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Satchel Pierce (21) lead the way in Tech's young and thin frontcourt after Joey van Zegeren's departure.

## Williams builds foundation for "Buzzketball"

After an ACC Tournament victory, coach Buzz Williams will have a deeper and more experienced roster moving into next season.

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This season for the Virginia Tech Men's basketball team was the start of a turning point for the Hokies, beginning with the hire of former Marquette coach, Buzz Williams, by first-year athletic director Whit Babcock. The hire marked the beginning of the "Buzzketball" era in Blacksburg.

"I think too many times, maybe it's just society, you think there is going to be an event that's a turning point. I think it's a process ... It's not an event," Williams said after the Hokies second-round loss to Miami in the ACC tournament. "You have to work

**"You have to work with a passion and energy level where the turning point is this minute."**

Buzz Williams  
Head Coach

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Coming off a 2013-2014 season where Virginia Tech posted a 9-22 record, a change was needed. Williams' energy and passion, not just for the game but also the culture he creates for his team and organization, has the Hokies pointed in the right direction.

Tech finished 11-22 this season, not due to a lack of effort by any means but largely due to inexperience and roster deficiencies.

Despite it being Williams' first year in the ACC and the team often featuring a lineup

of four freshmen, the Hokies competed at a high level most nights but just lacked the experience to close out games. The Hokies lost eight games by either one-possession or in overtime.

"We've played 57 percent of our ACC minutes by freshmen only," Williams said after their first round ACC tournament victory against Wake Forest.

Even though Virginia Tech had an offense centered on excellent outside shooting, which was second-best in the conference at 38.9 percent from beyond the three-point line, the young Hokies struggled to take advantage of their opportunities at the free throw line where they ranked second-worst in the ACC at 64 percent.

The area where Tech struggled with the most this season was a lack of size in the frontcourt. 6-foot-10 forward Joey van Zegeren came into the season as the Hokies starting big man. Van Zegeren averaged 9.8 points per game and led the team in rebounds before his season was cut short by suspension due to an incident that occurred in practice. Van Zegeren's suspension turned into a mutual agreement with Williams that he not return to the program.

Van Zegeren's absence left the Hokies undersized and undermanned, often having to resort to four-and-five guard lineups with 6-foot-3 Malik Mueller at the forward position. Their 29.6 rebounds per game ranked them last in the ACC and number 333rd out of 345 Division I schools during the regular season.

The Hokies did have a few bright spots this season and

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## Scholar says 'So long'

Dale Pike represents the technology-enhanced learning and online strategies department at Tuesday's SGA meeting to discuss replacing Scholar.



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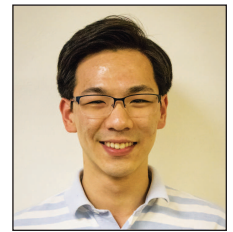
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Communication Major



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Byung Kim  
Business Major

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Scholar: a staple to Virginia Tech education and a source of headaches for students and faculty alike. Its days are numbered.

In Fall 2014, Virginia Tech began a project to replace Scholar and transition into the university's next Learning Management System. Virginia Tech replaced the former LMS, Blackboard, and adopted Scholar in 2010. It was

created as a "community source" and maintained by a few major universities, said Dale Pike, executive director of the technology-enhanced learning and online strategies department.

"Scholar is built on a platform called Sakai, and Sakai was a consortium of leading universities," Pike said. "Early on, the community participants had to contribute developer resources. If you were going to join, you'd need to have developers that would

work for this project and work for Sakai."

A Java-based software, Sakai is a free community source comprised of institutions, commercial organizations and individuals. These sources work together to create an educational software platform for teaching, research and collaboration - otherwise known as a Learning Management System.

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## Professor wins Fulbright Award

Professor of educational leadership Carol Mullen will travel to Chongqing, China to study at Southwest University as part of the Fulbright Scholar Award.

EMELIA HUGHES  
news reporter

Carol Mullen, professor of educational leadership, received a Fulbright Scholar Award to study at Southwest University in Chongqing, China. During her stint, she will be conducting a discourse-oriented research study, teaching a course and doing multiple keynote addresses.

Mullen seeks to study personal, creative and inclusive approaches to education "beyond high-stakes testing" while working to understand "how students can become more self-directed as learners," she said.

"Currently, there's an awful lot of emphasis on high-stakes testing in China, just like there is in the United States," Mullen

said.

Mullen will spend one month at Southwest University. Afterwards, she will travel for two weeks to a number of different universities to continue her studies and present seven keynote addresses.

"Each of the universities I go to will focus on a different topic and theme," Mullen said.

In addition to the university keynote addresses, she will be giving a talk in Beijing.

"I'm not just a Fulbright scholar, I'm also an ISCE-GII scholar," Mullen said.

ISCE-GII is a program produced by Virginia Tech, according to Mullen. Mullen will be accompanied by her research assistant a Chinese-speaking Virginia Tech

graduate student from Shanghai who will be traveling with her for the first month of her trip.

"The graduate student will be providing translation services," Mullen said.

"He will also do a separate analysis of the data that I collect, so that my data is interpreted in a way that's valid, you see," Mullen said, "so that I have somebody who is Chinese also looking independently at the data I collect."

According to Mullen, her research and teaching programs are anchored in three questions that encompass creative and critical approaches to learning and mentoring, learning and mentoring practices on an individual and global level, and how educators in "high-stakes



CAROL MULLEN

policy environments help teachers, parents, youth and children become agents of their own global and growth mindsets."

Mullen's trip to China will last from the end of May to mid-August.

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## America home to millions of disenfranchised voters

Country built on “No taxation without representation” has turned its back on millions who are unable to participate in representative democracy.

For a country that was built on ensuring that the government treated all citizens equally and that taxation without representation is an unacceptable tyranny, we still have a ways to go to end voter disenfranchisement.

Between voter photo ID laws, felons not being able to vote and the U.S. not extending voting rights to American citizens on our territories and in our own nation’s capital, millions of voters were and will be unable to vote for the government to which they pay taxes.

Recently, a new push has been made, primarily

be time consuming and expensive. U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos stated that out of the 254 counties in Texas, 78 do not have a Department of Public Safety office (Texas’ version of the DMV that is responsible for giving photo IDs) and in some communities the nearest DPS office is over 100 miles away. Keep in mind that those who need the DPS-issued IDs to vote are citizens who do not have driver’s license, and we live in a country that has an awful public transportation system. So how are these voters going to get to the DPS office? The answer is that they probably will not.

Another form of voter disenfranchisement our country currently faces is not allowing felons to vote. In the U.S., states get to decide on the voting rights of felons. This is because the 14th amendment allows states to disenfranchise those who are convicted on “participation in rebellion or other crime.”

According to a research study by The Prison Policy Initiative, a think-tank that focuses on criminal-justice policy, an estimated 5.85 million Americans were unable to vote in the 2014 midterm elections due to prior felony convictions. The study goes on to conclude that 1 in 40 Americans and 1 in every 13 African Americans cannot vote due to these restrictions. It also states that, “More than 10 percent of voting-age Floridians are not able to vote. Mississippi is next with a rate of 8.3 percent, and Kentucky, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee and Wyoming have rates above 5 percent.” Currently, only Maine and Vermont allow felons in or out of prison to vote. This is unacceptable for a country that is committed to the ideas of liberty, rights and second chances.

Many Americans do not realize that people born in Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands are United States citizens who pay federal taxes but are unable to vote for representation in government. Together, these territories’ populations add up to over 4 million U.S. citizens. In American Samoa, home to the U.S. Army’s largest recruiting station, another 57,000 residents cannot vote and are even more subordinated by only being considered U.S. nationals and not citizens.

So why are American Samoans not considered citizens and why are the other territories not allowed to vote even though they are citizens? To answer this question, it is important to talk about the Insular Cases of 1901. These cases were a series of decisions by the Supreme Court regarding newly acquired territories after the Spanish-American War. Justice Henry Billings Brown, remembered by many

for his opinion on the infamous “Separate but Equal” Plessy v. Ferguson decision, wrote a decision in the Insular Cases that stated that residents of the territories should not be able to vote because “those possessions are inhabited by alien races, differing from us in religion, customs, laws, methods of taxation and modes of thought, and the administration of government and justice, according to Anglo-Saxon principles.”

To paraphrase, the alien races who live on US territories should not be able to vote because they are not intelligent enough to understand our highly sophisticated constitutional system. After writing this, even Justice Brown noted that these restrictions should only be placed “for a time.”

It has been 114 years since the Insular Cases, yet nothing has changed for the millions of citizens and nationals who live in our many territories. Of course none of this is surprising, when you look at the fact that currently 467,147 residents of Washington D.C. are eligible to vote but are not allowed to elect any representation in their government. The irony of the United States turning a blind eye to voter disenfranchisement of this nature is both baffling and humorous, considering a major reason for the American Revolution was that we were British citizens paying British taxes while having absolutely no representation in government.

Between ID laws, insular cases, the capital city, felons and many other factors, millions of Americans every year are disenfranchised. Our country consistently talks about extending our message of freedom and democracy all over the world, but first we should make sure that we maintain that standard at home.

New laws and regulations are being put into place every day that make it harder for people to be able to exercise their right to vote. In Texas, a 93-year-old wheelchair-bound WWII veteran went to cast his vote for the 2012 general election, and even though he was of low health, he was happy knowing that he would get to vote in one last presidential election. To his dismay, he learned that his driver license would not suffice as ID as it had expired long ago since he had stopped driving due to old age and health. Also, due to health reasons, he was unable to travel to the DPS office to obtain a government-issued photo ID, and the 93-year-old veteran was not allowed to vote. He died on November 28, 2012, just weeks after the election, a dying veteran’s last wish unfulfilled.

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## Minister Dollar seeks dollars to fly closer to the heavens

Church Minister Creflo Dollar seeks \$65 million from his congregation for a new private jet to spread the gospel of Jesus.

One could count the number of church ministers with private jets on their hand. However, one of these ministers is ready for his congregation to buy him a new one. According to several news sources, Televangelist Minister Creflo Dollar, the founder of Atlanta, Georgia’s World Changers Church International, released a six-minute video explaining to his congregation the several reasons why he needs a new private jet. More specifically, Pastor Dollar wants a \$65 million Gulfstream G650 to spread the gospel around the world. Everyone seems to have the same question: why can’t he and his closest ministry fly commercial like everyone else?

First off, Dollar is a prosperity preacher, meaning that his congregation pays a tithe of 10 percent of their income to the church. The idea is that if you pay this tithe and remain with the church, you will gain wealth and health. According to the Daily Beast, Dollar and his family own two Rolls Royces, several pieces of real estate and his New York church makes \$4 million a year. If Dollar were truly serious about spreading the gospel and the word of God, he would lay off the luxury purchases

and buy his ministry commercial airline tickets to a location around the world that needs assistance.

“This is a story of good, old-fashioned self-interest and a lack of Christian values in the man many call their ‘minister.’”

The video, which Dollar later took down due to backlash, stated that he would need a \$300 donation from 200,000 people. After his followers already pay 10 percent of their income to this “church,” he wants them to also add \$300 to his luxury airplane fund. The Gulfstream G650 has been described as the fastest civilian aircraft, which is probably the reason a greedy man like Dollar wants one. He can also use this jet as a promotion tool around the world; he will claim that every member of his congregation has the potential to be as successful as him.

My personal favorite part of the video was when Dollar gave the reasoning behind why he wanted that specific jet. Dollar says, “The jet would allow me to

safely and swiftly share the good news of the Gospel worldwide in a way that commercial aircrafts no doubt just couldn’t.” In what way does sharing the good news of the gospel and the type of plane you take to your location correlate? Heaven forbid Dollar is seen taking a United Airlines flight to his destination — the horrors. The main point is that it does not make sense. Nothing that involves Dollar makes sense beyond his need for power, money and attention.

This makes me wonder why Dollar has a congregation at all. Does his congregation not see how shady and selfish he is? He’s probably the least Christian minister ever, yet the president of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, speaks in this video on his behalf. One would think that a 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner would be smarter than to promote Dollar’s need for a private jet. There are people starving in the world that Dollar’s World Changers Church International could actually help. This is a story of good, old-fashioned self-interest and a lack of Christian values in the man many call their “minister.”

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## SCHOLAR: Students share opinions on new LMS

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Among the universities that transitioned to Scholar in 2010 were Indiana University, University of Southern California and Washington State University. Over the last six months, most of the institutions that were the original developers of Sakai have left the consortium and are moving towards the same "commercial product," Pike said, a new LMS called Instructure Canvas.

"400 students right now are taking courses that are being taught through Canvas," Pike said. "The instructors and the students are taking surveys, and we're trying to get a handle to see if Canvas is doing the things that other schools says it does."

After conversing with faculty and students about this transition away from Scholar, the four primary goals that Pike is hoping Canvas will accomplish are mobile access, media integration, scalable courses and learning analytics.

Students agree that Scholar needs a technological update.

"Technology is moving so rapidly, it's important to stay on the forefront," said communication major Rachel Estariz. "I think it's great that (Virginia Tech) is reaching out to students ... and seek student opinion."

"Students are realizing that Scholar is a little bit outdated. It's not really mobile accessible, even though the university is paying for it to be mobile accessible," said public relations major Tanushri Shankar.

Canvas will therefore be more accessible from smartphones and easily adds video, audio, slideshow and other multimedia content to the course modules to allow students and professors to view and respond to this content from any device. Canvas will also better suit larger class sizes and allow for discussion groups, online forums and more testing options, becoming a support pedagogy for all class sizes.

"It's time to have something more mobile-friendly. Scholar is a little bit dated and doesn't work well with most people's phones," said business major Jake De Weerd.

However, Pike has a particular interest in the incorporation of learning analytics through the introduction of Canvas.

"Learning analytics would allow students to see their patterns of behavior throughout their courses and compare their work ethics to others to see what works," Pike said.

Learning analytics will enable educators to view trends and patterns, such as which areas of the course students focus on the most, and to fill learning gaps and enhance the students' educational experience.

"Empowering the individual learner to learn from their behavior is something I'm very interested in promoting," Pike said.

However, not all students find this migration to be practical. Business major Byung Kim says that the university should return to using Blackboard, a commonly used platform at many Virginia high schools, to make the transition to college that much easier.

"That's the only thing I'm confused about, why we don't adapt to Blackboard just like the majority of universities," Kim said.

In continuation of Canvas' two-year timeline that began in the fall, by summer 2015, Pike hopes to make a recommendation to the university that will determine if Canvas is the best platform to use.

Migration towards the new platform will then extend through fall 2016, and by spring 2017, the conversion is scheduled to be complete.

Pike hopes to make this transition to the new LMS as quickly and smoothly as possible.

"One of the things we're finding with student involvement in this process is that one of the challenges is no matter what we do,

there's going to be a period of time where we're going to be required to log into two different systems," Pike said.

According to Pike, the initial challenge of an LMS migration is that some classes will be formatted for the former platform while other classes have taken on the new one. For that reason, the university is moving as quickly as they can on this project.

"In two semesters of work we're trying to get over 50 percent of the courses moved over to the new platform," Pike said. "This way we're not straddling two systems for too long."

It's Pike's hope to keep students as involved in this process as possible, and he will be hosting a number of Town Hall meetings and learning sessions on this new platform throughout the semester. Pike is also reaching out to multiple student organizations to have them as involved in this conversation as possible.

"I'll take anyone out to coffee and chat if they have things they'd like to share," Pike said. "We want to hear if they have things they think we should be doing differently."

Although Virginia Tech has had to integrate to new LMS platforms in the past, Pike says that this will hopefully be the last time that the university migrates to a new platform.

"I'd like to see us never have to take on a new system," Pike said. "We'll probably have to look at a core functionality change again in another 5-7 years, but I would love to see us at a point where we can take a more modular approach to the solution."

To get involved in the LMS migration, students, faculty and staff can contact the technology-enhanced learning and online strategies department via Twitter @NextGenLMS or email them as nextgenerationslms-g@vt.edu.

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## Number of abandoned and starving sea lion pups climbs

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The California sea lion crisis has deepened as the number of abandoned, sickly pups continues to increase and the Pacific Ocean becomes warmer.

To date, nearly 1,800 sea lions founded stranded on California beaches have been admitted to rehabilitation centers statewide, according to researchers from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Mammal Laboratory.

Currently, 750 California sea lions are being cared for at the centers. The mammals are mostly 9 months old, dehydrated and underweight for their age.

"What's scary is that we don't know when this will end," said Shawn Johnson, director of veterinary science at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito. "This could be the new normal — a changed environment that we're dealing with now."

Researchers believe unusually weaker winds from the north and strong winds from the south have maintained ocean temperatures off the California coast and Alaska two to six degrees warmer than average. Warm ocean temperatures have resulted in a change in the current and a lack of upwelling, which helps bring colder water and fish to the surface.

As a result of the changes,

conditions will be less productive off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington, meaning fewer food sources for salmon and other marine species.

The high mortality of sea lion pups could be an early sign of that change.

The tropical El Niño, which NOAA declared in early March, could stretch conditions through 2015.

Toby Garfield, a research director at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, said Tuesday that the environmental changes are "unprecedented."

But marine mammal organizations began noticing an increase in the number of stranded sea lions in December.

## PSU fraternity suspended over allegations of victimizing women

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A Penn State fraternity is in hot water over a Facebook page.

Kappa Delta Rho has been suspended as police investigate allegations of "possible criminal activity."

According to an affidavit of probable cause filed Jan. 30 by State College Police Detective Chris Weaver, it all started when former KDR member James Vivenzio walked into the police department with a story about a private, invitation-only Facebook page where members would share pictures of hazing, drug sales and "unsuspecting victims."

At that time, Vivenzio said, there were 144 members on the page, including students and graduates. The name of the page was "2.0," the second incarnation of the original, "Covert Business Transactions." The first page was shuttered when an alleged victim found topless photos of herself on the page after a member forgot to log off, according to the court documents.

Vivenzio provided printouts and other evidence. There were images of a female student passed out in a member's room, pictures allegedly of a nude Penn State cheerleader, pictures of "strippers hired by the fraternity for a party" and more, according to the affidavit.

"Some of the postings were of nude females that appeared to be passed out and nude or in other sexual or embarrassing positions. It appears from the photos provided that the individuals in the photos are not aware that the photos had been taken," Weaver wrote in his affidavit.

Weaver obtained a search warrant to access the page at 10:15 a.m. By 1 p.m., he

returned documentation of his search, including a thumb drive filled with "material, posts and pictures" from the page.

Lt. Keith Robb said State College police are coordinating with university police to identify any suspects and victims.

The investigation began the day after Penn State's sexual assault and sexual harassment task force unveiled its report after months of meetings, with a list of 18 recommendations, including changes to the way sex-based cases are to be investigated and handled. University President Eric Barron accepted those recommendations in February.

The allegations are also prompting a response from the fraternity's national leadership.

"Upon learning from officials at Penn State that the KDR chapter at the university had been placed on full chapter suspension, our national leadership immediately examined the facts available to us at this time. In accordance with that review, we have placed the chapter on suspension for the remainder of this semester and we are conducting a full membership review and reorganization," Executive Director Joseph Rosenberg said in a statement.

"We will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and the university's investigation and disciplinary process. Upon the completion of that investigation, we will evaluate these further findings and make a decision regarding the Penn State chapter that is appropriate for all parties. The national leadership of Kappa Delta Rho is committed to hold our brothers accountable for their actions. We embrace the principle of respect for all persons and we will adhere to that principle in this matter."

This is not the first time the Penn State chapter has been in legal trouble.

In 2013, the chapter entered a guilty plea to furnishing liquor to minors, netting a judgment from the Centre County Probation for \$753.50. Another criminal judgment for \$734 was entered in January 2005, but specifics on charges were unavailable.

In 2006, the chapter was sued in federal court after an October 2004 incident in which 20 to 30 KDR members allegedly entered Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity without permission, in an attempt to retrieve a "ritual book" they believed to be there. "Various fights broke out," according to court documents, and one man was hit in the eye, fell to the floor and was kicked repeatedly, resulting in a broken eye socket and multiple surgeries. That case was later moved to Centre County jurisdiction and settled out of court.

The complainant may also have a court history.

A James R. Vivenzio, 21, of Great Falls, Va., was arrested in August for an incident over move-in weekend. Then a minor, the young man threw a can of beer into a yard when police stopped him, then ran away and struggled with two police officers, injuring one. He had another can of beer on him when apprehended. He was charged with misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and escape and summary charges of purchase of alcohol by a minor, possession of an open container and scattering rubbish.

Those charges were waived to court at preliminary hearing in October, but on Feb. 2, Centre County Judge Pamela Ruest signed a motion for trial postponement in the case. The cited grounds were "counsel seeks additional time for negotiation."



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  - 16 Control
  - 17 See 53-Down
  - 20 Fairy tale ender
  - 21 Amazement
  - 22 Early surgery aid
  - 23 Talking with one's hands?: Abbr.
  - 25 Ante-
  - 26 See 53-Down
- DOWN**
- 1 Cake with a kick
  - 2 Horse racing surface
  - 3 Cut, perhaps
  - 4 Nick at \_\_\_
  - 5 Dogfaces, briefly
  - 6 Yoga instruction
  - 7 Had no doubts about
  - 8 Leafy vegetable
  - 9 Santana's "\_\_\_ Como Va"
  - 10 Irritates, with "on"
  - 30 "Really cool!"
  - 31 Break out, as violence
  - 32 Ticks off
  - 33 Organized string of gigs
  - 34 Atkins diet taboo
  - 39 Pistol
  - 40 Island welcome
  - 42 Old Detroit brewery name
  - 44 Lakeshore natives
  - 46 World Cup sport
  - 47 Digital dots
  - 50 Used a 39-Down
  - 51 "Gadzooks!"
  - 52 Swizzle
  - 53 Clue for 17-, 26-, 45- and 60-Across
  - 54 Haggard's "\_\_\_ from Muskogee"
  - 56 See-through, in comics
  - 57 Meerschaum or brier
  - 58 Genesis locale
  - 59 Subtraction word
  - 61 Half a devious laugh
  - 62 Living in Ariz., maybe

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Locate the list of words in the word bank in the letter grid.

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Along with many at PAX East, the Xbox show room featured many consumers hoping to try out new games.

## Indies show at Penny Arcade Expo

PAX East or "LineCon" recently drew large crowds of video game lovers to Boston. However, this year, the standouts could be found in the less bustling booths of independent developers.

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There's a reason many attendees of last weekend's Penny Arcade Expo jokingly refer to it as "LineCon." Convention-goers arrive early to line up for the expo hall; some panels require guests arrive 45 minutes in advance to grab a seat and even the bathrooms have upwards of 15-minute waits.

For anyone looking to try out large-scale, triple-A games from companies like Microsoft or Blizzard Entertainment wait for the opportunity to even enter some lines, which can take over two hours to navigate.

That's business as usual for the Penny Arcade Expo (PAX East), recently held March 6, 7 and 8 in Boston. The Expo, which began in 2004 in Bellevue, Washington, has now grown to four conventions in four cities throughout the year and showcases the worlds of both video and tabletop gaming.

However, those looking for solace from the congestion and noise of the large studio booths need only head to the rear of the expo hall, where many independent developers showcase their projects. Independent, in this case, refers to a developer's lack of a large publisher, such as Electronic Arts, Ubisoft, Microsoft, etc.

First up, Yacht Club Games allowed people to try out "Plague of Shadows," the upcoming free update to their critically acclaimed "Shovel Knight." The new content builds off of the action-platformer from last year;

players take control of Plague Knight, one of the original game's villains, as he makes his way through his own unique story mode.

Compared to Shovel Knight, Plague Knight plays much faster. Whereas Shovel Knight was a relatively slow, melee-focused character, Plague Knight moves quickly, and his ranged attacks allow for more acrobatic opportunities. This update is one of several; Yacht Club Games' Ian Flood noted that people would be able to play as both Spectre Knight and King Knight – again, both villains from the original game – at a later time.

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Next up was "Induction," a puzzle game by Bryan Gale. Gale himself stood by players to elaborate on his solo project, which he described as a puzzle game using time travel. The player's goal is to take a small purple box from one end of a level to the other, pushing pipes and crossing bridges along the way. But to do this, as the game quickly shows, the player must utilize the game's time control mechanic, in

which the player makes a recording of a current action, hits a button and then carries on as another version of the box as the recording plays out. It all feels very reminiscent of Capybara Games' "Super Time Force" from last year, exchanging run-and-gun action for puzzle solving. Though unfinished at the time, the game felt as if it had great potential for mind-bending gameplay.

Taking a turn for the meta was Question Games' "The Magic Circle." The game's website is its best possible explanation, but it can be described as the following: A (fictional) developer has promised what could be the greatest game in history for the past 20 years, but they've never delivered. A disgruntled consumer (the actual player) transports himself into the game's code to find out what's wrong – is the game worth salvaging, or should it be destroyed? The actual game – not the fictional one – is a cell-shaded first-person puzzle game where the player uses Lego-esque code swapping to transform the game world and solve the mystery. It's a lofty premise for a game, especially considering the team is comprised of three people, but it's one to keep an eye on.

Even the independent section of PAX East can become a bit stressful; luckily, Samuel Boucher and KO-OP Mode's "Gnog" aimed to calm down the attendees. One of the developers noted that much of "Gnog's" inspiration comes from "Hohokum," a 2014 game characterized by soothing

atmosphere, bright colors and an emphasis on exploration. Much of that aesthetic translates to "Gnog," except the bulk of the exploration is done through puzzles. The player is given a virtual puzzle box that looks like a toy diorama and is encouraged to play around with its features to find the way to the next area or toy. Many goal-oriented players may take issue with the game's lack of direction, but for the most part, "Gnog" is an immensely relaxing experience, especially in the midst of the busy show floor.

Lastly was "Enter the Gungeon" from Dodge Roll. It's a top-down dungeon crawler, but instead of swords and sorcery, it features a number of guns on par with the "Borderlands" games. Though "Gungeon" has yet to receive a release date, it feels finished: the shooting is spot-on, the movement is tight, and the look of it is incredibly fun and quirky. "Gungeon" is all the more impressive considering Dodge Roll is made up of only four people.

These games were only a handful of a much larger showing. Yet, they are also an encouraging indicator of where gaming is headed, especially in the independent realm. With many players turned off by last fall's triple-A titles – ones plagued by glitches and underdeveloped features – indies such as these may find more mainstream success.

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## Watch: Unfinished Business

BRADY TICKLE  
movie reviewer

Watching "Unfinished Business" is like watching an old band like The Who perform live; it seems like a solid idea at first, yet afterwards you realize that listening to one of their older albums probably would have been better. In the case of "Unfinished Business," I genuinely wanted Vince Vaughn to have a hit on his hands, but I was left wishing I had just pulled out my "Wedding Crashers" DVD instead of venturing to the theater and paying 10 bucks to see what amounts to a few scenes of unfunny debauchery.

The plot centers on Vaughn's character, who, in the opening scene, decides to quit his job at a big office and start his own company. He is met in the parking lot by another ex-employee who was fired for being too old (Tom Wilkinson) and by an idiotic young man (Dave Franco) who did not get the job he just interviewed for at Vaughn's old office. After a year of work, the three travel to Germany in order to obtain "the handshake" from potential clients. However, they are met by Vaughn's former boss (Sienna Miller), and a bitter competition for the clients ensues. Of course, this business competition somehow goes hand-in-hand with heavy drinking, gay bars, human hamster balls and more.

The young man mentioned previously is named Mike Pancake, and I mention his name because it is the only one I can remember in a film filled with unmemorable, one-note characters. Mike Pancake is one of the funniest characters in the movie, but like the others he is very one-dimensional; he serves as the idiot with the funny name. Wilkinson's character is merely there as a punchline; apparently, it is hilarious to see an old man party hard and creepily hang around younger women because he is not satisfied

with his marriage. Vaughn is basically himself, which is fine because as usual he is the best part of the movie surrounding him. He is likeable, he makes what would normally be throwaway lines funny, and he is a great leading man. Unfortunately, the movie does not give him or the other cast members (including a criminally underused Nick Frost) much to work with.

I could not tell you what Vince Vaughn and his cohorts are selling, even though the film seems to enjoy throwing business jargon in the audience's face. Being in the dark about what Vaughn's three-person company does would be fine if the movie were more funny; for a comedy advertised as a raucous ride, it throws in a surprising amount of "after-school special" family drama pertaining to bullying with a side story about Vaughn's children. "Unfinished Business" tries to have a heart, but it is rather difficult to care about these underdeveloped characters. This attempt at heart really hurts the film in the laughs department, as there are sometimes entire scenes between chuckles. In addition, the film has a grainy look about it, almost as if it required more time in the editing room; there are some scenes that look as though they were shot with an iPod.

"Unfinished Business" is marginally better than "Hot Tub Time Machine 2," if only because of the appealing presence of Vince Vaughn and Dave Franco. I love Vince Vaughn and I want him to succeed, but I simply cannot recommend that anyone rush out to see this movie. It is definitely in the "wait for Redbox" category, and it only served to make me yearn for a "Wedding Crashers 2" instead. I give "Unfinished Business" two and a half out of five stars.

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# BUZZKETBALL: Recruits, transfers will bolster next year's roster

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developed a solid foundation to build upon. The guard play shined with several people stepping up over the course of the season. The freshmen trio of Justin Bibbs, Ahmed Hill and Jalen Hudson showed plenty of potential and growth.

Bibbs started the season extremely well, earning ACC Freshman of the Week honors early in the season, but he was held back due to a concussion that held him out for four games. Hill led the team in rebounding after Van Zegezen departed and added a lethal corner-three point shot to his offensive skill set.

Hudson was the latest to bloom but came up huge for the Hokies late in the season. Hudson scored a Virginia Tech freshman tournament record 32 points including a game-winning layup that led Tech past Wake Forest in the first round of the ACC Tournament.

"I've said since Thanksgiving that Jalen was our most talented player, but he didn't play hard enough to be that every game," Williams said after the victory. "He's growing up, just like the rest of the freshmen are."

The growth of these three guards, in addition to the progression of other players like the 7-foot freshman Satchel Pierce, athletic forward Shane Henry and Mueller, will be the key for the Hokies this offseason and something to look forward to next season.



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Justin Bibbs was one of Tech's brightest stars before suffering a concussion.

"Our spring, summer and fall will probably be the most important seasons of their careers. It will dictate and determine where our future is going to be," Williams said.

Sophomore guard Devin Wilson orchestrated the offense, leading the team in assists with 4.2 per game and committing under two turnovers per game. Junior guard Adam Smith scored a team-high 13.4 points per game. He was lights-out from beyond-the-arc, ranking fifth in made three pointers in the ACC with 81 and third in three point percentage at 42.4 percent.

Look for these returning players to progress also, not just in terms of individual skill and ability but as a whole in the system under Buzz Williams.

With returning players having a year of experience under their belt, the Hokies will also look forward to

bringing in more talent to fill gaps and add depth to their roster.

Transfers Seth Allen from Maryland and Zach LeDay from South Florida will be eligible to play next year. Allen is a great scorer and should help the Hokies offensively. LeDay is a forward who will be a solid addition to the frontcourt with his length.

Virginia Tech recruited and signed point guard Justin Robinson, forward Kerry Blackshear and Chris Clarke. Clarke, an uber-athletic wing, is a standout recruit who is ranked among the top 10 in the country at his position and best in the state of Virginia according to ESPN.

Tech is still looking to add depth to its front line however, making offers to post players Levi Cook and Simeon Carter. Cook is a 6-foot-10 300 pounder ranked the No. 2 player in

West Virginia.

Looking back on the season, one thing is for certain, through all of the ups and downs, we saw a brand of fun and exciting team "Buzzketball", with high energy and apparent passion that the Virginia Tech men's basketball program lacked in previous years.

"I want to have fun. I know you guys think I sweat and I don't have fun. I'm having the time of my life," Williams said. Williams is having so much fun that he often sweats through his shirt and has changed outfits at halftime on multiple occasions.

This season provided the Hokies with the groundwork for a team that shows promise in the near future. "Buzzketball" is definitely in the works.

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## Tech golf cruises to repeat win at Mission Inn Spring Spectacular

MITCH VAN OSTENBRIDGE sports reporter

The Virginia Tech men's golf team cruised to victory at the Mission Inn Spring Spectacular. The two-day event consisted of three rounds and concluded on Sunday afternoon as the Hokies took the top spot for the second year in a row.

The Hokies made short work of the par 72, 6,884 yard course and finished in red numbers, posting a total team score of 861, three under par.

Tech started the event as the defending champs and got off to a good start. After the first round ended, the Hokies sat at three over par (291) and had a six-stroke lead over the nearest competitor East Carolina. Virginia Tech improved on its first day success, recording lower scores in each of the last two rounds. The Hokies finished the tournament with rounds of two under (286) and four under (284).

At the end of competition, the Hokies' lead had grown to a staggering 22 strokes. The blowout win is the second of the year for Virginia Tech.

The Hokies were once again led by the senior duo of Scott Vincent

and Trevor Cone. Vincent finished second overall with a three-round total of four under par (212). A Zimbabwe native, Vincent has been riding a hot streak as the Mission Inn event marks his third top-two finish in a row. The streak includes a first place finish at the Puerto Rico Classic.

Cone was not far behind his teammate, recording a three-under final tally. His total score of 213 was good enough for third place, tying Cone's best performance of the season. This also was Cone's fifth top-10 result out of the Hokie's seven competitions this year.

Cone and Vincent were not the only Hokies present in the top-ten list, however. Sophomore Maclain Huge came in seventh place with a score of 1 over (217). Huge rebounded after two shaky performances in which he finished 55th and 48th to claim his second top-10 finish of the year.

The other two Hokies on the roster, sophomores Joey Lane and Drew Johnson, finished tied for 16th and tied for 61st respectively. Lane carded a 222 while Johnson posted a 237. The individual medalist was awarded to Austin Powell (-6, 210) from the

University of Pennsylvania.

While the team portion of the competition was not much of a contest, it did feature plenty of competitors. A total of 17 schools participated in the event. The next closest competitor behind the Hokies, East Carolina, finished 22 shots behind with a score of 883. ACC foe N.C. State took third place at 888. VCU took home fourth, carding an 889. Old Dominion rounded out the top five with a 28 over par 892. Host school George Mason finished 16th with a score of 940.

With the ACC Championship a mere five weeks away, the Hokies first place finish is a good sign for things to come. They still have not placed outside the top-10 in any team event this season.

The Virginia Tech men's golf team has the next week off but will return to action March 27 at the Furman Intercollegiate hosted by Furman University. There the Hokies will once again try to defend their title from last year's event.

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### 2014-2015 Season Scores

Nov. 14	Dec. 27	Feb. 7
W	W	L
Maryland-Eastern Shore 71-46	Presbyterian 87-65	Florida State 65-73
Nov. 19	Dec. 30	Feb. 9
W	L	W
Liberty 73-63	West Virginia 51-82	Georgia Tech 65-63
Nov. 22	Jan. 3	Feb. 14
L	L	L
Appalachian State 63-65	Syracuse 66-68	Clemson 54-75
Nov. 25	Jan. 7	Feb. 18
L	L	L
Northern Iowa 54-73	Florida State 75-86	Miami 52-76
Nov. 26	Jan. 13	Feb. 21
W	L	L
Miami University 78-63	Louisville 63-78	NC State 53-69
Nov. 30	Jan. 18	Feb. 25
W	L	L
Morgan State 83-63	North Carolina 53-68	Duke (4) 86-91
Dec. 3	Jan. 22	Feb. 28
L	L	L
Penn State 58-61	Notre Dame 60-85	Virginia (2) 57-69
Dec. 7	Jan. 25	Mar. 2
L	L	L
Radford 66-68	Virginia 47-50	Boston College 59-66
Dec. 14	Jan. 27	Mar. 7
W	W	L
Alabama A&M 65-55	Pittsburgh 70-67	Miami 61-82
Dec. 20	Jan. 31	Mar. 10
W	L	W
The Citadel 64-61	Wake Forest 70-73	Wake Forest 81-80
Dec. 22	Feb. 4	Mar. 11
W	L	L
VMI 87-74	Syracuse 70-72	Miami 59-49

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