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Alumni and their families plan their return to Blacksburg for the 10th anniversary of the April 16 shootings, but physically uninjured survivors might not receive the same assistance as those who were injured or killed and their families.

Reunion strife for survivors

One survivor of the April 16 shootings requests financial support from Virginia Tech for the 10-year reunion’s travel expenses.

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On Sept. 7, 2016, a survivor of the April 16 shooting wrote a letter to Virginia Tech on behalf of her former classmates to request that lodging and travel expenses for the 10-year reunion be paid for by the school. Unfortunately,

Tech’s denial to this request has left Lisa Hamp, Virginia Tech alumna and computer analyst for the Department of Defense, questioning the extent of support being offered for “uninjured” survivors as opposed to those physically injured and the family members of those deceased.

“I don’t blame Virginia Tech,”

Hamp said. “I don’t think it’s Virginia Tech’s fault, but I do think that the other survivors and I deserve some additional TLC, something extra that isn’t available to the public.”

According to Hamp’s blog, Virginia Tech’s Office of Family Relations (formerly known as the Office of Recovery and Support)

has offered to cover hotel fees for those physically injured, and she sent a letter to this office in hopes of a similar outcome. Additionally, Hamp had hoped that special reservations could be made to secure spots for all students who were in the buildings during the

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Fuente’s first: Replacing a football legend

In his first season at Virginia Tech, head coach Justin Fuente exceeded expectations, beginning a new era for the Hokies.

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Following a legend is never easy, but Virginia Tech head football coach Justin Fuente handled it as well as anyone possibly could.

Flashback to October of 2015: Virginia Tech football falls in the fourth overtime at home, to Duke 45–43.

“Coming back from disappointment and showing a little character and being relentless, those things go a long way in life,” said former head coach Frank Beamer. “If a guy doesn’t give in when things are looking bleak, then you’ve got a chance. If you give in, I pretty much know how the story is going to turn out.”

Regardless of Beamer’s semi-optimistic words, the 3–5 Hokies were no longer a powerhouse in college football. You could feel tension in the air, as Beamer was not performing up to the standards that he had established for himself since he raised the bar at Virginia Tech over two decades ago. Change was necessary, but tricky, because of Beamer’s legendary status.

How do you fire a legend? Could he even be fired? Would there be backlash if the relatively new athletic director Whit Babcock fired him? All of these questions had to be taken into account when dealing with someone of

Beamer’s magnitude.

Five days later, Frank Beamer announced he would retire at the end of the season. The questions then moved from how to fire a legend to how to replace a legend, while still focusing on the current season.

Three weeks later, Virginia Tech was preparing to play in-state rival Virginia. With the Hokies’ record at 5–6, not only were bragging rights on the line, there were also concerns about bowl eligibility. Beamer knew that it was his last game if it resulted in a loss. The players were in the locker room

getting ready, knowing that this game was the biggest of their lives. Fans waited in Scott Stadium for kickoff, periodically gazing at their phones. The fans were restless, and there was a growing faction clamoring for change at the top. There seemed to be a buzz around the stadium when it was leaked from a source that Virginia Tech would hire Justin Fuente as its new head football coach. Very seldom do college football fans encounter this much potential for awkwardness, as Beamer was being replaced during the most important game of the season.

While reports were still flying around with nothing confirmed, there was a football game going on in Charlottesville. Virginia Tech played hard until the very end, and pulled off the 23–20 win over Virginia, which secured a bowl for the Hokies. Fittingly, Beamer walked off of the field with his players after a victorious effort.

The next day, all of the reports were confirmed as Virginia Tech officially hired Justin Fuente as its football coach. Beamer would coach the bowl,

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Justin Fuente, the head coach of the Virginia Tech football team, holds the Belk Bowl trophy while surrounded by his players after beating Arkansas, Dec. 29, 2016.

A how to guide: The Women’s March

If you are planning on traveling to the capital for the Women’s March on Washington, prepare yourself with these tips.

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Over 200,000 people RSVPed to march in the nation’s capital on Saturday, the day after President-Elect Donald Trump’s inauguration. The rally, officially titled the Women’s March on Washington by its organizers, is aimed to send a message to Trump and the rest of the government that the destructive language present in this election cycle against women, the LGBT community and people of color will no longer be tolerated.

What is the Women’s March, anyway?

What started out as separate grassroots efforts on Facebook

cumulated into a national effort, with many sister marches spurring up across the country and even in other countries like Canada. Celebrities like Amy Schumer, Zendaya and Sky Ferreira have also committed to attending the rally and march.

What to expect:

The rally starts at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Independence Avenue and Third Street and will have guest speakers and activists present. The 1.5-mile march will start at 1:15 p.m. and go until 5 p.m.

Similarly, because the Women’s March on Washington has permits from the city to march, arrests or anything besides the hired police

protective presence is not expected to be an issue.

Marshals trained in nonviolent crowd control will also be among the crowd. Portable bathrooms, medical tents and disability accommodations will also be available along the route in the spirit of comfort and inclusivity. The organizers of the march also provided a hotline for legal help in the case that anyone is arrested and needs consultation.

Here are my six personal tips and things to consider when going to a march of this magnitude that I’ve picked up from going to similar past events in the capital:

Know your rights.

Although you and I have a right

to speech and assembly, there are some circumstances where these rights might be infringed upon in a protest. Check out the American Civil Liberties Union’s website which goes over your First Amendment rights and has some suggestions on what to do and how to act if you or someone around you is arrested.

Pack smart and pack light.

Backpacks and large tote bags are not permitted and other bags may be searched at any time, which means that a fanny pack or a small purse is going to be your friend. Check the official march website for other restrictions, like

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Students omitted from SPOT

Virginia Tech students who withdraw from a course are not able to submit feedback on the class or evaluate the professor.

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At the end of every semester, students are bombarded with emails reminding them to evaluate their professors on SPOT (Student Perceptions of Teaching). However, this system omits a critical group of students: those who withdrew from courses.

Students withdraw from courses for a host of reasons: the workload is too much, the course turns out to not match the online description, the professor’s style is not effective, etc. Regardless of reason, these students are excluded from the university’s “centrally supported method for gathering student feedback on courses and instruction.”

Withdrawals constitute roughly 3 percent of all grades each semester. In spring 2016 the tally was 3,484 withdrawals. At a university with an average SPOT response rate of 30 percent (the response rate made a surprising jump in fall 2016 to 60.5 percent), this figure becomes significant.

However, there are concerns that allowing students who withdraw to evaluate their professors opens the door to weaponizing the system. Historically low response rates grant disgruntled students the ability to skew a professor’s mean scores — students who, by definition, don’t get the full experience of the course.

For example, according Mark Embree, a professor of mathematics, a student frustrated by low test scores in the beginning of a semester may not appreciate a generous curve applied at the end of the year. This allows a student “who didn’t complete the class ... to basically vote on my performance,” he said.

School of Visual Arts Assistant Professor Meaghan Dee suggests a balance: the feedback should be collected, but categorized separately from the rest of the survey responses.

“You don’t want to ... get evaluated by someone who may be vengeful towards you, like if they’re being almost forced to drop the class. But it would also be nice to know — of the students who drop the class — this is what they had to say,” Dee said.

SPOT evaluations have the potential to play a role in departmental budgets in the future. As part of the Beyond Boundaries initiative, Virginia Tech will transition to a performance-based budget in the 2018–19 school year, in which the university administration will determine the budget of



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Thanks, Obama for eight years of moving forward

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” —President Barack Obama, Farewell Address, Jan. 10, 2017

After eight years, the presidency of Barack Hussein Obama, our country’s first African-American president, has reached its end. This man of intelligence, determination and optimism tackled numerous issues as he stood by all the citizens of our nation. I want to thank our president for these past eight years, which have made me a proud citizen.

Thank you, for standing by all Americans.

In alliance with Obama’s advocacy, history was made on June 25, 2015, when same-sex marriage was defended by the Supreme Court, and all citizens could happily marry. As Obama stated in his farewell address, “In my second inaugural address, I said that if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well. It is gratifying to see that principle enshrined into law by this decision.”

One of Obama’s first executive actions was signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was a step to obliterate wage discrimination against women. He also nominated two women to the Supreme Court, with Sonia Sotomayor becoming the first Latina Justice to ever serve in United States history.

He has never failed to acknowledge any sort of racial discrimination. In his farewell address, he gave direct remarks toward white Americans, native-born Americans, blacks and other groups on how each of these groups could make steps toward eliminating discrimination and come together as a whole. As he stated, “We all have to try harder; we all have to start with the premise that each of our fellow citizens loves this country just as much as we do, that they value hard work and family just like we do, that their children are just as curious and hopeful and worthy of love as our own.”

Thank you, for growing our economy.

Obama started his term during the country’s worst economic collapse since the Great Depression. Although many of his economic policies were controversial, there were multiple advantages. His policies revolved around the middle class. As he stated at a campaign event in 2012, “The vision of a strong middle class is what we’re fighting for. What we need is somebody who’s going to fight every single day to grow the middle class because that’s how our economy grows, from the middle out, from the bottom up, where everybody has got a shot. That’s how the economy grows.”

He signed multiple economic stimulus packages, such as the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. He came in to help stimulate the automotive industry after the financial crisis in 2009. This helped the companies Chrysler and General Motors become more fuel efficient, saving around 3 million jobs and creating around 250,000 jobs since then. He regulated the big banks by the signing of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in 2010, which strengthened regulations in the financial sector and clarified which agencies regulated banks.

He created a total of 11.3 million jobs, brought the unemployment rate from 10 percent to 4.7 percent and signed the Recovery Act which saved millions of jobs by cutting taxes. With all his efforts, he led us out of the Great Recession in 2008.

Thank you for standing by your policies.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was one of Obama’s most significant policies because of how controversial

it became. He has battled many members of the Tea Party since the start of it all, but he still accomplished many things as he stood by his plan. Over 12 million citizens are covered under this insurance plan.

He was a leader who fought for the Paris Agreement, which was an agreement between the countries who signed it to reduce carbon emissions and increase carbon trade. He also enacted the Carbon Reduction Regulations in 2014, which helped reduce carbon emissions, and the Clean Power Plan in 2015, which helped power plants increase renewable energy production by 30 percent.

Thank you for being our leader.

Obama started his term with a war going on in Iraq. With over 30,000 American soldiers injured and over 4,000 dead, it came to an end as all troops were pulled out on December 2011 by our commander-in-chief.

The dynamic of our nation completed turned over following the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. Any further threats from Osama Bin Laden were eliminated when he was killed in Pakistan during his tenure. This was one of his biggest accomplishments, as Americans could finally let go of the final reminder of one of the country’s most horrific tragedies.

Obama is also the first president in United States history to visit Cuba and meet with Raul Castro, restoring diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Cuba. He also led the United States, among five other world powers, to strike the Iran deal. He also stands by Syria, as he issued his goal to accept 10,000 refugees.

Thank you for being a great human.

Whether you agree with his political views or not, Obama is a likable guy. His charismatic personality has proven that he never takes life too seriously, especially since he laughs at his own jokes.

How could we forget about his light-hearted conversations with talk show hosts, his showing off his basketball skills and his most recent White House Correspondents’ Dinner, where he made jokes about everything ranging from Jay-Z to Taylor Swift, and ended the night with a literal mic drop. Or when he did an Al Green impression, got a bear hug from the pizza man and, my personal favorite, when he slow-jammed the news with Jimmy Fallon.

Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama have put smiles on our faces from exchanging Valentine’s Day messages on The Ellen Degeneres Show, dancing with Stormtroopers on Star Wars Day, publicly teasing each other in their speeches and teaming up to help stop a baby from crying. They are the epitome of “relationship goals.”

Thank you for going eight years without a scandal. Thank you for giving us hope.

In his 2008 campaign, his campaign slogan was “Change We Can Believe In.” His platform from then to now has been built on change. As he stated in his Farewell Address, “I am asking you to believe, not in my ability to bring about change — but in yours.”

His seriousness in his job. His love for his family. His compassion in his speeches. His faith in the country. His hope for citizens. He built a vision for what he believes we can achieve. Regardless of his political views, he is a down to earth and resilient man. Obama has made controversial decisions without a doubt, but the efforts he put into this country will not be forgotten. Despite the multiple challenges this nation has faced, he strived to show us how the nation should unite together. Through his moving speeches, compassion for the country and faith in its citizens, he restored our dignity.

Thank you, Obama, for representing our country, and giving the youth, like me, a role model with which to grow up.

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Russian interference a blow to democratic confidence

Allegations of Russia hacking into institutions during the 2016 election season should be met by serious action in defense of voter integrity.

Various news cycles have been dissecting the outcome of the election since it ended, and we are constantly hearing about Trump’s cabinet picks or his plans for when he takes over the Oval Office.

However, I am still wondering the following: have we all just accepted the fact that Russia may have hacked into our election? Are we all moving on from that?

Russia intervened in our election. It has been proven repeatedly since November. The CIA has proven that Russia interfered with our presidential election, and while it is unsure of whether Russia aided Trump’s victory (though it is suspected), our nation’s agencies are 100 percent sure that Russia intruded into our election.

This means that every single person who went out and voted on Nov. 8 was vulnerable to having their vote tampered with, or maybe even changed, as our government is still unsure of the results of this hacking whether it was direct or indirect, and even the overall capabilities that Russia possesses.

If that does not scare you, make you uncomfortable or worried, then it should.

This election may not have been in the hands of the voters. It may not have been decided by the people of the United States. This election was impacted by a country that is over 5,000 miles away from our capital and was simply concerned with the president who would be easiest to deal with for the next four years. They had no concern for our schools, our healthcare, our Supreme Court or the future of our country.

And, if this was the case, it worked. For all we know, Russia could have changed the outcome of this election and could continue to do this to our presidential elections in the future. It may have already decided the direction to which our country is headed, and this could be just the beginning.

This is a horrifying situation our country has found itself in. It is terrifying that we could spend an entire election season hanging on to every word of our chosen candidate, watch every debate, volunteer for their campaign, then eventually head to the polls, proud as ever, only

to have another country decide the fate of ours.

This should not be a partisan issue and this should bother every voter in the country.

President Obama addressed this problem in an interview with NPR, saying, “I think there is no doubt that when any foreign government tries to impact the integrity of our elections that we need to take action, and we will at a time and place

“It is terrifying that we could spend an entire election season hanging onto every word of our chosen candidate ... only to have another country decide the fate of ours.”

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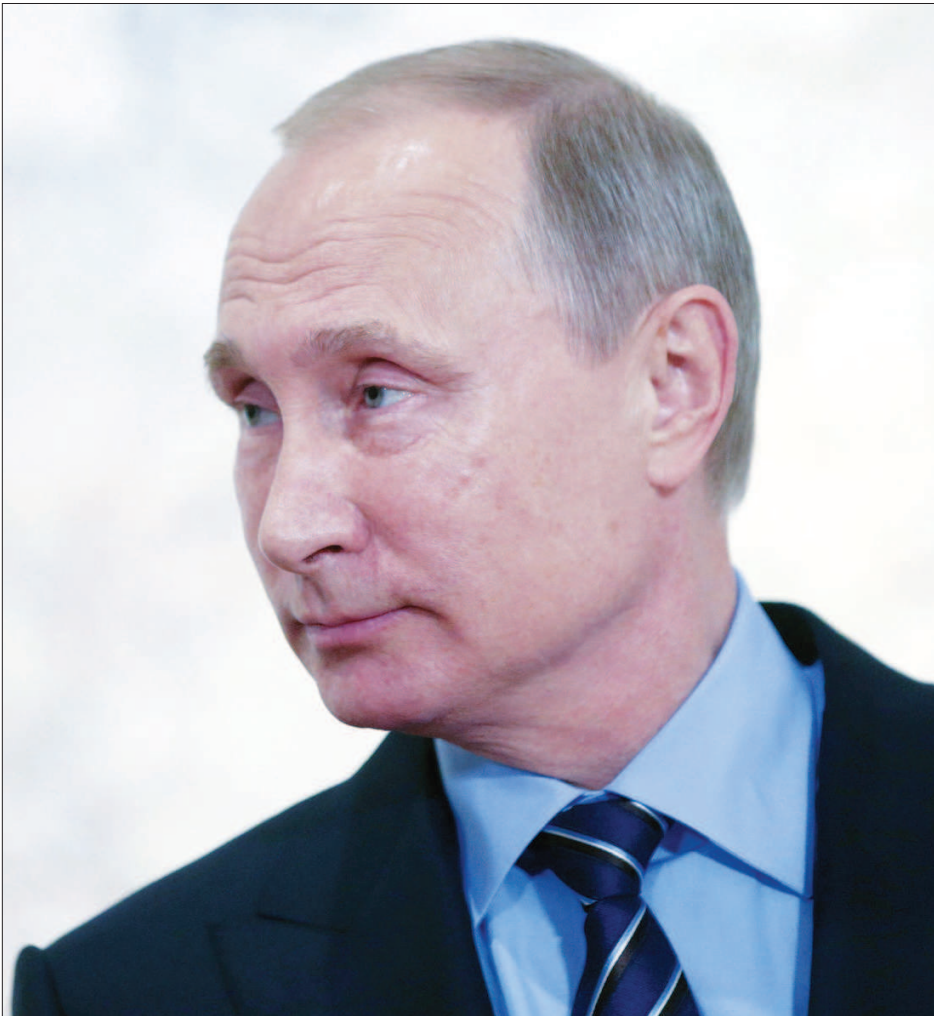
Since then, he has placed sanctions on Russia. According to statements from the White House and the Treasury Department, the government has sanctioned nine Russian entities and individuals over their interference in the election.

But is it enough? Are sanctions enough to give our voters peace of mind? Maybe for some, but definitely not for all — especially when the president-elect, until very recently, refused to accept the possibility of Russian involvement despite the recommendation of several intelligence agencies stating otherwise.

What’s worse? When Trump moves into the Oval Office on Friday, he has the power to reverse these sanctions (which he has already said he is considering), leaving Russia with no punishment and forcing our country forward like nothing ever happened.

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New year, new you and new trends in makeup

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New year, new you — or at least new makeup trends. Although 2017 doesn't seem like much of a change (except for our new president, but I will leave that for a different article), allow this to be the year you venture out into the world of makeup and try some new techniques.

I understand some of you may think, "What's the point of even trying that super-impossible-looking winged eyeliner that only looks good on Gigi Hadid?" The point is to do it for you and only you.

Be bold. This is the year for women to take control and rule themselves; and what better way to do so than making your lashes look extra dramatic? I'm talking heavy mascara and maybe even some fake lashes. The darker the better.

To create an even more dramatic, demanding look, try applying burgundy mascara to add an extra pop.

Celebrity makeup artist Patrick Ta expressed his "love affair" with the deep burgundy shade which he uses to coat lashes. According to Elle, "To keep it from making you look tired, opt for a dark formula that shows its true hue only when it catches the light."

In addition to playing up the eyelashes, worldwide makeup brand Maybelline declared metallic gold eyeshadow as a fall 2016 trend and Elle magazine proclaimed the trend would stick around for 2017. If this strikes you as unsettling, Ta backs up this trend as well, along with fellow celebrity

makeup artist Nina Park.

To provide one more source to ensure your faith in this trend — women's fashion magazine Harper's Bazaar also supports the metallic lid.

As stated by Harper's Bazaar, "Metallics are still trending, but for 2017 we're expecting to see them done in a much more delicate fashion. Think: swipes of silver shadow across the lids, or a touch of gold highlighter along the cheekbones. Nothing more, nothing less."

Furthermore, makeup users are starting to shy away from the basic browns and blacks for eyeshadow colors. Today's newest palettes are featuring more shades of pinks, peaches, maroons and even blues.

Kylie Jenner's newest product, "The Royal Peach Palette," includes shades like burnt orange, bright peach and royal blue. Likewise, makeup company Too Faced re-released its "Sweet Peach" eyeshadow palette during December. As hinted in the name, the colors featured in the palette fall along the lines of peach.

Along with the palette came oil lip glosses, a blush and a highlighting palette — all following the same peachy theme.

According to Elle, "'Think of this color as the 'new neutral,' says (makeup artist Daniel) Martin, who loved seeing the rosy shade at Dior, Pucci and Isabel Marant. And the beauty of a neutral is you can pull it off on any part of your face. 'Draped sheer and high on the cheeks, graphic yet soft on the eyelids or as a

healthy glow on the lips,' says Martin. 'Pink adds a fresh take to a bare face.'"

Taking the focus away from the eyes, 2017 is the year to sport a clear, radiant face. Forget the heavy contour and center your makeup routine around letting your skin breathe. If you feel that you must apply face makeup, buy skin products that specifically promote skin health.

For example, RMS Beauty's "Un Cover-up" is formulated to enhance the look of your skin while also rejuvenating it. Clinique also sells a foundation that is made with broad spectrum SPF. Benefits from using its "Even Better Makeup Broad Spectrum SPF 15" foundation include brighter complexion and fewer signs of aging.

To get back to the basics, Harper's Bazaar is bringing back plain black liner along the eye's inner waterlines. If you find the cat-eye too hard to perfect, applying eyeliner to your waterline is the fast and easy go-to. You can control the look as well; to make your eyes pop, heavily apply a black liner. To create a more natural, relaxed look, go easy on the application and try a brown liner.

Whether it's toning down the look or majorly toning it up — the goal for 2017 is to bring more attention to yourself. Go into the new year with a fresh face. Be you and be bold.

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REVIEW: PATRIOTS DAY

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Director Peter Berg definitely has a niche. Specifically, that niche is to tell true stories of heroism in the face of harrowing odds, placing Markie Mark (minus the proverbial "Funky Bunch") front and center.

Whether it is "Lone Survivor," "Deepwater Horizon" or his most recent film, "Patriots Day," Berg consistently delivers solid craftsmanship and sincere emotion. However, considering that "Patriots Day" follows the events of the very recent Boston Marathon bombing, I was worried that this would be an exploitative movie, cashing in on a horrific tragedy. Fortunately, my concerns were needless, as Berg has given us his best film yet.

"Patriots Day" works both dramatically and as a solemn, heartfelt tribute to the police officers, FBI investigators, nurses, doctors and civilians who came together to track down some truly evil individuals.

Mark Wahlberg stars as police officer Tommy Saunders, a fictionalized character who, while still fully fleshed out and realized, acts as our narrative guide through the events of the bombing,

interacting with characters based on people who are actually real and were present during the tragedy.

Once the bombings are captured in all kinds of grisly, terrifying detail, the film quickly turns into a manhunt as Bostonians come together to track down the perpetrators, terrorists Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

The scene of the bombing is particularly intense, especially since children are involved. From then on, the intensity remains throughout the duration of the film, resulting in one of the most edge-of-your-seat action movies of the year.

Of course, the main reason the film works is due to its caring depiction of everyone who helped out during a time when goodness seemed like a mere dream as opposed to something tangible.

John Goodman, as usual, is excellent in his portrayal of Ed Davis, the former Boston Police Commissioner who helped the FBI with its investigation of the incident. Kevin Bacon is great as FBI agent Richard DesLauriers, who headed the FBI's search for the terrorists. J.K. Simmons steals the show as Watertown Police Sergeant Jeffrey Pugliese, who assisted the hunt.

One of the best true stories

in the movie, though, revolves around the portrayal of newlyweds Patrick Downes and Jessica Kensky (played respectively by Christopher O'Shea and Rachel Brosnahan), who were standing near the finish line when the bombs went off. Downes ended up losing one leg, and Kensky ended up losing both of her legs. Without spoiling anything here, the couple makes a powerfully moving comeback, refusing to let the loss of their limbs keep them down.

Another amazing story involves Bostonian Dun Meng (played by Jimmy O. Yang), who was captured by the terrorists and had to bravely escape to help the authorities catch them.

Overall, "Patriots Day" is not only Peter Berg's best film, but a fantastic tribute to the Bostonians who worked together and rose to the occasion after losing so much. While there are a couple of cheesy, cliched scenes here and there (particularly in the beginning), it is an enthralling look at the worst terrorist attack since Sept. 11. I give "Patriots Day" four and a half out of five stars.


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BE A FORCE

Emma Handzo trained to be an astrophysicist. But she found her greatest challenges weren't amongst the stars; they were right in front of her—a battle with cancer, a struggle with hearing loss. Rather than turn away, she embraced them.

Emma realized her greatest potential was in helping others overcome the impossible. She didn't enroll in the Carey Business School to learn how to lead. She did it to make an impact. And through her coursework, she's discovered how the physics of a life with impact can be found in a familiar equation: force equals mass times acceleration. The mass of the unsinkable human spirit. The power of ideas to accelerate the journey from problem to solution.

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FUENTE: Turning the page for Tech football while building on a legacy

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which would be the final game of his coaching career. He finished his final season in a manner representative of his career: victorious and classy.

With the 2015 season complete, Fuente took the reins at Tech. He knew that he had to turn over a new leaf in Blacksburg, while instilling the culture that Beamer had built. Fuente made a smart move in his first few days as head coach by both retaining defensive coordinator Bud Foster and naming Foster associate head coach. The move not only helped Virginia Tech on the field, but it made the transition period more comfortable for the players and fans.

"Bud is going to be our associate head coach," Fuente said. "For me, it was an obvious thing. In a very short time, it was very apparent, his pulse on Virginia Tech, his quality as a person. He is a natural fit."

From the first day on the job, Fuente brought quarterback Jerod Evans along with him. Evans, who transferred from Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, eventually broke several single-season school records at Tech. Having Evans along with some strong wide receivers and a pretty good defense, it seemed that Virginia Tech would be atop all of the preseason rankings. However, this did not happen. Instead, the Hokies were projected in a preseason media vote to finish fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division, which was the worst preseason prediction

for Tech since the conference went to division play in 2005. Furthermore, most pundits gave Virginia Tech a 5 percent chance of winning its division.

With high expectations from fans and low expectations from the media, Fuente had to balance the approach he took with the Hokies. By the time the season began, Fuente felt confident, but approached the fall with a "Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far," mentality. A week before the first game of the 2016 season, Fuente made a decision to honor Beamer. Fuente announced that the top special teams player of the week would wear jersey No. 25, which was Beamer's jersey when he played at Tech.

"We're going to have one player wear No. 25, a special teams player each week, as an honor to that player. Obviously, that was (Beamer's) number when he played here. And it's exciting about our kids will be excited about as well," Fuente said.

Everything was finished in the offseason, and it was time to play. Virginia Tech played its opening game against Liberty, and won 36-13. Now that the jitters were out of Fuente's system, he could start running things the way he wanted. The next game for the Hokies was against Tennessee in front of the largest crowd in the history of the sport in Bristol, Tennessee. The Hokies could not get the job done due to sloppy turnovers throughout the game.

Virginia Tech was 1-1 and pundits were saying, "I told you so." Although the Hokies were not favored, they still looked inconsistent

throughout the game, and Fuente was not happy about it.

"We've obviously got to do a better job of teaching or understanding or recognizing ball security, because we're inadequate, to say the least, right now," Fuente said. "So we'll look at it and come up with a plan, but what we're doing, what we've done in the past, it hasn't been an issue, so obviously we need to change, modify it in order to give ourselves a chance."

The turning point in the season was Virginia Tech's win over the University of North Carolina in hurricane conditions. Two of the nation's most efficient quarterbacks, Evans and UNC's Mitch Trubisky, were on display and UNC was favored to win the game. Instead, the Hokies came into Kenan Memorial Stadium and won every possible aspect of the game. After the game, quarterback Evans voiced his opinion on how the season was going for Tech.

"We were tired of hearing about everybody else — UNC, Miami, Clemson, Louisville," Evans said. "Those are great teams, don't get me wrong. But at the same time, we feel like we should be mentioned with those guys. So every week we have a statement we want to make. So it's proving who we are as a team."

The Tennessee game must have lit a spark under Fuente and his team, because they won eight of the next 11 games and snuck into the ACC Championship Game. A new coach at Tech, who had replaced an icon of southwest Virginia, suddenly found himself in the ACC title game.

While Fuente was preparing for easily the toughest game of his coaching career, his name popped up in the news. This time, it was to announce he had won the ACC Coach of the Year award, making him the first coach in his first season at an ACC school to earn the distinction since Georgia Tech's Paul Johnson in 2008. In Fuente's acceptance speech, he reminded everyone that Beamer was still a part of the school, even though Fuente had no reason or obligation to do so.

"I can't tell you what a tremendous honor it is to be recognized as the ACC Coach of the Year," Fuente said. "I want to thank (ACC) Commissioner (John) Swofford; Whit Babcock, our athletic director; Dr. Sands, our president of Virginia Tech, for having the faith in me to take over, coming off of the legendary career of Coach Beamer."

It is easy to quantify what Fuente has done on the field, but it is almost impossible to quantify the way he seamlessly turned the page for Virginia Tech football. In his first season, Fuente led his team to the ACC Championship Game and a 10-win season, which had not been done in five years at Virginia Tech.

Replacing a legend is not easy, but Fuente made it feel like the legend never left. The future is very bright in Blacksburg for all of Hokie Nation under Fuente's command.



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MARCH: How to prepare for the Women's March in D.C.

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the bans of foldable chairs and signs held up by wooden sticks.

Bring some water, snacks and a form of identification, like a driver's license. Since the march and rally are going to go all day, a portable, battery-powered phone charger would be good to bring if you have room. Some seasoned protesters recommend bringing a bandana in case the march escalates and the police start using tear gas on the crowd.

Be kind to your feet and dress in layers.

Although the weather in D.C. is supposed to be in the 50s and cloudy, that can change; it might be cold in the morning or the temperature might drop in the late afternoon. Standing still during the rally might call for a jacket, but when the march starts and people get moving, shedding a layer may be necessary.

Have someone to march with, or text someone and update them throughout the day on your location.

Although the Women's March has been thoroughly planned and has plenty of security lined up for safety, the situation could change quickly and a buddy may come

in handy. In case something happens to you, texting someone where you are throughout the day or sharing your location with a friend is a necessary precaution. Just be aware that cell service may be hard to come by during the march due to the large influx of people.

Public transportation in, out and around D.C. is a must.

Washington is going to be very crowded from the combination of people who are going to the inauguration and the march, so the roads and traffic will be crazy. Use the Metro's rail or bus system to get around. Both systems have stops in Virginia and Maryland as well as around D.C.

Make a sign with a catchy slogan.

The purpose of the march is to unite as women, voice our issues and have them heard. To better do this, some groups are creating and posting posters and banner ideas online. Some slogans include classic phrases like "Women's rights are human rights," and others are specific to Trump's rhetoric, like "I am a proud nasty woman."



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individual colleges in part by their performances in achieving university-level strategic goals.

According to Ken Smith, vice provost for resource management and institutional effectiveness, there has been interest in incorporating SPOT data into this new budget system.

This would not be the first time Smith and his team looked to SPOT results for guidance — drawing from comments students submitted on the physical space of their classrooms, the university spent \$2.8 million renovating McBryde Hall 100, the heavily used 540-seat

instructional auditorium.

The administration has not yet decided how — if at all — SPOT data will be incorporated into the new budgeting model.

“How it would be used and how it would be weighted is one of these questions that would still be open,” Smith said.

This is no easy question to answer, as student evaluations of teaching across the country are plagued with low response rates, accusations of bias and, at least at Virginia Tech, excluding those who withdraw from courses.

“I do think it’s an ethical dilemma to have your budget be related to your SPOT evaluations because in my opinion you don’t

want to set up a scenario where teachers feel like they have to pander to students, whether that’s with grades or trying to get good evals,” Dee said.

“

I’m glad that students at Virginia Tech have high standards for the teaching that goes on here.”

Mark Embree
professor of mathematics

Currently, the university administration collects

data on the number of Ds, Fs and withdrawals for each course. This quantitative data — in place of the qualitative data that would be offered by SPOT evaluations — works to “shine the spotlight” on courses that need attention, according to Smith.

“The administration pays very close attention to what’s called the DFW rate,” Embree said, referring to the D, F and W grades students receive in each course. “So while students might feel that they’re disenfranchised if they can’t fill out a SPOT evaluation ... administration certainly still is noticing that there were, say, a particularly high number of withdrawals in

this course.”

Embree also pointed out that if students do have problems with a course or a professor, there are other avenues of expression besides SPOT: students can reach out to the head of their department, or to the dean of their college. Considering these alternative routes, Embree states, “I’m not sure that a SPOT evaluation is the most compelling.”

At Embree’s previous institution, Rice University in Texas, student evaluations were made public to all students. Instead of visiting ratemyprofessor.com or some other rating site, students could look up reviews posted by their peers to determine the pros

and cons of each professor.

“I’m glad that students at Virginia Tech have high standards for the teaching that goes on here — that’s very important that students continue to press for quality instruction,” Embree said. “It’s a two-way street. By engaging in the classroom, being present and being active, that makes it easier for faculty to respond as well. I think it’s really a symbiotic relationship between students and faculty.”

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REUNION: Survivors turn to GoFundMe for travel funds

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shooting spree.

Hamp was a junior in a computer science class at 205 Norris Hall — one of the classrooms that was attacked on the morning of April 16. Despite 10 years passing, Hamp vividly recalls her classmates barricading the classroom with desk chairs and pushing at the base of the doors while the gunman shot bullets, luckily missing the students and teacher assistant and instead piercing through their windows.

“He would shoot at the door, but when he came the second time the barricade was a lot stronger because we were able to add more desks,” Hamp said. “The first time we were just scrambling ... We stayed in our classroom for 30–35 more minutes before we let the police (come in) and that was really scary because on the other side of this door someone is going to have a gun, they are either here to help us or hurt us.”

Hamp explained that her traumatic experience truly began after recognizing that the screams and cries heard during the time they were hiding in the classroom were linked with the loss of a life. This reality became increasingly clear as she exited the doors with police escorts and spent the rest of the day with family and friends in grievance. Even after making the courageous decision to come back as a senior in the fall, Hamp was unable to comprehend the long-term effects that she would experience back at school or in the workplace.

“Going back to class was not fun,” Hamp said. “I would pick my seat strategically based on things like, ‘If someone were to come into this classroom what

would be my best escape plan?’ Every classroom I sat in, I had an escape plan.”

Mark Owczarski, assistant vice president of university relations, stresses that the intention of the university has always been to provide broad support for the Hokie community, while the Office of Family Relations explicitly states that its

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I would pick my seat strategically based on things like, ‘If someone were to come into this classroom what would be my best escape plan?’”

Lisa Hamp
April 16 survivor

purpose is to provide support for the families of the physically injured as well as the families of those who lost their lives that day. Owczarski acknowledges that there are many others that have been greatly affected by this day.

“I can’t speak to her personal case nor can I speak to the needs of individual students,” Owczarski said. “I think many people will forever be affected by the tragedy of that day and there were people who were profoundly affected because they lost a loved one: a son, a daughter, a husband, a wife, a parent and all of that. There were other people who were physically injured, whether it be from trying to flee or being wounded, and the Office of Family Relations (was) focused on these groups.”

Owczarski welcomes

individuals to continue to voice concerns or request resources such as tailgates, reunions and family gatherings which have been sought out in the past.

“If any individual (or) any Hokie comes forward and says, ‘I want to have a gathering,’ ‘I want to have a reunion,’ ‘I want to seek help,’ we are not going to turn those people away,” Owczarski said.

As mentioned on Hamp’s GoFundMe page, she has determined costs of the survivors in her classroom and hopes to raise enough money for other uninjured survivors in the building.

“For me I have a whole classroom of uninjured people, but someone could be in a classroom where they were physically injured,” Hamp said. “The goal is just in general to help that population of physically uninjured.”

Regardless of the Office of Family Relations supplying funds for the remaining survivors, Owczarski foresees the reunion being effective in the community’s healing process and would like to dedicate these services in honor of the 32 lives lost on this day.

“I was here since 2003,” Owczarski said. “I guarantee you I will be shedding my share of tears on that day when I think back to the totality of what happened but first and foremost, for me personally, it will be remembering the lives lost and remembering the families who were most profoundly affected.”

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Hokies defeat Deacons, remain perfect at Cassell

After taking its first loss of the season to Miami last Wednesday, the women's basketball team bounced back, beating Wake Forest 72–70.

TODD SMITH
women's basketball beat writer

Coming off of its first loss of the season last Wednesday in Miami, the No. 17 Virginia Tech women's basketball team returned home for another ACC matchup against Wake Forest. The Hokies bounced back, beating the Demon Deacons by a final score of 72–70 and improving to 16–1 for the year and 3–1 in the ACC.

“Every ACC game you have to bring your best A-game,” said guard Chanette Hicks. “Anything can happen and they’re in our league for a reason.”

The game was in question early on due in large part to poor shooting from the home team during the first semester. Virginia Tech trailed 15–7 after the first frame, shooting just 12.5 percent from the floor (two for 16).

The deficit continued to grow as Wake Forest pulled ahead 22–9 before the Hokies’ head coach Kenny Brooks called a timeout.

The timeout proved to be a turning point in Monday afternoon’s affair, as Virginia Tech came out of the huddle and promptly went on a 15–0 run of its own, gaining the lead midway through the quarter and holding it for the rest of the game.

“(Brooks) said to just play our game,” Hicks said. “We were letting them pick the tempo or do whatever, and that’s not us.”

“We went to a zone, which I’m not thrilled about, but I thought it was very effective for us,” Brooks added. “The offensive adjustment, I just told them, ‘Get the ball to Regan (Magarity).’”

Magarity finished the game with 14 points and 10 rebounds, her fifth straight game posting a double-double. The sophomore forward has been a key for the Hokies this season and

is now averaging a double-double on the year.

The second half seemed to be dominated by the Hokies, who led by as many as 16 in the fourth quarter. However, Wake Forest would not go away quietly, producing a 15–2 run of its own in the fourth quarter, cutting Virginia Tech’s lead to three.

“I think we just didn’t focus on finishing the plays,” Magarity said. “They got a lot of offensive rebounds and put-backs, and that’s where they killed us and went on that run.”

In the end, the two teams traded baskets the rest of the way, and the Hokies were able to hold on for the victory.

As has been the case for much of the season, Virginia Tech was led by Hicks, who finished with a career-high 29 points along with seven assists and five rebounds, once again doing it all for the team.

“She’s unlike anybody else in our league, in my opinion,” said Wake Forest’s head coach Jen Hoover. “She’s just so fast, and she loves to play defense. She wreaks havoc on other teams.”

“The one position I played was the point guard. I always think that she can do more,” Brooks said. “You guys see how she impacts the game, but she has a capability of impacting the game even more, and that’s scary. It’s scary, and it’s dangerous.”

The Hokies will continue their run through the gauntlet known as the ACC as they travel to No. 15 Duke on Thursday before returning home next Sunday to face No. 7 Florida State in Cassell Coliseum.

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Sidney Cook (2) goes for the layup against Wake Forest, Jan. 16, 2017.



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Joey Dance does a reversal against Chattanooga's Alonzo Allen. Dance would win this match and advance to 3–0 on the season, Nov. 13, 2016.

Dance and Peters earn ACC performer of the week honors

Senior wrestler Joey Dance won his second ACC honor of the year as sophomore diver Ashlynn Peters continues to shine for the H2Ookies.

KYLE COOKE
assistant sports editor

Diving and wrestling are about as dissimilar as two sports can be, but they do have one thing in common: individual performances contribute to the team’s success. In that spirit, senior wrestler Joey Dance and sophomore diver Ashlynn Peters have added to their individual resumes, both being named the ACC athlete of the week in their respective sports. This is Dance’s second ACC Wrestler of the Week honor this season. Ty Walz is the only other Hokie wrestler to win the award this season. Dance won his first weekly honor early in the season when he defeated three ranked opponents on his way to winning the Cliff

Keen Las Vegas Invitational individual championship.

Dance is 17–0 this year and is ranked second in the country in the 125-pound weight class. This award joins the myriad accolades that Dance has garnered in his career, including back-to-back ACC Championship first-place finishes. The Christiansburg High School product is one of just 10 other wrestlers in program history to reach 100 victories. Dance is currently sitting at 101 career wins, including 13 major decisions, and will have the opportunity to add to his total when the Hokies face off against the Pittsburgh Panthers Friday, Jan. 20, in Cassell Coliseum.

This is the second Female

Diver of the Week honor that Peters has received in her young career with the H2Ookies. She won her first last season in her collegiate debut, recording four NCAA zone qualifying scores. She also broke West Virginia University’s pool record last season for the 1-meter board event.

This year, the women’s diving team is 1–3 in the ACC, but it is tied for 23rd in the CSCAA coaches poll. Peters recently set a personal record when she scored a 349.27 in the 3-meter event. The H2Ookies will compete against Rutgers and Cincinnati at the Christiansburg Aquatic Center from Jan. 20–21.

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