Committee names Stein finalist

The Dean of Students search committee announced John Stein as its finalist in the second search conducted this year. The first search, which had been a national search, was restarted this spring after the committee concluded that none of the finalists fit the mold for Tech.

Initially, the second search was also going to be a national search, but the committee later opted to only review applicants from within the Institute.

“The search changed from a national search to an internal search when the two on-campus candidates expressed interest in the position. No one on campus applied during the first search. Those are decisions a search committee makes based on the information they have at the time,” said William Schafer, vice president of Student Affairs.

The committee narrowed its focus to the two on-campus candidates and made a decision on which one would be a better fit for Tech.

“The search committee interviewed the candidates and recommended one candidate to go forward. That candidate was John Stein,” interim Dean of Student Affairs John Stein, interim Dean of Students and director of Success Programs, is now the finalist in the Dean of Students search.

GT Listens clarifies policy changes

Students will be able to learn about the new housing policy during a free speech forum called GT Listens. The event will be taking place next week to inform students of the changes to the housing policy.

“There is only a subset of students who know about the changes. We want to create an understanding about the changes and what is expected from the students,” said Bobby Beaulieu, undergraduate vice president of campus affairs.

The forum will take place Tuesday Oct. 10., from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The forum will last for forty minutes. The first twenty minutes will be a discussion of the changes and the second twenty minutes will be a question and answer session where the students can ask for clarification.

“The forum will be looking at both policies and discussing the differences between them. The changes will be printed out on paper and passed out to the students attending the forum,” Beaulieu said.

According to Beaulieu, the changes are much more narrow than what students think they are, and that creates the

Clough discusses his life experiences

Institute President Wayne Clough struggled during his first semester as a student at Tech. Clough talked about that and other topics when he sat down on Tuesday to participate in an interview that shed light on his personal side. The interview was conducted by Brett Ryan, a third-year Biology major and the host of Tech Talk on WREK Radio. The interview took place in the Library East Commons and was open for students to attend and ask Clough questions.

“My wife and I love to go to the movies.”

Wayne Clough
Institute President

The questions ranged from Clough’s experience on Tech as a student, to what he does during his free time, to how his experiences at other universities have shaped him in his role as president.

“I love to read. Reading is something you can do anytime. I also swim for physical exercise and I enjoy golfing. My wife and I love to go to the movies,” Clough said.

One of the first questions was what made Clough decide to go to Tech. “I went to Tech because

Institute President Wayne Clough sat down with WREK Tuesday to answer questions about aspects of his personal life.
**Campus Crime**

**Lost Property**
- 9/25/2006 12:10:00 hrs.
  - Location: Student Center Commons
  - Incident: Report of lost cellphone.
- 9/27/2006 15:26:00 hrs.
  - Location: Field Residence Hall
  - Incident: Report of lost channel lock players.

**Found Property**
- 9/28/2006 4:57:00 hrs.
  - Location: Between CRC and Tech Parkway

**Larceny-Theft**
- 9/25/2006 21:15:00 hrs.
  - Location: CRC Field
  - Incident: Report of a stolen backpack and contents.
  - Location: CRC Field
  - Incident: Report of a stolen backpack and contents.
- 9/27/2006 12:11:00 hrs.
  - Location: Center Street Apartments
- 9/27/2006 12:57:00 hrs.
  - Location: Student Center

**Health-Safety**
- 9/26/2006 11:28:00 hrs.
  - Location: Student Center
  - Incident: Report of a sick person transported to Grady hospital.
- 9/26/2006 00:46:00 hrs.
  - Location: Towers Residence Hall
  - Incident: Report of an injured person transported to Pedmen.
- 9/27/2006 12:32:00 hrs.
  - Location: Student Services Building

**Entering Auto**
- 9/27/2006 18:56:00 hrs.
  - Location: 555 Eighth Street
  - Incident: Report that a beige ’99 Jeep Cherokee was entered and items were taken.

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** Corrections**
In last week’s Entertainment section, the article “Students Rock Fall Fashion” on page 17 was incorrectly attributed to Jacinda Williams. The author’s correct name is Jacinda Thomas.

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Fuge, mus, fuge!!!
A brain train? To UGA? Are they serious?
Tech Girls, just so you know, this whole every boy I know has a crush on me comes back to bite you.

Tech girls, you know, they are not serious. They are just trying to get your attention.

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Icehouse Weishouse

I <3 you too JJB
the=teh – get it right you nerd
loosers

Roll initiative.
That sandstorm should slow them down.
Thank you, Obi-Wan.
Racing Stripes make a car GO FASTER.

What is all this talk about Quinn for Heisman, what about CALVIN JOHNSON!

sexy time...
What winks and has sex like a panther?

For the love of god, big muscular guys need to work on RERACK-ING your weights at the gym.
caverlee, more like fag-erlee
Mmm...I love being a Ferst Center Usher.
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Iota Iota Nine Forever
Flying homeeeeeee! :-)
I wanna go homeeeeeee!
I hate Tech X-(
Drop DSP. Switch majors to IE or MGT
To whoever decided that programmers need to explain themselves to other people through comments: No.
Why do the library bathrooms smell like fruity pebbles and piss?
Mike Cox is my hero
pwned!
Yoda 3340 FOR LIFE!
Ha, it works for me
Yoda taught me the ways of pressure force.
Greeks drink, get over it
Red Socks rock
See page 12 for more Slivers!
Each week, elected members of the House of Representatives met to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings:

**Undergraduate House of Representatives**

**UHR fails funding for moon gala event**

By Corbin Pan  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives was presented with one bill during their meeting last Tuesday, which failed by seven votes.

The bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Chinese Friendship Fellowship to fund their National Day and Moonlight Gala event. The bill was postponed last week because a representative had not met with JFC and was again not present at the meeting to field questions. During the week in between the meetings, the organization also did not meet with JFC, and was again not present at the meeting to field questions.

The bill was amended in accordance with the graduate students, who brought the bill total down to $355. The bill failed with a final vote of 17 yea, 24 nays and two abstentions.

In her report of the president, Alison Graab, the undergraduate student body president, announced that the Robocup competition will be coming to Tech next summer for 8-10 days, and that a planning committee was being formed for it.

Graab also talked about the Code of Conduct changes and that revisions to the Code of Conduct have been sent to student groups to give suggestions. The deadline for these suggestions is Oct. 16. The main reason for the revisions is to make the Code of Conduct clearer to students going through the process. Alice Luo, the undergraduate chief of staff, reported that there would be an open forum presentation Thursday for the finalist in the Dean of Students search.

There was also a motion to amend the Code of Conduct changes according to the JFC recommendations on top of the motion that had already passed. This motion would bring the total of the bill down to $355. The motion also passed the senate.

Adam Brancato, a senator representing Chemistry and the graduate student secretary, said he was in favor of not funding the bill because the attendance policy of the event was unknown.

David Jenson, a senator representing Chemistry, and the graduate student president, said the bill could be funding a bunch of non-Tech students depending on who was invited to attend the event.

The bill came to a vote and the vote was a tie with twelve in favor and twelve opposed with three abstentions. Ryan Bechtel, the graduate executive vice president, had the tie-breaking vote and he voted against the bill. Therefore, the bill failed.

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**Graduate Student Senate**

**Tie-breaker decides senate vote**

By James Stephenson  
News Editor

A tie-breaker was needed to decide the fate of the only bill brought before the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) during its meeting Tuesday. The bill did not pass.

The joint allocation to the Chinese Friendship Fellowship, which had been postponed from last week’s meeting, was the only bill to be brought before the house. The bill was postponed because a representative had not met with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) nor was a representative present at the meeting to field questions from the senators.

The bill was asking for funding of the organization’s National Day and Moonlight Festival Gala. The organization did not meet with JFC, so the recommendations of cutting the bill down to $755 stayed the same.

There was a motion to strike the cost of the performance, which amounted to $400, from the bill. The motion passed.

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Tech earns high biotech rank
By Phoebe Rawson
Contributing Writer

A recent biotechnology study from the Milken Institute named Tech one of the top universities in the world for technology transfer and a top producer of start-up companies.

Tech was ranked fourth for start-up companies, 11th overall for technology transfer and eighth for patents filed. According to the U.S. National Science Foundation, Tech also ranked ninth for the number of patents in 2005. The rankings included information on technologies other than biotechnology, biotechnology made up a significant portion of the total for each ranking.

The Milken study, Mind to Market: A Global Analysis of University Biotechnology Transfer and Commercialization, shows the position of institutions in the commercialization process of taking research ideas and introducing them to the market. According to Wayne Hodges, vice provost of Tech’s Enterprise Innovation Institute, there are a number of ways in which the growth of start-up companies benefit the Tech community. The startups provide opportunities for employment to Tech students and graduates, and the presence of the companies helps to build Atlanta’s technological reputation. This then encourages more companies, resources, and opportunities to the area and to Georgia.

“Commercialization is an important part of the innovation cycle, and an area of great importance to the continued economic viability of the United States. Tech expertise in this area will broaden the experience we can provide students, giving them additional skills they can apply in the marketplace. Developing a strong reputation for transferring technologies will enhance the reputation we already have in applied technology, making our graduates even more valuable,” Hodges said.

Additionally, the marketing of technology developed at Tech produces financial gain for Tech and for Georgia as a whole. The economy of Georgia is made stronger by the economic return that startup companies provide. According to Hodges, outstanding staff and faculty members are recruited to Tech by their interest in commercializing their technology at Tech. The entrepreneurs who find success at Tech tend to give back to the university as well.

“The advantages of these partnerships do not end at financial gains or increased economic benefits in the formation of new companies and more efficient delivery of services,” Hodges said. “Entrepreneurs and investors have always been strengths on campus. We are also seeing a lot of bioscience technology, particularly the merger of engineering and medicine, further enhancing our collaboration with Emory University. Other areas include information security, alternative energy, nanotechnology and materials,” Hodges said regarding the current areas of technology at Tech.

According to Hodges, the fact that Tech is highly ranked in overall technology transfer has various advantages for the university. The presence of startups is the lifeblood of the Tech community and the broader Atlanta area.

Every year, a recent publishing of Magazine noted that Tech ranked with MIT, Stanford, Yale and the University of Texas at Austin as one of the top universities for entrepreneurial partnerships. Tech came out ahead of Yale and the University of Texas at Austin in 2005 for the number of startup companies.

“This makes us more attractive to entrepreneurs and investors, who increasingly see Atlanta as a good place to start a company. More entrepreneurs and inventors mean more startups, which add to our reputation,” Hodges said.

“Electronics and software have always been strengths on campus.”

Wayne Hodges
Vice Provost in Tech’s Enterprise Innovation Institute

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I always wanted to build things. My parents grew up on a farm during the Great Depression. Tech is the place I wanted to get into and was lucky enough to be accepted,” Clough said.

Clough was asked about the spelling and the pronunciation of his name and how it is confusing to people new at Tech.

“Apparantly ‘ough’ has the most different pronunciations for a letter combination. A way to remember it is to say ‘ough,’ tough,” Clough said.

Ryan asked Clough about what occurs in a day in the life of the president.

“It is a lot of stuff, there is a lot of gear changing. Tech is a very complex place. The constituen- cy [I’m dealing with] changes hourly. My job is to enable people to do things. We have a bunch of tal- ented people here and I have to enable them to do what they do best. I give a lot of speeches. I have a wonderful speech writer who is an excellent researcher. When you are the president of Tech, you are expected to know about technology. [Because so much is happening...]. I don’t know everything that is going on at Tech,” Clough said.

Clough was then asked about his goal for Tech.

“I do not think Tech will ever be finished. It will always be a work in progress. With things like nanotechnology, few others are doing stuff like that. Our partnership with Emory is also unique. A private school/public school partnership is unusual,” Clough said.

When Ryan was finished interviewing Clough, students in the audience were able to ask Clough questions that they had on their mind.

“I liked Atlanta because it offered culture which I did not have.”

Wayne Clough
Institute President

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Students and director of Success Programs," said Mitch Keller, graduate student body president.

During the first search, Stein said that he did not want to be the permanent Dean of Students and that he was simply holding the position until a permanent dean could be named. After the first search ended, Stein submitted his name for consideration.

"If there’s a lesson to learn, it is never say never. I am absolutely thrilled that my candidacy is being seriously considered. It was a real educational experience about the Dean of Students position at Tech," Stein said.

According to Stein, time on the job was a big reason for him reconsidering his view of the Dean of Students position.

"It allowed me to have experience within the position and to learn what the position meant to Tech. That’s important because you need a supportive network back home," Stein said. "It moved along faster this time, which is ok. You want to move along in a thoughtful, methodical way, but you want to move along. It’s a balancing act." 

Though the search was quicker than the first search, the same process was performed with the candidates as for the last group.

"We had a good amount of time with the candidates through the same rigors as we did during the last search," Keller said.

William Schafer  Vice President of Academic Affairs

"We put the candidates through the same rigors as we did during the last search." Schafer said.

"When all is said and done, I will have had seventeen interviews with a variety of people and groups on campus. It has been very good because it has been very informative for me. I am learning about people’s expectations and concerns with the position. It was informative for me to sit down and talk to people about the position," Stein said.

Once the interviews are completed, the people who conducted the interview will submit their comments to the search committee for review.

"The committee is going to look at feedback and see how we feel. We could have a Dean of Students at the end of fall or we could have to go back to a national search. I’ve heard a lot of good things about Stein, which inclines one to think he’ll be a good candidate. I don’t want anyone to think it’s a foregone conclusion," Keller said.

"The bottom line is that it is never over until it is over. It is not a given in my mind," Stein said.

According to Keller, if a portion of the Tech community does not support him, then the search committee would have to go back and really look at the situation.

"The forum will be a part of a whole series of events such as Finding Common Ground and the Civility Audio Conference," Beaulieu said.

The changes being made to the policy are limited to the section entitled Commitment to Diversity. The changes were made to the list of acts of intolerance that are unacceptable. The first point was shortened to "Any attempt to harass or to physically injure or harm a person." The original said "Any attempt to injure, harm, malign, or harass a person on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, color, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin, disability, age, or gender." The second segment used to read "Direct verbal or physical assault upon an individual because of their racial, ethnic, or sexual/affectional identity." The words "Direct Verbals" were removed. The segment stating "Denigrating/written/verbal communications (including the use of telephones, emails, and computers) directed toward an individual because of their characteristics or beliefs" was completely removed from the policy. The segment stating "Posting, painting, engraving or otherwise displaying derogatory slogans or symbols on personal or state property" was changed to "Posting, painting, engraving or otherwise displaying any sign, slogan or symbol on State property. Official announcements or other informational material distributed by Georgia Tech are excluded."
Pedestrian research aids planning

By Corbin Pon Contributing Writer

Adjo Amekudzi and Karen Dixon, associate professors of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, recently led a Tech research team that developed the Georgia Guidebook for Pedestrian Planning. A resource dedicated to aid transportation planning agencies and entities in the development of their transportation infrastructure, this manual brings together the principles, considerations, laws and funding resources necessary in the planning of a pedestrian environment.

“The Guidebook outlines the importance of walkable communities particularly with respect to reducing public health risks. Walking [is] an important national issue that relates not only to unsustainable consumption of non-renewable petroleum resources, but improving metropolitan air quality, obesity reduction and improved public health,” Amekudzi said.

A walking-centric community holds many safety concerns, especially in an urban environment like Tech. Some of these include accidents occurring in a busy walkway without signaling or the dart/dash crash, which can occur when someone walks into the street from anywhere on the sidewalk.

The book continues on with a multitude of definitions describing various scenarios that planners need to be considered when developing a pedestrian environment. Along with these exercises for disaster is countermeasures that help to reduce the risk of accidents.

“[The Guidebook] can be used at various levels of decision making,” Adjo Amekudzi, CE Associate Professor

for funding pedestrian facilities, a discussion of Georgia Pedestrian Laws, examples of safety and education strategies and land use and zoning policy that support pedestrian activity,” Amekudzi said.

The research can impact Tech, as well.

“The research will be helpful in the ongoing master planning activities for the [Tech] campus. The tools provided [within] could be used both to diagnose and provide remedies for problems or potential problems at various locations around the campus. However, the Guidebook is more of a resource than a prescriptive document. In essence, it does not tell planning agencies or entities what to do as much as it provides a range of resources for enhancing the pedestrian environment in ways that entities find appropriate or necessary,” Amekudzi said.

One of the resources critically needed before any enhancement can get started would be money. This would require planning teams, strategies and locations to obtain funding on many levels.

The current federal transportation authorization: Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) provides funds for state and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to fund pedestrian improvements from a variety of programs,” Amekudzi said. “State entities such as the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) offers funding through the State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program…. [and] the program provides financial support, such as Community Improvement Districts (CID) or Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

The Guidebook was recently released by the Georgia State Department of Transportation (GDOT). GOHS endorsed the federal Highway Administration sponsored the development of the Guidebook along with GDOT.

“[The research] team worked in conjunction with a Planning Advisory Committee and used a broad range of stakeholders including representatives of local, state and federal agencies, transportation planning agencies, and local and regional governing agencies,” Amekudzi said.


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End in sight?

The search for a new Dean of Students, which began after Gail DiSabatino left the position last spring, may finally be nearing completion. The search began on a national level but became an internal search at Tech. After all the candidates from the first search were rejected, it is unlikely that new candidates would come forward, and another national search would only have been a considerable expense with uncertain results. The search seems to be taking an exceedingly long time, and it can only be a good thing for it to wind down and allow the new dean to get to work.

The sole finalist of the latest search is interim Dean of Students John Stein. Stein has been doing a great job of filling the position, and we are glad that he has decided he wants to stay. Keeping him will help maintain stability in his office. Additionally, he has had more than six months to assess the situation and recognize changes that he can make if selected as the permanent Dean. While he may not have been willing to make any significant changes while in the position as the interim Dean, making his appointment official will allow him to hit the ground running.

However, it is not as if the selection committee is just handing Stein the job on a silver platter. He is going through the same rigorous process that any other finalist would be going through, which will ensure that he really is the kind of person who should fill such an important position—not that we have any doubts.

Changes decoded

The GT Listens forum at the Campanile Oct. 12, a Student Government Association initiative to help students understand the new Residence Hall Community Policies, is a great idea. Clearly, students want to understand the policy changes, which are much more limited than many students believe.

It is nice to see students taking this step in getting more involved with the Institute and understanding the laws that govern them as students and residents, and it’s also commendable that the Housing administration is so willing to respond to confused students. The forum is also tied to future events which will continue the trend of promoting student understanding.

These are not just written comments, not verbal, attacks of fellow students, students should remember that just because it’s not against policy doesn’t make it acceptable to hurt others and that they are still responsible for following the Student Code of Conduct.

Stop smoking before it stops you

Abby Ellen Dugan, my aunt’s third child, was born this past Tuesday. Unfortunately, Sallie Ellen Dugan, for whom baby Abby is named, will never get to know her grandchild since she died of cancer last March. My grandmother, a life-long smoker, died knowing that her years of ignoring the statistics and facts that were stacked against smokers cost her time with her life’s work—her family.

Perhaps she had accomplished all she was meant to in life. But Sallie was only 63, and, as you can tell, her family was still growing. Sallie worked as an admissions secretary at Lon Morris College and spent a lot of time talking to college smokers once she got sick. She even told me that maybe that is why she got ill, so she could save people who were much younger.

In this day and age of truth television campaigns and public smoking bans, it seems absurd not to be anti-smoking. It is even hard to find a smoker who is pro-smoking. Yet almost every time I walk to class I end up behind someone who is smoking and fall victim to their smoke plume.

These are not 60-year-olds who have been smoking since before they knew it was harmful; these are our peers who have only known cigarette packages with surgeon general warnings on them. In fact, the majority of smokers begin before the age of 18 and 90 percent begin before they are 21.

An estimated 15 percent of college students smoke daily. Chances are if you are not a smoker, then you know several friends who smoke at least occasionally.

The 2001 Georgia Tech College Health Risk Behavior Survey showed that 49 percent of Tech students have tried cigarette smoking. Almost one quarter (22.5 percent) of students reported current smokeless-tobacco or current cigarette use.

One of my friends recently told me that she just smokes at the occasional party and she never feels like she needs one or that she does it enough to impact her health. Unfortunately, her occasional habit is still dangerous; it is predicted that one-third of youth smokers will eventually die from a tobacco-related disease.

Smokers used to be able to deny that it was harmful, but then came the hard facts about its damage to a smoker’s body and how quitting helps. Smoking puts you at a greater risk for cancer, heart disease, respiratory disease, heart attacks and strokes.

However, the damage can still be minimized. Only one year after quitting smoking, your added risk of coronary heart disease is cut in half and within five to 15 years of quitting, your risk of experiencing a stroke is reduced to that of a non-smoker.

Until recently, smokers were able to claim that they only hurt themselves, but now it is common knowledge that secondhand smoke kills. In the U.S., 50,000 people die each year from secondhand smoke-related disease.

Sadly, smoking has an impact before many children can even crawl away from it. Since 1964, there have been 94,000 tobacco-related fetal and infant deaths in the U.S.

Non-smokers plan to smoke forever, although it often ends up that way. And every day that you choose to smoke is a day you choose to damage your body. Consider this almost ridiculous Brooke Shields quare: “Smoking kills. If you’re killed, you’ve lost a very important part of your life.”

It seems obvious, but maybe she was onto something besides not letting anything get between her and her career.

Sooner or later everyone stops smoking. Either choose to stop now and gain control or let the damage it is doing to your body force you to stop when you die.

Each year less than five percent of smokers succeed in quitting. Like most good decisions in life, quitting smoking is not easy.

Still, cigarette smoking is the number one cause of preventable death in the U.S. Do not let it prevent you from living the life you want or getting to hold every grandchild that you can.

If you should decide to quit, the Student Health Center and the Wellness Center have resources to help you. According to their website, the centers provide quit support to students through accurate information on behavioral quitting strategies, nicotine replacement therapies, non-nicotine medications and referrals to on-campus quit resources.

Statistics for this article were from studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
Career fairs lack fair job opportunity

There was a career fair a couple weeks ago, and a couple hundred upper echelon employers crowded into Alexander Memorial Coliseum, sending good looking, smooth talking reps with shiny brochures to try to lure Tech's brightest and most talented to their companies. This sounds like a great opportunity to break into the work force and finally apply all of those equations that have been crammed down your throat for the past four years, right? Well it is, as long as you have a 3.0.

The fact is, a lot of these companies send these reps all over the country to career fairs, advertising their company and trying to lure in recent graduates. Also, there aren’t many engineering schools with an undergraduate curriculum as difficult as Tech’s.

What this means is that between two students of equal intelligence, accomplishment and determination, the one that goes to the easier school will have the edge in job hunting. It’s better to be a big fish in a little pond than a little fish in a big pond. That’s a pretty bold statement, you say. What about school prestige?

School prestige is a very amorphous, abstract idea to nail down. A lot of employers would be very uncomfortable going on the record saying they would prefer to hire a 3.5 student from Tech than a 3.5 student from Southern Polytechnic. It’s the same reason that we don’t get a HOPE GPA adjustment here at Tech. Yes, our students are smarter and our school is harder, but do you prove that? If you could prove it, how could you go about giving Tech a GPA adjustment for the HOPE grant without all of the other schools in the state crying about it?

Now off the record, I’m sure most employers would concede that Tech is a harder school than most and that a 2.7 student here is equally if not more capable than a 3.0 student at some other engineering school. However, that is not such a kosher thing to print in your company brochure. It’s a lot more correct to just print “Minimum GPA requirement: 3.0.” What a lot of people don’t realize (and what nobody is ever told) is that these requirements were formulated to cover a wide variety of schools that they consider hiring from—not just the most difficult ones. Out of the schools that a company considers hiring from, the student from the more difficult schools just cannot compete on a GPA basis.

So why am I complaining about all of this? Well, for me the job fair sucked. I got told to invoice this company twice at times that my GPA wasn’t high enough. One company rep even laughed! He chuckled and said, “Yeah man, everything looks great, but what about that GPA?” “It’s a hard school,” I said. “Well, you’re going to need to get that GPA up.” I’m a senior, I’ve got 15 credit hours left to take out of 126. Do the math—the GPA isn’t coming up much. (As a disclaimer, my GPA isn’t horrible. It’s north of a 3.5, but south of the common 3.0 cutoff.)

Your views

“...a lot of people do not have a 3.0 major GPA. Where is the job fair for us?”

Jamie Howell
Photography Editor

It’s not that I mind that some companies are only looking for a 3.0 or higher, but just humor me and take my resume without crushing my dignity. I realize that not all companies are looking to hire me, but rejecting me to my face is just depressing. I can’t be alone either. Looking over the grade distribution for the upper-level engineering classes, it becomes obvious in a hurry that a lot of people do not have a 3.0 major GPA. Where is the job fair for us?

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If you have an otherwise decent resume, smaller local companies are a more realistic way to go. As with most things though, the more you improve your resume and the more effort you put forth, the better your chances are. To be perfectly honest though, unless you’re in the top third of students here at Tech, the career fairs are largely a waste of time. There, somebody had to say it.

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Letter to the Editor

I was saddened by the events of the Lebanese Club and the Technique’s coverage, I have a personal reason for this: my cousin was one of many Israelis killed in Hezbollah rocket attacks on the Israeli city of Haifa. He had been married just two months earlier and just earned an engineering degree.

He was not a soldier, he was not fighting, he was simply at work, just like the seven other Israelis that died at that same moment.

Hezbollah started the war against Israel when it crossed an internationally recognized border and conducted an unprovoked attack, killing several Israeli soldiers and kidnapping two.

The Lebanese government, of which Hezbollah is an influential part, cannot disclaim responsibility. For decades, it turned a blind eye to Syrian and Iranian arms being smuggled across its borders, allowing Hezbollah, an organization that before 1991 was responsible for the most American deaths overseas due to terrorism, to use its country as a Base.

Israel suffered greatly in the war. Over 1.5 million Israelis hid in bomb shelters, while 500,000 fled their homes. Many Israelis—Jewish and Muslim—were killed, hospitals, homes and schools were bombed. The total damage to Israel exceeded $2 billion. It is revealing that Hezbollah prevented civilians from leaving, even after Israel dropped warning leaflets to tell civilians to leave the area of battle. Hezbollah also did not allow civilians to use the fortified Hezbollah tunnels for shelter.

The civilian casualty toll in Israel would have been far higher if Hezbollah had not hidden in bomb shelters.

If Israel’s reaction to an unprovoked attack on its homeland was only a few extra students, wouldn’t that be crushing my dignity? I can’t be alone either. Looking over the grade distribution for the upper-level engineering classes, it becomes obvious in a hurry that a lot of people do not have a 3.0 major GPA. Where is the job fair for us?

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Four girls listening to their iPods and hopping their beads in sync with each other.
had been “proportionate,” it would not have warned civilians ahead of time about coming attack. Israelis were unfortunately not afforded such a luxury.

I could display graphic photos of dead and wounded Israelis, smashed homes and hospital. I could even put up pictures of my cousin’s body niddled with shrapnel with my family grieving in the background. It’s sad that the Lebanese Club took such cheap shots when the war started by a Lebanese movement whose TV station Al-Manar was banned from France for airing “news” reports of Jews tainting Arab blood supplies with AIDS.

Your readers should imagine terrorists crossing the U.S. border, killing and kidnapping our soldiers and then firing 100-200 rockets a day on our cities. How should the U.S. react?

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Conflict will continue

A recent letter to the Technique by the Lebanese Club president discussed the impact of the recent war which he failed to state was begun by the Lebanese Hezbollah on the Lebanese people in the hopes that “our fellow students see the magnitude of the war…”

They somehow forgot that the war was begun by Hezbollah, a fact confirmed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

They disassociate Lebanon from Hezbollah, ignoring Hezbollah’s cabinet ministers in the Lebanese government.

The latter has allowed Hezbollah to run a state within a state, where (according to the State Department) major sources of their income were drug preparation and smuggling, counterfeiting of dollars and training of terror groups.

Israel also suffered a lot in this war—which, again, it did not start. Cities in northern Israel like Kiryat Shmona and Haifa were heavily damaged.

I am currently hosting a visiting professor from Haifa whose family was amongst the half million Israelis that fled the war zone. At least another million stayed in bomb shelters. But for those, the casualty count in Israel would have been much higher.

There was substantial environmental damage in Israel. Forests will take 60 years to recover from the fires started by Hezbollah rockets. Communal farms have lost all their cattle and their crops. The shuttered hospitals, homes and schools will cost up to $2 billion to repair.

Local Israelis could also display emotive pictures of death and damage in northern Israel. Instead they look forward. This is reminiscent of the attitudes of Jewish refugees.

Millions of Israelis are descended from Jewish refugees whose parents fled, or were expelled from Middle Eastern countries like Iraq, Yemen, Syria and yes, even East Jerusalem. Despite losing everything after the failed 1948 Arab invasion of Israel, they looked forward and rebuilt their lives. Compare this to the attitude of oil-rich countries to their refugees.

Groups like Hezbollah or Hamas do not want to look forward. Until that changes, they will continue to start wars and claim victimhood when Israel fights back.

Donor Lubinski
MATH professor

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Bill Blockman
MGT 1973

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100 years ago there were riots that left upwards of 12 people dead in Atlanta, but few Tech students knew about this part of the city’s past. From Sept. 22-24, 1906, white mobs sought out, attacked and murdered many African Americans. The Coalition to Remember the 1906 Atlanta Race Riots recently hosted several events to memorialize the riot’s 100th anniversary. These events included a candlelight vigil, radio production and several lectures. Tech participated by hosting a round table discussion Sept. 28 to discuss and commemorate the events.

Some of Tech’s scheduled panelists included Rebecca Burns, author of Rage in the Gate City; June Dobbs Butts, granddaughter of John Wesley Dobbs, an African American political leader in Atlanta during the riots; Larry Keating, an Architecture professor; Ronald Bayor, a professor of History, Technology and Society; Amanda Meng, a member of the Ivan Allen College Student Advisory Board; a Coalition representative; and descendants of the victims.

I’ve never even heard of the [riot]. It’s important that we recognize it happened and learn more from it, since we live in this city and it happened here,” said Tiffany Nettles, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major.

The events leading up to the riots created a political ethos. Two gubernatorial candidates, Hoke Smith and Clark Howell, used African American disenfranchisement as a platform in the 1906 race. Smith owned the Atlanta Journal and used it to espouse the necessity of ending African American suffrage in order to maintain white supremacy.

Clark Howell, as editor of the Atlanta Constitution, fought back in his own periodical. He argued that white Democratic primaries and the poll tax were sufficient for preventing African American suffrage. The result was a barrage of newspaper columns arguing how best to keep African Americans from voting.

Attempting to boost circulation, the newspaper published similar stories, and in just one week, 12 tales of African American men raping white women roused the headlines of Atlanta’s newspapers.

On Sept. 22, 1906, Atlanta newspapers reported accounts of four assaults and violence erupted. By 9 p.m. that night, 10,000 rioters took to the streets.

A white mob coursed through Decatur Street, Pryor Street, Central Avenue and the African American business district. In their wake, they vandalized businesses and beat African Americans. They Hydra a barbershop and murdered the people inside. The mob ripped men, women and children from streetcars and beat them.

Whitbeck discusses, debates ethical issues in engineering

Caroline Whitbeck of Case Western Reserve University was on campus Monday, Sept. 25, to discuss ethics in engineering. Her lecture addressed the question: Are ethics any different for engineers?

To define ethics, Whitbeck, founder and director of the Online Ethics Center for Science and Engineering, quoted Socrates, saying ethics are “how one ought to live.”

According to Whitbeck, engineering ethics consist of ethical considerations with special relevance to problems in the context of engineering. Engineering, as stated in the lecture, differs from other professions with significant contributions to society, especially in regard to society’s views on technology. In order for people to trust technology, engineers must hold themselves to the highest standards.

According to Whitbeck, the environment is a concern of particular interest to engineers. Whitbeck argued that engineers are accountable for environmental consequences because of their unique background and knowledge. Also, engineers have a responsibility to the public because the public is part of their clientele.

Part of an engineer’s job is to safeguard users from technology’s side effects...to protect the environment. Caroline Whitbeck

Online Ethics Center for Science and Engineering

“Engineers need to safeguard users from technology’s side effects...to protect the environment.”

Shalini Bumb, an India Club dance team member and third-year BME student, performs at the Taste of Africa event held last year.

Volleyball on the Rocks

Tech volleyball struggles to gain momentum in conference play. Volleyball is 0-4 in ACC matches for the first time since 1990. Page 32

Graffiti Translates to Lit

Tattooed Walls just hit bookstores nationwide. The book contains over 100 color photographs of graffiti from New York City. Page 17

Indian orgs offer community

A large and diverse Indian community exists at Tech, with so many ethnic and cultural communities on campus, what makes the Indian one stand out?

“Indian culture is different because it is a fusion of the American and Indian culture in which our parents grew up...[this] is a reflection of how connected the world has become,” said Pulin Patel, a second-year Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering student.

Many Indian organizations on campus work to promote and raise awareness about Indian culture by hosting a variety of events. These organizations also assist Indian students in connecting with their cultural roots and socializing with fellow Indian students.

Some cultural events that India Club, the largest cultural organization on campus, annually organizes and sponsors include the following: Raas Garba, a Hindu festival dance; Diwali dinner, which celebrates Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights; Diwali Puja, a group prayer; and the Holihow, which celebrates Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors.

Swertura Natarajan, a second-year Mechanical Engineering student, said she particularly enjoyed Raas Garba because “it’s the [India Club] event where the largest number of people participate, especially people from different communities.”

Additional social events planned by the India Club throughout the year include cricket match viewings (a popular sport among Indians) and events coordinated with the Pakistani and Bangladeshi organizations on campus.

Community service activities that India Club hosts range from the annual on-campus Vibha walk to a recent project coordinated with Child Relief and You Atlanta, a nonprofit that aids underprivileged children around the world.

The organization also participates in traditional on-campus community activities such as TEAM Buzz and Tech Beautification Day.

In addition, India Club has decided to commemorate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi by participating in a Be the Change campaign, a
of the NAACP, witnessed the events as a boy.

In his memoir, White wrote, “I saw a lame negro... pathetically trying to outrun a mob of whites... We saw clubs and fists descending to the accompaniment of savage shouting and cursing. Suddenly a voice cried: ‘There goes another nigger!’ Its work done, the mob went after new prey. The body with the withered foot lay dead in a pool of blood on the street.”

When heavy rains came that night, several bodies lay mangled and beaten to death. Atlanta soon came under the control of state militia.

On Sunday, 6,000 troops patrolled the streets, and a temporary quiet led newspapers to report an end to the riot. Many African Americans still feared continued attacks and armed themselves.

That night, white mobs marched into African American neighborhoods and assaulted people in their homes.

On Monday, a group of African Americans gathered at Brownville, and when Fulton County police raided the meeting, gunfire erupted. A white officer was shot and killed.

Three companies of militia were dispatched to Brownville, and they arrested 250 African Americans. Soldiers were ordered to round up any possible weapons from inside African American homes.

Mob violence continued, but the coming days saw an armistice on both sides. The official death toll was 10 African Americans and two whites. However, it is widely accepted that many more African Americans died in the riot, but Atlanta attempted to preserve its reputation by only issuing 10 death certificates. In addition, hundreds of African Americans were badly beaten and thousands fled the city.

“It is essential to remember what happened, because I think people keep forgetting the lessons of the past. We need to make sure these mistakes will not be repeated in the future and treat everyone with equal respect,” said Karen Melikov, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major.

“The effects of this event are still reverberating today. We still have racism and we still have hate crimes, so it’s important to recognize what happened before if we are to address these issues now,” Nettles said.

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Architecture professor Larry Keating discusses the 1906 Atlanta race riots and their present and historical implications at the panel.

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wtf he is in the projector room again.

Andy loves the polar bear if you know what I mean

why is the physics department always on probation again

is it wrong to pick your major based on how much money you make when you get out?

I think my roommate had sex in my bed....

people should close their doors when they change

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that master plan has lakes and a park over a bridge I told you this school is crazy

yeah... this girl that I hooked up with has a boyfriend that lives next door, that didn’t go too well if this makes it in here my girl will... you know....

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I have no friends so I make up sliver quotes and I am the guy that stole the food from hopkins

Aaaaaaazing weather! It should stay like this.

DSP homework is just accounts with a lot of e^x thrown in

How Physics II professors make a quiz: Step 1: Gather all the sample problem sets that they so graciously gave to us and Step 2: Give them all to M. Night Shyamalan.

Domo arigato mr roboto

I quit my job and fraternity now I have no money or friends

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See page 14 for more Slivers!
Campus groups promote cultural diversity

By Felicia Burkes
Contributing Writer

Two campus groups that embrace diversity, focus on cross-cultural issues and impact student involvement are Culture Tech and the Women’s Multicultural Society.

Culture Tech found its beginnings in the annual International Festival, which Tech started hosting in 1985. The international fair gradually transformed into the Culture Tech organization.

“The mission of Culture Tech is to “promote diversity on the Tech campus and increase cross-cultural interaction,” said Jana Williams, the international student advisor for the Office of International Education.

“[Culture Tech] seeks to promote a common ground in which all cultural organizations on campus can come together,” said Karan Gandhi, president of Culture Tech.

Culture Tech typically hosts two events each year, International Education Week in the fall and Culture Fest in the spring.

International Education Week begins Nov. 13 and continues through Nov. 18.

This year, Culture Tech will also host a festival sale to support fair market trade through a non-profit organization called 10,000 Villages.

Culture Fest is held during the week of Mar. 5. Two major components of Culture Fest are the Food Fair and Performance Night.

The Food Fair gives student organizations on campus an opportunity to present native dishes to the student body.

“It was amazing to see so many different cultural groups cook together,” Gandhi said of last year’s event.

Performance Night presents an evening of entertainment that highlights various art forms, music, martial arts and dances from around the world.

“Performance Night is the sell-out event that draws the diverse cultural talents on campus,” Williams said.

Groups that have participated in Culture Fest in the past have included the India Club, Lebanese Students Association and Thai Students Association. Culture Fest is open to both international and American student organizations.

Looking ahead, Culture Tech plans to expand its membership by “spreading cultural awareness on campus,” Gandhi said.

Culture Tech would like to plan more activities such as international mixers for interested members.

“The mixers are fun gatherings which promote cross-cultural interaction,” Williams said.

Another exciting organization on campus is the Women’s Multicultural Society (WMS).

Formed this past spring, WMS became the first and only multicultural club for women on campus.

The events that the club participate in “allow women to create strong bonds with each other [and] extend their social and academic networks. But our main goal is to just have fun,” said Anees Mawani, president of WMS.

“Now women have a place where they can feel accepted no matter who they are or where they come from, and we see that as nothing but an improvement on campus,” Mawani said.

The WMS members will attend the Atlanta Greek Festival in October. In November, the club will participate in a TEAM Buzz community service project.

Both Culture Tech and WMS helped to bridge gaps between people of different ethnicities and cultures.

By teaching students how to build relationships with each other on campus now, these organizations stand to have a lasting impact on students’ future relationships, both in school and in the workplace.

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Now I am a sliver fiend!

Ok. Mr. "I personally knew every famous scientist from the early 20th century"

"India Club really caters to everyone—it there are a wide variety of events for participants..."

"Think about a moral situation and be prepared for surprises... we haven't got a recipe."

"the organization fills a gap" and "the organization fulfills a need"...
Engineering the Americas

Biannual Pan American conference brings the Western Hemisphere’s best and brightest engineers to Tech

By Raisa Simoes
Contributing Writer

This year, Tech hosted the biannual international conference for the Union Pan Americana de Asociaciones de Ingenieria (UPADI), which is translated as the Pan American Federation of Engineering Societies.

Tech had the honor of welcoming the Western Hemisphere’s brightest engineering authorities to the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel from Sept. 19-22.

UPADI consists of 26 member nations from North America to South America and is a central agent in helping countries from Latin America and the Caribbean improve their infrastructure and economic capabilities. The conference was held to further explore methods of technological and economic advancement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tech and UPADI collaborated with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers to host this year’s conference, for which the slogan was “Build a Better World.”

The conference focused on how to enhance sustainable infrastructure in Latin America and the Caribbean by promoting economic, scientific, technological and educational initiatives. Speakers from all over the Americas presented on topics ranging from ocean and coastal engineering to urban development and population growth.

All of these presentations were meant to offer new solutions and ideas concerning the issue of infrastructure in the Americas.

One highlight of the conference was Institute President Wayne Clough’s plenary session presentation on the future of engineering education.

Clough delivered a discourse on a new project titled the “Engineer of 2020.”

In an introduction to the project, Clough said, “In a world in which things are going very quickly, it’s very important for engineers to try to anticipate the future. So the premise for our effort was that we would anticipate the future and shape engineering education in advance to create the dynamic role for our profession and for engineering graduates.”

Clough emphasized that changes in engineering education should go beyond changes in classroom curricula, noting Tech’s co-op program as an example of innovative engineering education outside of the classroom.

“This aspect of engineering education that Clough particularly stressed were leadership and innovation. “We need people who are dynamic, agile, resistant, flexible and lastly, adaptive leaders; so it’s important to educate leaders with an understanding of what the role of leadership is,” Clough said.

Clough pointed to a need for innovation as a result of increased competition from Asia in the science and technology sectors. Fourteen of the world’s major information technology companies are already headquartered in Asia, whereas only six are headquartered in the U.S. Therefore, to beat out competition, one must be “innovative, not just bigger and faster,” Clough said.

“The capacity to innovate is the most critical element in sustaining competitiveness,” Clough said.

Among other initiatives in the project are the improvement of K-12 science and math education and increases in science and engineering scholarships and fellowships.

These educational initiatives actually made their way into President George W. Bush’s State of the Union address last year as part of the American Competitiveness Initiative. Recommendations, which would increase federal research funding in science and engineering and improve high school science and math education.

Congress has not passed this legislation yet, “which I find odd because the best way to make your country whole and welcoming to people and to make it successful is to concentrate on this effort, not build fences between you and your neighbors,” Clough said.

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Kutcher delivers action-packed thrill in Guardian

By Beena Bhujian-Khan Contributing Writer

Get ready to delve into a world of fear, strength, courage and heart stopping suspense when you watch The Guardian, released Friday the 29th. Directed by Andrew Davis (who also directed The Fugitive) and starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher, this movie takes you through a brief yet thorough tour of what it is like to be part of a United States Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer (CGRS).

In the movie, Ben Randall (Costner), a legendary rescue swimmer, is sent to teach in an elite training school for future rescue swimmers after losing his crew in a devastating explosion. With his unorthodox and grueling techniques he filters the class and is left with a dozen or so students with the qualities that he believes are needed to be a rescue swimmer.

One of these students, Jake Fischer (Kutcher) sets himself apart in the class and is left with a dozen or so students with the qualities that he believes are needed to be a rescue swimmer.

Although the initial bumpy relationship with his trainer, both he and Randall develop a mentor-mentee relationship after they find out that they are both at the school for the same reasons—just crew, proving to themselves that they can live up to the memory of their friends and their own expectations.

The movie provides a unique insight to the mind of a rescue swimmer. One has the opportunity to witness the vast amount of physical, mental and emotional strength needed to be part of the CGRS. The film also provides insight on the psyche of a person, for we realize the roots of the motivation to continue with something that is grueling and exhausting and demanding.

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The Science of Sleep amazes, confuses

By Daniel Griffin Contributing Writer

Most people recognize director Michel Gondry’s name as being attached to various music videos, with artists ranging from Bjork to The Chemical Brothers.

Yet two years ago, with the release of the popular Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Gondry developed a directorial dour that only more pictures can deliver.

With The Science of Sleep, Gondry, who served as both author and director, has established a comfortable place in cinema to brandish his outlandishly funny and thoroughly entertaining style.

The Science of Sleep revolves around an imaginative protagonist, Stephane, who moves to Paris to start a job that his mother has secured for him—a job that he thinks has him painting art for a calendar but instead puts him on a mission to monotonously

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By Beena Bhujian-Khan Contributing Writer

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Get ready to delve into a world of fear, strength, courage and heart stopping suspense when you watch The Guardian, released Friday the 29th. Directed by Andrew Davis (who also directed The Fugitive) and starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher, this movie takes you through a brief yet thorough tour of what it is like to be part of a United States Coast Guard Rescue Swimmer (CGRS).

In the movie, Ben Randall (Costner), a legendary rescue swimmer, is sent to teach in an elite training school for future rescue swimmers after losing his crew in a devastating explosion. With his unorthodox and grueling techniques he filters the class and is left with a dozen or so students with the qualities that he believes are needed to be a rescue swimmer.

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Diet book proves upsetting, unfulfilling

By Sarah Gilbreath
Contributing Writer

For a young, naive freshman entering Tech, several things can be terrifying: the prospect of living away from home, having to make new friends, taking hard classes, and so on. But by far the scariest and most publicized specter is the Freshman 15. So many rumors and urban legends surround the concept that it would seem that merely setting foot in a quad would result in the instant onset of hundreds of calories through your feet (shoes do nothing to slow the process. Beware, little freshman...beware!) As such, I had decided long ago that when my freshman year came, I would do everything possible to avoid gaining the pre-ordained weight. Naturally, I was thrilled to discover this book, The Dorm Room Diet: instant weight loss for a young, naive freshman.

Imagine my dismay, then, when I realized that the author, Daphne Oz, was not only ill informed, but also a heretic about her. She has no real credentials—she is still an undergraduate student. She substitutes her mother being vegetarian and her father being a doctor for actually having a degree. The forward was written by her father, and the odd mix of lists of her favorite TV shows and detailed dietary information make the book seem like an attempt and detailed dietary information.

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The over-bearing tone of the book will quickly make anyone anorexic. Oz launches into several triturations of "huge portions" of certain foods, as well as the ingredients; for example, she considers two slices of pizza to be an exorbitant amount. She curses salad dressings in favor of oil and vinegar, and she absolutely forbids herself from eating, of all things, croissants. Non-processsed, unflavored oatmeal is considered a "treat," and she is kind enough to allow the reader to "go a little wild...with the grapes." Around the middle of the book, Oz mentions that she isn’t picky about setting a limited number of calories for her readers, which is particularly amusing considering that in the previous chapter she had written out a detailed set of equations to find out how many calories you should be consuming daily (I should apparently eat 1057 calories a day. Can you even live on that?)

But not only is this book militant, it also defies logic. In it, she advocates drinking four 6-ounce cups of caffeinated coffee EVERY DAY, claiming that it is perfectly healthy. She condones the creator of the candy bar, yet suggests eating handfuls of chocolate chips or several chocolate covered strawberries as a snack (oh, yes, I understand that perfectly - chocolate chips are MUCH healthier than those dirty little croissants).

In addition to information about food and vitamins, Oz also provides several different kinds of exercises for the dorm room. Each routine requires minimal space and no additional equipment. In the interest of giving the book a fair shot, I got down on my floor and tried several of these exercises. While I did find two that I was already familiar with, others were completely foreign and made no sense. In one, Oz instructs the reader to lie on the floor, face up, and put his or her legs straight up in the air. Then he is to move to a sitting position, with his legs still in the air, balancing on his tailbone. Lastly, he is to stretch up and miraculously get his tailbone at least "about an inch off the floor" (165). That to me sounds suspiciously like floating. (Sorry, Daphne, but I just haven't been able to achieve levitation yet...it must be all those grapes I've been devouring during my nightly binge.) Nearly all the exercises I tried left me walloping on the floor, flipping about like a fish on dry land.

In short, this book did more harm than good, making me feel that even the most harmless foods, like apples, were my mortal enemies. Oz's suggestions are unrealistic and impractical, such as offering to bring little bits of exercise equipment. In the interest of giving the book a fair shot, I got down on my floor and tried several of these exercises.

In addition, it is an anthology of an art form that few people experience and even fewer appreciate. Furthermore, it is an anthology of short-lived works, most of which have already been destroyed or replaced. In addition, it is a visual story about the people living in these areas: their cultures, beliefs, passions and fears. The book is a must-have for anyone interested in graffiti or urban culture.

**Additional information:**

In addition to the simple tags used to claim turf, the art contains memorials to fallen loved ones, religious expressions, warnings to police, and messages of political unrest. These artists serve as the spokesmen for their respective cultures. The styles used by these street artists range from cartoon to abstract to trompe l'oeil, a technique meaning "deceives the eye" that dates back several centuries. Tazwood Wall is particularly well-suited as a coffee table conversation starter. However, to leave it at that would be an understatement. This book is an anthology of an art form that few people experience and even fewer appreciate.

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The Finals lack emotion, original concepts

Post-hardcore band fails to deliver in Plan Your Getaway

By Kenneth Baskett  Senior Staff Writer

What happened to the days of Boston, Journey and Chicago, with their beautiful voices and harmonies? In rock music today, a great voice is not a requirement. For proof, look no further than to the likes of Coheed and Cambria, AFI or System of a Down.

You don’t even have to sound like a guy to sing in an all-male band. Despite having somewhat questionable voices, Claudio Sanchez, Davey Havoc and Serj Tankian are extremely talented singers and give their respective bands an instantly recognizable sound.

That is not the case with New Jersey based band The Finals, who recently released their first full-length album, Plan Your Getaway. The vocal duties on the record are shared by bassist Matt Reilly and guitarist Jason Sazer.

Although neither of the singers have particularly bad voices, it doesn’t sound like they care about what they’re singing. Almost all of their tracks are devoid of any kind of feeling. On the track “They’ll Never Know,” they sing, “Please don’t take this all wrong/I know it’s so hard to be strong/Stand Back and look at your life/Stop stalling and make things right.”

How can you sing that without feeling? Just listen to their CD. They don’t sing like the songs are important to them. Come on, even Hillary Duff can pull that off.

Despite the lackluster performances offered by the lead vocalists, the other band members let you know this is more than just a job for them. Lou Bottone, Joshua Sazer and Christian Kisala give the group a very modern sound.

They go a long way towards making up for the emotion that their lyrical counterparts lack. If the poor singing wasn’t the only fault of this band, the album might still be worth listening to due to the instrumental talent. But again, this is not the case. The songs are decidedly unoriginal. The Finals sound like just another cookie cutter, here today, gone tomorrow band. In addition, the lyrics have a trite, middle-schoolish feeling to them.

On the embarrassingly-titled “Raining in my Heart”, the band sings, “Fading and it’s been so long/Raining/We do not belong/Shaming, Me for holding on/Blaming, You for what went wrong/Raining in my heart.”

That’s it. That’s the whole song. I’m pretty sure that exact song has been written a million times by a million adolescent boys who broke up with their girlfriends a few days before their two-week anniversary. If you’re going to write a song as lamely titled as “Raining in my Heart,” at least make it profound.

Despite my previous ranting, the album isn’t completely unmemorable. Tracks stand out when Reilly and Jason Sazer show an ounce of talent present. “Plague Escapade” features a large harmonic range with very interesting emotion. And Jason Sazer shows an ounce of talent present. “Plague Escapade” features a large harmonic range with very interesting emotion. And Jason Sazer shows an ounce of talent present.

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The track “They’ll Never Know” features a memorable chorus as well.

This song shows there is some lyrical talent present in the band and hints at how much the group could improve. But these are two songs out of twelve. That’s a 16 percent, and that, my friends, is failing, regardless of how big the curve is. It reminds me of vanilla ice cream: if you’re really desperate for something sweet, it will do the trick, but most of the time it’s just bland.

It also features some of the most mature lyrics on the album: “Baseball has been over long now/The Red Sox lost again/But still no sign of winter/Maybe spring is early.”

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Make the Alaskan seas’ dangerous conditions clear to the viewer, but they do leave a bit to be desired in replicating a realistic ocean. However, the movie does a good job of balancing character development with an appropriate number of these action scenes.

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#### WEEK OF 10.6 - 10.12

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- 12:00 National Lampoon
- 2:00 The Corpse Bride
- 4:00 Campus Calendar
- 5:00 UVA Newsmakers
- 5:30 Campus Calendar
- 6:00 Classic GTCN
- 6:30 Somethin’ Fresh
- 7:00 Larry the Cable Guy
- 8:30 RV
- 10:30 United 93
- 12:30 Lucky Number Slevin

**sat. 10.7**
- 12:00 The Pink Panther
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- 7:00 Larry the Cable Guy
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**sun. 10.8**
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- 2:00 RV
- 4:00 The Pink Panther
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- 12:00 Zilo Network
- 2:00 United 93
- 4:00 Campus Calendar
- 5:00 World Business Review
- 5:30 Campus Calendar
- 6:00 Planet X
- 6:30 Campus Calendar
- 7:00 Larry the Cable Guy
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- 6:00 ECE 6273
- 7:30 Math 6580
- 9:00 Tutor-Vision (Wednesday Only)
- 11:00 SGA Tonight (Wednesday Only)

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**October Movies**

**GTCN 21**

- **RV**
- **The Corpse Bride**
- **United 93**
- **Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector**

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Two Bits man shares his uplifting stories of inspiration, truth and accents

No really. I did a round off, two back flips and a half twist before I landed flat on my ass. At some point during my intense aerobatics, I lost a shoe and drenched my backpack. The shoe was recovered; my notes were not. I needed a yo ho ho and a bottle of rum, indeed.

And then things took a turn for the worse. In fact, I didn't even know that the situation I'm about to describe was possible.

So, I'm getting out of the car when I turn around and my backpack catches on the corner of the door. My backpack slams the door shut on my hand, which I had cleverly managed to place exactly on the edge of the door frame. I pull my hand loose, my fingernails are falling off. Owww. My keys are still in the car roared to life with the fervor of a T-Rex when I crossed over it. (I learned bron-"saur-nerd let ters, I know that I should have said Apasaurus, but I learned brontosaurus when I was five, so that's what I'm going with.)

To get another car anywhere close to being able to jumpstart my battery, I had to find jumper cables approximately a million feet long. (Once such anomalous jumper cables were found, I carefully attached them the way I had been taught in driver's ed (shout out to Mr. Hartwell, driver's ed teacher extraordinaire).)

Red goes to the red terminal, black goes to the black terminal, except on the dead car, where black is supposed to be attached to the chassis of the car. (Remember that, kids, Someday, you too will have to pay for your own idiocy.) We turn on the other car, wait a minute, and try mine. And... nothing.

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But, being the heroic, dashing, flawless man that I am, I bravely agreed and attached the cable to my car battery. The result created an impressive shower of sparks which seemed a bit dangerous in a place filled with oil puddles and gasoline tanks, but my car roared to life with the fervor of a man just seen a comely wench after six months at sea with 15 other smelly, hairy, potentially lethal men.

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John Heisman
Former Tech Head Coach

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By Asil Heerji
Assistant Sports Editor

90-year anniversary of lopsided victory

Tech’s 222-0 drubbing of Cumberland featured the ‘Golden Tornados’ scoring 32 touchdowns without picking up or allowing a first down.

hit ‘em hard.”

Despite playing in a shortened second half, Tech still added 54 points in the third quarter and 42 more points in the final frame. As games end, Heisman came through on his steak dinner promise, but re-warded both squads for a dominating performance.

Cumberland’s longest play from scrimmage was a 10-yard pass play which came on fourth-and-22.

Neither team recorded a first down in the game as Cumberland turned the ball over on each possession and Tech scored on each possession before they had a chance to earn a first down. The Bulldogs amassed a whopping negative 28 yards of offense.

“I called for a quarterback sneak on fourth down late in the final period,” said quarterback back Morriss Gouger.

“We needed 25 yards and were deep in our territory. I made it back to the line of scrimmage and saved us from really ignominious defeat. If we had punted, as we should have, Tech would have blocked the kick, made another touchdown and the score would have been 229-0.”

Cumberland fumbled the ball late in the ballgame. As the ball approached B.F. Paty, the fumbler said to Paty, “pick it up.”

“Pick it up yourself, you dropped it,” said Paty in response.

The Jackets scored so many touchdowns that Tech’s place kickers missed two of the 32 extra points kicked in the game, or else the score would have been 224-0.

Cumberland committed 15 turnovers in the game, losing 9 fumbles and throwing 6 interceptions, and Tech scored 12 special teams and defensive touchdowns.

“Oh all players in all sports who exaggerate about their feats, I know football players are the worst,” said former Head Coach Bobby Dodd.

“But this is one bunch that never has exaggerated about a score.”

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and they have a nationally recognized basketball program.

It takes the right coach to be able to recruit at an academic school, and it seems that Gailey has finally reached the part of the learning curve where he can effectively sell Tech. The same excuses were made by Tech fans during the early years of Gailey’s tenure, and they are made at every other true academic school.

His straightforward attitude has begun to bring success on the recruiting front as well as Saturday afternoons on the Flats.

The Duke Chronicles did not respond to messages and were unavailable for comment for this story.

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No more sardines in the Stingers!
See page 28 for more Slivers!
Tech’s academics have recently come under some scrutiny from an unlikely source. The Duke Chronicle recently published the following in their Sept. 25 issue of the paper:

“...The admissions requirements are a humongous obstacle,” said Fred Goldsmith, who was the Blue Devil’s head coach from 1994 to 1998. “I don’t think Georgia Tech, Virginia or Wake Forest damaged their academic reputations by coming down to the NCAA minimum requirements, which pretty much they have. Duke isn’t even close to that. The requirements are much, much higher.”

While there might be some truth to the statement, the overall assumption made by Goldsmith is very inaccurate. Tech’s coaching staff is capable of recruiting a couple of recruits that are near the minimum, but those exemptions are a very small percentage of each recruiting class.

The Tech admissions office requires students to take 16 core classes in high school, while the NCAA requires only 14. The NCAA has a sliding scale that originates at a 2.5 GPA and an 820 SAT score. Tech requires more math and science classes as well as foreign languages than the NCAA’s core requirements, but the official scale at Tech is unknown because of privacy laws.

Despite the fact that Duke does not allow football players to be recruited at the NCAA minimum GPA and SAT score, the other 11 schools in the conference are capable of recruiting at different levels. However, it is unfair to make blanket statements about these exemptions are very important and should not be overlooked.

I sat down with Tech Head Coach Chan Gailey in 2004 when he stated the following:

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Academics are not the problem with Duke football

By Michael Clarke
Sports Editor

Tech’s academics have recently come under some scrutiny from an unlikely source. The Duke Chronicle recently published the following in their Sept. 25 issue of the paper:

“The admissions requirements are a humongous obstacle,” said Fred Goldsmith, who was the Blue Devil’s head coach from 1994 to 1998. “I don’t think Georgia Tech, Virginia or Wake Forest damaged their academic reputations by coming down to the NCAA minimum requirements, which pretty much they have. Duke isn’t even close to that. The requirements are much, much higher.”

While there might be some truth to the statement, the overall assumption made by Goldsmith is very inaccurate. Tech’s coaching staff is capable of recruiting a couple of recruits that are near the minimum, but those exemptions are a very small percentage of each recruiting class.

The Tech admissions office requires students to take 16 core classes in high school, while the NCAA requires only 14. The NCAA has a sliding scale that originates at a 2.5 GPA and an 820 SAT score. Tech requires more math and science classes as well as foreign languages than the NCAA’s core requirements, but the official scale at Tech is unknown because of privacy laws.

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Maryland has yet to play an ACC game but will play eight in a row to finish the season. The Terps’ tough schedule has the team facing their most difficult challenges on the road, starting this weekend. Their balanced rushing and passing attack has kept defenses off balance. Maryland hopes to average its loss to Tech in 2004, where Tech was the underdog to a ranked Maryland team on the road in College Park, Md. This year, the roles are reversed.

“Georgia Tech is always going to be a special place for me. I spent nine years of my life there. I have a lot of close friends there that will remain my friends forever.”

Ralph Friedgen
Maryland Head Coach discussing his Tech ties

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**Four Key Questions**

- **Is Tech able to finish games?**
  Tech has led after the first half in every game this year, holding opponents to an average of 6.6 points before half time, but the team has been inconsistent in the second half. Notre Dame pulled ahead and Troy tied the game early in the third quarter of their respective games. The Jackets were able to stop the Hokies’ offense in the third quarter of last week’s game, but allowed Virginia Tech to score twice in the fourth quarter.

- **Will Maryland be able to get past Tech’s defense?**
  In 55 under defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta, Tech’s defense has held the opposition to under 100 yards rushing 28 times, going 21-7 in those games. The linebacking corps, led by Philip Wheeler, has created turnovers, pressured quarterbacks and closed running gaps for all opposing rushers. Though relatively young, the defense has stepped up and become an integral part of Tech’s success.

- **Has the Tech team “arrived”?**
  With the special teams performing well last Saturday, all three phases of the team have recently played well. The defense has consistently come out and executed, but the offense only recently started to show more explosiveness. It remains to be seen if Tech can be consistent in each phase all season long.

- **Has Reggie Ball done enough to silence critics?**
  Ball has been criticized throughout his career for his inconsistent play and sometimes erratic throws. This season however, he has stepped up and led Tech to four straight wins. He has contributed with both his feet and his arm, scrambling for first downs and touchdowns when necessary. While he is still making mistakes, he has demonstrated his mastery of the Tech offense and has emerged as the true leader of the team. If he can lead Tech to an ACC title, he will certainly have silenced his naysayers.

Tech’s convincing wins against Virginia and Virginia Tech have put the team atop the ACC Coastal division. Tech must continue dominating ACC opponents to maintain hopes of being in Jacksonville come December. The offense has started to click, providing threats both through the air and on the ground with Calvin Johnson leading the aerial attack and Tashard Choice, Reggie Ball and Rashann Grant providing the ground attack.

“They had a week off, they can fix some things that they were not doing well, and you hope it doesn’t all come together this week. They’re potentially a very good football team.”

Chan Gailey
Tech Head Coach discussing the Maryland Terrapins

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Maryland (3-1) vs. No. 18 Georgia Tech (4-1)

By Hahnming Lee

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Niekamp must fill big shoes with young team

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

Last year, Allie Niekamp only saw action in seven games as she was backing up the senior All-American setter Lindsay Laband.

“I have some really big shoes to fill. Lindsay Laband and Kele Eveland were amazing. They did so much for the team and for the program. I just hope that I can live up to what they did, and help out any way that I can,” said Niekamp.

The team has started slow in the season around, Niekamp has not been for the team winning the tournament. We are so fortunate to have so many gifted athletes here. I can just throw the ball in the air and I know that my hitters will get the kill,” Niekamp said.

“It’s nice to win awards like that, but the bigger picture is focusing on what our team is doing.”

Allie Niekamp
Sophomore setter

Overall, 0-4 ACC). The losses in conference include a 3-2 home loss to Florida State and a loss on the road against ACC leader Duke.

While the losses have hurt Tech’s chances of making the NCAA Tournament, it does not mean that the season can’t be turned around.

“We really have not had the start that we hoped to have, but it is hard to stay down when you are on this team because everyone is so positive and motivated. It’s frustrating that we haven’t been winning yet, but I know that we will start winning,” Niekamp said.

Outside of helping the team turn the season around, Niekamp has other personal goals.

“My goal for the team is to out-work every team that we face. You can beat a team by a large margin, but if you do not feel like you out-worked them then you do not come off of the floor feeling good. You can lose to a good team, but if you give everything you have then you can feel good because you gave everything you had,” Niekamp said.

Even if the Jackets are unable to turn their season around, the experience of playing volleyball and being around her teammates won’t change.

“I know that there are a lot of people who have gone to college to play volleyball and hated it. I just feel blessed that it is not like that here. We have coaches that make it fun, and players that motivate you and push you. I know that this team does not have the best record in the country, but I can guarantee you that we have a better time than some of those teams, and we are closer.”

Niekamp and the Jackets look to put their early ACC struggles behind them as they face Maryland tonight, while they put their early ACC struggles behind them. Saturday at 7 p.m. and Boston College on Sunday at 1 p.m.
Wheeler recorded eight tackles, two sacks and forced a fumble. Wheeler’s effort against the Hokies led him being named the ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week and the FWAA/Bronco Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week.

The defense made several key plays in the game to help the Jack-ets maintain the early lead. In the second quarter, Georgia Tech held the Hokies to just two field goals for a total of six points after two Reggie Ball interceptions.

In the third quarter, the Jackets forced two key turnovers that sealed the game. Phillip Wheeler forced Virginia Tech quarterback Sean Glennon to fumble at his own 38 yard line, and junior linebacker Gary Guyton picked up the ball and didn’t look back giving the Jackets a 51-13 lead.

On the next possession for the Hokies, KaMichael Hall forced Glennon to fumble again. This time, it was recovered by junior defensive end Adam Oliver.

“It always feels good to hit a quarterback,” Hall said, when asked about how it felt to face Glennon versus the more agile ex-Hokie quarterbacks, Marcus Vick and Bryan Randall.

The Jackets played well on special teams against-a Virginia Tech team that specializes in blocking kicks and generally causing havoc with a style of play known as “Beamerball.” However, Georgia Tech was able to block their first punt of the season when reserve Troy Garaside was able to deflect a Nick Schmitt punt in the first quarter.

Panther Durant Brooks downed three of his five punts inside of the 20 yard line, and junior linebacker Gary Guyton picked up the ball and didn’t look back giving the Jackets a 51-13 lead.
Jackets prevail in
Battle of the Techs

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets came out early
against the Hokies and set
the tone in the “Battle of the Techs.”
Tech scored three touchdowns
in the first 12 minutes and held
a 21-7 lead at the end of the first
quarter. By the time the Virginia
Tech band played the “Hokey
Policy” at the end of the third
quarter, Georgia Tech led 38-13
and went on to win 38-27.

The victory for Georgia Tech
was their first in the state of
Virginia since 1990 when
the Jackets downed then
No. 1 ranked Virginia
on the way to Tech’s most
recent national championship
run.

I commented
several people
practice most of our guys just
went about their business. It
was not a ‘rah rah’ type
situation like we had leading up
to Notre Dame. We had more of
a sense of purpose,” said Georgia
Tech Head Coach Chan Gailey,
about the Jackets’ preparation for
Virginia Tech last week.

The last time Virginia Tech
allowed more than 30 points in
a game was in 2003 against
California in the Insight.com
Bowl where they lost 51-48.

The Jackets 38 points was the
most scored at Lane Stadium
since 1994 when Virginia scored
42 on their way to a 42-23 vic-
tory.

“I think everybody in [the
press room] is shocked,” Gailey said.
“The Tech offense was led by
wide receiver Calvin Johnson
who caught six passes for 115
yards and two touchdowns.
Both touchdowns came in the
first quarter. However, it was
James Johnson, not Calvin, that
started the Jackets offense off
on the right foot.

On the first play from scrim-
mage, Ball completed a 59-yard
touchdown pass to James
Johnson leading
to the Jackets first score of
the afternoon. The drive was
capped off
by a 3-yard
touchdown pass to
Calvin John-
son on a fade
to the back corner of
the endzone.

“Just staying tight knowing
we are in the game, whether
or not, we have nothing to lose. If
we lose, it’s going to be a late reg-
istered,” Ball said.

Sophomore middle hitter Callie Miller
registered four kills against Miami last Saturday as Tech fell to 0-4 in ACC play.

After starting out the ACC season with two losses, the vol-
leyball team looked to get back
on track as they welcomed Florida
State and Miami to the O’Keefe
Gymnasium last weekend.
Unfortunately, it did not go as
scripted for the Jackets. The team
dropped both matches and fell to
0-4 in Atlantic Coast Conference
play for the first time since 1998.
It is also only the fourth time in
school history that Tech has
lost four consecutive ACC
matches.

Tech opened their home slate
against the Seminoles,
who came into Atlanta unbeaten in
conference play. Florida State
out hit the Jackets .286 to .226
and took the first game of the match,
30-25.

In the second game, Tech was
out hit by 108 percentage points,
.390 to .282, but kept the game
close. The Jackets were in prime
position to tie the match down
the stretch, but the Seminoles
used a 5-1 run to close out the
game and take a commanding
2-0 lead in the match.

Tech fought back in game
three, using an 8-1 run to help
build an 11 point lead as they
crushed a 30-15 victory. Florida
State hit .311 in the game, as
they registered more errors than
they did kills. Unlike Stegemann
added seven kills in the fourth
game to help the Jackets tie the
match at 2-2 with a 30-27 win.
In the fifth game, Florida
State hit a stellar .536 and put
the Jackets away, 15-9, to win
the match, three games to two.

“We will talk about this
game for about 20 minutes,
then we will forget about it, get
a good nights rest, get up in
the morning, get breakfast and get
mentally prepared for Miami,”
said sophomore defensive special-
ist Michelle Kandell.

Tech tried to bounce back
against Miami on Saturday
night, and were off to a
good start in the first game
after an early 12-2 run. The team
held off a late Miami comeback
to win the game 30-27. Sophomore Callie Miller
had six blocks in the game, and
led a Tech defense which held the
Hurricanes to a .061 hit percen-
tage in the opening game.

Miami answered in game two,
crashing out to an early 11-1 lead
and cruised to a 30-21 win as they
hit .361 in the second game. The
momentum continued for the
Hurricanes into game three as
they won 30-27.

Down the stretch of game
four, Tech held a 28-26 advan-
tage, but Miami got four straight
points to win the game and
match, 30-28.

“You are not only,” Ball
said, “you have nothing to lose.
Whether there is a black up or not,
you have nothing to lose. This
is our gym, we own this gym,” said Kandell.

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