Tech earns low campus sustainability grade

By James Stephenson
News Editor

In a study conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute of 100 of the nation’s leading colleges and universities, Tech received a “C” grade on overall sustainability of the institute. The grade was broken down into seven categories: Administration, Climate Change and Energy, Food and Recycling, Green Building, Endowment Transparency, Investment Priorities and Shareholder Engagement. While the report assigns grades for each indicator, the final cumulative sustainability grade distribution is as follows: Four schools earned level “A” grades, 22 earned level “B” grades, 54 earned level “C” grades, and 20 earned level “D” grades. For the administration indicator, Tech received a “B.” According to the report, “Tech has made several public commitments to sustainability, including explicitly stated goals to reduce hydrocarbon emissions, material consumption, water runoff, and the use of natural resources. The Institute for Sustainable Technology and Development works on both curriculum and campus initiatives to promote sustainability. Green building efforts have produced a LEED Silver-certified building and more are expected.”

For the climate change and energy indicator, Tech also received a “B.” According to the report, “The Institute’s Operations Department has embraced sustainability, applying a multitude of energy conservation efforts, a comprehensive recycling program, and alternative transportation endeavors. Researchers are developing higher-efficiency solar panels, alternative fuels, and an offshore wind farm.”

For the food and recycling indicator, Tech received a “B.”

AA changes season tickets

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

The second phase of the Athletic Association’s (AA) plan to prevent the organization’s bankruptcy was announced Tuesday. The AA is creating a Tech Fund in which certain season-ticket holders would be required to give an annual donation in order to keep their seats.

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Committee chooses Sakai over WebCT

By Craig Tabita
Assistant News Editor

The way students interact with their courses online at Tech is changing, with WebCT soon being dropped in favor of a new open-source course system called Sakai. It will begin a pilot run in the summer and begin full implementation in the fall.

“It will be a change so people will have to get acclimated to a new system, but I think it offers great potential and I’m really excited,” said Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL). “People always want to collaborate online, and this provides a really nice platform. It has discussion forums, chats, wikis, email, as well as course management tools, so I’m hoping the campus likes it.”

Tech’s license for the Campus Edition of WebCT, which was part of a University System-wide contract through the Board of Regents, is set to expire in December 2007, necessitating a search to find a replacement. The decision came down to Sakai and WebCT’s upgraded Vista edition.

We got an extension to stay on the WebCT Campus Edition while we evaluated what we were doing,” Llewellyn said. “We had a committee that evaluated over the summer whether or not to go with Vista, and since we’re already paying for WebCT we didn’t want to go with another licensed, proprietary solution because they’re all pretty much the same. There’s really only one other large open source solution, called Moodle, but we decided it wasn’t ready.”

“All accounts are that Vista is not user friendly and not stable, so the decision was to go with the open source solution Sakai,” she said. When the license expires in December, WebCT will cease to be available for live teaching, though it will be archived for a period of time, according to Llewellyn.

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AASU conducts trivia challenge

The Tech Black Graduate Student Association (BGSAs) in association with the African American Student Association (AASU) is conducting a campus-wide Black History Trivia competition throughout February. A different black history trivia question is mailed out each weekday with answers to the previous day’s question.

To join go to http://lists.gatech.edu and subscribe to the list blackhistorytrivia.

BGSAs hosts [GT]² symposium

Graduate students across the country are invited to attend the Tech Graduate Technical Symposium, also known as [GT]², hosted by the Tech Black Graduate Student Association (BGSAs). This national research conference assembles diverse graduate students from across the country and will be held March 35-16. More than 2700 dollars in prize money will be offered.

Free shuttle runs to Ga. Dome

Free Student Shuttles will run to the Tech-UConn basketball game at Georgia Dome before tip-off at 1 p.m. Student Shuttles will pick up students at the Student Center bus stop on First Drive and drop off at the Georgia Dome, where students will enter through Lower Level C. Shuttle runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

**Tech Football on fire**

At 12:55 a.m. Jan. 15, an officer responded to a fire alarm at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

After checking the location, the officer declared it a false alarm. He succeeded in silencing the alarm, but could not reset it.

**Dude, I'm getting a Dell**

An officer responded to a burglary report Jan. 8 at Caldwell Residence Hall.

The victim stated that he left his room with his roommate at 8 a.m. that morning and returned at 3:30 p.m.

When he entered the room, he discovered that both his and his roommate’s Dell laptops had been stolen.

The first laptop, a silver Dell Precision Notebook, was valued at about $3,000 dollars while the second, a silver Dell Latitude Notebook, was valued at about $2,000 dollars.

The laptops have not been recovered.

**Cellphone theft ring**

An officer took a lost property report from a student Jan. 31.

The student stated that her blue and silver LG cell phone was last seen on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Woodruff parking lot.

She discovered that her phone was gone at approximately nine the next morning. The estimated value of the phone is 70 dollars.

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**This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett**

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**Corrections**

In last issue’s front page article “GTPD Pro-life display missing” it was stated that the display was stolen during Monday night. In fact, the display was stolen Tuesday during the day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Additionally, the College Republi- can Campus Activism Coordinator’s name was incorrect. The correct spelling of his name is David Hohle.

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**sliver**

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If you’re against the fee increase you’re not a Yellow Jacket... ...if you’re not a Yellow Jacket, you’re not human! Build a dome atop TECH and heat all of campus!!! It’s TOO cold!!!

did ANYONE notice that clough’s response to the “office park campus” question was void of any kind of real answer? The Office is the greatest show of all time!

That’s what she said... Remember NFL: for great justice, move more Calvin.

There is nobody or girl Buzz; Buzz is a real bee.

I really really want to say something right now, but I shouldn’t.

Ack! My printer is jammed! Pineapples!

Coach! Coooaaach! I can’t play no more! I got the wind knocked outta me!

Now Nick can go back to leading his boring, meaningless existence at such a young age = TOOL

To Robert – I have a crush on you. Secret girl who sits to my left in calc - you’re beautiful.

paar, the govt wastes money, I know because I work for the man!

Pro sports 2 -> Moms 0

You can’t spell “Truth” without “Ruth”

Seriously, tone it down.

I can’t wait to get a windmill tattoo on my thigh!

I am so freakin sick of you in-state, HOPE scholarship-beneficiaries crying about a fee increase. Good lord! Look at how much

See page 3 for more Slivers!
The fourth bill brought before the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) meeting was Tuesday. Six bills were passed, as well as one resolution from the floor.

The third bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council. The committee was requesting funding for this year’s Sting Break concert, where they hope to have: The Killers perform. The bill passed in full, with 32 of the representatives casting votes in favor, and only two votes in opposition.

The second bill was the appointment of council representatives. This bill passed by unanimous acclamation. After the bill passed the four representatives were sworn in by the Vice President Paul Byrne.

The first bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Equestrian Club. The organization was asking for funds for new riding equipment for the club.

A question came up in the senate as to whether or not the helmet and boots would be considered personal items because it is difficult to share those items, in case of varying head and foot sizes.

A motion was made to pass the bill unanimously, but the motion failed because of the concerns about the helmet and boots. Ultimately, the bill was brought to a vote and passed the senate.

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the African American Student Union. The organization was asking for funds for its annual Onyx Ball to be held in the Biltmore Hotel.

The major point of contention was that the JFC recommended amending the bill down to 1,118.50 dollars to reflect the prices currently available on campus for the items in the bill. The JFC recommended reducing the bill down to 697.20 dollars in accordance with JFC policy on funding, but the motion failed. The bill passed the senate.

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Being one of the most renowned chemists of the twentieth century, Percy Julian had his life and accomplishments recognized in the NOVA presentation "Forgotten Genius." It will tell the story of the first African-American Ph.D. scientist to work in industry as a researcher. An award winning chemist, his career was marked by both breaking the color barrier in science and significant innovations in the area of chemistry.

Willie Pearson, professor at the School of History, Technology and Society, became involved with the NOVA project and was a member of the program’s advisory committee. Pearson’s research background is in Sociology of Science, which involves the study of the production of Ph.D.’s in science and engineering. He became interested in African Americans in chemistry prior to the 1950’s, and last year published a book on African American chemistys Ph.D.’s.

"Given my general background in Sociology of Science, I was contacted by NOVA asking if I would be willing to serve on an advisory committee. Particularly, to assist them with their proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities," Pearson said.

On the advisory committee, Pearson partnered with chemists and historians to uncover and contextualize Julian’s impact on science, history and society.

"There have been very few writings on Percy Julian, when you consider [he was] a very successful chemist, regardless of his race. He owned his own chemistry company, headquartered in both Chicago and Mexico City, and was a generous philanthropist," Pearson said.

Many of the areas where Julian was successful can still be seen today. He worked with developing the foam used to put out fires and made contributions to the steroid hormones, some of his later work involved using soybeans to create synthetic hormones, including estrogen and testosterone, in industrial sized quantities.

"What was very interesting was that he employed minorities and especially African Americans. During that time, African Americans and other minority groups could not work in scientific jobs. So you can imagine, here he is hiring people with degrees from respectable institutions, and they’re getting a chance to do their science," Pearson said.

Julian graduated from DePaul University in Indiana in 1920 as part of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society, and received his M.S. from Harvard University in 1923. He would graduate at the top of his class, but ended up pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Vienna, instead of Harvard, because of discrimination.

"(Julian)’s life away from science was interesting, fascinating and beset with challenges. He had to deal with issues of race and racism," Pearson said. Even though Julian garnered success and award for his accomplishments, he was not immune from racial struggle. He had his house firebombed, just because he lived in a white neighborhood.

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Willie Pearson, who will appear in NOVA’s documentary “Forgotten Genius,” consulted the NOVA team as part of its advisory board.

"One of the problems with finding information on… African American scientists is the lack of information left by other people." - Willie Pearson

Professor, School of History, Technology and Society

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that could accommodate the event. After this amendment the bill was passed with 35 votes for, three votes against, and two abstentions.

The fifth bill, also brought by the AASU, was for $11,413.75 dollars to help fund the Black Leadership Conference. The requested funds were provide for the speaker fees for Calvin Mackie, Robert Green, and Sonya Sanchez. There was an attempt to amend the bill to remove 300 dollars, as the AASU revealed that they had potentially raised enough money to cover that portion of the costs. However, chair of Joint Finance Committee Claudia Jones reminded everyone that any additional money could be returned to the SGA after the event, and the amendment failed. After this, the bill passed with 35 votes for, two votes against, and one abstention.

The final bill from old business that was brought before the house was the bill from the Medical Student Association. They had originally requested $1,600 dollars to travel to Nashville and tour Vanderbilt Medical School, but based on previous SGA policy about travel expenses the bill was amended to $679.20 dollars. This bill passed with 28 votes in favor, nine votes against, and no abstentions.

The final bill dealt with was a resolution from the floor. A bill was presented to form a committee to evaluate the creation of a mandatory physical fitness class. The proposed class was presented as a potential addendum to or modification of the current Health and Physical Education requirement. With 24 votes in favor, nine votes against, and three abstentions, the bill passed the house.
hed against inflation in the years to come,” Radakovitch said.
The AA wants to change their focus, while utilizing Tech’s two major aspects, which are the football stadium and the basketball arena, to maintain annual revenue.
However, not all suite-ticket holders are going to be required to pay an annual donation.
“Certainly our suite-tickets, student tickets and other tickets won’t have annual contributions attached to them. So, their season tickets would be purchased for the face value of the tickets,” Radakovitch said.
The tickets requiring the donation are sideline seats in football, as well as lower seats and mid-court seats in men’s basketball.
“(Season-ticket holders are) just another leg on our three-legged stool: our ticket holders, alumni taking on our revenue needs as we forecast into the future, the students have stepped up with great leadership and we’ve

Sakai from page 1
Sakai was developed in a collaboration that included Indiana University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan and Stanford University. It was launched in 2004 with its first funding coming from a 2.4 million dollar grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation.
Many other schools, including the University of California, Berkeley, Virginia Tech and Yale University, are already running Sakai, and more are in the process of rolling out their implementations.
As an open source project, its source code can be freely reviewed and modified in response to specific needs and user requests.
“We no longer have to go to a vendor and be held over a barrel.”

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Partners Program which costs 10,000 dollars per year and gives support to the nonprofit Sakai Foundation that coordinates the project.
CETL’s contest to give a name to Tech’s WebCT replacement recently asked 830 entries, out of which the winning entry will be announced on February 15 and an iPod awarded to its submitter. Llewellyn suggested that the Contest winner or its submitter. Llewellyn suggested the system which will be referred to by the winning entry and labeled as “powered by Sakai”, as it is the case at most of the peer institutions currently using Sakai”.

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The contribution from the institute is an ongoing process. “We’ve become real close to finalizing online quilting and homework, but for collaboration it was sort of clunky so people would often turn to things like Buzzport,” Llewellyn said.
Although Sakai costs nothing to use, most of the schools that currently use or are planning to use, including Tech, belong to the Sakai

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In a related story, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) reported that the AA is looking to sell the naming rights of Alexander Memorial Coliseum.
“ That article was a little our front. We’re looking at a lot of different revenue options to help our future. There’s been an initiative for a number of years of trying to find a naming partner with Alexander Memorial Coliseum,” Llewellyn said.

As I said to the AJC, it’s a very long process and we’re not even at the first stage yet. We look at all opportunities to increase revenue within the department so that we can keep our prices competitive, that would certainly be of help, but we don’t see as it comes to finalizing any kind of deal as it relates to that,” Radakovitch said.

Apple calls for end to music right protection
Steve Jobs, the chief executive of Apple Inc. is calling on the four largest music companies to license their music for distribution without digital anti-piracy protection, shifting away from a nearly four-year-old philosophy that helped steer the iPod music player to worldwide success.
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It’s a striking mover for Jobs and for Apple, whose resurgence as a dominant technology company was built on the success of the iPod and iTunes. Introduced in 2003 as the iTunes Music Store, the service charges users 99 cents to download songs from the major labels. Its promise of copyright protection, called FairPlay, helped persuade the four major labels to allow online sales.
Hackers pull off significant attack
Hackers briefly overwhelmed at least three of the 13 computers that help manage global computer traffic Tuesday in one of the most significant attacks against the Internet since 2002.
NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak was ordered released Tuesday on an additional $10,000 bond on an attempted murder charge in Orlando, where she allegedly tried to kidnap her from an airport parking lot.

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Income matters

For some time, the Tech community has been aware of the Athletic Association (AA)’s dire financial situation. The AA has been accruing debt to the tune of $3 million a year, and Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich has started to take steps to remedy the situation. Starting next year, season ticket holders will have to make a donation to the Tech Fund under the AA. Just as the flat fee increase was the better solution for the mandatory student athletic fee, this choice is better for season ticket holders than a flat ticket price increase would be, as the donation is tax-deductible.

While this decision may upset season ticket holders, it will be good for Tech in the long run as it helps keep the AA financially afloat. Currently, long-term donors keep prime season ticket seats without further donations, and it is difficult for the AA to get additional income through them. This way, the AA will have a constant source of annual income. At the same time, the AA should be careful to not alienate the alumni fan-base, as it may keep them from purchasing season tickets in the future. After all, there is a fine line between maintaining financial stability and keeping fans happy.

While the student fans may not be happy with their recent fee increase, at least this move will leave them feeling reassured that the students are not the only fans the AA is asking for money. The AA is sending a clear message that raising the student fee was not a quick fix but rather part of a larger, long-term solution.

Increasing costs for alumni and student fans is not the only solution the AA is investigating, however. They have brought up the possibility of finding a new sponsor for the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Retaining the Coliseum’s name as a tribute to the great coach of the 1920s to ’40s is important. Still, the AA needs the money badly enough to seriously consider adding a new sponsor’s name to the Coliseum. If the AA could find such a sponsor, they would have to donate much more than the previous $5.5 million McDonalds donated over 10 years, because the AA is obviously desperate for money—Radakovich leaves out his personal box, which is meant to be used to entertain possible donors, for most football games at Bobby Dodd Stadium. Such extreme measures may serve only to further worry an already wavering fan-base.

Tech’s fan-base is often fickle, but instead of condemning the AA for its attempts to bring the budget back into the black, it should support them in their efforts. Perhaps this year’s excellent recruiting class will give fans even more cause to support Tech athletics.

Grade skipping has drawbacks

Public education is a bureaucracy known for its red tape. Between entrance requirements, student records, standardized testing, curriculum guidelines, assessment standards and much more, today’s public education policies seem to be built on a foundation of paper — and lots of it. That is why it was so surprising to find out our Georgia’s third largest school system, Dekalb County, has just started to flesh out procedures for students to skip a grade —or accelerate, as educators call it. Not that Dekalb has not allowed students to accelerate in the past; it was just a difficult process that had to be parents-initiated. Dekalb should be commended for fleshing out a grade skipping policy that is fair across all of its schools, but they and other educators need to consider whether they are advocating acceleration because it is the best thing for bright students or because it is the easiest, cheapest option for school administrators.

Currently, Georgia education policy is governed by the national “No Child Left Behind Act,” (a policy that has certainly added to that paperwork nightmare), which requires school systems to develop standards for core subjects and to test how well students meet these standards. Public schools have gone to great lengths because of this law to improve the services they offer to at-risk and low-performing students, but in return services to high-achieving and gifted students are sometimes lost. To be fair, with a limited budget it is hard to justify funding a robotics team over a tutoring program for students who can’t read. Still, should schools allocate more or different resources to gifted students than they currently provide?

Proponents of gifted education argue that although it is important for no child to be left behind, reaching the needs of the top students is just as important. Of the 1,553,437 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the state of Georgia for the 2004 to 2005 school year, almost 10 percent were enrolled in some type of gifted education. However, of the $14,363,970,000 dollars allocated for education in Georgia that same year, less than one percent went toward gifted education. Like grade skipping, not all gifted services have to cost a lot of money, but some options certainly do.

According to the Georgia Department of Education, the type of programs that are provided to meet the needs of gifted students in Georgia range from completely separate schools to pullout enrichment activities for as little as an hour a week. Obviously, a separate school is going to be expensive, but even enrichment programs, which help foster creativity, are expensive compared to just moving a student forward in school. At the high school level, most other gifted education programs are dropped completely by the eleventh grade with Advanced Placement (AP) courses or college courses being the only services offered, both of which are examples of single subject acceleration.

AP classes are a great option, but they do not meet all the needs of gifted students. Single subject acceleration does recognize that a student may be advanced in one or several subject areas, but not all. Dekalb administrators should remember that being gifted doesn’t mean being gifted at everything as they put the finishing touches on grade skipping policies. Because grade skipping is cheap (all the school has to do is move the student up to the next set of teachers), it could be easy for money- and time-crunched educators to push acceleration as the method to help gifted students, even though it may not be the best option to provide them academic challenge and continuous progress in their talent area, as well as foster creativity.

The reason I am concerned about Dekalb and other school systems standardizing grade skipping is not that the policy itself is bad but that the policy might be overused. Georgia consistently ranks low in gifted education services rankings. Programs to identify gifted students and provide educational services for them are required in 24 states; however only six states, including Georgia, fully fund gifted programming at the state level.

This state has had a gifted education program since 1958 and defines “gifted” based on multiple criteria besides achievement on intelligence tests, as has historically been the case in the United States. Though things seem to be improving, the state is still near or at the bottom for most education rankings. It would be a shame to progress quickly and broadly with grade skipping programs that may jeopardize one of the few areas of education where we are recognized as the cream of the crop.

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Quote of the week:

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—Immanuel Kant

By David Chen | EDITORIAL BOARD

Public education is a bureaucracy known for its red tape. Between entrance requirements, student records, standardized testing, curriculum guidelines, assessment standards and much more, today’s public education policies seem to be built on a foundation of paper — and lots of it. That is why there was so surprising to find out our Georgia’s third largest school system, Dekalb County, has just started to flesh out procedures for students to skip a grade —or accelerate, as educators call it.

Not that Dekalb has not allowed students to accelerate in the past; it was just a difficult process that had to be parents-initiated. Dekalb should be commended for fleshing out a grade skipping policy that is fair across all of its schools, but they and other educators need to consider whether they are advocating acceleration because it is the best thing for bright students or because it is the easiest, cheapest option for school administrators.

Currently, Georgia education policy is governed by the national “No Child Left Behind Act,” (a policy that has certainly added to that paperwork nightmare), which requires school systems to develop standards for core subjects and to test how well students meet these standards. Public schools have gone to great lengths because of this law to improve the services they offer to at-risk and low-performing students, but in return services to high-achieving and gifted students are sometimes lost. To be fair, with a limited budget it is hard to justify funding a robotics team over a tutoring program for students who can’t read. Still, should schools allocate more or different resources to gifted students than they currently provide?

Proponents of gifted education argue that although it is important for no child to be left behind, reaching the needs of the top students is just as important. Of the 1,553,437 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the state of Georgia for the 2004 to 2005 school year, almost 10 percent were enrolled in some type of gifted education. However, of the $14,363,970,000 dollars allocated for education in Georgia that same year, less than one percent went toward gifted education. Like grade skipping, not all gifted services have to cost a lot of money, but some options certainly do.

According to the Georgia Department of Education, the type of programs that are provided to meet the needs of gifted students in Georgia range from completely separate schools to pullout enrichment activities for as little as an hour a week. Obviously, a separate school is going to be expensive, but even enrichment programs, which help foster creativity, are expensive compared to just moving a student forward in school. At the high school level, most other gifted education programs are dropped completely by the eleventh grade with Advanced Placement (AP) courses or college courses being the only services offered, both of which are examples of single subject acceleration.

AP classes are a great option, but they do not meet all the needs of gifted students. Single subject acceleration does recognize that a student may be advanced in one or several subject areas, but not all. Dekalb administrators should remember that being gifted doesn’t mean being gifted at everything as they put the finishing touches on grade skipping policies. Because grade skipping is cheap (all the school has to do is move the student up to the next set of teachers), it could be easy for money- and time-crunched educators to push acceleration as the method to help gifted students, even though it may not be the best option to provide them academic challenge and continuous progress in their talent area, as well as foster creativity.

The reason I am concerned about Dekalb and other school systems standardizing grade skipping is not that the policy itself is bad but that the policy might be overused. Georgia consistently ranks low in gifted education services rankings. Programs to identify gifted students and provide educational services for them are required in 24 states; however only six states, including Georgia, fully fund gifted programming at the state level.

This state has had a gifted education program since 1958 and defines “gifted” based on multiple criteria besides achievement on intelligence tests, as has historically been the case in the United States. Though things seem to be improving, the state is still near or at the bottom for most education rankings. It would be a shame to progress quickly and broadly with grade skipping programs that may jeopardize one of the few areas of education where we are recognized as the cream of the crop.
One four-letter word can change world

Joy of joy, I realize that that pink, red and white day is fast approaching—Valentine’s Day, which annually manages to inspire more anxiety, plotting and division around the country than the average political campaign does.

Those without significant others often dash around scheduling dates with the hitherto-uncapturable-now-suddenly-interesting guy or girl or stage solitary sit-ins and strikes with friends in varying shades of despondent, painful, hopeful, sad,转移—may—brave. Even those with significant others are not without their own share of worries.

The purported day of romance has the dismaying side effect of bringing up uncomfortable questions a couple may not be ready for, all of which revolve around that thoughtfully little four-letter word: love.

Are we in love? Do I have to say it? What if I am not and she is not? What if I don’t know how I feel yet? What is he or she expecting?

And of course, the ever-popular “crap, what is this going to cost me?” When hearts are on the line, the cost could be far more than the price of roses and chocolate.

All of this interpersonal stress and conflict is a far cry from the original intent of Valentine’s Day, which has its beginnings in both Roman and Catholic traditions. The day’s direct historical connection is to a mysterious patron saint named Valentine or Valentinus, who, according to one story, was a priest during the third century in Rome. Legend goes that Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men, believing that single men would make better soldiers than wedded men. Acting against the injustice of this decree, Valentine performed marriages for young lovers in secret. He was discovered and put to death, reportedly on the day Feb. 14.

The Catholic Church later canonized Valentine to saint-hood for his heroism and commemorated a feast day in his name. Somehow, this evolved into the circus of pastel candy hearts etched with sugary terms of endearment and all the inceccsent worrying and/or bitterness associated with that.

Maybe it is time to put away whatever sniping and griping we may have about Valentine’s Day and remember why we celebrate it in the first place, most notably by following St. Valentine’s example. Valentine lived a life of love, putting himself on the line and making the ultimate sacrifice for the good of others.

His love did not take the form of heart-shaped balloons or generic messages such as “Be mine” but embodied the true spirit of love that Valentine’s Day is meant to celebrate—selfless love that is practiced through service instead of whispered in thoughtless sweet nothings.

The world could probably use more of this spirit of love instead of the narrow, rancor ones. I don’t have a date or he didn’t take me somewhere nice.

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Letter to the Editor
The mother is also the best interest of the unborn child, but we all know that the world will never be ideal. If my unborn child rights trump my own, who makes the medical decisions regarding my pregnancy?

It so happens that Georgia is one of about 25 states that does not have a licensing system in place for direct entry midwives (these midwives attend home births).

There is currently a bill floating around in the Georgia legislature addressing this, and during the committee meetings, I listened to several over-zealous doctors talk about how women should be forced to birth in hospitals.

Obstetricians do not like babies to be born at home (they can’t make money if they don’t have patients). Obstetricians have more political power than midwives.

If the law makes it illegal to abort a fetus, that law is effectively...
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giving the fetus rights, which will effectively give obstetricians all the decision making power during a woman’s pregnancy. I believe it is imperative that women retain their right to control their bodies. If some women use that right to have an abortion, that is better than the alternative: taking away the rights of all other pregnant women to make their own decisions regarding their pregnancies.

Please consider the external ramifications of making abortion illegal before supporting it just because you agree that morally, fetuses should not be aborted. Missing morals, especially those regarding personal freedoms, with the law, can be dangerous.

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Alcohol bill will not benefit all Georgians

Though I can understand the opinion of the editor not wanting Governor Perdue making decisions on his behalf (“Perdue misses elected position,” Feb. 2, 2007), I challenge that if one were to look at Senate Bill 26 in its entirety, SB26 is not in the best interest of all Georgians. This bill only includes beer and wine sales, not all alcohol, which on any other day of the week is legal to sell.

In the state of Georgia, grocery stores are only allowed to sell beer and wine; they are not allowed to sell liquor. Most liquor stores are mom-and-pop shops that already have trouble competing with larger grocery store conglomerates. If SB26 were to pass as it is written now, it would negatively affect these small independent stores. The sale of beer and wine alone would not be enough business to warrant these stores being open on Sunday. SB26 leans heavily in favor of big businesses here in Georgia.

Furthermore, regardless of Sonny’s opinion on the bill, the Legislature can override an executive veto; therefore if SB26 manages to make it out of both Chambers, Sonny cannot single-handedly make the decision on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, as Mr. Clarke seems to believe.

I urge the students of Tech to not take everything they read from local newspapers to heart and do some research of their own before blindly forming their opinion, especially in the case of the article written by Mr. Clarke.

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Display theft reflects poorly on Tech

Tech is supposed to be an Institute of intelligence and diversity. We are a configuration of many cultures, backgrounds, and orientations. With this, there will be personal conflict, but it is our tolerance and acceptance that make our situation above most others.

When something like the theft of the pro-life display happens, it is an insult to everyone in this Institution. Whoever has done such a thing should be ashamed. The only thing I can understand is that St. Valentine showed—instead of out, we could honor the day and its importance. We are a configuration of many cultures, some of which value the power of love over violence.

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Technique should run terrorism advertisement

It has come to my attention that the Technique’s editorial board recently refused to print an advertisement from the Terrorism Awareness Project, a national organization dedicated to educating college students about the threat we face (http://www.terrorismawareness.org).

I have reviewed the ad and concluded that it contains many important facts and allows readers to arrive at their own conclusions. Tech students are wise enough to be able to review the information included in the ad and make their own judgments about its content, without the need for someone to censor any material that is viewed as objectionable by a select few.

Furthermore, the ad is very relevant as it relates to a vital issue in modern America. Violent Islamic extremists present a real threat to the American way of life, and Tech students are not immune to this threat.

The Technique’s action of censoring this ad exhibits a lack of commitment to free speech and, worse, an implicit defense of Islamic Jihad and their goals and methods. The ad is not hateful, and the only individuals that would take offense to the ad are violent extremists.

This ad presents significant information that will enliven discussion on campus as we examine the salient challenges of our world.

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180 have been injured by a cluster bomb situation in southern Lebanon that a United Nations Mine Action Service manager calls “the worst I’ve ever seen. [It’s] unprecedented and it’s unprecedented and unprecedented and unprecedented and unprecedented.”

There are, of course, no easy answers to these and other terrible situations.

The U.S. is still struggling to move out of a radically unstable and dangerous Iraq, as the “sectarian violence” there approaches civil war (58 more people were killed in a rash of bombings across Baghdad this past Monday) and the death toll of American soldiers continues to rise.

Closer to home, cities and states are looking for answers to high rates of poverty and homelessness and dwindling funds for education, health care and welfare programs. It would be far too simplistic and naive to suggest that the world’s problems could be solved by love, but it certainly couldn’t hurt to try either.

If we entered into the difficult problems, issues and relationships in our world with the same spirit of love that St. Valentine showed—instead of acting out of bitterness, intolerance, bigotry, hatred, partisanship or spite—those same problems, issues and relationships might just become much less difficult.

Perhaps for this Valentine’s Day, instead of just sending cards or dining out, we could honor the day and its many-sided truth by actually practicing the love that we celebrate.

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CRY presents benefit play

By Parker McGary

The much-beloved character of Tevye the milkman, and his fiddling on the roof antics delighted audiences in a charity performance that was held at the North Atlanta High School last weekend.

The play Fiddler on the Roof was put on by Saakar, a nonprofit Indian organization, and co-sponsored by the Tech chapter of Children's Rights and You (CRY) in a historic partnership—this year marked the first time in Saakar’s four-year history that it teamed up with CRY for the production.

Set in a small Jewish shtetl (town) in turn-of-the-century tsarist Russia, the play tells the story of Tevye's attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions in the face of rapid change in the world around the shtetl.

The theatre was almost completely full. The audience laughed and cheered to show their enjoyment of the performance. The actors performed excellently and without noticeable imperfections, surprising some audience members with their ability to slip into a Yiddish accent and carry out Jewish humor. The actor who played the role of Tevye especially showed great enthusiasm during his performance of the iconic "If I Were a Rich Man" song. The performers, all in all, were exceptional and not shy to show their talent.

However, the play was not simply just an exercise in acting and entertainment. "What made this play unique was the fact that it was set up by a nonprofit Indian group, Saakar. Money raised went towards production costs and the rest went to charity," said Jelle van de Vall, director of operations of CRY Tech.

The play was sponsored by CRY in order to promote awareness and raise money for the organization.

CRY was started in India 27 years ago and has even won national recognition as an "Outstanding Sports Facility" by the Tech chapter of Children's Rights and You (CRY) in a historic partnership—this year marked by the Tech chapter of Children's Rights and You (CRY) in a historic partnership—this year marked the first time in Saakar's four-year history that it teamed up with CRY for the production.

CRY was started in India 27 years ago and has enabled impoverished children in India and America by providing them with shelter, education, disaster relief and healthcare.

In almost three decades, CRY has enabled more than 2,500 communities across 18 states in India to work towards addressing the root causes of issues like deprivation, adult unemployment, exploitation and abuse—issues that constrain the rights of children,” said Namit Bhatia, co-leader of CRY Atlanta.

By mobilizing these communities, CRY, along with its more than 500 NGO [nongovernmental organization] partners, have ensured over 1,500,000 children across India with opportunities they could not dream of. None of these micro-
finding time to exercise when classes and work got rougher later in the semester, the long wait for a swim lane or treadmill at night, and—a favorite among a significant majority—the lack of free or available parking around the CRC.

Zaheer Ahmed, a recent Electrical Engineering graduate and occasional frequenter of the CRC, cited the lack of easily available parking for campus commuters as a reason for why working out can become a bother. “It’s a big headache, trying to walk in the cold because I can’t park there. Not having free parking for patrons makes it more difficult for students to come on cold days,” Ahmed said.

Despite their professed problems, students generally believe that maintaining a healthy lifestyle by working out regularly solves more problems than it creates. Fernsie Goh, a Chemical Engineering graduate student, works out at the CRC regularly and has plenty to show for it. Goh believes the power of exercise extends beyond the obvious benefits of looking better and feeling more confident.

Working out on the treadmill and elliptical trainers at the CRC four or five times a week, Goh said that exercise is useful in that it offers her something to do besides studying and yet improves her academic performance. “As an undergrad, I used to feel sleepy in class often. I’m trying to work out often to see if there’s an improvement [in my attention in class],” Goh said.

Matt Rothenberg, a second-year Civil Engineering major, also believes that the positive benefits of working out regularly at the CRC outweigh the potential pitfalls that accompany regular exercise. Swimming with the club team three times a week, Rothenberg is almost dismissive about the injury risks associated with excessive physical exertion and agreed with Goh’s comments. “The average person doesn’t need to be worried about excessive workout, but when someone does it in tandem with eating poorly and sleeping too little, that’s when injuries happen,” Rothenberg said.

Rothenberg echoed a common sentiment among students. “When you stop working out, the more stressful life becomes. There’s always the chance to become injured, but I think people who work out regularly tend to do better [in classes and elsewhere],” he said.

“It’s me time. It’s when I blow off steam [from classes and work].” Naples said, describing the value of the time she spent at the CRC.
miracles would have been possible without the active involvement and support CRY experienced from the more than 150,000 [volunteers] and organizations in India and overseas,” Bhatia said.

Currently, there are 26 CRY chapters in America, CRY Atlanta and CRY Tech, which was founded last year with three permanent board members, are new chapters that have dedicated themselves to the mission of the international organization. “We try to spread awareness and raise money for the underprivileged. Ten percent goes to the U.S., the rest goes to India. We spread awareness about abuse, the exploitation of poor children and women victims. Some of the money raised by CRY America also goes to American underprivileged children,” de Vall said. “We harness the support, money, time and skills for millions of Indians worldwide who could provide resources and thousands of dedicated field-workers across India struggling to function for lack of them. As such, we are an enabling organization as opposed to an implementing one,” Bhatia said.

The leaders of CRY Tech and CRY Atlanta hope to increase support and awareness for their organizations. Furthermore, they hope to increase membership in local chapters as well as to create more chapters in Atlanta.

“This is the first time in history that CRY Atlanta and CRY Tech have collaborated together with Saaqar on such a grand scale. We hope to further increase membership and open new chapters at Emory and Georgia State University,” said Aditi Misra, co-leader of CRY Atlanta.

CRY Tech sponsors several events throughout the year to encourage students to pledge money for CRY as well as to support the cause, such as a volleyball and basketball tournament held last semester in conjunction with CRY Atlanta. Organizers have high hopes in terms of the impact of the play. “At least 1000 dollars is expected to be raised from ticket sales and donations [from last weekend]. In fact, it takes just 25 dollars to fund a one-year education for an Indian child,” said Prema Bang, president of CRY Tech.

“Another couple of events to spread awareness [that will] occur later this semester include a mini-carnival along Skiles walkway and a huge wall display with pictures about how CRY has helped poor people progress through society and have potential,” de Vall said.

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Hodel, right, and Tzeitel, left, two of Tevye’s three young daughters, take center stage to speak about their matchmaking prospects. The opening scene of Fiddler on the Roof features a cast of winning characters. The charity play raised awareness and money for CRY.

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Monthly executive forums advise future entrepreneurs

By Julie Kent
Contributing Writer

Originally founded in the fall of 2003, the Georgia Entrepreneurs Society (GES) has already recruited nearly 600 members. Working with over 120 different companies, the Society is dedicated to providing services and support to help fast-growth entrepreneurs.

In addition to holding golf outings and dinner parties, one of the main features of GES is its monthly executive forums.

This month, which focused primarily on how to attain investment capital, was held last Thursday, Feb. 1.

Over 25 men and women filled the Wardlaw building for the forum, which featured three very successful and powerful entrepreneurs.

The first, Tony Antoniades, is the general manager for the Advanced Technology Development Center, a company that helps Georgia entrepreneurs launch and build successful science and technology companies. Ed Rieker, another speaker present at the forum, has founded four companies, most of which are in the medical industry. The third and final speaker, Alan Urech, is a senior executive with over 30 years of management experience. Urech also is the founder of Stoney River Capital Partners.

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Speaker, Exec Forum

With a primary concentration on investment capital, the forum discussed techniques and strategies for securing capital.

Antoniades suggested working from one’s own pocket. Another option is to go to friends and family, although the panel stressed that it is necessary to be careful when doing this.

“Tell them it’s like a trip to Vegas,” Rieker said, half jokingly, but also very seriously. “The chances of all the money disappearing is very likely.”

The preparation and presentation of a business plan were also heavily discussed during the forum. While the possibilities of commercial lending and venture capital were quickly dismissed by the panel, members spoke extensively about angel investors and how to approach them.

As the panelists discussed what they thought investors looked for, common themes of leadership, experience and management emerged.

“Investors are betting on the jockey, not the horse,” Antoniades said, using an illustrative analogy to make his point.

Urech, who actively invests in entrepreneurs, listed the five things he looks for in an angel investor.

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Tech offers pre-med options

By Abhinav Bhattacharyya
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Although Tech is primarily known for its engineering students, there is another breed of caffeine-guzzling, sleep-deprived and late-night-studying academic on campus—the pre-med or pre-health student.

Despite the fact that Tech has no medical school or a formal pre-med major, the school still provides many resources for significant pre-health student population. The trick is to know where to look and being smart about customizing the regular Tech experience to a pre-health focus.

For instance, the institute’s strong background in science and engineering includes rigorous pre-health classes like anatomy and organic chemistry that students can take to build into their major.

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Tech also offers students a plethora of summer programs which serve as gateways for acquiring knowledge and experience.

Students can spend their summers gaining clinical exposure through volunteering, shadowing, interning and specialized medical courses.

Many pre-meds can even choose to spend their summers working in research labs or working abroad.

These programs provide students with experience in the pre-health area, which, as all competitive medical or dental applicants understand, may be the determining factor in their landing an acceptance letter to their chosen school by the time they graduate.

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Fifth-year ECE

"The product is not nearly as important as a good management team," Urech said. Last but not least, Rieker dispensed some commonsense wisdom, saying that presenting entrepreneurs should never drop the F-bomb. The GES has two additional programs for members: the Executive Training Program and the Strategic Business Incubation. The Executive Training Program is designed to assist budding entrepreneurs by holding additional presentations on topics important to starting a business. For example, the program holds sessions on business planning, developing business plan, designing organizational structure, funding, consumer service, marketing, etc. The Strategic Business Incubation caters various accidents and various surgeries being performed on patients," said Dale Han, a fifth-year Electrical and Computer Engineering major. In addition, many Tech graduates that have become doctors live in the Atlanta area and may allow current students to shadow them. Nikhil Kadle, a first-year Bio-engineering major, spoke of the need to seek out shadowing experiences. "Get out there and get your hands dirty. Ask doctors if they will let you observe them for a day or even a week. I shadowed three doctors last summer and found out a lot of things about the career that I wouldn’t have known otherwise. All I had to do was ask," Kadle said. Tech students can even find clinical exposure abroad. "I plan on studying abroad in a medical mission trip this summer, most likely in Cuba," said Mathur Vangala, a first-year Industrial Engineering major. Kimble stressed the importance of these types of experiences. "As pre-health advisor, I find that students with extracurricular activities help students create another realm to their application. Do you think a medical school would rather consider the student who participated in a medical mission abroad and volunteered at Grady, or the student that simply studied 24/7 throughout their college career?" Kimble said. With coordinated forethought and planning, pre-health students at Tech should be able to have many such rewarding and enriching experiences that will prepare them for their futures.

customers and revenues or predicted revenues. "The product is not nearly as important as a good management team," Urech said. Antoniades gave further advice on how to successfully present a business plan to an investor. "Understand the business and the market. Show real passion. Most importantly, tell a story," Antoniades said. All of the panelists also stressed the importance of a short business plan, since investors usually have hundreds of business plans to review and don’t have time to sift through a million pages. Not only should a business plan be short, it should also be somewhat easy to comprehend. The panel suggested that an eighth grader could not understand the business plan, it is too technical and complex.

Finally, the panel gave their "absolutely no" in regard to talking to tech advisors. "Don’t ask them to sign non-disclosure agreements," Antoniades said. "Never say there’s no competition, just you can’t compete because..." Urech said.

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year, the Tech chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the GT Pre-Dental Society invite representatives from local school-like Emory and Medical College of Georgia to teach students how to build a strong medical school application. In the spring semester, AMSA and the GT Pre-Dental Society also offer a Pre-Medical College Admission Test and Dental Admission Tests as well as mock interviews. Additionally, the organizations will offer workshops through which students may improve their application essays.

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Shoaib discusses Afghan women post-Taliban

By Shikha Choudhury
Contributing Writers

There has been much speculation on the situation of women in Afghanistan, an issue that has been fervently discussed in newspapers, journals, news channels and even at Tech.

Summar Shoaib, a fourth-year International Affairs major, recently conducted a research study on the condition of women in Afghani stan after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Her study involved four major subjects in regard to the situation of Afghan women in the war-torn country: education, employment, health and the representation of women in government positions.

Shoaib discovered many interesting things in the course of her research, including a number of underground activities to educate women that were conducted during the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

At the time, women were restricted from seeking either education or employment. Shoaib spoke of the plight of widowed women and the helplessness of women in government positions.

Shoaib has grown up in close proximity to the nation. Female patients were at a disadvantage too and felt uncomfortable in hospital settings. She attributes a lot of the information sourced from seeking either education or employment.

She attributes a lot of the information procured from the helplessness of women and the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

One of the most difficult challenges that Shoaib faced while conducting her research was finding enough information, statistical data and specific details about Afghan women after the Taliban’s demise.

“Finding enough information about their condition during the Taliban’s regime was not as hard, but finding information on their condition after the Taliban’s regime ended was really hard. One could hardly find any valid data or details on it. Most of it was usually exaggerated by the media,” Shoaib said.

In an effort to obtain accounts of firsthand experiences, Shoaib contacted a few people in Pakistan with the help of her parents and friends.

She spoke with one of her friend’s sisters who is a Pathan, or Afghan native. Her friend had interacted with many Afghan refugees and talked to Shoaib about what she learned about them.

Shoaib also spoke to a professor in Georgia who teaches Pashto, a language spoken in southeastern Afghanistan, about what he knew of the plight of women in that country.

She attributes a lot of the information that she found to these sources. According to her findings, the statistics reflecting education, employment and health of women in the national government has improved since the fall of the Taliban regime.

However, Shoaib admitted that the figures were not as high as they were before the Taliban took control of Afghanistan.

Shoaib advised every student who dreams of pursuing a research study to take the opportunity of developing their study in an area that evokes a continued interest and passion.

“Communicate your interest in research to professors who you can connect with (and) understand and who deal with studies that interest you,” Shoaib said.

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There has been much speculation on the situation of women in Afghanistan, an issue that has been fervently discussed in newspapers, journals, news channels and even at Tech.

Summar Shoaib, a fourth-year International Affairs major, recently conducted a research study on the condition of women in Afghani stan after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Her study involved four major subjects in regard to the situation of Afghan women in the war-torn country: education, employment, health and the representation of women in government positions.

Shoaib discovered many interesting things in the course of her research, including a number of underground activities to educate women that were conducted during the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

At the time, women were restricted from seeking either education or employment. Shoaib spoke of the plight of widowed women and the helplessness of women in government positions.

Shoaib has grown up in close proximity to the nation. Female patients were at a disadvantage too and felt uncomfortable in hospital settings. She attributes a lot of the information procured from the helplessness of women and the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

One of the most difficult challenges that Shoaib faced while conducting her research was finding enough information, statistical data and specific details about Afghan women after the Taliban’s demise.

“Finding enough information about their condition during the Taliban’s regime was not as hard, but finding information on their condition after the Taliban’s regime ended was really hard. One could hardly find any valid data or details on it. Most of it was usually exaggerated by the media,” Shoaib said.

In an effort to obtain accounts of firsthand experiences, Shoaib contacted a few people in Pakistan with the help of her parents and friends.

She spoke with one of her friend’s sisters who is a Pathan, or Afghan native. Her friend had interacted with many Afghan refugees and talked to Shoaib about what she learned about them.

Shoaib also spoke to a professor in Georgia who teaches Pashto, a language spoken in southeastern Afghanistan, about what he knew of the plight of women in that country.

She attributes a lot of the information that she found to these sources. According to her findings, the statistics reflecting education, employment and health of women in the national government has improved since the fall of the Taliban regime.

However, Shoaib admitted that the figures were not as high as they were before the Taliban took control of Afghanistan.

Shoaib advised every student who dreams of pursuing a research study to take the opportunity of developing their study in an area that evokes a continued interest and passion.

“Communicate your interest in research to professors who you can connect with (and) understand and who deal with studies that interest you,” Shoaib said.

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talent
Flavor of France reaches Atlantic Station

By Vivais Kaul
Staff Writer

Au Bon Pain, French for “the place of the good bread” is known for their emphasis on fast and casual service in a setting that still emphasizes elegance and comfort.

Fortunately for college students, they manage all this in a way that is both easy on the wallets and big on taste.

Their latest location recently opened in Atlantic Station, and another location on Ivan Allen Boulevard later next month.

The Atlantic Station location is located across from Publix, near stairwell five, and across from Moe’s Burritos.

There is outdoor seating available and music plays for those sitting under the umbrellas of the outdoor tables.

Inside the 2,500 square foot restaurant there is traditional booth and table seating as well as a set of coach chairs and a coffee table for those wishing to relax.

The decorum mimics the traditional French stylings from which Au Bon Pain gets its name.

The menu features an assortment of items including soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, and other entrees.

There is a full espresso bar allowing for both hot and cold caffeinated beverages, and frozen smoothies and an extensive offering of teas should provide enough offerings to quench the thirst of even the most picky.

For example the BBQ Chicken Sandwich is excellent. The asparagus in the sandwich is an unusual touch, as the vegetable is not often seen in traditional barbeque entrees. And though the meat was a bit dry, the sandwich overall was quite satisfying.

I would highly recommend eating breakfast or lunch here, but the offerings may not be hearty enough for those who car big meals at the end of the day.

They also offer a large selection of desserts and fresh coffee, making them an easy get away for any time of the day.

Au Bon Pain has many soup and salad options perfect for lunch, including Broccoli Cheddar Soup in a bread bowl or the Sonoma Salad.

**SINGLE? HIT THE GYM!**
Students voice their likes and dislikes about the Campus Recreation Center.

**MENS BASKETBALL WINS**
Men’s Basketball defeated Clemson and NC State this past week bringing their total wins to 15.

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**Kirby returns in new game for Nintendo DS**

By Nathan Garcia
Staff Writer

Everybody’s favorite self-inflating pink ball has returned to the Nintendo DS.

While Kirby’s first DS game limited direct control of the titular character, his new game, Kirby: Squeak Squad goes back to the simple yet enjoyable mechanics of being able to devour nearly everything in sight.

The premise of Squeak Squad revolves around Kirby trying to recover all the treasure stolen by Dream Land’s newest pests, a gang of roguish rodents called the Squeak Squad.

They had managed to escape detection from the residents until they decided to swipe Kirby’s delicious strawberry shortcake.

Kirby moves through the levels dispatching enemies via any number of methods.

Inhaling and swallowing certain enemies grants Kirby certain abilities.

For example, swallowing a sword-wielding enemy gives Kirby a sword.

Several abilities also have more than one way of attacking, granting even more variety in battle.

In the basics of the film, we have all seen this before: local idiosyncratic genius comes up with hare-brained scheme. The townspeople scoff and some faceless government entity (in this case, the FAA) tries to stop him because they cannot understand his genius or appreciate his dream.

“This is the classic story of the little guy against the system. I love that theme always... It’s a pretty subversive movie in some ways. It really does take some nabs at the government” said Thorton.

Despite the initial obstacles faced by Farmer, after much perseverance and a doozy of a Deus ex Machina, our hero is vindicated and gets to go on The Tonight Show. Hope I didn’t give too much away.

At issue is thebelievability of it all. Charlie Farmer is, apparently, the single greatest aeronautical engineer in the history of the world. He and his son manage to design and build one of the most complex pieces of machinery ever conceived, and they do it in their backyard on, relative to how these things are typically done, a shoestring budget.

Now, crazier things have certainly happened in movies before, but I just did not buy it this time. And I would imagine, much like a C.S. major trying to watch the hacking in Swordfish, AE majors will find the depiction of either their field or in-fu

Billy Bob Thornton stars as aerospace engineer in new film

By Evan Zasorzi and Lindsay Deal
Staff Writers/Entertainment Editor

**The Astronaut Farmer**, the new film from the Polish brothers, Michael and Mark, inhabits a place of peculiar distinction in the world of film. It is both unremarkable and thoroughly unbelievable at the same time. Allow me to elaborate.

Billy Bob Thornton plays Charlie Farmer, a down on his luck farmer soon-to-be astronaut and current farmer who never gave up on his dreams of some day reaching outer space. So what does he do? He builds a gigantic rocket in his barn and straps a homemade space capsule on top of it.

In terms of the basics of the film, we have all seen this before: local idiosyncratic genius comes up with hare-brained scheme. The townspeople scoff and some
Palestinian-American rapper releases debut album

By Jonathan Saethang
Staff Writer

Hip-hop as a form of urban expression is ubiquitous in the American musical mainstream. The distinctive style of hip-hop has redefined and impacted the American music scene ever since it rose to prominence in the 80s and 90s. Pioneers such as Run-DMC, 2Pac, Eminem, and Outkast all paved the way for rap and hip-hop with clever lyrics, pulsating beats, and creative styles.

As broad as the spectrum of hip-hop may be, one thing that holds true for many artists is that they represent their locations with pride, often infusing their local flavor into their music. Among the regions represented are locales on the East Coast, the West Coast, the Midwest, the Dirty South, and Palestine—wait, Palestine?

Well, not exactly. Patriarch is a Palestinian-American rapper raised in the Bay Area. Because of his family ties, he claims Palestine as his homeland, which makes for a very interesting variation of hip-hop.

For one thing, the album is done almost entirely in English, which makes it much more accessible to the mainstream.

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Many of the beats are reminiscent of old-school hip-hop in the sense that they are uptempo and accented with a thumping bass line. The album exudes a very West Coast vibe in the tradition of Easy-E.

While “Live by the Sword” implores the listener to use individual talent and skill to fight the barriers of stereotypes in society, other songs on the album are far less conciliatory.

That is not necessarily a bad thing, especially if the perspective is clearly established. “P-Stine Ryders” is an anthem to his Palestinian heritage that clearly defines his political stance. “Let’em know what we want / the land that’s stolen / our hearts are broken, never mended / the reason why these bullets are smokin’ / the reason why my people are bleeding. / black white red and green / I pledge allegiance to the colors that created me…”

There are indeed many good songs on the album, but some of the tracks feel contrived. “Crunk Revolution,” for instance, contradicts many of the other songs on the album.

In some aspects, the method is effective because Patriarch has the guts to speak freely about something so taboo in American culture. On the other hand, Patriarch identifies the problem but fails to suggest a concrete method for ameliorating the situation.

In one verse he is encouraging a revolution while in another he calls for a peaceful resolution.

It goes without a doubt that Patriarch possesses talent. His skills as a rapper are unquestionable.

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The album is very controversial, touching on some of the most delicate political subjects in international politics today.

Patriarch’s method of bringing these concerns to light is not a subtle one. Rather, Patriarch’s tracks bludgeon the listener with angry tirades of the plight of the Palestinian both domestically and abroad.

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Crazy with everything,” said MCR’s Frank Iero. “Trust in yourself and being loved by the people around you…and being around a lot of creative people is going to make sure everything was the best it could possibly be,” Iero said.

The new album shows a distinct progression into an area of the rock album that’s becoming more and more popular: the concept album. Ref: Green Day’s Amer- ican Idiot as an example of the possibilities of a concept album, Iero spoke about the different process the band went through in creating this particular album as opposed to their previous ones.

“We started writing [songs] on the road for Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge…and a lot of the songs we wrote, we pretty much scrapped. And we like to think we got through a bunch of the crappy songs that way. So when we finally got off the road, we sat down in New York and started writing in a studio there. And that’s where we really got the meat of it. We wrote about 22 songs and picked about 14 into the studio and record,” said Iero.

The writing and recording process for this album were quite different than on previous ones, “...we had never, in the history of our band, written that many songs for a record. [For previous records] we knew exactly what we were going to play, and all our parts were set in stone and that was it. We went in and recorded it, and that was written. For this record, a lot of the songs were just skeletons. Our parts weren’t really counted in a lot of the songs and a lot of it was the looping actually happened while recording. So it really allowed us to go in there and try a lot of different things,” said Iero.

“We figure out the storyline and we figured out how the songs were going to go in order. And we recorded them in that order. And looking back, it’s actually living the story of our recording. It was a very in-depth writing/recording process for us, but it was the most amazing experience,” said Iero.

Frank Iero and the rest of My Chemical Romance begin their road tour this month which takes them around the country from the UK and all across the US. And that is before taking into account the devastating subject matter much of Scarsick deals with. Not to mention the all too common knee-jerk allergy toward metal that afflicts so many.

So clearly this album has a few hurdles to overcome before it can obtain the acceptance of your average joe. But this is nothing new to Pain of Salvation. They always manage to find their audience, which is made up of people hailing from a multitude of tastes. Scarsick, like their other albums, speaks for itself, and it speaks with an intensity and poignancy that can attract persons from many different musical backgrounds. The pure imagination and creativity on display here should be enough incentive to give the album a listen.

Certainly more worthy than some of the crap we bought when we were younger. Anybody else own the Baha Men CD? I think a lot of people would be surprised to hear that metal is actually one of the most innovative and artistic genres around. At least this end of the metal spectrum is. Pain of Salvation falls under the progressive metal category. A well-wishing critic might be tempted to say that PoS pushes the boundaries of that al-
Astronaut from page 17

come and go, and then things happen
to them that I guess we were
to suppose to feel something about,
but it is not like they ever really did
ing anything to make them feel like
actual people that we should actually
worry about.

Case in point: Bruce Willis, in
a role that screams, “Where’s my
check?” just sort of show up, and, oh,
yeah, it turns out he’s an old buddy
of Billy Bob’s from back in his space
program days.

Well, I guess, Alien context
would have been nice, though.

With the exception of Billy Bob
Thornton, the cast is unremarkable.
Virginia Madsen plays Charlie’s de-
voted wife, Audie, and Max Theriot
plays his devoted son, Shepard.

There are also a couple of little
girls, played by the Polish brothers’
daugthers, and some town locals,
and some government types round-
ing things out.

According to the Polish brothers,
the entire film was originally set to
be done independently.

“When it started off we were going
to do this independent. With family,
it’s free... We wrote [our daughters’
roles] according to their strengths,”
said Mark Polish.

Though with a $13 million budget
they were able to get a few stars more
well-known that their daughters,
there were still only a handful of
big stars. No one is bad, per se, but
there is just not much for most of
them to do.

Every character in the movie
seems to exist for the sole purpose
of providing a foil for Billy Bob Thor-
nton, who turns out a good, if not
particularly memorable performance
as a slight variation on the take no
crap anti-establishment type that
he’s been playing lately.

“This is the kind of role I always
wanted to play. This is sort of a family
guy,” Thornton said.

The Astronaut Farmer isn’t a bad movie, it’s Alright.

Even manages to pull it together for a really rather good last third, but
it just seems to be going through the motions.

It feels like nobody really cared all that much, and that indifference
shines through the entire movie.

Kirby from page 17

crushed in bubbles allows Kirby
to store them for later use.

But he can use them at any time
by tapping them or by dragging
them to another bubble, which
will produce a new, sometimes
better item.

Kirby’s stomach is only
large enough to accommodate
items, and the treasure chests
must be stored in the stomach as
well, so overfilling Kirby’s belly is
not advised.

Once recovered, treasure chests
unlock a wide variety of content.

Kirby’s stomach

Metal from page 13

Kirby Farmer (Billy Bob Thornton) decides to build a rocket in his
backyard barn after he is forced to quit his job at NASA.

This game is very much like the
cake for which Kirby is seeking,
short but sweet.

While some of the treasures
require some degree of puzzle-
solving to obtain, it should not take too long, and it collects all of them for the
seasoned player.

The game also offers some 4-
player mini-games but they only
offer brief diversion.

It’s fun while it lasts, but it’s over
way too soon.

Page 23 for more Slivers!
**Theme Crossword: Who's Who?**

*By Robert Zimmerman*

**ACROSS**

1. "Nothing doing."
2. Pot scrubber.
4. Drive over the edge?
5. Bullish?
7. James of the blues.
8. __ de France.
9. Calls for attention.
10. Helicopter, at times.
11. Waste producer?
12. Under a spell.
13. __ vs. Wade.
14. __ vs. Wade.
15. Shows effects of time.
17. Friend of Eyore and Tigger.
18. Developer's target.
19. Inspires wonder.
20. Put to work.
22. Berg's "Lulu".
24. Wall outlet, perhaps.
25. Rome institution.
27. Valley.
28. __ de France.
29. Classify.
32. "Nothing doing."
33. Williams or Griffith.
34. Heche of Meara.
35. Cronies.
36. Churchill gesture.
37. He's not cool.
38. Take in.
40. __ de France.
41. Showy parrot.
42. Church vestibules.
43. __ vs. Wade.
44. Pot scrubber.
45. Scull implement.
46. __ de France.
47. Short negligees.
48. Hautboy.
49. Creme __: liqueur.
50. Creme __: liqueur.
51. __ de France.
52. Orbital extreme.
53. Hubbard's "A Message to __ ".
54. Child's play.
55. __ de France.
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57. __ Park, CO.
58. 16.5 feet.
59. __ de France.
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61. __ vs. Wade.
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3. Bullish?
4. Drive over the edge?
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**Weekly Activities**

**Valentine's Day Hot Cocoa**

FREE!

Tuesday, February 13
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Student Center Commons
Hot cocoa and chocolate for Valentine's Day. FREE!

**Live Lunch Concert:**

Curb of Leona

FREE!

Thursday, February 15
11:00 a.m. - Noon
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This is the second installment of the Spring Live Lunch series. Grab some lunch and relax to live music.

**Feature Movie:**

"Open Season"

FREE!

Thursday & Friday
February 15 & 16
Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Friday, 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Student Center Theater
Tickets: $2.00 with BuzzCard - $3.00 without.

**Speaker:**

Jodie Sweetin

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Patriarch from page 21

Some of the tracks on his album are superbly produced, especially “Live by the Sword” and “P-Srine Ryders.” The problem with the album as a whole is the repetitive nature of subject matter. About 16 out of the 20 tracks on the album protest the Bush administration and the government’s treatment of the Palestinian situation.

It is definitely a message that needs to be heard, but the meaning behind the music loses some of its poignancy when reiterated so many times.

Overall, Son of a Refugee is a fairly strong debut album, what Patriarch lacks in depth he makes up for in his unique style and perspective.

It will be interesting to hear what Patriarch produces in the future, especially as one of the only rappers in America representing Palestine.

sliver

www.nique.net/silver

Thanks for untripling the dorms, oh wait, they never should have been tripled in the first place.

People who know origami know everything.

3 shots of gobble, yes please lets get naked it it raining outside will peyton choke again i love poop at least Patrick Nix is gone thas better then nothing did you take my A card i’m gonna get some You should have made it in the shape of a cute little bunny that can eat you. jena rocks my socks Nuclear stuff in Intro to NRE??!

Matthew had a girlfriend. Once.

James change the poll I went to the High to get High on art, but they only had one Rembrandt and a little Raphael sketch. boo

Princess snacks are delicious Wikipedia, will you marry me?

I thought all the High was open till midnight...it’s barely worth $7 to see a bunch of old sketches by no name artists that were in a dingy basement.

Why are there so many freaking people in my dining hall on a monday night? my penis can draw better than the Louvre at the High

I thought they were going to play French hip-hop at the High il n’y avait musique “rap” À “Louvre Atlanta”

Harry Potter obsessed girl looking for a tall white skinny smart guy that likes to play videogames. Smoke pot? It’s okay...

I’m not one to bash Two Bits Man, but did he even try on the GT Night Before Christmas? Guys who crossdress are hot!

“He says he doesn’t like you.”

“I’m sorry.”

“I don’t like you either.”

saethang

UGA attempted to deny the pep band to the GT vs UGA hockey...too bad we won 7-4 eat U(sic)GA it is sunny out today

See page 26 for more Slivers!
class,” Gailey said. “We feel like we
had to focus more of their attention on next
year's class. More importantly for Melton,
eligibility clock will not begin to start
until the 2008 season. He suffered
an anterior cruciate ligament injury
last year and will need the additional
time to heal.

16 out of the 20 members of the
2007 recruiting class gave their
commitments to Gailey by the end of
October.

With so many players signed,
the coaching staff was able to focus
more of their attention on next
year's class. [The coaching staff]
could give their
final two recruits during the last
week.

Academics played a big part in his
decision making,” Gailey said.

“I just think [going to] an academic
school played a big part in his deci-
sion making,” Gailey said.

Carolina State.

Follow former Boston College Head
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"Academics played a big part in his
decision making," Gailey said.

"I just think [going to] an academic
school played a big part in his deci-
sion making process. He thought
a lot about it," Gailey said.

Despite having so many recruits
signed so early, Tech picked up the
final two recruits during the last
week.

Michael Peterson chose to not
attend the signing day festivities at
Georgia Tech.”

He was pigeonholed for LSU
because he is from Baton Rouge and
he is a great player. That is not
fair to that young man. It says a lot
about him that…he is not swayed
by popular opinion. It says a lot
more about him than it does about
Georgia Tech.

Due to NCAA rules, Thrift
and Morgan were not permitted to
attend the signing day festivities at
the ESPNZone in Atlanta.

Texas two-star wide out Tyler Melton (left) will have to wait until
January to enroll at Tech. The 2007 signee injured his ACL last season.

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The Jackets bounce back to thump rival Tigers, Pack

By Hahnming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jackets ended their four-game skid with a 80-62 rout of Clemson at Alexander Memorial Coliseum last Sunday.

Javaris Crittenton rebounded from his previous offensive struggles by scoring 26 points, a career high.

Thaddeus Young, Anthony Morrow and Alade Aminu all finished in double figures.

“It feels great to get a win. Besides the points, steals and all the other stuff, it just feels good to get a win,” Crittenton said.

Tech led and maintained a double-digit lead for most of the game. Clemson shot just 39.4 percent from the field and was five of 23 on three-point shots.

“One of the big keys coming into this game was rebounding the basketball and really challenging our guys to really try and do a good job from Clemson getting a second shot,” said basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

Clemson struggled with turnovers for much of the game and allowed 27 points on 22 turnovers.

The Tigers beat the Jackets earlier in the season, 75-74. At the end of the game, Tech lost on a layup made by Clemson’s James May.

“I actually thought that the Clemson game, the first one we played, one of our best games of the year and just got beat by a better team that day...Those games are the only times I felt we play with sustained intensity for this year in an ACC game that I saw...These games are the only times I got beat by a better team that day. I can’t tell you how happy I am about how these guys played tonight.”

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Head Coach - Men’s

Tech has not won a game in nearly a month, dating back to an 88-80 victory over Florida State at home.

“We were on a four-game losing streak and in a slump, but after defeating a great team in Clemson at home on Tuesday, 74-65.

The Jackets closed out the second half by outscoring the Wolfpack 29-9. During the stretch, Tech went on an 18-0 run to give the team their first lead of the game.

Javaris Crittenton keyed the run, scoring ten of Tech’s 18 unanswered points.

Also shut down N.C. State’s offense for much of the second half. After allowing a .586 shooting percentage in the first half, the Jackets allowed only 33.3 shooting percentage in the second.

The Wolfpack made only six shots and were one of eight on 3-pointers during the second after shooting five of ten in the first half.

The second half saw numerous Tech players dive for balls and force turnovers.

“I’m glad to see us get back to great, physical, energetic basketball. I can’t tell you how happy I am about how these guys played tonight,” Hewitt said.

In the opening minutes, Tech struggled and fell behind 8-0 and then 17-2.

N.C. State dominated inside the paint while Tech couldn’t hit their lay ups and close-range shots.

Nearly eight minutes into the game, N.C. State player Dennis Horner was injured on a play that stopped the game and allowed Tech to regroup.

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Tech returns two players who each started half of the games in the outfield. Payne, the leadoff hitter and center fielder, suffered a shoulder injury midway through the 2006 season when he dove and collided with Blackwood in the outfield. He had surgery on his shoulder and has fully recovered from the injury. “The shoulder feels great,” said Payne. “It feels better now than it did before the injury. It was something that I needed to get done and unfortunately it happened at an inopportune time.”

“Nothing will change how I approach things. I value being in the lineup day in and day out. I’m just as locked in as I was before I got hurt,” said Payne who hit .368 in the off-season to gain some strength back up and he will be ready to contribute in the outfield.”

“Luke Hurton played well at first base for Tech,” said Hall. “I think he’s in great shape and ready to go.”

The combination of great speed and power makes Payne, a second-team preseason All-America selection, one of Tech’s most dangerous hitters. The co-captain Crancer, who hit .321 with six home runs in 2006, will start in right field for the Jackets. In addition, possible starting catcher Wieters will move to pitcher. Wieters made 21 pitching appearances last season. Payne will be the closer. With the emergence of Tech’s No. 2 starter, Wieters will be the closer will be taken off of Wieters’ shoulder a bit. Wieters made 21 pitching appearances and saved seven games last season. Payne will be the closer. With the emergence of Tech’s No. 2 starter, Wieters will move to pitcher. Wieters made 21 pitching appearances last season. Payne will be the closer. With the emergence of Tech’s No. 2 starter, Wieters will move to pitcher. Wieters made 21 pitching appearances. Payne will be the closer and give Tech a situational lefty out of the bullpen in late inning games.

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First team preseason All-American catcher Matt Wieters will be behind the plate once again. He is slated to catch two games during the three series and will be the DH in the middle game. He is also Tech’s primary closer. With the emergence of Payne on the mound and Tech’s stellar bullpen, the weight of being the closer will be taken off of Wieters’ shoulders a bit this season.

“I always worry about overworking Wieters,” said Hall. “He plays a very demanding position in catcher and so always worry about the wear and tear on his arm. We are in hopes that we can definitely save some bullets in his arm.”

Sophomore Jason Haniger will be the primary back up for Wieters when he is the DH and junior Nick Scherer will come in to catch when Wieters goes into catch when Wieters goes into pitch. Wieters finished the last season strong and became Tech’s third starter in the rotation despite finishing the year 4-4. Chris Hicks was slated as the No. 3 in the rotation but has been slowed by some elbow and arm soreness. The coaching staff is still working to build his arm strength back up and he will only be used on spurs of 2 or 3 innings until he is fully healthy. Until that time, look for junior southpaw Tim Ladd to fill in for the Jackets. In addition, possible mid-week starters for Tech that could shuffie into the starting rotation, if need be, are redshirt senior Jared Hyatt and freshman right-handers Zach Von Tersch and Andrew Robinson.

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Bullpen

The Jackets return virtually everyone from the 2006 bullpen including junior setup man Brad Rulon. He was the primary setup guy in the seventh and eighth innings, trying to get the ball to Wieters. Rulon finished 2006 with a 5-0 record and a 2.20 ERA. He will continue to setup for the two catchers which Tech will now employ, Wieters and Payne.

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“Things that you worry about in your arm. We are in demand ining and tear on his shoulder. He hasn’t missed anything. He’s running and dividing and doing things that you are used to seeing Danny Payne do,” Hall said.

“Danny Hall is a very good pitcher,” said Hall. “He’s being very consistent playing is really all he is.”

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The game, but the closest they got to tying the game was a six-point deficit on Crystal Langhorne's free throws. Tech ended the half leading the visitors by 13. Tech outscored the Terrapins 17-3 on points off turnovers.

Maryland opened the second half scoring two quick baskets, but Chioma Nnamaka answered back with her first three-pointer of the game. Neither team scored for the next two minutes until Kristi Toliver hit a three to bring the Terps within nine.

After the teams traded baskets, Harper brought Maryland's deficit down to seven with two free throws. Maryland got within five points of the Jackets twice in the next six minutes but never got closer.

Tech continued their pressure defense and made crucial free throws down the stretch. Tech consistently kept their lead between five and eight points.

The teams combined for 76 foul shots, with Tech taking the majority and scoring 31—close to half their total score.

Coming off a big win at home, Tech took a three-game conference winning streak to Blacksburg. Virginia Tech showed its scoring dominance against the Hokies, but the difference came at the foul line. The Jackets took advantage of their foul shots by making 10 of 13; Virginia Tech shot a lower percentage, but had far more opportunities, hitting 22 of 31. The Jackets were out-rebounded for just the fourth time this season (41-30).

Tech travels to Tallahassee to take Florida State on Feb. 9th.

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Whitney McCray through the tournament. The loss came to North Carolina's Long and Sara Amadus; the No. 16 doubles team in the country.

The Jackets climbed to the No. 1 ranking after winning the tournament. It knocked Stanford off the top after the Cardinals had held the top position for 47 straight polls.

“It’s a great feeling to [be ranked No. 1]. It’s an accomplishment and an achievement. You recognize quickly that it’s a team effort,” Shelton said.

Tech came into the season ranked at No. 6 and with five singles players ranked in the top 100. This championship is one of three ETA national collegiate championships held during the season. The other two are the Riviera/TFA All-America Championships in November and the NCAA Championships in May.

“...The players took on themselves to say that we now go for the championship. It’s only been our second year of playing in this national event and we wanted to make the most of it and go for it all,” Shelton said.

The Jackets will next face No. 25 William & Mary and Illinois at Champaign tomorrow and No. 8 Northwestern on Monday.
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Hasta Luego!
The Atlantic Coast Conference prides itself on having some of the best teams and creating some of the fiercest competitions in college sports. This year’s Tech baseball season will face its toughest challenge in the ACC that it’s faced in years.

The Jackets come into the 2007 season ranked as high as No. 11 in national polls, which gives fans great hope for this season. However, four teams in the ACC are ranked ahead of Tech, including No. 2 Clemson, No. 5 North Carolina, No. 6 Miami and No. 10 Virginia. Following the Jackets is Florida State, ranked No. 13.

“You basically have to try to survive it,” said Head Coach Danny Hall. “The league is very good again. A lot of teams are ranked extremely high. There are some teams that maybe are ranked that can play high. There are some teams that are ranked extremely well. There’s a lot of teams that are ranked extremely well.”

Sophomore David Duncan will be Tech’s opening day starter in Statesboro, Ga. this weekend against the Georgia Southern Eagles.

Coming off a successful season where the Jackets made a trip out to Omaha, Neb. in the middle of June last year, Tech will have some obstacles to overcome if they look to repeat, and get back to the mid-west. Tech lost nine players, eight of whom made significant contributions to the College World Series squad. Tech has to overcome more player losses than any team in the conference.

The Jackets are the only team to have earned a top-eight national seed in each of the past four years. In addition, the four-year stretch featured the longest conference winning streak in ACC history of 25 games in 2004-2005, two ACC Championships, a College World Series appearance, four NCAA Regional appearances and three NCAA Super Regional appearances.

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Junior Michael Fisher, who replaced my third roommate with two fish. Stanley and Marie Antoinette (NA) is the best roommate in the entire world. We like Nutella. I like Boys from West Palm Beach. yes- delicious. Why are 60% of the people reraking calculus architecture majors. Let’s think about this.
The No. 6 Jackets' women's tennis team won the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships held in Madison, Wisc., last Sunday, beating Notre Dame 4-2 in the finals. In the singles competition, Tech won four of six singles matches and two of three doubles competitions.

Krista Miller, Christy Striplin, Alison Silverio, and Amanda Craddock all won their singles matches against their opponents.

"We didn't try and over think it. We played really well against Stanford and we just wanted to continue on that path. I think we knew that we could finish off the tournament with another win. We had such a quick turnaround that it's still probably riding off of such a great feeling from the night before," said Kristi Miller.

The Fighting Irish fell behind 3-0 in the match, but fought back to come as close as 3-2. Tech sealed the victory with a comeback win by Craddock in her match against Notre Dame's Brook Buck.

En route to the finals, Tech defeated three-time defending champion, Stanford. The Cardinals had come into the match with an NCAA-record winning streak of 89 matches. The Jackets' 4-2 victory had come into the match with an 8-3 win over Stanford and we just wanted to keep the Terrapins at bay.

"I played some tough players. Playing indoors is always difficult because it's just a much faster pace and so it's a little more difficult if you're not completely on your game," said Bryan Shelton.

Miller performed better in doubles, winning three of four of her doubles matches with partner Kirsten Flower, Christy Striplin, Alison Silverio, and Amanda Craddock.