies over Pirates, 5-1

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After a slow start, the No. 18 Virginia Tech women's soccer team beat the East Carolina University Pirates 5-1. The win marked the Hokies' first victory at Thompson Field this year as head coach Chugger Adair and company move to a convincing 3-0 start on the season.

Although it was a blowout victory for the Hokies, it was the Pirates who scored first. Just six minutes into the game, a failed clearance from the Virginia Tech defense landed right at the feet of the Pirates' Colleen Knier and the senior midfielder hit a shot from outside the 18 that flew by a diving Mandy McGlynn in goal. The freshman keeper had an otherwise very controlled game. The opening goal was the only one McGlynn surrendered, and she made four saves in her 82 minutes of play. Senior keeper Blayne Fink played the last eight minutes of the game in goal.

The Hokies were creating more chances on offense than the Pirates all game, especially in the final minutes of the first half. With a minute left in the first half, Kelsey Irwin scored on a free kick that was over 30 yards from the goal. The goal was the redshirt freshman's first of her young career. Irwin was sidelined by a knee injury last season.

"I got a free kick about 35 yards out, and saw the wall," Irwin said. "It was a little shifted over from the right post, so I just took a shot." When Irwin was asked if she was thinking goal the whole time, she replied with a casual, "Yeah."

The free-kick goal seemed to breathe new life into what appeared to be a lethargic team in the first half. Even Irwin admitted that the team seemed, "Flat." The Hokies came out of the break with what seemed to be a lot more energy. Just minutes after halftime, junior Madi Conyers was penetrating the Pirate defense and taking shots from the right side. The ECU goalie made some nice saves, but there was nothing she could do in the 51st minute when junior striker Alani Johnson snuck in a shot near post from the left side of

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Virginia Tech Rescue Squad slowly lowers an actor playing a severely injured victim onto a gurney before transporting her away on a helicopter. The mock DUI served to raise awareness amongst students of the dangers of drunk driving.

VT Rescue holds annual mock DUI

The Virginia Tech Rescue Squad was joined by three other first-responder departments for a joint-drill exercise Thursday evening.

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Onlookers watched as a parade of rescue vehicles screamed its way onto the Drillfield on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 25. Responders raced to secure the safety of two, who were trapped in the front of a car that had a head-on collision with another vehicle on Drillfield Drive.

The victims, however, sustained no injuries — it was all an act.

The scene was organized by the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad as part of its biannual mock-DUI event. The drill is held every fall

in an effort to promote safety while training student responders.

The mock DUI — held in concert with the Virginia Tech Police Department, the Blacksburg Fire Department and the Carilion Life-Guard 11 medevac helicopter crew — simulated a head-on collision with two level-one trauma victims.

Responders worked to cut out two mock patients from a donated car, placed them in ambulances and then transported them to a landing zone to await landing medevac helicopters. Virginia Tech police closed traffic on

Drillfield Drive and West Campus Drive during the duration of the drill.

According to senior and Virginia Tech Rescue Squad Chief Chris Eyestone, the goal of the mock DUI is to prepare responders for potential emergencies.

"For us it's a really great way to train, to network with other local agencies, but then to also provide the university community with a pretty acute illustration of how dangerous (distracted driving) can be," Eyestone said.

About 4,000 people per

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Virginia Tech junior Wolfe Glick poses for a portrait. Glick recently took home the title of 2016 Pokemon VGC World Champion.

Wolfe Glick clinches world title

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From football to basketball, Virginia Tech has had its fair share of star athletes. But the newest champion on campus plays a different sport — Pokemon. Wolfe Glick, a junior studying computational modeling and data analytics and economics, is the latest Pokemon champion of the world.

Climbing his way to the top from Regionals to Nationals and then Worlds, Wolfe Glick won the title of World Masters Division Champion in San Francisco. The competition takes place each year, with Pokemon players from around the globe competing for the top spot. From his winning team to his top strategies, here are some tips from the reigning Pokemon Master:

CT: How did you get into Pokemon?

WG: When I was a freshman in high school, I found out that there was this local tournament in D.C. which is called a "regional." The way the tournament works is it goes from Regionals to Nationals to Worlds, but Regionals are still pretty big.

So, I went to the tournament and I actually ended up winning, which meant that they flew me to go to Nationals. I won that Nationals and it all started there, so then they flew me to Worlds, all expenses paid.

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Sports column: Stay consistent and listen to Colin Kaepernick

At every level of professional sports, consistency is rewarded with approval and money. The Warriors were expected to win every game. Barry Bonds was supposed to hit a home run every time he stepped in the box. Umpires and referees are told to, "Call it both ways." Even fans are expected to be loyal, picking a team and rooting for them for life. However, if we want to continue to be good fans, then we must also stay consistent with how much power we give professional athletes to speak their minds. That means we have to at least listen to Colin Kaepernick's recent protest against the treatment of minorities in the United States.

I understand that sports offer us an escape from some of the stresses of everyday life. When I'm in the north end zone, I don't think about racial injustice or, at the very least, my comm law homework. But when the NFL owns a day of the week, NBA benchwarmers make more money than the president and 12-year-old baseball players get primetime slots on ESPN, it's irresponsible and, quite frankly, foolish to think that sports should operate independently from the rest of our society, or that athletes shouldn't use their statuses to make a statement.

If we take a look at history, there are many cases where the line between social progress and the

celebrity of professional sports is extremely blurry, if not invisible. How do we discuss black history without mentioning Jackie Robinson? How do we talk about women's rights and those of the LGBTQ+ community without Billie Jean King, or more recently, the United States women's soccer team?

Just two months ago, Muhammad Ali died. The entire world mourned not only because we lost the "GOAT," the greatest of all time, but also because we lost a voice. A voice that was poetic and prolific, that was as fearless in interviews as Ali was in the ring. A voice that refused to go to Vietnam, saying, "Want me to go somewhere and fight for you? You won't even stand up for me right here in America, for my rights and my religious beliefs. You won't even stand up for my right here at home!"

So why, when San Francisco 49ers quarterback Kaepernick refused to stand during the national anthem in a preseason game and said, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," did everyone react so violently?

He did not break a single rule. And by the way, if we're going to criticize the behavior of a professional athlete, how about we start talking about domestic violence and drug abuse

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Sammy Adams kicks off free concert at Squires



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Sammy Adams performs at kick-off concert sponsored by the class of 2018.



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Pop-rock band performed to sold-out crowd on Aug. 27.

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Virginia primary selection process a welcome change

This past Saturday, GOP leaders in Virginia decided to allow the people to directly choose the party's nominees for the 2017 election cycle. According to the Republican Party of Virginia (RPV) Chairman John Whitbeck, this will be the first time since 2005 that the party has employed a primary selection process for state-level nominations.

Some Republican leaders have complained that this change will limit the effectiveness of grassroots campaigning and stifle the voices of the different candidates and party factions that are typically given voice at RPV's annual convention.

Others pointed out that having a primary selection process will allow "hostile Democrats" to participate and muddle the primary results, since Virginia has no party registration process.

While this might be a possibility, as it would conversely be for Democrats during their primary, the party should give more weight to an open election rather than close it off for fear of outside voters throwing off the results.

Despite the concerns of some party leaders, the recent record in Virginia shows that the people will come out to vote when given the opportunity to make a change in their communities, as is evident by recent primary races across the state.

The 2015 primary race in Chesterfield County as well as the 2014 primary race in Virginia's 7th district exemplify the initiative taken by Virginia voters when they are given the opportunity to engage in local politics.

Eric Cantor, former House Majority Leader, was defeated in a 10-point upset in 2014, losing his long-held seat in the House to an economics professor from Roanoke, Congressman Dave Brat. Steve Martin, who held his state senate seat for more than 20 years before losing his primary race in 2015, lost it to Amanda Chase, a local business owner.

The Virginia GOP is understandably anxious about allowing the people to directly select the next statewide candidates. After all, 34 percent of Republicans in the Virginia primary voted for Donald Trump to be the party's presidential pick. In retrospect, though, a majority of Republicans in Virginia did not put their faith in Donald Trump, and

should be given credit for that in future elections.

The Republican Party of Virginia opted for a convention instead of a primary selection process in 2013 after Ken Cuccinelli announced his run for governor, a move that some believe cost the party the governorship.

I was at the Republican Party of Virginia Convention in 2013, and while the conventions are exciting and a great way for the candidates to display their platforms, only several thousand Virginians are usually in attendance. This allows for less diversity among voters, especially since the convention delegates tend to be more conservative.

Not only are there fewer voters involved in a state convention, but the convention results are weighted so that votes from more largely populated districts receive more weight than the votes of smaller districts. Comparatively, this seems fair, but in reality, it means that those voters who are cut off from the convention are even less represented if they are not from one of the more populated districts.

The Washington Post reported that only about 8,000 delegates attended the 2013 convention. This contrasts with the more than 2 million Virginians who cast votes in the November election, which Gov. Terry McAuliffe won by less than three points.

The Republicans' decision to hold a primary selection process is commendable, especially considering the Republican Party's track record in 2016. Many voters are experiencing a disconnect between themselves and the Republican Party, and the party is in desperate need of refocusing.

By allowing voters to directly participate in the nomination process, the Republican Party can reinforce its relationship with those voters and make the party nominees representative of the voters, rather than a choice pick of a few thousand delegates. Not only will this decision enable voters to have more power in the 2017 election, it will allow Republican candidates to practice true grassroots campaigning and become closer to the people that they hope to represent if elected.

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Diversity course promotes cultural attentiveness

This year, Virginia Tech has begun requiring a new program for incoming students titled DiversityEdu. This course is aimed to, "Teach skills for engaging successfully with diversity and mitigating the influence of unconscious biases and stereotypical thinking on personal choices and professional decisions."

I am not an incoming student; therefore, I was not invited to take the course. However, from looking into what the course entails and the goals the university has for this program, it appears that it will benefit the community as a whole.

I come from a very small rural town in Virginia where there's not much happening, there are not very many people and there's even less diversity. Coming to Virginia Tech was such an eye-opening experience for me. This is one of the most culturally diverse areas in which I have had the pleasure of spending a lot of time.

We have students from all across the country and all across the world, for that matter. Before coming to Blacksburg, I had never met somebody who didn't speak English as a first language and rarely even met people who didn't grow up in Virginia.

This is just because of where I grew up and the fact that I didn't travel all that much. Luckily, I had a family that taught me about cultural differences and the benefits of diversity. They made me aware of stereotypes and certain stigmas surrounding different races, ethnic groups, backgrounds, orientations, etc.

The reality is that some people don't come from diverse backgrounds and may not have had the same exposure to different cultures. Programs such as DiversityEdu give them the chance to debunk some myths and gain some perspective before attending a school as large and diverse as Virginia Tech.

However, even considering the size of the student population at Virginia Tech, the percentage of people within minority groups is fairly small. As an

incoming freshman, I remember, just like many others, being so overwhelmed and wanting to cling to people that I felt were the most similar to me. That is not surprising, and there is nothing wrong with that, but hopefully this program will make incoming students feel more comfortable reaching out to people of other cultures and groups.

This summer, I interned at a human rights office and met so many wonderfully talented, passionate and diverse individuals who had such different outlooks on life. One of the biggest lessons I came out of the summer with was that of the importance of cultural competency.

As students, we should all have at least a basic understanding of other cultures. It is important to be aware of differing languages, religious practices and physical interactions between those of other cultures. Most people wouldn't pick up on whether or not a comment or action could seriously offend or hurt someone, and it's important to be aware of that possibility.

Programs like DiversityEdu are imperative for people to understand that different does not mean unapproachable or scary. Diversity should be embraced. It is what makes the United States such a great nation and a huge part of what makes Virginia Tech such a wonderful university.

For the amount of time it takes individuals to partake in this course, and the knowledge that could potentially come from it, participating in and continuing this program seems like a no-brainer.

As more and more incoming classes of students are required to take this course, the effects could reach past the Virginia Tech campus and translate to the Blacksburg community as a whole. It could help the community become more inclusive and aware of cultural differences.

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FLYNN RETURNS



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STAND: Respect athletes' right to use their platforms

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with a little more fervor?

Now, I'm not going to pretend that Kaepernick is on Ali's level of courage. Ali was protesting a war in the name of religion and as a result, lost his title belt and was banned from boxing for three years. At most, Kaepernick will lose a few endorsements and his jersey will be burned.

The NFL released a statement that described how players are encouraged to stand, but are in no way required to do so. Kaepernick sat quietly on the bench between two water coolers. And then we seemingly forgot all the lessons we took away from Ali's passing. Kaepernick was berated for his actions, and for some reason, his talent was criticized by many of his detractors, as if only the good players are allowed to speak up. Even Steve Wyche's article about the protest on NFL.com noted that Kaepernick looked, "Rusty" in his preseason debut.

But maybe talent is an important factor. The voices in sports that have endured have been from athletes who were all one of the best at their respective sports, like Robinson and King and Ali. Jim Brown is another example. Conversely, the brave actions of Jason Collins and Michael Sam from a few years ago, for example, were so quickly forgotten because, well, neither of those athletes were very good, although one could make an argument that Sam's coming out derailed his career.

Professional athletes have a platform that is unique to their profession, a platform that has, in many cases, encouraged others to step up and speak out. But for some reason, the success of

the message is entirely dependent on the talent of the speaker, made evident by the successes of Ali and the failures of Kaepernick.

We should listen to Kaepernick, if for no other reason than to stay consistent. If we are going to praise Ali for his outspokenness, then we can't criticize Kaepernick's. Why is Ali's so well received? Perhaps because he was better at boxing than Kaepernick is at football? This makes no sense. Believe it or not, talent operates independently from reason. Take a look at Ryan Lochte. And I'm not saying that Kaepernick is some omniscient sage that we should treat as the voice of a generation. What I am saying is that we need to be consistent with how we handle protests from professional athletes. For all we know, the next Ali could be a benchwarmer on our favorite team. But for the fans to pave the way for the next GOAT, at least when it comes to the bravery to speak up, then we need to stop making talent a prerequisite.

Just like Kaepernick, Ali had his fair share of critics, even after his death. But I don't think it's wrong to say that, along with Robinson and King, Ali is on the right side of history. So maybe we should give Kaepernick a chance.

Finally, we should be grateful for Kaepernick's actions because whether we agree with his message or not, it's refreshing to see a quarterback — a position for which players are widely praised for professionalism — take a stand.

Or, in this case, take a seat.

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Students line up for the two Virginia Tech food trucks parked on the Drillfield.

Food trucks enthusiastically welcomed with ribbon-cutting

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Though Virginia Tech's new food trucks have been eagerly serving hungry students since Monday, Aug. 22, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the addition to dining services occurred on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 25 on the Drillfield.

Several high-profile figures attended the ceremony: the director and the associate director for Virginia Tech Dining Services, Ted Faulkner and Bill Hess; the associate vice president for student affairs, Frank Shushok; and the vice president for student affairs, Patty Perillo, were all present. SGA President Alexa Parsley was also in attendance.

"This has been a long road," Faulkner said as he addressed the small crowd. "This has been eight years in the making."

The trucks, both custom-built by On the Move Food Trucks, based in Boerne, Texas, are built on the Ford F550 platform and include unique features like slide-out siding to expand the area inside the truck.

The visual design of the trucks was created by the Division of Student Affairs' communications and innovative technologies graphic

designers in collaboration with Dining Services' graphic designers.

Both trucks have heating and air-conditioning systems to spare Dining Services staff from the stifling heat and bitter cold of southwest Virginia. The trucks also feature an electronic menu board that displays the offerings to passing patrons.

According to Faulkner, the mobile dining initiative set the target for each truck to process 60 transactions per hour, one each minute. On Monday, Aug. 22, each truck performed over 100 transactions per hour.

"It took over 10 departments to bring mobile dining to this campus," Perillo said. "You know how they say, 'It takes a village?' It truly does."

Each of the trucks feature a high-end 4G LTE mobile hotspot that allow Dining Services staff to securely process transactions (both meal plans and credit cards) from any location in the Blacksburg community.

Dining Services is the single-largest employer on campus, providing jobs for over 2,100 people.

"I am amazed with Dining Services," Shushok said. "They wake up every morning saying, 'How can we do this better?'"

Contracting dining operations out to large food service

companies is common for institutions of higher education. The University of Virginia contracts with Aramark, William & Mary with Sodexo and Radford University with Chartwells.

"Most institutions our size contract dining services out to corporations," Perillo said. "We don't do that here at Virginia Tech. (Dining Services) is not just about providing healthy, nutritious food to our students, it's about our care and commitment to our community."

Though there is not yet a set schedule available for the locations of the food trucks, they will reportedly be visiting the underserved area of campus, Oak Lane, on Sundays and Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m.

Another exciting innovation for Dining Services is the integration of the reusable container program with Hokie Passports. Instead of collecting a token upon returning the container to a participating dining center, the system allows a diner to have up to three containers checked out at a time. After a diner has finished with a container, he or she can simply return it to the machine and swipe his or her Hokie Passport.

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Helmet-rating system to expand to bicycle helmets

Virginia Tech researchers will expand their helmet ratings from football and hockey helmets to commercially available bicycle helmets.

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After rating football and hockey helmets, researchers at Virginia Tech have decided to expand their research into bicycling helmets. The rating system is intended to provide helmet customers with concrete safety information. A helmet with the highest rating is known as a "Virginia Tech 5 Star Helmet."

Football and hockey helmets are made for repeated impacts due to the fact that wearers may experience more than 500 head impacts in a single season. In contrast, bicycle helmets are not built for repeated use and often break after impact. The classification as a one-time impact helmet makes bicycle helmets unique.

"This all started with football, and our football ratings in 2011. It was the first time we rated helmets, and then we expanded last year in hockey," said Dr. Stefan Duma, who is in charge of the helmet lab and the project. "Hockey and football are primarily North-American sports, so as we expand into soccer and bicycling, there is much more global impact. There (are) a lot more soccer players, a lot more cyclists around the world."

All bicycle helmets that are currently being sold on the market follow standards set by the Consumer

Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The CPSC standards include guidelines for impact protection. However, they only require that the force felt from an impact be below a certain threshold in a particular laboratory drop test.

Researchers at Virginia Tech are analyzing potential factors such as velocity and impact locations to determine how bicycle helmets perform in real-world conditions.

"My project is the bicycle helmet star rating," said Megan Bland, a Ph.D. student at Virginia Tech who is also a graduate research assistant in the helmet lab. "Essentially we use this testing methodology that represents real world impacts to evaluate how well helmets do relative to other helmets."

According to Bland, understanding a variety of impact scenarios is important to creating an accurate safety rating. By combining metrics like exposure, meaning how often a cyclist may experience an impact and how well the helmet reduces accelerations at that impact into single value, the researchers will be able to compare the differences between the helmets. This data allows researchers to create a more specific helmet rating.

The research group has begun preliminary testing. In the next phase, university researchers will finalize the

test method and move on to test different helmets that exist on the market. A large custom drop tower has been constructed in the lab to test different bicycle helmets.

"(The whole project is) more in the idea phase, hopefully down the road we will definitely become something where the manufacturers come to us to test their products because they know we are going to test it anyway and give them ratings," Bland said. "And consumers like to look at our ratings to figure out which helmet to buy."

According to Duma, the project and the helmet lab will exist for the foreseeable future.

"Once we rate helmets, we continue to rate any new helmet. So like football and hockey, the ratings are there, and every time there is a new helmet like these new hockey helmets, we will test them and we'll add the ratings. It's a rolling rating," Duma said. "We expect companies will continue to make new bike helmets, new soccer head gear, so as the new products come out, we will test them, rate them and put them on the website."

The research team intends to release bicycle helmet ratings in 2017.

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DUI: Joint drill intended to promote cooperation

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year die on highways due to distracted driving, according to the Department of Transportation. In Eyestone's view, the all-student volunteer rescue squad has a duty to help prevent further deaths.

"The number is climbing," Eyestone said, "and we want to use the mock DUI every year to raise awareness for the university community."

The decision to schedule the mock DUI during the first week of the fall semester was intentional; according to Eyestone, the rescue squad also uses the event as a recruitment tool.

As a collegiate institution, the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad naturally undergoes yearly turnover, which in turn demands that training exercises maintain a level of consistency. Mock DUIs in past years have been almost identical to the one held on the 25th.

The Virginia Tech Rescue

Squad is made up of 45 members, 15 of which participated in the drill as either one of two ambulance crews, an extrication crew and as a supervisor.

Extrication crews work to remove victims from vehicle accidents when traditional exits are deemed unsafe.

"In a serious accident, sometimes patients and occupants in the vehicle could become trapped," Eyestone said. "(Trainees) learn how to, basically, cut those cars open and that's something that's unique to the mock DUI because we don't always have the luxury to be cutting cars."

After the mock, victims were placed in ambulances, and the Carillon Life-Guard 11 medevac helicopter crew conducted two simulated landings on the west side of West Campus Drive.

"Our Carillon Life-Guard helicopter friends and colleagues are called out probably twice a year for more serious calls here on-campus

and when we need to get a patient to Roanoke Memorial Hospital," Eyestone said, "which is a little bit further down the road, but it's our level-one trauma center; so, it's the best care in the region."

According to Eyestone, coordinating with other departments ensures a higher level of partnership.

"(Working with other departments) really does foster better care, better response and a more efficient response," Eyestone said. "We all want to help people and I think that's really where we see the most cohesion between fire, police and EMS. The mock DUI is a great way to illustrate that."

Virginia Tech Chief of Police Kevin Foust echoed Eyestone's view that the joint drill promotes efficiency. Foust said the event also allows Virginia Tech Police to identify potential choke points on campus during emergencies.

According to Foust, the rescue squad works all home football and basketball games, special campus events and are on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"(The Virginia Tech Rescue Squad is the) hardest working student group on campus in my opinion. It's the oldest all-volunteer, all-student run rescue squad in the country," Foust said. "They are everywhere, from advanced life support down to basic life support. In the short time I've been here, we've had two cases where I've seen them save somebody's life. Both of those were heart attack victims, so they are invaluable."



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An actor playing a victim at the Virginia Tech mock DUI is strapped into a gurney, Aug. 25, 2016.

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Autism transition study enters its third, final year

The federally funded Stepped Transition and Education Program for Students with autism works to ease students into college life.

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A transition support program for students with autism designed to ease the process into and within college is entering its third and final year.

STEPS — the Stepped Transition and Education Program for Students with autism spectrum disorder — is a government-funded study through the National Institute of Mental Health.

"In a nutshell, basically, there's a lot of interest in this type of transition program, but it's been looked at in a fairly unsystematic way," said associate professor in psychology and principal investigator Susan White. White oversees the entire project, including results, analyses and dissemination. "We have a growing need to help these students, these highly capable students, to succeed in college."

According to a flyer for the program, project participants receive compensation of up to \$115.

"It's a psychosocial intervention," said graduate research assistant Rebecca Elias. Elias' role in the program is on the research side as well as serving as a counselor on the program. "So what that means is that for the high-schoolers, we work with a parent, the high school student with autism and a school (official), so somebody they've identified at their school who is working with them pretty regularly, understands a little bit about them."

Participants are enrolled students with a present diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and are between 16

and 25 years of age.

"The program kind of focused on three main things," Elias said, "and those things are emotion regulation, self-advocacy, and time management and organization. So we work with the student; we go on a tour of a college campus."

The tour for the high school students depends on whether the student is interested in a two- or four-year college. The college students, on the other hand, look at topics that apply not only to students with autism, but college students in general.

"We're working on daily stressors, again, emotional regulation and self-advocacy," Elias said. "And in addition to those weekly counseling sessions, we also do social outings. We'll go out into the local community and we'll work on things that students might be interested in."

Finally, the program does weekly check-ins, either via phone or email, with its students.

"Our ideal target by the end of this year (is that) we hope to have 30 students who are college students and 20 students who are (in) high school and transitioning into college, so for a total of 50," Elias said. "So we're on track to meet our goal and hope to get more students this last year."

STEPS is still recruiting participants and is getting the word out about the program through the local community, including schools and email. The website for the project is stepsasd.org.

"STEPS ... is a three-year grant," White said, "and it's a pilot study, so (it is) the first

attempt to do a controlled evaluation of a new program. We are implementing a new program designed to promote success in post-secondary education for adolescents and young adults who have autism and related conditions."

The STEPS program is based off of determination theory, White said. It works to develop self-determination skills in addition to self-regulation in participants.

"Broadly, what I'm referring to is knowing your strengths and your relative weaknesses and being willing to advocate for what you need in terms of services or accommodations — the help you need, counseling, academic assistance ... knowing, 'I am the type of person who requires a note-taker,' for instance, or who requires extra sleep, who requires time in between classes to process," White said. "But it's also self-regulation, so that's managing one's emotions."

The program, according to White, has multiple components. It includes "individual sessions with a counselor, online resources and tutorials, education for school personnel at the high school and post-secondary level, and then — to the degree that it's possible — parent development training."

The implementers of this project conducted a nationwide survey to develop the program, piloted it with a group of students before implementation and received input from educators' parents as well as from students.

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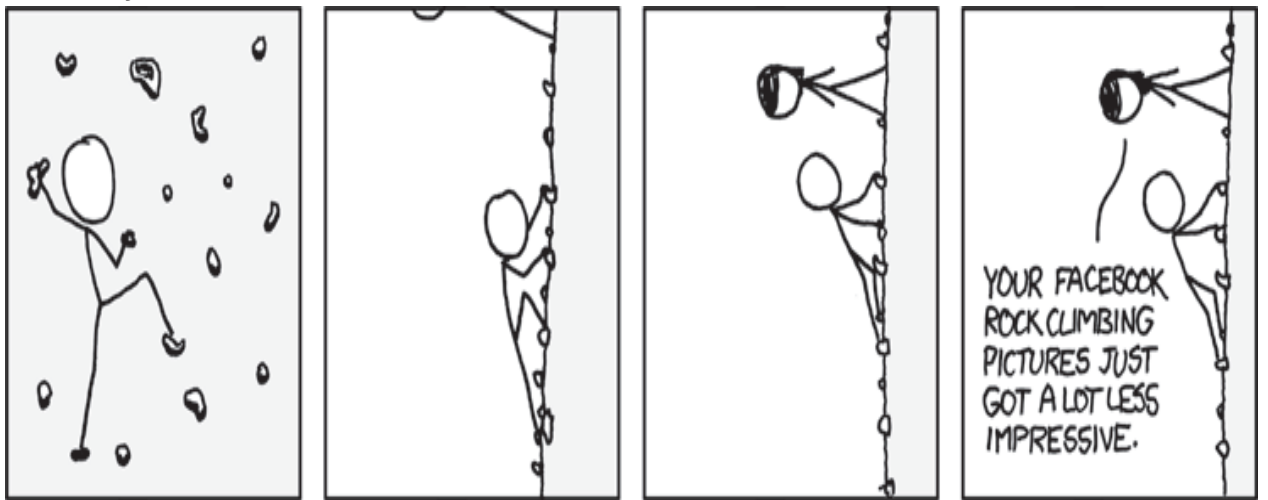
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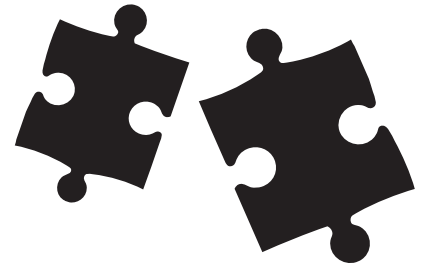
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Parachute: celebrating 10 years of music-making

The pop-rock music group performed live to a sold-out crowd at Virginia Tech's Moss Arts Center Saturday, Aug. 27.

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Students of all ages came out on Saturday night to gather in the Moss Arts Center to see the band Parachute. Based out of Charlottesville, Virginia, Parachute is a pop-rock group that formed in 2006. They have released four albums; the fourth album was released in March 2016.

The event started at 7:30 p.m. and concluded around 9:30 p.m. The auditorium was packed with excited students, and the students were entertained throughout the whole concert. With a mix of genres, Parachute, which focuses mainly on rock music and creates all original songs, uses a variety of instruments, including a saxophone, which definitely brought a unique style to Tech.

Parachute has a few mainstream songs including "Forever and Always," "Kiss Me Slowly" and "Drive You Home."

"I had heard of them years ago with their few mainstream songs, but I (went) to the concert not knowing much of

them," said sophomore public relations major Estefania Giordani.

Others like Prerna Kandasamy, a sophomore business information technology major, went into the concert having never heard the band's music before — she came out of the concert wanting to hear more of Parachute's music.

"I just like the way they sounded," Kandasamy said. "Their songs are good."

Parachute was well-received by its audience this past Saturday. Now, 10 years after its creation, the band continues to draw in crowds of Hokies, adults and even Wahoos, packing the Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre of the Moss Arts Center.

Sophomore public relations major Neeka Eghbali had only heard of Parachute from her roommate.

"I wasn't familiar with many of their songs, but their performance blew me away with the sheer amount of energy they had," Eghbali said.

The band's energy radiated off the stage and into the

audience, and concert-goers responded to the noise with equal levels of volume and excitement. The band's lead singer, Will Anderson, went down in the audience to greet the fans, only exciting them more.

Anderson went back and forth from lead vocals, to piano, to the acoustic guitar. His energy was the sole focus of the show, and audience members could not take their eyes off him.

"Forever and Always," one of its more popular songs, made the audience jump up and down in excitement. Students, adults and traveling fans waved their hands along in unison. By the end of the concert, the audience was begging for an encore, and the band came back out and played two more songs.

With a lead singer, electric guitarist, bass guitarist, drummer and saxophone player, Parachute's diverse group of music-makers did not disappoint.

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The band Parachute performs to students at the Moss Arts Center Aug. 27, 2016.

POKEMON: Tech student wins World Championship

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CT: How much time do you spend training for these competitions?

WG: Pokemon is a really cool game for a lot of reasons, and one of them is there's no technical skill. There's no button pushing skill, it's all just kind of like chess. It's all in your head, which means it doesn't go away for the most part if you don't practice.

When I was practicing for Worlds, I was in (resident advisor) training from 9 a.m. to 7, 8 or even 9 p.m. every day, so I didn't have a ton of time. In terms of training, when I don't have a tournament, I might play for two to three hours a week.

CT: What are some of your top strategies?

WG: For me, I've always been a very defensive player but I went through a period where my performances weren't as good and I think that's because I went too defensive. What generally wins Worlds is a mixture between defense and offense so one attack doesn't wreck you but you are also able to have presence.

CT: Can you describe how a tournament works?

WG: So there are two parts of the tournament. When you enter a tournament, you have

to enter a team of six different Pokemon with different attributes, and when you battle, you can bring four of those six. That's just the first part, the second part is playing with those six. So my team this time was very unconventional.

CT: What Pokemon did you choose for your team?

WG: I chose Gengar, Raichu, Hitmontop, Bronzong, and then Kyogre and Rayquaza, which are restricted. Restricted Pokemon just means that you can only choose two to be on your team because they are some of the strongest Pokemon.

CT: How was this competition different from the others you've taken part in?

WG: I got second back in 2012, which is part of why this is such a big deal for me because I came as close as possible, but I didn't win. So this was kind of a chance at redemption and a chance to prove myself and say, "Hey, I really have learned a lot since then and I'm ready now."

CT: What did you learn from that experience back in 2012?

WG: I think what's important for me is Pokemon is a game that has inherent luck built into it, there are factors out of your control. So when you lose it's very tempting

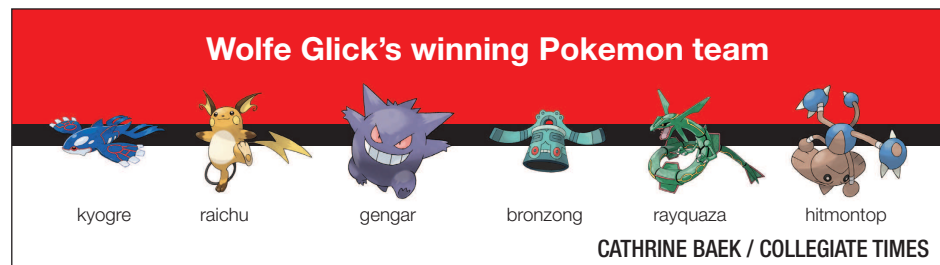
to say it was because of bad luck. For me, mindset and mentality are very important just in general in my life, and I didn't like that mindset. I wanted to believe if you play well enough, if you're smart enough and if you're clever enough, you can get around bad luck.

Having Ray Rizzo, who I lost to in 2012, serve as inspiration and saying, "Hey, this guy won Worlds three times. How much could luck have a factor if he won three times in a row in a game that is supposed to be luck dependent?" Having Ray as this proof to me that just says listen, if you're good enough you can do this. It kept me from getting discouraged.

CT: What has been the best part about competing?

WG: That's a tough one. There have been a lot of really incredible experiences. I think one of the biggest things is the people I've met. It's a very cool experience to have these people who you care about a lot but only see like five days a year, and that's kind of crazy. Being exposed to people from different cultures who speak different languages than I do and who have different perspectives is really incredible.

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Review: War Dogs

BRADY TICKLE
movie columnist



There's a scene early on in "War Dogs" in which the protagonist David Packouz describes how much it costs to arm a single soldier in the U.S. military, and the number is a staggering \$17,500.

Finding myself curious as to the accuracy of that claim, after watching the film, I did some research and, sure enough, it does indeed cost that much to arm one soldier, and the cost is projected to potentially rise up to \$60,000 with new high-tech advancements in armor and weaponry coming in the next decade.

While I personally have no problem giving my taxpayer dollars to ensure that the troops are as protected as possible, the cost of war does seem outrageously high. So high, in fact, that it's no wonder a bunch of shady corporations and individuals would want to get in on the action and make a profit. This is what drives the fact-based story of "War Dogs."

Enter Efraim Diveroli, a young stoner in his early twenties with a vision to sell guns and ammunition to the U.S. government. During the Bush administration's war in Iraq, the government used what was essentially a higher-stakes eBay to buy military goods from private contractors. While bigger corporations with larger resources were cashing in

on the big deals, people like Diveroli were able to make up to millions of dollars on smaller deals.

Diveroli and all others cashing in on the deaths of soldiers were derogatorily named "war dogs," people who make money off of the war without ever touching the battlefield. This kind of activity is still an issue of debate, as it has continued throughout the Obama administration.

During the last few years of Bush's administration, Diveroli invited his childhood buddy, Packouz, to join him in this business of selling guns to the U.S. military. Packouz, tired of his life as a massage therapist and desperate to be financially prepared for the birth of his daughter, decided to take Diveroli's offer.

Soon enough, Diveroli and Packouz's business, AEY, became filthy-stinking rich as they landed a \$300 million contract to arm U.S. allies in Afghanistan. Of course, they had to utilize shady middlemen to get proper resources for the deal, and the film follows the ethical and logistical issues that this produces. Much like "The Wolf on Wall Street," "War Dogs" takes you along for the get-rich-quick ride of its protagonists without ever glorifying them.

It's honestly hard to believe that this film is from the same director who brought us "The Hangover" trilogy. With "War Dogs," Todd Phillips has provided

us with a mature and thought-provoking movie, while still being his funniest work since 2010's underrated "Due Date." From its intense opening to its ambiguous ending, "War Dogs" is a fantastic ride.

Jonah Hill is Oscar-worthy as Efraim, switching from endearing, childhood friend to money-hungry monster with a glance. Miles Teller continues his winning streak (excluding "Fantastic Four") as Packouz, providing members of the audience with a relatable character while still keeping them at arm's length.

Bradley Cooper also steals the show for the few minutes he's in it as Henry Girard, a sleazy middleman that seems to make a profit from every bullet shot around the world. My biggest problem with the film, however, is Ana de Armas as Iz, Packouz's wife. De Armas does not have a large emotional spectrum in terms of acting, and she seems to be there merely to look pretty and serve as Packouz's connection to morality.

After a summer of somewhat disappointing films, "War Dogs" is an unexpected treat. Funny while heavily thematic, Phillips has proven that he's still got the chops to make great movies. I give "War Dogs" four and a half out of five stars.

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Tech volleyball completes opening weekend sweep

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This weekend, Virginia Tech volleyball began its season at Cassell Coliseum in the Virginia Tech/Radford Invitational and dominated its matches, winning three in a row. The Hokies' first game was against the Appalachian State Mountaineers and in a grueling five-set match, Tech won 3-2.

Rallying with Jaila Tolbert's career-best 20 kills, the Hokies outplayed the Mountaineers on the offensive end, but just barely. With two of their winning sets within only two points, the Hokies and Mountaineers dueling for over two and a half hours of play. Lindsey Owens, another top performer for the Hokies, had 22 kills for the game and, along with Tolbert, helped the Hokies grind out a tough season opener.

On Sunday, the Hokies swept Siena three matches

to none. Again, Tolbert and Owens were the Hokies' top performers, although they had help on the defensive side from players Cara Cunningham and Amanda McKinzie. The Hokies were completely dominant in this matchup and never came close to losing control of the game. By setting up their spikers and blocking the necessary shots, the Hokies made sure Siena never got its momentum going.

If the Hokies' dominance during the tournament wasn't solidified with Siena, then the sweep of University of Maryland, Baltimore County proved it. The Hokies won again in spectacular fashion with a 3-0 sweep of their opponents. They again were able to control the pace of the game and did not allow UMBC to come close to winning.

The Hokies' first weekend of the season proved to be a successful one. Besides looking

efficient on both sides of the ball, they also seemed to work very well as a team. The Hokies, now 3-0 on the season, will have to work on closing out games. This is something that they can get away with playing teams like Siena — but not against teams like Appalachian State.

This weekend was a good start to the season for Virginia Tech. It allowed them to warm up for tougher opponents, but still gave them a challenge for the beginning of the season. The Hokies' next game is during the Puerto Rico Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 1 when they play Alabama. This will be a tough matchup for Virginia Tech, but if the Hokies can work on closing out their games and continue their excellent performances, then it should be another victory on their record.



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SOCCER: Pirates walk the plank in Tech home opener

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the box. She was just inside the 18, and gave the Hokies a lead they would never lose.

"I think in the second half, those girls played with a little more desire and intensity," Adair said. "I was really happy we were able to tie it

before the first half ended, otherwise you go into the second half tight."

There were no signs of tightness in the Hokies' offense in the second half. With just under 20 minutes left in the game, Johnson scored once again on an easy cleanup goal right in front of the net to give the Hokies a 3-1

lead. Less than two minutes later, junior midfielder Laila Gray scored on a header that slid past the left post and gave the Hokies a commanding three-point lead. But just for good measure, Bridget Patch, a freshman from Islip, New York, scored a goal with eight minutes left in the game to put the Hokies up 5-1.

Patch joined Irwin as the two Hokies to score their first career goals in Friday's game. Adair has been impressed with this team's young talent, like Patch and Irwin, for a while now. "They showed some tenacity out there today," Adair said. "They've shown since the beginning of training camp that the young kids have been fit and fresh. We need more of that from the whole group. To be fit."

The Hokies don't return to Thompson Field until Thursday, Sept. 1 against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



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Laila Gray (7) reacts after scoring a goal-line header in the second half against ECU, Aug. 26, 2016.



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Men's soccer stuns Ohio State in double overtime

The Hokies battled the Buckeyes into double overtime before sophomore Marcelo Acuna knocked in a header to send Tech over Ohio State 1-0.

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If someone had said that the Virginia Tech men's soccer team would start its season by upsetting a nationally ranked team, few would believe it based on its recent track record. The Hokies, however, did just that, starting off their season in style with a double-overtime 1-0 upset victory over No. 18 Ohio State.

Friday night's matchup

against Ohio State was only the second time the Hokies have played the Buckeyes, having lost to them in 2004. Because Ohio State is ranked 18th, and the Hokies had a very rough 2015 season, it seemed as though the Buckeyes would take this game and run with it. The Hokies fought as the clear underdogs for over two and a half hours and were able to pull away a win in the end.

Tech's redshirt-freshman Will Mejia and

redshirt-senior Alessandro Mion were extremely solid in the backfield against the Buckeyes and held off Ohio State offenders the entire game. Junior Ben Lundgaard manned the goal, making three saves and fending off the Buckeyes' nine shots. This win marks Lundgaard's 10th career shutout.

Neither team was able to put up a goal during the 90 minutes of regular play, so the game moved into overtime and eventually

double overtime. In the 107th minute of play, Tech's Marcelo Acuna connected on far cross from Mion and headed the ball in the goal as Ohio State's Parker Siegfried came out of the net. Acuna was easily the player of the game, not only for this goal, but also for leading the Hokies with five shots.

This goal was huge for Acuna, as this was his first game ever played as a Hokie. Acuna played at Houston Baptist University

for a year before transferring to Virginia Tech. The 6-foot-2 sophomore will look to see more playing time after his game-winning goal.

Both teams got progressively frustrated as the scoreless game continued on and it showed in the fouls. Virginia Tech had 18 fouls in the entire game and Ohio State followed with 12. Four Hokies and one Buckeye collected yellow cards throughout the game. This win shows true

character, playing out for almost two and a half hours in the summer heat. Heart comes out in times like these, and both the Hokies and Buckeyes had plenty of it. This win sets the tone for a new Virginia Tech men's soccer team. If the team can run with this momentum, it will help it navigate through a tough season.



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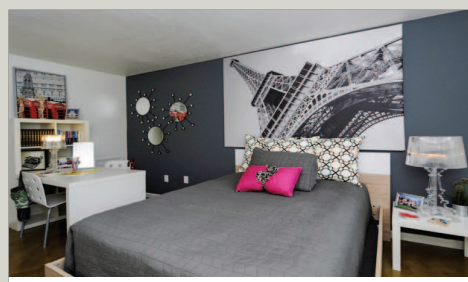
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