**Technosphere 2001, Returns to Richmond, Draws Over 1,000**

*by Stephen Blue, Virginia TSA Reporter*

Technosphere 2001 was a fun filled weekend packed with exciting events. From dart boards to a new Executive Council, competitions to a student mixer, it has been declared a success.

Technosphere 2001, held April 27-29, drew over 1,000 participants from across the state. The Holiday Inn Kroger Center was the host hotel of the conference. The Kroger Center was a new location for the conference, which in years past had been held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Hampton.

State officers took the opportunity to raise funds for their community service project, the Red Cross. Each officer carried around a decorated container, asking for donations. The officer with the most money got to pie the officer who raised the least amount. Many officers used different tactics to try and avoid the pie—from mentioning it in their campaign speeches to playing music for people. Eventually, Morgan Maddox, 2000-2001 National TSA Sergeant-At-Arms, received a big pie in the face from top fund-raiser, Sarah Rafaly. Another fund-raiser for the Red Cross was the Dart Throw, held outside on Saturday. This popular event went quickly, when we ran out of balloons to pop! All we can say is Virginia TSA members have good

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Hello, Virginia TSA! The 2001-2002 year is well underway, and has the look of a great one. With Technosphere 2001 and the national conference in Richmond wrapped up, we can all go back to the drawing board on our competitions and prepare for what’s ahead.

Thanks to the members of the Virginia Conference Management Team for their hard work at Nationals this year. Of all the national conferences I’ve been to, this was by far the best, and I hope everyone else had a great time as I did.

Technosphere 2001, was held in Richmond for the first time in many years. It was also a huge success! Thanks to the 2000-2001 Executive Council for their hard work which made it the best conference, yet.

The New Officers’ Workshop was held recently at Graves’ Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia. Our state’s executive council is already working hard. As a proof of their work, the first issue of the Virginia Scene for the 2001-2002 year is out!

This year’s community service project for Virginia TSA is Habitat for Humanity. The executive council will be volunteering time and raising money. We hope that local chapters will too.

Finally, I have one last announcement. I will be moving to South Carolina in mid August. So, this is my last article as your Virginia TSA State President. The last two years have taught me invaluable lessons and changed me for the better. I hate to go into good-bye clichés, but they really are all true. I would like to thank the Executive Councils of the last two years, all the advisors and alumni who have helped me, and most importantly and emphatically, the members of Virginia TSA. Thank you for the opportunities you’ve given me, thank you for electing me, and thank you for supporting me.

If anyone has any questions or comments about anything at all, feel free to contact me at oreagan60@hotmail.com. I hope to see you at Technosphere 2002 as your Immediate Past President, and wish you the best of luck in whatever the future brings you. Thank you, and good-bye, Virginia TSA.

Doug O’Reagan
Virginia TSA President
State Officers Attend New Officers’ Workshop

by Anne Ward, Virginia TSA Historian

If you would have peered into one of the windows at Grave’s Mountain Lodge on the eighth, ninth, or tenth of June, you just might have seen the Virginia TSA Executive Council hard at work. To tell you the truth, the whole weekend wasn’t all work and no play, but we did work hard on planning for the upcoming year for Virginia TSA.

We came across many tests during these three days. One of these tests was a Jeopardy game, we played to see how many of us read our executive council handbooks. Since we didn’t have buzzers, we resorted to using the gavel and one of the symbol stands. Well to say the least, I’m surprised both are still fully intact.

Another test was to see if we could put ourselves in order from youngest to oldest without talking. The answer is no. There are too many fifteen-year-olds on our council to make this task possible without talking although we didn’t mess up too many times. If you haven’t already guessed it, most of our tasks were to help us work better as a team. The last of these activities was one in which we all had to close our eyes and President, Doug O’Reagan, had to direct us to pick up scattered items. Thanks to Reporter, Stephen Blue, we finished quicker than expected because he would just walk around and find things with his feet and pick them up and take them to Doug.

Now, don’t think we had it that easy all weekend because we didn’t. We had to assist our Treasurer, Adam Martin, in balancing the budget. We worked on a resolution brought up by Vice-President, JaPrince Carter. All of this activity kept Parliamentarian, Matt Walton, on his toes. We did a lot of planning for our national conference. We, also, planned for our regional fall rallies and spring fairs. We had to meet with our committees to make plans and discuss items of business that pertained to each of our committees. We also discussed things like the Virginia Scene and the Archives Record Book. This kept our Sergeant-At-Arms, Steven Gill, constantly out of his seat; handing out papers.

Handling business and doing leadership activities weren’t the only reason the New Officers’ Workshop was held. It was also held so the officers could get to know one another. To be honest, I didn’t know half of the people in the room on Friday. Over the course of the weekend, I met and worked with everyone in doing some task.

We worked hard for three days for you, Virginia TSA, to help us on our journey, “To Achieve and Succeed.” It was a fun and worthwhile experience in which all of us accomplished a lot, and set forth to do a lot more.

Valley Region

by Brittany Stansberry, President

Greetings Virginia TSA, from the Valley Region. We are looking forward to a productive year with the leadership and guidance of a highly motivated officer team; with Brittany Stansberry from Fort Defiance High School as President, Anne Ward from Fort Defiance High School as Vice President, Robyn Davis from Turner Ashby High School as Secretary, Blaire Hawkins from L. Downing Middle School as Treasurer, Matthew Ridgeway from Wilbur S. Pence Middle School as Sergeant-at-Arms, and Kristen Swanson from Stewart Middle School as Reporter.

So far, we have an exciting schedule of events planned for the upcoming 2001-2002 year. We will kick the year off with our New Officers’ Retreat in August, where we will discuss and plan activities as an officer team and hopefully get to know each other better.

Our Fall Rally will be held September 22nd at James Madison University where we will also attend a football game. March 9th will be our Regional Fair at Blue Ridge Community College. We are foreseeing an exciting year for TSA in the Valley Region.

Tidewater Region

by Josh Clements, President

The Tidewater Region is off to a great start in the 2001-2002 school year. The new officers are as follows: President-Josh Clements, Vice President-Todd Newsome, Secretary-Lindsey Johnson, Parliamentarian-Chris Taylor, Historian-Thomas Rozelle, Sergeant-at-Arms-Landon Eng, Past President/State Reporter-Stephen Blue.

For the 2001-2002 year, the Regional Rally will be held on November 10 at Heritage High School in Newport News. The starting time will be at 8:00am. The upcoming Regional Fair will also hold at Heritage High School. The date will be March 9 starting at 7:30am.

We would also like to give a special thanks to all of those people who helped out with the 2000-2001 Fair and Rally. It is a major goal for us to double attendance at these events this year.

Blue Ridge Region

by Tyler Martin, President

In the near future, I plan to fill my regional council and have at least three different schools on the council.

The Fall Rally will be held at Virginia Tech on November 3. We will hold the Spring Fair on March 2 at Covington High School with a snow date of March 9.

This year, I also plan to have a fundraising activity at our spring fair. This is what is happening so far in my region.

South Central Region

by Charlie Gilliam, President

This year the regional officer team and I are hoping and planning for a successful year. At the New Officers Workshop, we worked on Fall Rally plans. We will inform you of the finalized plans.
Introducing your
2001-2002 Executive Council

PRESIDENT Doug O’Reagan
I am Doug O’Reagan, a junior at Brookville High School, serving as your 2001-2002 Virginia State President. I have been in TSA for five years, and have attended every Technosphere in that time period. I have played on Brookville’s Junior Varsity soccer team for the past two years, as well as participated in extracurricular soccer clubs and associations. I also take karate as a first degree black-belt, and I’m an active member of a number of after-school clubs. I play the alto saxophone and bass guitar. In the past, I have served in many chapter offices and as the regional historian. I look forward to being your leader for the 2001-2002 school year.

VICE-PRESIDENT JaPrince Carter
My name is JaPrince Carter and I’m currently your State Vice President. I attend Louisa County High School as a rising junior. I attend Mt. Sinai Solid Rock Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, where I’m an active member. I enjoy spending time with my friends and going skating to have fun. I have been in TSA for four years and have enjoyed every bit of it. I look forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

SECRETARY Whitney Hawkins
Hello Virginia TSA, I am Whitney Hawkins, your 2001-2002 Virginia TSA Secretary. I am an eighth grader at Stewart Middle School in the Valley Region. This is my second year in TSA. I enjoy soccer, basketball, singing, acting, and drawing. I am also interested in studying behavioral science.

TREASURER Adam Martin
My name is Adam Martin and I am your 2000-2001 Virginia State Treasurer. I am currently a senior at Spotswood High School and president of my school’s chapter. I have been in TSA for two years and I am in the National Honor Society. In my free time which is a rare thing, I love to play golf.

REPORTER Stephen Blue
Hello Virginia TSA, I am Stephen Blue, your 2001-2002 Virginia TSA Reporter. I am a junior at Christchurch School. This, my 6th year of TSA, is going to be the busiest - and most fun - of all my years with this organization. I’m looking forward to serving the state and Tidewater Region throughout this year. Outside of TSA, I like fishing, baseball, sailing, and hanging out with my friends.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS Steven Gill
I am a senior at Fort Defiance High School. I have served 7 consecutive years in Virginia TSA. This is my 2nd year serving on the Virginia State Executive Council, last year as Valley Regional President and this year as State Sergeant-At-Arms. My hobbies include coding, website design, and computer tweaking. Personal Quote: “I have found paradise and it lies within my grasp.” Feel free to contact me on AIM, my handle is Gillmann99.

HISTORIAN Anne Ward
Hi Virginia TSA! I am a rising freshman and have been involved with TSA for 2 years. If I am not at school or in the technology room, you would probably find me running. I run for my high school cross-country and track teams. I also have been dancing since I was four years old. My main focus is modern, tap, and jazz, although I have danced classical ballet. I am very competitive and enjoy meeting challenges. I have an older brother and a younger sister. I live in the small town of Weyers Cave, which is about 20 minutes from Harrisonburg.

PALIAMENTARIAN Matt Walton
I am a 16 year old sophomore and I attend Turner Ashby High School in Rockingham County. I have been in TSA for 4 years. Last year, I was the Valley Region Parliamentarian. I enjoy watching and playing basketball; I also enjoy running and watching track and field and cross-country. I also swim on my local swim team. I work for the Harrisonburg Turks of the Valley Baseball League. I am also heavily involved in my church, Bridgewater United Methodist Church, I help out with my church whenever possible, and I am a devout Christian. I hope that with the help of the Executive Council, we can make Virginia TSA the best state association possible. God bless, and feel free to contact me.
**Introducing your Regional Presidents**

**BLUE RIDGE Tyler Martin**

My name is Tyler Martin. I am the Blue Ridge Region President. I was appointed as the President last year and was re-elected to the office at our 2001 regional fair. I also serve as my chapter President. When I’m not in TSA, I play football for my high school. I also enjoy playing on the computer and playing video games.

**NORTHERN William Chang**

Howdy Virginia TSA, my name is William Chang and I am your 2001-2002 Northern Region President. I am 17 years old and a rising senior at Stafford High School and will also be attending the half-day Commonwealth Governor’s School. For the past five years, I have been a proud member of the Technology Student Association. As a member, I have served TSA by holding a number of offices. I have had the opportunity of being Chapter Vice President and Sergeant-at-Arms. Although I keep myself pretty busy by being an officer, I am active in many activities throughout my school and community. I am a member of my school’s Key Club, NHS, SCA and varsity lacrosse team. Additionally, I am a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. I have thoroughly enjoyed the TSA experience and look forward to serving Virginia TSA and making my last year the best ever!

**SOUTH CENTRAL Charlie Gilliam**

Hello, my name is Charlie Gilliam and I am your 2001-2002 South Central region president. I am a 15 year old sophomore at Fluvanna County High School. At school, I am active in both the Fluvanna County Marching Flucos band and drama. I also enjoy participating in the youth group at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. After I graduate, I plan to go to Divinity School and then become a missionary in Central America.

**SOUTHWESTERN Eddie Neece**

My name is Eddie Neece and I am your Southwestern Regional President. I am a junior at Ervinton High School. Outside of TSA, I am involved with Upward Bound and tech prep camps. I am a junior fire fighter for the Dante Volunteer Fire Department. I enjoy rock music, supernatural books and movies, and being on my church softball team. I’d really like to thank my parents, advisor, and all of my friends who have supported me in TSA!

**TIDEWATER Josh Clements**

My name is Joshua Clements. I am from the Tidewater Regional TSA. I attend school at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth. As the Tidewater Regional President, I intend to lead my region to a high level in technology. My hobbies are baseball, woodworking, computers, auto racing, website designing, and working to become a great technology teacher. I am an honest, hardworking person who is very goal oriented. I set high goals for myself and I always plan to accomplish them. I believe that you can be anything you set mind up to be. I have been in TSA for 4 years. I’ve learned a lot from TSA. It has shown me a newer yet, better way of life. It has opened many doors for me. Over the last four years in TSA, while working with great teachers and advisors, I have learned and gained more knowledge that will help to carry me through life with a wider and more open opinion on technology and the working world. Always remember, “Winners Never Quit and Quitters Never Win.”

**VALLEY Brittany Stansberry**

Hi everyone! I’m Brittany Stansberry, President of TSA in the Valley Region. I am a junior at Fort Defiance High School. I enjoy being active and am involved in academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities at our school. I maintain a 4.0 GPA and have received academic letters each year, allowing me to be inducted into the National Honor Society. I am a member of the Varsity Soccer, Indoor Track, and Volleyball teams. My extracurricular activities include: TSA, Forensics, Latin Club, and FFA. I am a strong Christian and am very active in my church. I have been a member of TSA for five years and have served on the Regional executive council all five years.

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State Update
by Kathy Stansbury, Virginia TSA Coordinator

As of August 10 at 12:00pm, our State President, Doug O’Reagan will be moving to South Carolina and therefore will resign as President. At 12:01 on August 10, JaPrince Carter, our State Vice President, will become our new Virginia TSA State President. We look forward to the leadership of JaPrince.

We are extremely sad to see our friend and accomplished leader, Doug, leave. We wish to give Doug our sincere thanks for a job well done. It was under Doug’s leadership that the 2000-2001 Executive Council made and sold Virginia student designed pins at the State and National conference and created a national conference video. Further, as part of his leadership of the 2001-2002 executive council, the first issue of the Virginia Scene has been published ahead of schedule.

Good luck in your new journey, Doug. You have done an excellent job as the Virginia TSA State President. Thank you.

As for the vacancy of the Vice President on the Executive Council, an announcement has been posted on the website about the need for vice presidential candidates. The modified officer candidate form can be found at www.vatsa.org. The application must be completed and mailed to the State Coordinator by October 15. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

The Nominations Committee will review the applications and make a report to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will take action on the Nomination Committee’s recommendations at the December 8 meeting.

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aim when it comes to darts! A total of $322 was raised by the Executive Council for the Red Cross.

Virginia introduced a new pin, depicting the “Fighting Cardinal,” and bearing the name “Virginia TSA.” These pins sold fast. They sold so well that by the time of the National Conference, there were only a few hundred left, which have now been sold. This makes the “Fighting Cardinal” a collectible pin.

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Combination of leadership, attitude, and work ethic, Morgan won over the assembly and is now currently serving and representing the Nation and the great Commonwealth of Virginia as your National TSA Vice President!

Going on to state pride, Virginia really did us proud! We were the largest delegation present to stand at a whopping 121 delegates. When the Virginia flag was presented on stage in the first General Session, a deafening roar rose in the room from the throats of hundreds of Virginians, with the flag going offstage in a veil of state pride. The conference was held in Richmond this year, making us the home state. This Richmond Conference demolished all records on the number of students present, just as we did when the conference was here in 1992. The new record set, thanks to Richmond, is a mind-boggling 3,500 members in attendance.

Virginia submitted a resolution to update the national website, which was overwhelmingly passed, despite opposition. The National Pin, designed by our very own Stephen Blue, was a hot seller, with the sales of over 1,000 pins. There are still some of the aesthetically pleasing pins available for sale at a minimal price of $3.00 each. Please contact tsa@vatsa.org for details. The pin shows where the conference was held written in scarlet, a white TSA emblem, and a golden 2001 with a green silhouette of the state and its emblem in the background, resting in a field of navy blue.

This year, Virginia also was selling our brand new state pins, and I’m happy to report all of the remaining 480 “fighting cardinals” were sold, making the pin a collectable. Also, ten hours of raw footage was videotaped to be boiled down into a National Conference Video that Virginia will be selling. The National Conference video order form is online at www.vatsa.org. I don’t believe there was a person in attendance who hadn’t seen at least twenty representatives from our good state.

In the competitive aspect of the conference, Virginia shined like a diamond among slate. With ten national champions, and over 70 finalists, Virginia excelled in almost every contest. Even for those not bringing home a finalist pin or a trophy, outstanding effort and dedication was shown. My sympathy is with the judges who had to decide which of the competitors would be finalists and trophy winners.

So, as you can see, the 2001 National Technology Student Association was packed with triumph, competition, and good ol’ hard work on everyone’s part. This is not to say that the five days weren’t fun. In fact, I personally can boast it was the best time I’ve ever had.

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The business meeting on Saturday night was also eventful. Two amendments to the constitution were proposed. The first passed fairly easily. The second passed as well, after much debate back and forth. A resolution was also brought before the assembly, however, it could not be voted upon because it was actually an amendment to the constitution. The 2001-2002 officer team was also elected (please see accompanying officer bio’s in this issue).

Finally, Sunday morning came with the long awaited awards ceremony to see if a year’s worth of hard work would be award winning. Everyone was treated to a PowerPoint presentation displaying pictures of events as well as the top three winners’ names in each competition. Technosphere 2001 was a great success. We hope to see you at Technosphere 2002!
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The National theme for 2001-2002 is, “To Achieve and Succeed.” Well TSA, I want to know what you have achieved and why that has helped you succeed.

Hi! I am Anne Ward, your State Historian. My job is to create an Archives Record Book. The Archives Record Book is a document that includes pictures and information about things that have occurred over the course of the year in our organization.

This Archives Record Book is an exciting challenge for me, but I am going to need lots of help. I need pictures! Pictures of your chapter advisors or alumni that have helped you achieve something. I want pictures of you and your chapter achieving or succeeding at something. I want pictures of Virginia TSA. Any picture you send, I will try to use.

I also need articles. I would like articles about your chapter’s activities, advisor, and alumni. I want to know what makes your chapter special!

TSA wants to know how your chapter has achieved and succeeded. TSA also wants to know how you plan to keep on achieving and succeeding in the future. Everyone wants to know about you and your chapter and what they have done in the past, what they are doing now, and what they’re going to do in the future.

This may sound hard, but it is not. Just take some pictures and/or write an article and send them to me at:

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Also, don’t forget to label your pictures and articles. I need this information for pictures: name of chapter, what’s taking place, where it is taking place, who’s in it, and any other information you wish to include. For the articles, I need following information: the name of the chapter and the authors’ name. I hope you all have a great year filled with achievement and success.

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