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## Steger Announces Budget Reallocations

In light of the present budgetary situation, President Charles Steger announced Tuesday that the university will cut intercollegiate athletic funding significantly for the 2009-2010 school year. The controversial move, which narrowly passed a vote by the Board of Visitors, will funnel several million dollars a year into Virginia Tech's educational and research efforts while allowing the university to offer more financial aid to offset rising tuition costs.

Athletic Director Jim Weaver expressed dismay at the administration's decision in a press conference later that same day, saying "all of us with Hokie Sports are understandably disappointed by Dr. Steger's decision." Having registered his unease, Weaver outlined his department's plan to overcome the shortfall through an ambitious schedule of fundraising events, primarily bake sales.

"Well, we always knew it was coming," said Men's Basketball coach Seth Greenberg at the first such sale, held outside Cassell Coliseum on Saturday. "It's really just going to be a matter of finding alternate sources of funds so



we can continue to collect revenue from our TV deals and season ticket sales."

"Please buy some cookies," Greenberg added. Several outside observers have questioned Tech's ability to attract top recruits given the likely drop in athletic scholarships. Head football coach Frank Beamer sought to downplay these concerns.

"Fortunately, despite having fewer available scholarships, the quality of Virginia Tech's recruits this year remains very high," said

football coach Frank Beamer, "much like these lemon squares, which are only \$1.50."

Defensive coordinator Bud Foster seconded this assessment, promising that his young cornerbacks would bring a record number of turnovers. "I have them in the kitchen right now baking some more," said Foster. "I can give you a dozen cherry and a dozen blackberry for \$15... I'm calling it my Cincinnati Special."

For now, popular opinion seems generally supportive of the Athletic Department's entrepreneurial efforts. I for one am most looking forward to Beamer's new "Baked Hokie" play, a designed run where quarterback Tyrod Taylor scrambles around the pocket while attempting to sell brownies to the opposing team's offensive line. Until then, these turnovers are delicious.

*Peter Kauffmann could fund the Colleges of Architecture, Agriculture, and Business with the money Tech spent on intercollegiate athletics this year.*

## Substance Abuse Averages Down... So Down... Ultra Down At VT

Here at Virginia Tech, we're falling behind national averages for substance abuse. I mean, I totally understand: over the past week I have had to substitute my meth and speed habit for school work. Lame, I know. The meth really helped keep my weight under control. You know, it's not all bad: what has (severely) been on the rise is student's caffeine consumption. Good news for Deet's... not for John's kidneys though.

As a university, do we really want to be subpar? How can we allow ourselves to fall below national averages in such an obvious way? We'll be the laughing stock of college playground! I think that this semester is the one where we redeem ourselves. This is the semester where we define ourselves as the

rebellious child of the collegiate system.

This leaves us with a choice though: do we want to leave our options open four years down the road or should we throw all caution to the wind and live truly wildly? Here are the two recipes I propose, each with its own end.

### Just rebellious enough:

- 1: Get some piercings, maybe a tattoo
- 2: Learn to play the electric guitar and join a band called "Creamatorium"
- 3: Party on weekends but make sure to get school work done
- 4: When your parents establish that they don't like where you're headed, put up enough of a fight to get your point across, but the joke's on them because you really didn't like the music

you were playing anyways.

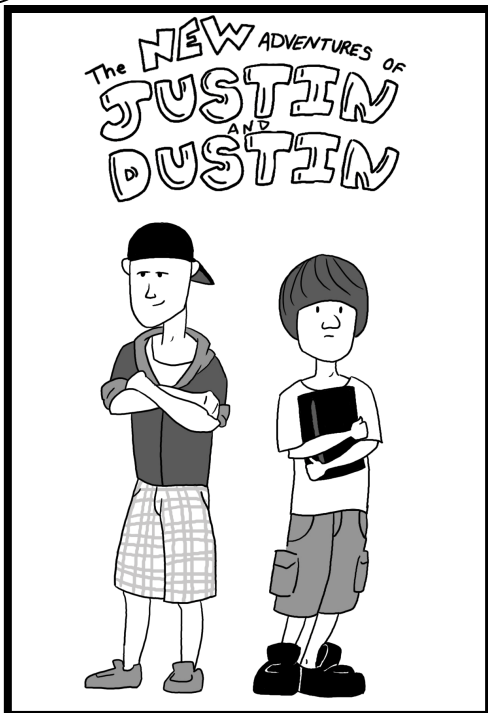
5. Move from partying to drinking way too much caffeine... hey, it's still technically a "substance." Maybe start smoking too.

### All out:

- 1: Wikipedia "Courtney Love."

School work and research right now should be a side-priority. It's our responsibility as American college students to take full advantage of this opportunity: college is about letting go for four years before we enter the job market and lose our identity. So let's take some initiative and decide what WE want this university to be.

*John Hoffman just got some piercings. What have you done lately?*



## Dear FOTD Commish...

*Mallory Brangan finds that the Wikipedia article "your mom" leaves much to be desired.*

Dear FOTD Commissioner,



I take strong offense at the rules not allowing dieties to participate in Fight of the Day. Clearly, these rules were not followed in allowing the Flying Spaghetti Monster to compete and furthermore, faking the death of the One True Pasta Diety for the sake of the tournament (all true believers understand the Flying Spaghetti Monster is immortal.) It's absurd to allow one religion's deity to compete (and be "killed") while the majority religion's diety is not eligible to compete based on His assumed superiority. **Love, DISTRAUGHT ON THE FIRST FLOOR.**

Dear DISTRAUGHT,

The Official Rules of the Fight of the Day Selection Process specify that "No contestant will be permitted who is unbeatable, or who has only one obscure weakness." Under this rule, the Christian God is ineligible for competition, because Christian doctrine asserts His immortality, therefore making Him unbeatable. Jesus is also unbeatable, since He was killed, but resurrected three days later.

The doctrine of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster does not assert that its deity is immortal. Since the writings and teachings of

the Pastafarian faith don't allege FSM's immortality, the FOTD Selection Committee agreed that he could, in fact, be killed, and declared him eligible for the deathmatch tournament. The FOTD Selection Committee strives for factual accuracy, or "factuality."

Dear Commissioner,

I've recently been experiencing severe fatigue and lack of appetite as a result of my midnight participation in Fight of the Day: The Return-ament festivities. It's starting to affect my school work, but what I'm really worried about is how it might affect my social life. How can I get more sleep and function as a normal member of society? **Thanks, SOCIAL BUTTERFLY**

Dear BUTTERFLY,

First of all, functioning normally in society is totally overrated. As for your sleep deprivation, I would suggest that you participate in Fight of the Day: The Return-ament festivities (conveniently located outside Room 238) at a time that fits into your own schedule. Just because things kick off right around midnight doesn't mean you can't take part when it's convenient for you.

*Will Satterwhite is Roger Goodell, David Stern, and Bud Selig rolled into one.*

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