Matt Jones
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They lined up down the east side of the Salem Civic Center with 25 minutes until the scheduled start time of 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12. “I’m sorry sir, it’s full,” a man working security said as he closed the door to the civic center. People being turned away took turns looking around and walked away past the table and tent set up selling Donald Trump memorabilia.

At 2:43 p.m., Republican vice presidential candidate and Indiana Governor Mike Pence came to the stage that had been set up in a conference room in the center. Hundreds of people in attendance thanked in scripture, saying “amen” and “Make America Great Again”

“Hello Virginia,” Pence said after walking on stage.

“I have to get this out of the way. I was proud to be friends over the last year. I can say with 100 percent certainty that I’m a Christian, conservative and republican when it comes to politics.” Pence said the same in his later speech.

However, his speech did not end there. Several local women leaders, including Rep. Liz Venet, Vice Mayor Anita Price, held press conference outside the Civic Center at 11:30 a.m. discussing acts of sexual assault and navigating the public image. Pence said it was an absolutely disgusting and son of a bitch. I am outraged by this because this is a candidate of what the President of the United States is saying. Pence said in a statement released through the Hillary Clinton campaign. But sitting in the Civic Center, it was a very quiet atmosphere. In advance of the speech given by Pence, AACC President Mark Griffith, R. Virginia, spoke to the packed conference room saying the choice was clear on Nov. 8.

Pence back on the trail

Mike Pence, the Republican vice-presidential nominee speaks in Salem, Oct. 12, 2016.

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 17, 2016.

Tech aims to step up in conference play

Now ranked 17th in the country, the Virginia Tech football team looks to continue its rise on the road against Syracuse this weekend.

CHUCK PARKER
football beat reporter

After a dominating performance against North Carolina in the ACC regular season opener on Saturday, the Hokies will travel to Syracuse in hopes of improving to a perfect 3-0 ACC record this Saturday.

The Hokies are off to their best start since 2012, which in large part is due to Bud Foster’s “Lunch Pail Defense” -- a unit that ranks first in virtually every defensive category in the ACC. Nationally, the group is third in total defense, which still doesn’t satisfy Terrell Edmunds, Virginia Tech’s 11th-year senior.

Tech’s offense

“We want to be first in all that we do. Third is not good enough for us,” the 4-foot-2 sophomore out of Danville, Virginia, said. Foster’s defense will certainly have its hands full against the Orange. Syracuse ranks fourth in total offense in the ACC, only behind Louisville, Florida State and Clemson. The Hokies average 336.3 passing yards per game and 250.4 rushing yards per contest.

“We’ve never been a team that challenges ahead of us this week with coach (Dino) Babers and Syracuse,” said Tech head coach Frank Beamer.

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MEN’S SOCCER RECAP

Check out the Hokies defeated against Wright State in double overtime.

New building, new concerns

ELIZABETH DULL
news staff writer

The first time Kaitlyn Forgett entered the New Classroom Building, she felt something was amiss about the building.

The walls were made of glass, the hallways were wide and bright and an electronic message board could be found on the walls. Almost immediately it hit Forgett: there was nowhere to hide.

To Forgett, the new $42 million building represents an unmistakable signal in the design of the building, and a student wanted to raise this concern.

Forgett, a senior double majoring in literature and creative writing, grew up in Blacksburg and was in middle school during the April 16 shootings. Forgett is not taking classes this semester and is instead working as a teaching assistant.

Hunter Gresham, executive director of communications and IT at the Division of Student Affairs, spoke to Forgett in an email that outlined proposed steps to improve the situation.

From using their degrees to travelling the world to improve infrastructure, graduate students work hard to represent the Hokie community.

AMANDA MANOLOU KONSTANTINOU
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END OF COLLEGE TIMES
Graduates should not rely on U.S. News rankings


Every year, U.S. News & World Report releases a numerical list ranking the top graduate schools in the country for business, education, engineering, law, medicine, and nursing. The list is released each year in the fall.

While Virginia Tech’s engineering programs rank high by all key metrics — this year thevt for 21st with John Hopkins University in Maryland — many probably notice that this list should be seen as one deciding factor when looking at graduate schools.

The ranking process starts in fall of 2015, in which a News & World Report begins ranking schools on a variety of factors including statistics such as the average SAT or ACT test scores, graduation rates, and the median acceptance rates of the undergraduate program. U.S. News also conducts peer assessment surveys of current graduate students, asking them to rank the quality of their programs on a scale of one to five (five being the highest). This system also allows consistently ranked programs for science, social science and humanities, health and other programs to be ranked solely on expert opinion. Included in the 2017 rankings, for the first time since 2012, are small, liberal arts colleges. The concept of designer babies alone, which has been explored in Hollywood movies such as Brave New World, means that this technology is very powerful and must be ethically evaluated.

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PENCE: Trump supporters underlined by scandals

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between Oct. 8 and Oct. 10. Pence led Trump by nine points in the state. Pence’s Victory Fund announced that they would be reimbursing their state campaigns for the costs associated with traveling to Trump’s four points in Nevada, Florida, Iowa, and Minnesota.

However, Trump continues to continue a strategy of promising “wave after wave” of protests to keep fighting the idea that, “8 is so nice that the back seat is the best seat” and would lead to a “socialist” America into a “socialist” America 3.5 years later.

The candidates on both sides are not known for their romanticism, and they have both been connected with a religious community that is the most likely to vote for Trump. They both have strong Republican bases and will be pleased with Pence’s cancellation of an event.

In terms of Pence’s base, it is not surprising that the candidates have not wanted to draw attention to him. In contrast, Trump has been careful to avoid criticizing the candidates or bringing up their party for fear of losing support. He has also avoided bringing up the candidates’ personal lives or scandals.

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KATLEVIN MEADE  Student staff writer

Kathryn Douglass has had a passion for the environment for as long as she can remember. Douglass comes from Manhattan, Kansas (also known as “The Little Apple”), where she was surrounded by farms for her entire childhood. But beginnings are what sparked her passion, and it has since taken her all over the world and inspired her to teach others how to benefit from our environment without harming it.

Douglass graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in biological-agriculture engineering, which includes any type of engineering that is biology-based, though the field of study is shifted so many different things depending on the university. Throughout her undergraduate career, Douglass was a member of Engineers Without Borders. She eventually became president of her campus chapter of the organization, which took her to Panama to study irrigation systems. Extraordinarily, she was able to provide water systems that took each family home, and in Mozambique to learn about how farmers treat their crops.

Douglass enjoyed her time working overseas and mentioned that Mozambique is her most appreciated project. “I’ve seen a lot of stuff in my life — but their stuff is a lot worse — over half of their population is under 15 because they got out of civil war less than 25 years ago, and they eat a lot of cabbage, which they can’t digest. Their diet isn’t balanced with their population being the way it is,” Douglass said. “So I think really, really, really, really, really, really we need to help them with anything they need, especially with their education.”

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There are three positions graduate students can pursue within Residence Life: Resident Assistant (RA), Resident Advisor (RA), and Assistant Residential Life Learning Coordinator (ARLC). Graduate Assistant for Living and Learning Programs (GA LLP) and Graduate Assistant for Global Housing.

Students who have lived on campus or currently do might wonder who is sending all of those emails, and also the Resident Hall Advisors, about events occurring in the residence hall community. That person would be the ARLC of their community. Matthew Cheatham, a graduate student studying biological-agriculture engineering at Virginia Tech in this area of the university, has a passion on environment-based studies. “I’ve seen a lot of stuff in my life — but their stuff is a lot worse — over half of their population is under 15 because they got out of civil war less than 25 years ago, and they eat a lot of cabbage, which they can’t digest. Their diet isn’t balanced with their population being the way it is,” Douglass said. “So I think really, really, really, really, really, really we need to help them with anything they need, especially with their education.”

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"I think it's important for women and gender studies in women and gender studies of their own classes. Lanier is also a graduate to women and gender studies teaching-related contract by GTAs) are graduate students of their own classes. On top of their own classes, Madison Lanier are very busy. The sociology (department) over a couple of other schools. The sociology (department) really cares about their graduate students, and they care about how we are actually doing.

What is the hardest part of your life is well. I did a lot more than just grading papers — students will come to me about their public speaking anxiety. It's really interesting being to deal with college.

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Features staff writer

For all who make a living as a journalist, this is a documentary that is entirely up your alley. Released on Netflix only a couple weeks ago on Sept. 30, the documentary, *Making a Murderer* tells the story of the trial of Steven Avery, an innocent man who was convicted of murder in a foreign country. The documentary eloquently reveals left me in complete awe and story — it could not be better. I read for the love of the story, the journals on which the journalists were depicted in the film, and to believe in the truth and importance of finding the truth.

The film begins with a scene of the crime, and as the story unfolds, we are taken through the trials and tribulations of the case. The filmmakers did an excellent job of portraying the confusion and chaos of the legal system, and the viewer is almost able to feel the tension of the case as it unfolds. The interviews with both the prosecutors and defendants are riveting and intense, and the viewer is left with a sense of the complexity of the case.

The film explains that the amount of information collected throughout the case is completely overwhelming, but it is important to keep in mind that there is no single source of truth.

This leads me to believe that the film is a comprehensive look into the case, and as such, it is a must-watch for anyone interested in the case. The filmmakers did an excellent job of capturing the emotion and intensity of the case, and the viewer is left with a sense of the importance of finding the truth.

The film ends with the release of the convicted murderer, and as the viewer leaves the theatre, they are left with a sense of hope and the importance of justice. The film is a powerful reminder of the importance of truth and the need for a fair and just legal system.
New coach Kenny Brooks eyes the NCAA tournament

Virginia Tech women's basketball has a new head coach in Kenny Brooks, and he hopes to continue his postseason streak of 11 years.

As Brooks takes over a Virginia Tech program that has pieces it can build on, he is reaching out to the ACC, looking to add as many experienced players as possible. Last year, the Hokies had appeared in 11 conference tournaments, including six NCAA tournament berths and five WNIT berths.

"The NCAA experience was a lot better than the WNIT. We want to instill that in our kids and give them something to really strive for," Brooks said in a press conference Monday. Brooks now takes over after posting a record of 18–14 last year and earning a spot in the Women's National Invitational Tournament, the NCAA experience that has pieces it can build on.

One of the biggest transitions for Brooks will be to stay in this business. "I saw a lot of promising returners coming back that had successful seasons last year that you can build upon," Brooks said. After taking the job and diving into a little deeper, a name like the who you can build on.

For Brooks, there is a need for change. "Right now we're not getting to where we need to get," Brooks said. "That's a big reason I took the job. To get the most out of them.

"One of the biggest things for us this year is to learn the players' personalities, what they need to push each and every kid, what tactics we need to use with each kid. That's going to be a big part of what we need to do." Brooks added.

Another area of concern for Brooks is that many easy opportunities as Hicks had appeared in the season but was not able to take advantage of those opportunities. "We've had some of the kids getting banged up." Brooks said.

In the last year, Brooks has noticed that Hicks possesses. "I think that Hicks is going to be very, very good this year. We've had some of the kids getting banged up." Brooks said.