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Company can keep Hokie name

Virginia Tech sued Hokie Real Estate for infringing on the "famous" moniker, but it appears John Wilburn got the better end of the deal.

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A Virginia Tech alumnus sued by the university for using the term Hokie in his real estate business name may not only keep using the moniker, but now gets free tickets to Tech football home games, among other incentives.

The university sued John Wilburn, and his Blacksburg company Hokie Real Estate, last fall in the U.S. District Court for Western Virginia. The university alleged that in using the term "Hokie," Wilburn infringed on the institution's exclusive right to the "famous Hokies and Hokie trademarks," and asked that the company be ordered to cease using the name and pay Tech's

legal fees and unspecified damages.

Wilburn countersued, claiming the university had perpetrated a fraud on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in its application for and use of trademarks. The countersuit asked for monetary damages and other punishments, but was dismissed on grounds that as a state agency Tech is immune to the damage claims.

After months of negotiations, Wilburn seems to have won the upper hand, securing the right to use the Hokie name and receiving tens of thousands of dollars' worth of university goods and services.

Reached by phone Friday, Wilburn was reluctant to comment on the terms

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Obama pitches plan in Richmond

The president sounded like he was on the campaign trail as he touted his jobs package.

By Julian Walker
The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

RICHMOND — Amplifying a message delivered the night before to Congress, President Barack Obama on Friday urged a crowd of thousands at the University of Richmond to tell lawmakers to support his jobs package.



President Obama Stumped for swift passage of his jobs plan.

The president has proposed a \$447 billion plan of tax cuts and new spending that he contends would put some of the 14 million unemployed Americans back to work, pump more money into the economy and spur infrastructure projects.

As he did in the congressional address, Obama repeatedly stumped for swift passage of his jobs package — the Richmond speech was peppered with variations of the phrase "pass this bill."

It was a message well received by the estimated crowd of 8,900, which loudly cheered the president throughout his 26-minute address.

Whether they will follow through on his call to rally behind his proposal remains to be seen.

"I want you to call, I want you to email, I want you to tweet, I want you to fax, I want you to visit, I want you to Facebook, send a carrier pigeon," he told the crowd. "I want you tell your congressperson the time for gridlock and games is over."

One person who plans to reach out to his congress-

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Woman faces one more obstacle to overcome



Photos by REBECCA BARNETT | The Roanoke Times

April Drummond's house in northwest Roanoke was condemned after a fire broke out Thursday night. Drummond said she and her three youngest daughters were in the house when she saw the smoke. They all got out safely.

"I've had a great loss, but I still have my babies," April Drummond said after a fire ripped through her house. "I still have one more day on this earth."

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A waist-high plaster angel stands beside April Drummond's front door in northwest Roanoke — its hands pressed together; its wings flared and poised; its eyes low and blank yet somehow reassuring above its wan smile.

"Don't even ask me how that angel is still standing. Last night, the fire was all over," Drummond said Friday afternoon from the front walk of her newly condemned home. "She's a little sooty, but she's still standing."

Drummond, 44, awoke Thursday night to find her bedroom full of black



April Drummond's house was charred to ruin in a fire Thursday night. She is being assisted by the Red Cross.

smoke. The power was out and the air suddenly poisonous, but she managed to gather her three youngest daughters — Autumn, 14; Summer, 11; and Spring, 10 — and flee. By the time they reached

the front door, the hallway was lit by flames.

"Just the sound of it was unreal. It was so violent," she said, recalling how the four of them ran across Staunton Avenue and into a neighbor's yard because they were afraid the house might explode behind them.

As they stood there, terrified but unhurt, Drummond saw a man, a stranger, bolting flat-out toward her burning house.

"He was going to run in. He wasn't even thinking," she said.

She and the girls shouted him down, told him everybody had gotten out, and he stopped, but she still doesn't know

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U.S. F-16 pilot was prepared to sacrifice life on 9/11



Associated Press

Maj. Heather "Lucky" Penney was one of the first two combat pilots in the air on Sept. 11. Her job that day, she said, was to "be a kamikaze pilot."

She had orders to stop United Airlines Flight 93, but there was no time to load her plane with ammunition.

By Steve Hendrix
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Late in the morning of the Tuesday that changed everything, Lt. Heather "Lucky" Penney was on a runway at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland and ready to fly.

She had her hand on the throttle of an F-16, and she

had her orders: Bring down United Airlines Flight 93. The day's fourth hijacked airliner seemed to be hurtling toward Washington. Penney, one of the first two combat pilots in the air that morning, was told to stop it.

The one thing she didn't have as she roared into the crystalline sky was live ammunition. Or missiles. Or

anything at all to throw at a hostile aircraft.

Except her own plane. So that was the plan.

Because the surprise attacks were unfolding, in that innocent age, faster than they could arm war planes, Penney and her commanding officer went up to fly their jets straight into a Boeing 757.

"We wouldn't be shooting it down. We'd be ramming the aircraft," Penney recalls of her charge that day. "I would essentially be a kamikaze pilot."

For years, Penney, one of the first generation of female combat pilots in the country, gave no interviews

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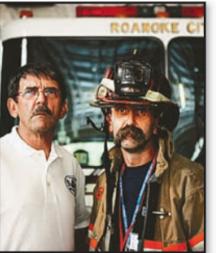
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N.Y., Washington, aware of terrorism threat, not afraid

Undaunted by talk of a new threat of terrorism, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at security checkpoints Friday. PAGE 3

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Roanoke pair to take steps to honor fallen firefighters

A father and son will climb 110 flights of stairs Sunday in remembrance of a father and son who died Sept. 11, 2001. PAGE 7

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Cardiology Associates of Virginia will join Carilion on Oct. 1. Financial terms were not disclosed. PAGE 6

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