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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GSA President, Chris Bunin

Welcome or welcome back to Blacksburg! The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) has produced this special edition **APEX** to make your stay in Blacksburg easier. Included are important phone numbers, dates, announcements, and general information. We hope this newsletter will be a resource that answers your questions.

Your GSA executive board has been diligently planning and is excited about serving you this academic year.

Issues that have already received our attention are on-campus housing, assisting Career Services to better serve graduate students, lobbying Congress to provide tax waivers on tuition scholarships and employer assisted education, and making graduate students more aware of University services and programs. In addition, we allocated approximately \$12,500 to graduate students through the Graduate Research Development Program and Travel Fund Program.

Our work, however has just begun and we need your help identifying and addressing other graduate student issues. **GSA invites you to GET INVOLVED!**

- **Become a delegate for your department.**

*Each department has two delegates that are voting members of the GSA and attend the monthly meetings. Following the meeting you will report to your department what has transpired.*

- **Sit on a University committee or commission** (See back page for complete listing.) *The GSA provides representation on many of the University committees and commissions. These seats are open to all graduate students who represent graduate concerns at these meetings that usually meet monthly. This is an excellent way to become involved and interact with many University administrators.*

- **Subscribe to the GSA-L Listserv**

*This is one of the best ways to remain in touch with issues and events that effect your lives. GSA-L Listserv played a crucial role helping us battle Congress this summer.*

- **Attend GSA meetings.**

*GSA meetings are open to all graduate students and are excellent opportunities to meet new people, become informed of current issues, and voice your opinions to help us better serve you.*

- **Attend GSA Socials**

*The GSA will be arranging numerous social events throughout the year. Take a break from academics to meet people with different interests. Start by attending the Virginia Tech vs. Syracuse football game and tailgate, September 13 with the GSA!*

In addition, you can participate in many GSA sponsored programs such as the Graduate Research Development Project (GRDP), the Travel Fund Program (TFP), and the Graduate Research Symposium (GRS). GRDP provides funding assistance for thesis and dissertation research, while TFP provides funding for presentations at conferences. GRS is a poster presentation competition allowing you to showcase your research to the university and Blacksburg communities each spring.

I hope that you find the information in this newsletter as a resource during your stay at Virginia Tech, no matter how long that may be. Whether you reside here for two years or even a decade, remember that the GSA is and

will be here to serve you.

If you have any questions or concerns visit our web page at [http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/org/grads/gsa\\_home.html](http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/org/grads/gsa_home.html) or e-mail [gspaula@vt.edu](mailto:gspaula@vt.edu), or call 231-7919. We look forward to hearing from you!

Come kick off the Hokies football season with the GSA!



Tailgate Party  
Free Food and Drinks  
September 13, 1997  
Virginia Tech Hokies  
vs.

Syracuse Orangemen  
Time: TBA  
Location: TBA

RSVP to [jeinsman@vt.edu](mailto:jeinsman@vt.edu) or call 1-7919 by September 5

Need Tickets? We'll get them for you. If you would like to sit with the GSA, drop off your athletic card by the GSA office (309 Squires) by 5:00 p.m. September 5. Tickets and athletic cards will be distributed at the tailgate.

## YOU WILL GET BLOCKED IF...

Students may have their University account blocked for a number of reasons\*. To avoid having your account blocked make sure that you...

- Have the required health history form completed with all required immunizations.
- Pay tuition and fees by the required deadlines.
- Know the due date for your library books and videos! These fines can add up quickly and after \$10.00 your library account will be blocked.
- Avoid getting parking tickets or make sure that they are paid within 10 days of receiving them.

\*This list does not include all reasons for student account blockage. For individual questions contact the Bursar's office or the Graduate School.

## VIRGINIA TECH CAREER SERVICES

Career Services offers a full range of services and resources for all students regardless of major or degree level. These include:

- Job search strategies workshops
- Designing resumés and cover letters workshops
- Cooperative education opportunities
- Interviewing skills workshops
- Current job listings

For more information about Career Services, stop by their office or visit their web page:

Top Floor Henderson Hall  
Phone: 231-6241  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M - F)  
E-mail: [Career.Services@vt.edu](mailto:Career.Services@vt.edu)  
<http://www.career.vt.edu>

## UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

The mission of the University Counseling Center is to assist students in acquiring skills necessary for succeeding in college and resolving difficulties which interfere with learning. They provide assistance....solving personal problems, developing communication skills, dealing with anxiety, depression, and grief, exploring sexual concerns, improving relationships, etc. They offer:

- Individual and group counseling
- Study skills workshops
- Support groups
- Psychological assessment
- Psychiatric referrals

To learn more about their services visit their office or homepage:  
152 Henderson Hall  
Phone: 231-6557  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)  
<http://www.ucc.vt.edu>

## QUICK TIPS FOR G PROVIDE GRADUATE STU

### IMPORTANT

#### Fall 1997

Centralized Student Services Held	Saturday, Aug. 23- Tuesday, Aug. 26
Classes Begin	Monday, Aug. 25
Last Day to Add Classes	Friday, Aug. 29
Last Day to Add Health Fee	Friday, Aug. 29
Labor Day-Classes Meet	Monday, Sep. 1
Last Day to Drop Classes	Friday, Oct. 3
Last Day to Resign	Friday, Oct. 17
Thanksgiving Begins	Saturday, Nov. 22
Thanksgiving Ends	Sunday, Nov. 30
Classes End	Wednesday, Dec. 10
Reading Day	Thursday, Dec. 11
Exams Begin	Friday, Dec. 12
Exams End	Thursday, Dec. 18
Fall Commencement	Saturday, Dec. 20

*Paydays fall on the 1st and the 16th of each month unless*

## WEB SITES & PHONE

Communication Network Services:	<a href="http://www.cns.vt.edu">http://www.cns.vt.edu</a>
Cranwell International Center:	<a href="http://www.uusa.vt.edu/cranwe">http://www.uusa.vt.edu/cranwe</a>
Graduate Honor System:	<a href="http://www.vt.edu:10">http://www.vt.edu:10</a>
Parking Services	<a href="http://www.vt.edu:10">http://www.vt.edu:10</a>
Research and Graduate Studies:	<a href="http://milieu.grads.vt">http://milieu.grads.vt</a>
Residential & Dining Programs:	<a href="http://rdp.vt.edu/">http://rdp.vt.edu/</a>
Student Health Services:	<a href="http://healthed2.shs.v">http://healthed2.shs.v</a>
Student Legal Services:	<a href="http://vt.edu:10021/c">http://vt.edu:10021/c</a>
Student Personal Access(Hokie Spa):	<a href="http://www.ci.vt.edu/serv">http://www.ci.vt.edu/serv</a>
Univ. Unions & Student Activities:	<a href="http://www.uusa.vt.edu">http://www.uusa.vt.edu</a>
University Libraries:	<a href="http://www.lib.vt.edu/">http://www.lib.vt.edu/</a>
University Registrar:	<a href="http://www.vt.edu:10021//adm">http://www.vt.edu:10021//adm</a>
Virginia Tech Athletics:	<a href="http://sports.vt.edu/">http://sports.vt.edu/</a>
Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing:	<a href="http://vtotch.uusa.vt.e">http://vtotch.uusa.vt.e</a>
Virginia Tech Police	<a href="http://ntserverpolice.vt.edu/po">http://ntserverpolice.vt.edu/po</a>
Women's Center:	<a href="http://vt.edu:10021/v">http://vt.edu:10021/v</a>

# GRADUATE STUDENTS

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## NT DATES

### Spring 1998

Tuition Payment Due	Tuesday, Jan. 6
Centralized Student Services Held	Saturday, Jan. 10- Tuesday, Jan. 13
Classes Begin	Monday, Jan. 12
Last Day to Add Classes	Friday, Jan. 16
Last Day to Drop Classes	Friday, Feb. 20
Last Day To Resign	Friday, Mar. 6
Spring Break Begins	Saturday, Mar. 7
Spring Break Ends	Sunday, Mar. 15
Classes End	Wednesday, Apr. 29
Reading Day	Thursday, Apr. 30
Exams Begin	Friday, May 1
Exams End	Wednesday, May 6
Commencement	Friday, May 8

less adjustments are made for weekends and holidays.

## NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

a/	231-6460
ll/	231-6527
021/studentinfo/gradhonor	231-4558
021/admin/parking/parking.htm	231-3200
edu/rgs.html	231-6077
	231-6204
rt.edu/homepage.html	231-5313
ther/legal	231-4720
vices/ia/iwa.student.entry	
du/	231-5431
	231-6170
in/registrar/Registrar.html	231-6251
	231-6796
du/	231-3466
lice/police.html	231-6411
women/women's center.html	231-7806

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

### Movie Theaters

Capri Twin	552-4466
Lyric	951-0604
New River Valley 10	382-2900
Starlite Drive-In	382-2202

### Health Clubs

Fitness Connection	953-1044
Hokie Gym (on-campus)	231-3211
Weight Club	951-2949

### Lively Arts Series

**Special reduced rates are available for graduate student's spouses upon request.**

September 29	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
October 21	A Chorus Line
November 10	Carousel
December 3	The Nutcracker Ballet
January 20	How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying
February 12	West Side Story
February 24	Bye Bye Birdy
March 18	Damn Yankees
April 14	Forever Plaid

*Schedule subject to change. For information regarding prices and tickets, contact the Ticket Office at 231-5615.*

### Coffee Shops

Bollo's	Draper Road
Deet's Place	Dietrick Dining Center
Easy Chair	University City Boulevard
Mill Mountain	North Main Street

### On-Campus Dining

G.Burke Johnston Student Center  
Burger King & Oatie's

Hokie Grill & Co.  
Chick-fil-A & Pizza Hut

Owens Food Court  
Eleven specialty shops with regional and international cuisine.

Squires Student Center  
Sbarro's Pizza, Mrs. Fields, Steak Escape, and A&W

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED? MEET AN ADMINISTRATOR?

If you are interested in participating in one of these University Committees or Commissions, send an e-mail note to Rajiv Khosla at [rkholsa@vt.edu](mailto:rkholsa@vt.edu) for more information.

University Advisory Council on Strategic Budgeting and Planning  
Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
Commission on Classified Affairs  
Commission on Faculty Affairs  
Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies  
Commission on Public Service and Extension  
Commission on Research  
Commission on Student Affairs  
Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
Commission on University Support  
Athletics Committee  
Building Committee  
Commencement Committee  
Computing and Communications Resource Committee  
Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Committee  
Graduate Curriculum Committee  
Library Committee  
Transportation and Parking Committee  
Student Legal Services Advisory Board  
University Unions and Student Activities Advisory Committee  
Board of Visitors Graduate Representative Selection Committee  
Regranting Budget Board  
Graduate Research Development Project  
Travel Fund Program  
Blacksburg Transit Advisory Committee

## WHAT'S E.T.D. ?

ALSO KNOWN AS...

ELECTRONIC THESIS AND DISSERTATION

Last year the Graduate School enacted a requirement that thesis and dissertations be submitted electronically. For more information about submission guidelines, workshops, etc. access the following web page:

<http://etd.vt.edu/etd/>

## GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY STAFF

### GSA Officers:

President:	Chris Bunin	<a href="mailto:jbunin@vt.edu">jbunin@vt.edu</a>
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[http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/org/grads/gsa\\_home.html](http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/org/grads/gsa_home.html)

The Office of the Graduate Student Assembly is located in 309 Squires Student Center. Send comments, questions, or suggestions to the staff or to [gspaula@vt.edu](mailto:gspaula@vt.edu)

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Fall Semester

September 25  
October 23  
November 20

### Spring Semester

January 29  
February 26  
March 26  
April 23

All meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. in the Brush Mountain Room, which is located on the 3rd floor of Squires Student Center. Pizza and soda available at every meeting.

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE GSA-L LISTSERV!

To subscribe: Send e-mail to [LISTSERV@VTVM1.CC.VT.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@VTVM1.CC.VT.EDU) In the body of the message, type only SUBSCRIBE GSA-L <your name>. Send the message.

To send messages to all GSA-L Listserv subscribers, address your message to [GSA-L@vtvm1.cc.vt.edu](mailto:GSA-L@vtvm1.cc.vt.edu). It will automatically be distributed to all the subscribers of the GSA-L Listserv.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please send comments or suggestions for future APEX issues to [lauraw@vt.edu](mailto:lauraw@vt.edu). Article submission deadline for the next issue is September 8.