WREK examines new proposals

By Craig Tabita
Contributing Writer

Tech’s WREK-FM student radio station may see some changes in the future, thanks to suggestions that there may be untapped potential in the station. The discussions with the station staff so far have included Institute President Wayne Clough, William Schaffer, vice president of Student Services, and Alison Graah, undergraduate student body president.

According to Jeremy Varner, WREK’s general manager and a sixth-year CE student, the proposed changes do not stem from WREK not meeting anyone’s expectations, but instead from observing WREK’s valuable tool that could use its evident coverage ability to benefit the student body and the Institute as a whole in various ways.

“WREK is a 40,000 watt sta-

Athletics undergoes certification process

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

This year, Tech is one of 34 schools going through the NCAA Certification process. The purpose of the certification process is to ensure that the NCAA’s member institutions can demonstrate that they are dedicated to academics and integrity in athletics.

The spirit of the process is to help improve the quality of the operations being evaluated,” said Jack Lohmann, vice provost for Institutional Development.

The process began in February of this year when the NCAA sent a notice to Tech saying that the program was up for inspection. The process occurs at all institutions on a 10 year interval. The three main components of the process are academic integrity, a review of Tech’s processes and policies and student-athlete equity.

In April, Institute President Wayne Clough asked Lohmann to act as chairman for the Steering Committee, which is made up of about 20 to 25 people. On Sept. 8th, all of the committees met to get organized and get started on creating a self-study report. From now until May 1, 2007, the school will work on sending out a report to the NCAA on the findings of the self-study based on the three main components of the process.

By the end of the summer, the NCAA will give Tech back the report, which the school will then have 8 months to go over the report and prepare a response, said Lohmann.

Web Course Tools (WebCT) will cease to be the main course management system operated by the Tech community in the beginning of the 2008 academic year.

WebCT Classroom Edition (ICE), the program currently used on campus, will no longer be supported by the parent company, Blackboard Inc.

Two new systems that have the potential to replace WebCT, WebCT Vista 4.0, a product of Blackboard Inc. and Sakai, are being tested by a special committee commissioned by Anderson Smith, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, to assess which product is better for Tech.

According to Jim Foley, committee chair and College of Computing (COC) professor, the committee has been actively considering the matter.

“The committee has been meeting every week since the middle of August to consider differences between Vista and Sakai.”

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Committee looks at WebCT alternatives

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Senior Staff Writer

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Rugby works out to fund research

The rugby team took part in the Fight Gone Bad Workout this weekend to raise money for prostate cancer research. The event took place on Sunday and Monday. The rugby team donated their personal money as well as solicited donations from others.

Twenty-three members of the rugby team participated in the event. The event raised $2,500 over the nationwide goal of $250,000.

Wachovia building set to implode

Students will be able to watch the Wachovia building implode Saturday at 8 a.m. The building is located on the corner of North Avenue and West Peachtree Street directly across from the Bank of America building.

Various streets and lanes in the area will be closed for the implosion until 10 a.m. that morning.

Tech alum earns genius award

Tech alumna Linda Griffith was named today among 23 new MacArthur Fellows, commonly known as the genius awards, for 2006. Griffith won the award for her work in biological engineering. She is currently director of the Biotechnology Process Engineering Center and professor in the Departments of Biological and Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
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Racing Stripes make a car go FASTER. DSP passes me off Yesterday was my birthday, if your reading this, Andy has a hangover CoC labs smell like ass Controlled them before they control you! Build a robot! Skyner is coming, build a robot John Connor! “You have a nice solution, then you have a daughter like Nicole Ritchie” Prof Chow Yarrr Man, you know that we got it! Death Star! Does Buzz have prostate cancer? See page 5 for more Slivers!

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

By Arcady Kantor
Senior Editor

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In a couple of weeks, we will have a meeting where the focus will be on getting information from the trials,” Foley said.

According to Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL), a high-gear pilot testing phase will start in the spring semester of 2007. Transitioning into the new product will carry into the end of the fall semester.

“We’re looking to see not what students can see six months or one year from now, but what the program allows for innovation. The important question is: what does it allow us to do that we can’t do now?” Llewellyn said.

The innovative capabilities of the new product are only part of the parcel of reasoning that is behind the drive for change.

“The difference between the two programs is that Vista is a Course Management System that only applies to the classroom and Sakai can be used as a digital home and database for any group whether academic (class/research group) or social (any student organization).”

While Tech’s contract with WebCT was paid by the Board of Regents (BOR) and a similar method of payment would be used with WebCT Vista if it were chosen, Sakai is an open-source program and has no license fee.

“Vista would be paid for through BOR annually and this gets us the product and support,” Llewellyn said. Sakai operates on a different method of payment. “We pay $10,000 per year for three years and join what’s called the Sakai community. It is a group of universities who have chosen to pay this to the

foundation. That buys you access to code before it is open-release” Llewellyn said.

This allows Tech to learn more about the product and collaborate with other schools in the Sakai community such as Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

“The cost is for the support for the product. It’s for having people at Tech who ensure that the database is up, for showing faculty how to use it, for doing all of the kinds of things that we should be doing to support the product,” Llewellyn said.

“We want to make the best possible change,” Foley said. The new system would help to achieve Tech’s long-term strategic objective of excellence in education technology use. The new system would have to be securely accessible to students all around the world.

“We also have students in the Savannah campus of Georgia Tech. People in the Global Learning Center also teach courses all over the world,” Foley said.

While both Vista and Sakai will have the same basic tools as WebCT CE, the system’s permeation in a student’s academics will still depend on the professors. “Right now, a minority of courses use WebCT in an interactive way. There are universities where the course management system is part of the culture. We want to get a system that has the potential to become part of the culture,” Foley said.

According to Llewellyn, the tools would have to prove themselves. “Tech believes in academic freedom for our faculty so we’ll never be in a campus where we mandate that the faculty has to use a tool. My goal is that we have tools available that are so attractive to be using that the faculty wants to use the tools because it facilitates them doing what they want to do,” Llewellyn said.

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feedback on the report. Around September or October of next year, the NCAA will have their official visit to campus to certify the findings of the report.

In February 2008, the NCAA will send out their final decision about Tech’s certification status.

“The biggest part of the workload in the whole activity is the preparation of the self-study, but even that is a fairly straightforward process of Tech putting it in writing and demonstrating that it has documentation to support the NCAA that Tech has the proper operating procedures and policies,” Lohmann said.

Within the self-study, the major aspects are progression towards degree, graduation rate, effectiveness of student advisement, eligibility rules, and admissions. The study will focus on how student-athletes are making satisfactory progress towards meaningful degrees, making sure that those students are meeting their eligibility requirements and ensuring that admissions standards are equal for student-athletes in relation to all other Tech students. This process is not related to the athletic program being put on probation a couple years ago. In 2003, 13 Tech football players were thrown off the team for academic infractions, including players not making progress towards their degree and eligibility infractions regarding student GPA.

Lohmann said the probation should not have a large effect on the current certification.

“That incident should factor very little into this certification process. There are two reasons for this. One of them is that we responded to all of those issues already, and we have put in to place new procedures, processes and people to ensure that we are doing a better job of monitoring student performance to their degrees. We have reported all of that to the NCAA, and they are satisfied,” Lohmann said.

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A penguin attacked my boot

Captain Falcon is my fantasy gay love

So how long can a Sliver be?

That long!

James, you are one sketchy kid

Bring me a shubbery!

Oooh for the dreams that come with naps!

My free gold T-shirt is awesome!

Fine we can have joint custody of the calculator

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the family and friends of Christopher Kautz, the graduate student who passed away recently.

The third bill to go before the senate was the Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Chinese Friendship Association for their National Day and Moon Festival Gala. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) made several recommendations to modify the bill.

Since the organizational representative was not present to field questions about the bill, the bill was postponed until next week.

The fourth bill to go before the senate was the Joint Allocation to Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club. The organization was asked for $4,600 to replace a repeater on the WREK antenna so they could conduct amateur radio activities. The bill met with JFC policy and passed the senate.

The fifth bill to be presented to the senate was the Joint Allocation to the Salsa Club for their Dance Party on Sept. 30. The bill passed in its amended form.

The sixth bill brought before the senate was the Joint Allocation to Students for Justice in Palestine. The bill asked for $1,900 to bring in Jeff Halper as a guest speaker on Oct 19. The bill passed the senate.

The last bill brought before the senate was a Joint Allocation to President's Council Governing Board President's Summit. The senators amended the bill to remove business cards and sales tax, bringing the total to $1,166.16. The bill passed unanimously in its amended form.

Switching to a commercial format would have various consequences for the station. The first one listeners would notice would be a move from the 91.1 MHz frequency it has traditionally held to a new one that WREK would have to carve out of Atlanta's already crowded commercial bandwidth, since stations up to 92 MHz are reserved for non-commercial stations only. Varner also said that as a non-commercial station, they currently pay reduced royalties for the songs they play and that switching to a commercial format would increase those costs significantly.

Additionally, the all volunteer staff would likely switch to a paid staff, a change that, according to Varner, could cause WREK to drift away from its current direction of being an educational station.

“I think there are ways the station... could be of more value to Tech.”

Colleen Terrell, LCC Professor and Faculty Advisor for WREK.

It was a book review not a book report
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everyone loves an Awe$$OMe girl!!
Homo Sex: Sin or In?
It was pretty funny to see the protestors recoil from the poster of the girls kissing free speech depends on what your definition of a watermelon is.
Hah - I was the first vote

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NFL fans revive New Orleans

With over 1,800 people killed, over 200,000 people displaced from their homes, an entire city in ruins, an entire state in dismay and an entire country left in shock, Hurricane Katrina changed the lives of many people, both in the southern U.S. and across the country. Seeing the pain and suffering of the victims of the tragic hurricane that swept away New Orleans and all it represents and means to this country left me scrambling to do whatever I could to help those in need. I made me realize that the problems I face or the troubles that I go through on a daily basis are so insignificant compared to some of the things the residents and former residents of New Orleans will face over the course of the next few years. It gave me some perspective on my life and a new sense of direction and motivation.

You didn’t see any of that pain, suffering or anguish last Monday night. The city of New Orleans came to life as it welcomed back its National Football League (NFL) franchise to the Louisiana Superdome for the first time since December 2004. With the help of the sold-out crowd in attendance and millions around the country watching the New Orleans Saints, the city sparkled like never before for everyone to see.

The joy on the faces I saw from both Saints fans and Atlanta Falcons fans alike showed the way the city banded together to come back as only professional franchise. I could also see the smiles on the faces of the Saints’ players, coaches, trainers, equipment managers and each and every person on the field.

The Louisiana Superdome re-opened with so much excitement, enthusiasm and happiness that it gave victims, their families and the country a short time away from the pain and suffering which they would have to return in just a few hours. Signs that hung off of the side of the dome really showed me how much the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans were on their way to coming back. Signs such as “Home Sweet Dome” and “Thank You America, New Orleans & Saints Are Here to Stay” showed the country that the city of New Orleans isn’t going to give up. They are going to fight long and hard to come back more prosperous than ever before.

In the entire history of the New Orleans Saints organization, the franchise has never sold out the entire quantity of season tickets in any single season. But for this season, the fans purchased every single season ticket available for the first time. This just shows me how the citizens of New Orleans have come together. The team has become the epicenter of the city and an example to all of the residents of New Orleans that they can come back, that they should not give up and that they should keep fighting.

The way the Superdome was rebuilt serves as a prime example for all who were affected by the most devastating hurricane to hit land in nearly 80 years. During the Category 5 hurricane, several “refuge of last resort” shelters were set up for citizens who could not leave the city. The Superdome was the largest of these shelters, used as a home for those whose houses were destroyed. But even the great structure, which housed 26,000 people during the relief efforts and was supposed to withstand a significant natural disaster, sustained significant roof damage.

In order to repair the Superdome, a two-phase, $185 million project was put in place. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, a U.S. government agency tasked with disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery planning, contributed $115 million to the recovery project while the state of Louisiana provided $13 million. The Louisiana Stadium and Expediton District secured $43 million in contributions towards the project, and the NFL added the final $15 million. The roof was completely rebuilt ahead of schedule. Additions continue to be made to the Superdome, including new luxury suites, locker rooms and seats. The entire project will be completed sometime in 2007, but the Superdome is usable for games and other events beginning this season.

It amazes me the way so many contributed to helping the relief efforts for those who were affected by the tragedy. The way the country banded together to help rebuild the Louisiana Superdome just goes to show that the people of New Orleans do believe. They believe that they can come back; they believe they will come back; and now believe that they can and will come back to being one of the best tourist sites in the nation once again.
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It seems to me that a typical student at Tech knows more about how a computer works than how SGA functions. What these computer-lovers should realize, however, is that the amount of computing resources around the school or the number of LAN parties (for the unfortunate ones who missed it, OTT hosted one of these parties in the library last year for videogame) that might be held depends almost entirely on what kind of things are brought up in SGA committees. From my viewpoint, it seems engineering students on the whole are hardly concerned with SGA. Instead, the majority of those I have met who really care about SGA or TechIQ staff members. This might be one of the consequences of being an engineering major—I do not interact much with non-engineering students except in a couple of student organizations and at the library, where I spend most of my time—but it would still be nice to know that the representatives I know about what we students want. According to Tech IQ’s database, 25% of students who came to Tech know more about how a computer works than how SGA functions.

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Universities announce changes to admissions, athletics

Both the oldest institution of higher learning in the U.S. and the largest “university” in the country each made a major announcement in the past couple of weeks. The announcements seemed to fit their historical reparations.

The oldest and undoubtedly one of the most prestigious—Harvard—made a well-reasoned change that may alter the landscape of college admissions when it eliminated its early action program. In contrast, our country’s largest university, the University of Phoenix (you’ve probably seen their commercials), made news of its own by paying $154.5 million for the naming rights for the Arizona Cardinals’ new stadium.

On Sept. 12, Harvard’s interim president Derek Bok announced the death of its early action program, in which students that got their applications in by Nov. 1 and promised not to apply early to other schools were informed of their admissions decisions before Christmas. The main rationale behind the change was that “early admission programs tend to advantage the advantaged.”

Bok said according to the Harvard University Gazette,

“Creating a level playing field for university admissions is certainly a noble cause. Harvard’s early action program was not even binding—students could still apply to other schools during the regular cycle—and they still found certain “advanced” groups were benefiting from the process and, more importantly, took the initiative to try to fix the problem.

Prince&ton followed suit by eliminating its early decision program, which gave an even greater advantage to students who did not have to worry as heavily about finance&ng college. Princeton required students who chose to apply “early decision” to enroll in the school. Of course, that meant they had to commit to coming even before they were able to see their financial aid package and that they would never have a chance to compare it to other schools.

I certainly applaud the decisions of these schools that are addressing flaws they have found in their admissions process. Of course, switching to a single admissions deadline is not a perfect system either.

Students that would have only applied in an “early” program in the past will be forced to apply many more places; this certainly works against the new policy’s goals of simplifying college admissions.

There is also a good chance that this will lead to more prospective students being accepted to a greater number of schools than in the past, which will drive down yields—the percentage of students accepting offers of admission—and make it much more difficult to predict the size of incoming freshman classes.

At Tech, we certainly know about these difficulties; it sure will be interesting when Harvard students tell that they were a few hundred off in predicting their class size and that they have to fit in one more $44,000 a-year student than a room should hold.

It is important that other schools follow only if they feel their system is broken. In fact, Yale Dean of Admissions Jeffrey Brenzel told the Yale Daily Student, “In our case, the move to early action resulted in an increased proportion of low-income students in the applicant pool.”

Yale, Stanford and others have come to the conclusion that ending early action admissions would provide them no benefit, and they have decided to keep their programs intact instead of trying to play a clumsy game of “follow the leader.”

Schools making independent, well-reasoned decisions is a fine idea. However, the University of Phoenix—the renowned university with over 250,000 students that granted an MBA to Shaquille O’Neal—is certainly not trying to follow the trend of colleges making well-reasoned decisions.

The school, which has no athletic teams, making the decision to shell out over $150 million for the right to name the NFL’s Arizona Cardinals’ new stadium is absolutely ridiculous. Maybe it makes sense if they want to be synonymous with one of the NFL’s worst franchises in an attempt to maintain their fund rankings. But really, couldn’t that money have been used a bit better in trying to lure some top-notch professors to teach the school’s already heavily-advertised, long-distance classes to bring them a bit more credibility?

I guess there’s a lot of truth to that law of inertia—when things head in one direction, universities included, they keep going that way.

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war inflicted $3.6 billion in damage on Lebanese infrastructure. This number was reflected by the head of the Lebanese Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR). He compared the devastation to the catastrophic 1989 Exxon Valdez tanker incident

that caused an environmental disaster; almost as much oil may have been spilled into the Lebanese sea, causing an environmental catastrophe with severe effects on health, biodiversity and tourism. The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has expressed its grave concern about oil pollution in Lebanese coastal waters. An oil slick caused by the bombing of the Jiyeh power station now covers 80 km (50 miles) of coast. It is considered one of the biggest environmental disasters; almost as much oil may have entered the water as during the 1989 Exxon Valdez tanker incident in Alaska, which led to widespread ecological damage.

We hope that this exhibition helped our fellow students see the magnitude of the war in the Middle East and its tragic outcome on the Lebanese people.

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Tech’s melting pot

Diversity is never in short supply at Tech. Take a stroll around campus and chances are that you will meet all kinds of people, people who come from hundreds of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds and speak dozens of different languages. The multitude of difference that can be found in the student body enriches the quality of campus life, making it more vibrant and interesting. Such difference is the main ingredient in Tech’s “melting pot” of diversity. So how diverse is Tech?

Rankings

Tech seeks to provide the best academic opportunities for students of every race, ethnicity and color. According to Diverse Issues in Higher Education, this is how the Institute stacks up in that regard:

1. Engineering master’s degrees awarded to African American and Hispanic students
2. Engineering bachelor’s degrees awarded to African American students
3. Engineering bachelor’s degrees awarded to all categories of minority students
4. Engineering master’s degrees awarded to all categories of minority students
5. Engineering doctoral degrees awarded to all categories of minority students
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Events

There are many ways to find out more about Tech’s many cultural and ethnic communities or learn about issues relating to diversity in general. Student organizations and places like the Office of Diversity Programs host a number of events every year to promote cultural awareness and cross-cultural interaction.

Check out a sample of upcoming opportunities below:
- Sept. 29: Indian Classical Music
- Oct. 6: Mid-Autumn Festival
- Oct. 19: Justice in Palestine Talk
- Oct. 20: Diwali Dinner
- Nov. 4: Taste of Africa Festival
- Nov. 7: Diversity Week
- Nov. 13: International Education Week

Enrollment

Every year, Tech recruits the best and brightest while also attempting to bring the most talented and diverse students to campus. How diverse is the student body? The graph below depicts this semester’s undergraduate demographic composition.

Fall 2006 Undergraduate Enrollment by Ethnicity

- Asian
- African American
- Multiracial
- Hispanic
- Indian

Institute-supported organizations like Focus and the Office of Minority Education Development aim to increase minority enrollment and retention.

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Kirk Bowman

I-House, or I-House, is unlike any other housing community on campus. Students must also participate in at least eight activities a semester to keep their residence.

These activities are organized by I-House and usually have an international flavor. The activities range from a foreign film to an ethnic cuisine to a political discussion. Recent activities included an outing to the Indian restaurant Zyka, a trip to the High Museum of Art for the Iranian Film Festival and a party for the Swedish elections.

Residents of I-House chat after the Japan I-Dinner, one of several international activities the program hosts every year.

Power over Prejudice

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Images of war: A student examines the wall of photos and information set up by the Lebanese Club on Skiles this past week. The wall was meant to show the humanitarian side of the Lebanese War.

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to work on their homework, watch TV, cook or play ping-pong.

“I-House makes you think on a global scale,” said Craig Miller, a second-year Management student.

Talha Khan, an I-House resident and third-year Electrical Engineering major from Pakistan, said that he initially assumed that “we would attend the eight mandatory activities and afterward, disappear to our own rooms, as in typical apartment housing.”

After spending less than a month with over 40 people, Khan said that “these guys are like my family now.”

I-House also hosts a weekly Coffee House on Mondays at 6 p.m. Students at the Coffee House interact with each other, learning about each other’s languages and origins.

“You can find people from everywhere here,” said Bruno Van-Dunem Martins, a Mechanical Engineering graduate student from Angola.

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In charge of logistics for the summit at Tech was Associate Dean of Students Stephanie Ray, who also directs diversity programs on campus. Ray works with the APC to facilitate the program’s execution. One of the things that Ray enjoys most about the summit is the In-School Follow Up Program.

“Students develop a program to take back to their schools to combat prejudice, discrimination and bullying,” Ray said.

During the summit, students spent time in small breakout groups with facilitators who helped the students define prejudice and look at ways to be toler- ant and inclusive of others.

For many of the facilitators, the ability to help young students learn about the detrimental effects of stereotyping and prejudice is very fulfilling.

“This is such an important thing for me, especially because it is something that I have personally dealt with,” said Amanda Padgett, a facilitator for the summit.

“When I was looking for an organization to volunteer with, it was right after Hurricane Katrina so I really wanted to do something to help those victims. But when I saw the APC on www.volunteermatch.com, I knew it was the thing I had to do,” Padgett said.

Richard Welch, executive director of the APC, has helped organize the POP Summit since its inception in 1996.

“We really try to address problems by looking at their root: first impressions and judgments based on a superficial nature,” Welch said.

Welch has helped shape the program into one that students accept the need of their school based on the level of diversity present there.

“Each school is different. Each one has its own personality and specific problems that need to be addressed,” Welch said.

The POP Summit targets students at the middle-school level because this is a pivotal time when students begin to form their own opinions about the world and how they perceive it.

The summit gives students the opportunity to learn about the effects of stereotyping and discrimination and how these effects can be damaging to others.

Joy Franklin, a seventh-grader at Union Grove Middle School, explained that the conference was an eye-opening experience for her.

“People don’t want to change because it’s too hard to change. This has really helped us realize that we need to change,” Franklin said.

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Hispanics celebrate culture

By Beena Bhuayan
Contributing Writer

The Hispanic population is the fastest growing demographic group in the country and on campus. Since 2001, the number of Hispanic students coming to Tech has increased for every freshman class. A number of Hispanic organizations are available at Tech to help these students adjust to college life.

The two largest groups are the Society of Professional Hispanic Engineers (SHPE) and the Spanish Speaking Organization (SSO). These groups seek to unite Hispanic students and provide them with support, professional opportunities, and a home away from home. They are also committed to increasing cultural awareness on campus.

“Over the last couple of years we have increased Hispanic awareness on campus and united the Hispanic community at Tech,” said Lucas Posada, president of SHPE.

“SHPE has been able to achieve this by having a balance between professional or academic development activities and social or cultural activities that bring together all Hispanics on campus,” Posada said. SHPE and SSO host several events throughout the year to promote cultural diversity. Such events include tertulias or coffee hours, film nights celebrating Hispanic culture, and a variety of activities aimed at exposing participants to the diversity and traditions of the Hispanic culture,” said Andrea Rodriguez, internal vice president of SHPE.

These activities included a pinata game, karaoke and salsa dancing. “We had a variety of activities aimed at exposing participants to the diversity and traditions of the Hispanic culture,” said Andrea Rodriguez, internal vice president of SHPE.

Salsa dancers Andrea Molleira and Wayne Harris perform on Skiles as part of the opening event at last year’s Hispanic Heritage Month. With thriving African American communities on campus, two major student organizations, the African Student Association (ASA) and the African American Student Union (AASU), recently spoke to the importance of cultural diversity. Such events throughout the year to promote and celebrate and educate about African culture.

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African American groups speak out about diversity

By Aileen Li
Contributing Writer

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A test on football night....
Only at Tech.

Girl 2:33 is good in bed
was anyone else pissed about the gay bashing this week?
why am i here...

Girls dance to music at the AASU’s Blackout meeting next to Yellow Jacket Park. Students also socialized and played card games.
Krystal burger eating contest visits campus

By Craig Tabita
Contributing Writer

Booby Dodd Stadium was the site of some fierce competition on Thursday night, with opponents furiously trying to crack up points and taste sweet victory. No, the sport in question was not football; that particular match was never in doubt, with Tech stamping all over Virginia from the get-go. The real contest was outside the stadium, where hungry fans on their way to the game competed to see who could eat the most miniature Krystal burgers in two minutes.

The Krystal Square-Off Qualifying Tour made a stop at Tech during its pass through Atlanta, holding a set of preliminary rounds on our campus to coincide with our own football game. The top scorers were invited to try out the following Sunday at Lenox Square Mall for a chance to compete in the Krystal Square-Off World Championship, where $10,000 will be up for grabs to the winner.

The rules are very simple: eat as many burgers as possible before time runs out, but make sure they all stay down.

The best way to get a real sense of Zox through words is to understand what Zox is. Zox is a dramatic blend of alternative, ska, folk, punk, and indie rock. This relatively new band from Rhode Island released their first album only three years ago while working independently from a record company, yet they have quickly mastered their unique melodic sound.

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Robert Penn Warren's remarkable novel, *All the King’s Men*, has come to the screen in an incredibly faithful adaptation by director Steven Zaillian. The movie details the rise and fall of Louisiana Governor Willie Stark, a stand-in for 1940s populist Huey P. Long.

The story is told through the eyes of Stark's right-hand man, Jack Burden, played by Jude Law. Burden starts out as a borderline nihilist newspaper man covering Stark as an idealistic, young candidate for governor, running on a platform of honesty and integrity. However, Stark's idealism quickly fades during his meteoric rise to power, and his primary claim to integrity soon becomes the fact that he's marginally less crooked than his predecessors.

The film itself is powerful, but not without flaws. Time in the movie, like in the book, jumps around a great deal. Generally, this is handled well, but with all that time traveling it can be difficult to tell when different events take place in the timeline of the story.

Also, the pacing is slow and deliberate. Fortunately, it is rare, but not quite never, that it veers from that into the realm of boring, though the slowness makes the film seem to come in at a great deal more than its actual running time of two hours.

To open up on the subject of the quality of the acting: is there something fundamentally strange about a southern accent that makes so many actors incapable of imitating it properly? Every time there is a movie set in the South, there's always at least one actor who sounds as if, not only has he never heard anyone from the South speak before, he's only vaguely aware of the existence of the South at all.

In *All the King’s Men*, that actor's name is James Gandolfini, whose imitation of a Southern accent bears a striking resemblance to a New Jersey accent periodically augmented by the use of a thoroughly mutilated drawl.

Gandolfini aside, the actors do passable to good service to the dialect to which they are tied. One notable accomplishment in this realm is the ever-marvelous work of Anthony Hopkins whose take on the speech of a Southern gentleman is perfectly accomplished by being absolutely underdrawled.

Accents aside, the acting in the film is all top notch, which is more or less what would be expected from a cast of such high caliber. Jude Law and Sean Penn, the principle players, both turn in command performances.

Penn's scenery left right and righthand the bigger-than-life Stark, a man whom the audience must believe gets elected governor almost through sheer force of personality, and Law plays his beaten down sidekick with great aplomb. Also laudable in the film are Patricia Clarkson and, of course, Anthony Hopkins.

Steven Zaillian's take on the classic *All the King’s Men* goes down as one of the better adaptations of a great novel ever to grace the screen. It captures nearly all of the melancholy and stained greatness of the book. Zaillian presents the purest essence of an American classic with only a handful of imperfections.

**Season**

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The humor is innocent, but at times so stupid that it becomes funny. Some of the slapstick humor is too funny not to laugh at, even for an adult. At one point in the movie one of the psychotic ducks steals a pair of dentures and literally bites one of the hunters in the butt.

Open Season is a great movie for children. Adults might find this movie a little less interesting. Then again, it's always refreshing to watch a movie for the sheer fun factor rather than for artistic merit.
Students rock fall fashion trends

Campus-wide trends are on the forefront of the global fashion scene, while other students opt for a more personalized sense of style through mixing, matching, pairing and clashing.

By Jacinda Williams
Consulting Writer

While Tech often seems to operate inside its own little bubble, its students have shown an eclectic and informed fashion sensibility that is influenced by more than just academic stress and rushed morning classes. Trends abound on campus, running a wide gamut of personal style choices and the latest “in” looks.

What's big at Tech? Considering the number of over-achievers running around campus, it is perhaps not surprising that the studiously preppy look is one of the trends sweeping the student body. Plaids, pleats and button-downs are pre-requisites for this coed style. Everyone’s favorite—the popped collar—dominates the trend, and aviator sunglasses are perfect to block out the sun during a walk to class. A single strand of pearls adds a touch of elegance and class to any outfit, but also works perfectly under a collared shirt.

In direct contrast to this study-hard style is the rockstar look. This year, being a superstar does not have to stop with the musicians. Everyone is sporting rocker styles with not-so-baggy pants and tees to match. Embellished jeans and graphic tees, especially those bearing band names and logos, are a must to rock this look. Studded black belts take shredded jeans from boho hippie to hardcore glam rock, and band buttons are an easy way to make the simple book bag look like a groupie carryall.

But don’t feel too restricted in those skinny jeans—they are the perfect piece to complement another trend—the 80’s style.

Making an impressive comeback, this trend takes form by intermingling classic rock-and-roll style and men’s wear fashion. Ultra high ponytails with dramatic pouts in front and banana clips in back are a great way to keep your coif up with the trends, but leave those shoulder pads in your mom’s closet. Bangles are the perfect wrist ornaments, and pastels and florals rule the color chart here.

Over and under sized garments seem to be the biggest trends, with tunic-length tops paired with ultra-slim leggings, and skinny ties matched with leather accents. But the layering does not end here. In fact, the layered look itself has even been called a trend. Whether it’s guys layering tees and polos or girls layering sweaters, tanks and dresses, layering is a fashion-able and practical choice.

The style is simple enough for even the least fashion-savvy students to carry off and still manages to be completely comfortable. “I think a lot of Tech students aren’t as into fashion as those at other schools, but we have a very eclectic look. Very Techie-chic,” said Katie Redfield, a second-year Applied Mathematics major.

“I also like that a lot of people have started layering the leggings with the skirts, and shirts under shirts. With the weather cooling off, it’s a really nice way to transition your wardrobe into the next season,” Redfield said.

Layering is also an easy way to personalize your look. Unique combinations of patterns, textures and color can make even the most basic items synergize into a completely individual look. “I like the independent-type [dresses],” said Gabriel Arronte, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major.

“They are the ones who don’t dress like everyone else,” Arronte said. “To complete these looks, accessories are a must. Mileage of glittery, metallic, extra long scarves and slouch socks are perfect to integrate into 80’s style, while flats and ballet slippers look great with skinny jeans. Messenger bags are a logical addition to the intellectual style, providing adequate space for textbooks and folders while still being a fashionable step above the stodgy old backpack.”

Cowboy boots are also big this season across many trends, while Chucks are the finishing touch for most wanna-be rocker outfits.

Next time you rifle through your closet, keep these trends in mind. Just because school’s tough and you’re always on the run doesn’t mean there are not alternatives to the T-shirt and jeans.

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to prepare so quickly.”

Although the Jackets have had several big victories under Ball, there have been many contests that have not gone as well over the past four years.

The Jackets have lost disappointing games to North Carolina and Duke on the road, N.C. State at home and have not won against Georgia in his first three seasons. In talking about Georgia, Ball puts the rivalry game into perspective.

"Georgia is huge, rival and everyone knows that we want to win that game. I can’t do anything more than take it one game at a time. After the Duke game you can ask me about it, but right now I am preparing for [Virginia Tech],” Ball said.

Off of the football field, Ball has learned many lessons about how to handle criticism and other outside pressure.

"With the tough institute that [Tech] is and the high expectations of the program, you can get a lot of things out of it. The most important thing that I learned is that you just got to keep on pushing. You can be high one day, or low one day, but you have to stay level-headed,” Ball said.

After Ball is done at Tech, he wants to take a shot at the NFL. While the odds of any college player taking the next step in football are low, Ball is optimistic about his chances at getting an opportunity.

"The goal is to play on Sunday. I don’t care where, or with whom, and I don’t care how I get there. I am hoping that I get a chance, and knowing myself I can make the best of that situation,” Ball said.

It kind of hit and things got a little emotional for me. I felt like I played a good game, but unfortunately we came out on the short end of it. [My collegiate career] is almost over,” Ball said.

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Wes Rynders Volunteer Assistant Coach - Baseball

Wes Rynders will be the volunteer assistant coach for the 2007 baseball team. Rynders was a centerfielder for Tech’s 2002 College World Series team as well as the 2000 ACC Regular Season and Tournament Championship team.

Rynders was a three year starter who hit .302 during his career at Tech. In his final season on the Flats, he hit .375 with 11 stolen bases, 10 doubles and three home runs. He committed a total of five errors in 200 games for the Jackets including errorless 2000 and 2002 campaigns.


Robin Stephenson Volunteer Assistant Coach - Men’s Tennis

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The former All-American holds the school record with 95 singles victories. She also accumulated 67 wins in doubles play with teammate Ashley Bennett.

Stephenson has participated in three NCAA tournaments in singles competition as well as two in doubles play. She graduated from Alabama in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in communication and information sciences and a minor in psychology.
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Showers was recruited to join the Jackets as an outside hitter. She was ranked among the Fab 50 college recruits by prepvolleyball.com, but found trouble earning playing time in the outside spot as the Jackets already had two established outside hitters. “Lynette Moster and Lauren Sauer were already hitting outside, they are phenomenal outside hitters. So I decided to work on my ball control and became a defensive specialist when I came here in 2003,” Showers said. The next evening, the Jackets took on the Blue Devils. The match ended in another disappointing loss as conference play began. For the Devils, junior Carrie DeMange destroyed the Jackets defense with 25 kills (.405 hitting percentage). Sophomore Callie Miller had 13 kills and a .479 hitting percentage, but the Jackets set another season low after hitting only .139. The Jackets trailed 18-14 in the first game before Duke scored six straight points to break away from Tech. The Jackets were able to take their first game in conference play during the second game of the match. Tech led 29-27 before Duke scored twice to tie the game, but the young team fought back to win the next two points and take the game. Game three was disastrous as Duke took an early 10-2 lead and coasted to a 12 point victory. The fourth game was even worse for Tech. Duke started the game 12-2 over the Jackets who hit a paltry .091. Tech lost the final set of the weekend 30-18.

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Aside from this play, Rashaud Grant ran a reverse and Ball ran the option. The Jackets have seen mixed results from the option the past three games. One such play where the option was ineffective was in the third quarter when Ball made a bad pitch to Choice that allowed the Cavs to get their only score of the game off of the fumble. The passing game was not the only part Tech's offense to see the benefits of the new playcalling. Tashard Choice had 19 carries for 83 yards in the game.

The Jackets' defense put on a clinic against the Cavaliers. In the first half, Tech held the Cavaliers offense to only two first downs. For the game, the team forced three turnovers, and allowed only 166 yards of total offense.

“If we hadn’t given up a fumble to give (Virginia) a short field, I think we would have shut them out. I know our guys were saying at half time that we wanted to get [the shutout],” Gailey said.

On special teams, the Jackets improved across the board. Place-kicker Travis Bell hit his longest field goal of the season from 47 yards out. Punter Duranz Brooks averaged 39.9 yards per punt, pinning Virginia inside of the 20 four times and also had a punt of 61 yards. On kickoff and punt coverage, the Jackets did not allow any long returns. Virginia lost six yards in three punt returns.

“The kickoff coverage was a lot better. If you have a bunch of guys that care, then there is a little bit of a pride factor. They want to get better, and I think that ended up being the case in this ball game,” Gailey said.

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Tech- R. Ball 6-yd run (Bell kick), 7:23

Second Quarter
Tech- T. Bell 47-yd field goal, 8:43
Tech- C. Johnson 58-yd pass from Ball (Bell kick), 1:08

Third Quarter
Tech- C. Johnson 66-yd pass from Ball (Bell kick), 10:59

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By Robert C. Cambron

Junior wide receiver Calvin Johnson hauls the first of his two touchdown receptions on consecutive plays against Virginia last week.

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- **Is Virginia Tech as good as their record?**
  After four games this season, the Hokies have scored nearly 35 points per game while allowing less than six points a game. Though impressive, Virginia Tech’s first four opponents have combined for a 5-12 record to start the season, and the Hokies struggled at home last week against Cincinnati. The question will be answered in the next couple of weeks, with Boston College, Miami and Clemson following the Georgia Tech game. The Jackets should provide the first serious test for the Hokies, and the winner will establish themselves as the front-runners for a spot in the ACC Championship Game.

- **Will Georgia Tech be able to handle the pressure on the road?**
  For many, coming in to Blacksburg, Va. to face the Hokies is one of the most daunting tasks in college football. As the Hokies first road test, the task seems even more daunting. Georgia Tech has proven it can win big games on the road, most notably last season’s pair of victories against No. 3 Miami and No. 16 Auburn. Both teams were ranked in the top 10 in the final AP poll. Still, Virginia Tech decisively won the battle of the Techs last season in Lane Stadium, 51-7. Georgia Tech does not want to be embarrassed again, and the offense and defense will undoubtedly be forced to make adjustments to the crowd full of maroon and orange, not the white and gold it has seen all season.

- **Which team will win the ground game?**
  Average close to 120 rushing yards and two touchdowns a game, the Hokies offense has hinged on power rushing and the ground game. Georgia Tech has been even better, averaging 180 yards a game and even topping 300 yards against Troy. While Georgia Tech uses running back Branden Ore as the main option in the backfield, Georgia Tech usually employs multiple runners to create confusion in the backfield and open up lanes for long runs. Despite both teams wanting to run the ball on the ground, each defense has been equally up to the challenge at stopping the run this season. The Jackets have allowed 75 yards per game on the ground while the Hokies have only allowed 92. Both teams will try to rush past the opponent and win the game on the ground.

- **Can Virginia Tech stop Calvin Johnson?**
  Calvin Johnson, arguably the best receiver in the nation, is the focal point of the Jackets’ offensive game plan. Reggie Ball has regularly made the game happen with both his feet and arm, but often looks to No. 21 for a touchdown. Johnson will hope to win the game and strengthen his candidacy for the Heisman with more passes from Ball. Virginia Tech has only allowed one passing touchdown this season, but its secondary has yet to see a player like Johnson line up on the field.

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**Team profiles**

After a four-game home stand to start the season, Georgia Tech will face a tough opponent in Virginia Tech on the road. The Jackets’ disruptive defense has contained opposing offenses this year and made key plays changing the momentum of games to seal victories. The unit has six interceptions on the season, held opponents to a total of 50 points and kept the Jackets in games where the offense looked sluggish and out of sync. The offense will look to show the progress it has made since the start of the season. Reggie Ball and Calvin Johnson have hooked up for five touchdowns and will need to add to that total for the Jackets to have a chance tomorrow. Georgia Tech will have to play well on both sides of the ball if the team hopes to leave Lane Stadium with a win.

**A 4-0 start has many touring Virginia Tech as the team to beat in the ACC. The Hokies are currently the highest ranked team in the conference. In their last game, the defense scored two touchdowns to bail the Hokies out of potentially being upset. Since 1999, Virginia Tech has scored 59 nonoffensive touchdowns, trailing only fellow ACC team Miami, which has 57. Quarterback Sean Glennon has completed nearly 62% of his passes in his first year as a starter for Virginia Tech. Running back Branden Ore rushed for a season high 170 yards against Cincinnati. Glennon will have to be on his game tomorrow as he will be without senior flanker David Clowney. Clowney had an emergency appendectomy last Thursday. In addition senior wide receiver Josh Morgan and defensive end Chris Ellis have been suspended for violating unspecified team rules.**

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Tech's success rides on the arm of Ball

Criticized from the start; Ball winning on

Jackets cruise past Virginia after taking an early lead

By William Bretherton

Senior Staff Writer

Reggie Ball has been Tech's starting quarterback since he first set foot onto the Flats, and that is not an accomplishment to be taken lightly. Stu Rogers was the last true freshman to start at quarterback for the Jackets in 1980. Shawn Jones started as a redshirt freshman and wound up as the runner-up to Joe Hamilton started in 1996 as a redshirt freshman to start at quarterback for the Jackets in 1999. In 1999, the Jackets' third trip to Blacksburg and the first without the ESPN GameDay crew being present. Last year, the Hokies thumped the Jackets 51-7 on route to the Coastal Division title. The first trip resulted in the game being cancelled because of a lightning storm. Just like last year, the game will determine who is in the driver's seat for the division title and a trip to Jacksonville to play for the ACC Championship this December. The Jackets and Hokies are the only schools in the division without a conference loss.

Georgia Tech's only victory over the Hokies came on Nov. 10, 1990. In the game, Scott Sisson kicked a game-winning field goal with eight seconds left to give the Jackets the 6-3 victory. The week before, Sisson kicked the game-winning field goal against then No. 1 Virginia in Charlottesville. The 1990 Jackets would go on to win the National Championship. Since Sisson kicked the field goal to give Georgia Tech the 41-38 edge over Virginia in 1990, the Jackets have not won a game in the state of Virginia. Georgia Tech will look to break an eight-game losing streak in Virginia and even up the all-time series with the Hokies at two wins a piece.

By Hahnning Lee

Contributing Editor

For the second year in a row, the Jackets will travel to Blacksburg, Va. to face the Virginia Tech Hokies. Georgia Tech enters the game ranked for the first time this season after a three game winning streak. This will be the Jackets third trip to Blacksburg and the first without the ESPN GameDay crew being present.

As a competitor, you put enough light on yourself that you don't consistently, he remains focused on his goal of putting his team in position to win games. "As a competitor, you put enough pressure on yourself that you don't pay attention to all of the outside stuff," Ball said. Ball's first year on campus started out with a bang as he helped lead Tech to a 17-3 victory against No. 17 ranked Auburn at home in 2003. The win broke Tech's nine game losing streak against the Tigers that dated back to 1978. He finished the season as the ACC Freshman of the Year leading many Tech fans to compare him to the aforementioned Joe Hamilton. Along the way, Ball has also helped the Jack-ets to many upset victories including wins over Miami and Auburn on the road last season. Both teams were ranked in the top 10 in the final AP poll. "You just have to take it in stride," Ball said, when asked about how he handled outside attention after wins. "You never really can get too high because you have nowhere to go but the next week. It was kind of hard my freshman year coming back week to week so fast, and having

I was not able to run at full speed," Johnson said, when asked about the severity of his injury. While Johnson was the centerpiece of Tech's offense, offensive coordinator Patrick Nix has continued to add more wrinkles to the game plan. At the 8:37 mark in the first quarter, fullback Mike Cox took a handoff out of the shotgun formation and rushed to the right, stopped and then threw back to the left side of the field to a wide open Reggie Ball for a 17-yard gain. "I wasn't one of the best [thrown balls]," Ball said, jokingly about his reception from Cox. "I had to make an adjustment because he threw it right into the lights." This set up Tech's first scoring drive of the game, capped off by a six yard scramble by Ball to the left-front corner of the end zone.

When Head Coach Chan Gailey was asked whether or not the playbook would open up more he responded with a smile by saying "maybe."