Campus briefs

TECHNOLOGY

iPhone game developed at Tech targets math

Virginia Tech researchers have developed an educational iPhone application to teach math to middle schoolers, and a \$2 million National Science Foundation grant will allow the team to build up to three more, the university announced.

Education professors Michael Evans and Mido Chang, computer science professor Osman Balci, psychology professor Kirby Deater-Deckard, mathematics professor Andy Norton and computer science doctoral student Serdar Aslan developed the app called "CandyFactory," a university news release stated.

The app allows students to play a multi-level game that asks them to fill orders for candy bars of different sizes.

The team plans to work with local school systems to implement the game into in middle-school classrooms and measure its effects on learning.

It's been downloaded 2,000 times in the past month, and is

available at Tech's iTunes store.

SUSTAINABILITY Ranking puts VT in top 16 "green" colleges list

Virginia Tech is one of 16 colleges listed in The Princeton Review's 2012 Green Rating Honor Roll.

This designates that Virginia Tech achieved the highest possible score in this ranking.

The survey of 768 schools measured the health and quality of life on campus, how well-prepared students were students to face environmental challenges and the university's overall commitment to environmental issues, the release stated.

EARTHQUAKE Tech expert to lead quake investigation

Virginia Tech engineering professor and earthquake expert James Martin will lead an investigative team of U.S. scientists and engineers to document after-effects of the Aug. 23 East Coast earthquake centered near Mineral, Va., Tech announced.

Martin was in California

when the earthquake struck, missing the biggest event of his career, fellow seismologist Martin Chapman said recently.

The team's research will be used to better prepare for quakes along the East Coast. Virginia is considered under prepared for a large earthquake.

GERIATRIC NURSING Radford instructor earns Fellow status

Sarah Gilbert, an instructor in Radford University's Waldron College of Health and Human Services, has been granted Fellow status by the National Gerontological Nursing Association.

Gilbert received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Radford and holds a national credential as a clinical nurse specialist in gerontology.

In awarding Fellow status, the NGNA recognizes outstanding leadership in gerontological nursing and distinguished contributions to the field, including practice, teaching, research, administration, consultation or other public services.



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