**Student Activity Fee Policy**

**Committee revises the undergraduate bylaws**

By James Stephenson

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) committee has finished creating proposed amendments to the undergraduate bylaws. On UHR's ratification of the new bylaws, the conference committee looking into the new Student Activity Fee (SAF) Allocation Policy will be able to move forward from the gridlock in which it has currently been residing.

Two main issues addressed by the committee were the Appeals Process and the addition of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy into the bylaws, making the policy a binding document. The Appeals process was revised to allow any member of Student Government (SGA) to file an appeal from any position. The appeals will be sent to the Undergraduate Judicial Committee (UJC) and the Chief Justice of the UJC will look at the appeal as a type of arraignment hearing. If the Chief Justice feels that the appeal has merit, the full UJC will hear the appeal and make recommendations to SGA on how to move forward regarding the issue. If needed, UHR would automatically reconsider a bill due to a successful appeal.

“...This is a new area for us. There has not been much interaction between SGA and UJC before,” said Paul Byrne, See Bylaws, page 6

**Sororities look into expansion**

By Corbin Pon

The Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) may be growing another national sorority to Tech’s Greek Community. The vote to start expansion exploration was passed Feb. 5. The next step in the process is to create a committee that includes one girl from each current chapter to look at campus statistics regarding sororities. The committee will then present their findings to CPC.

Campus chapters will then have the option to move to consult a National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) delegate to help advise them on the campus extension. Following this process, a vote will be held to decide on whether to move forward with the expansion process.

If approved, a new committee will be formed to prepare information about Tech and its Greek system for the NPC. The NPC will then distribute this information to the sororities in the NPC that are not currently being considered for inclusion.

See Sorority, page 6

**Tech wins Library of Excellence award**

By Corbin Pon

The library has undergone several transformations over the past five years which contributed to the ACRL awarding it the Excellence Award for 2007.

This is the first year Tech applied, winning for the university library category. It is the eighth such institution to win since the ACRL began presenting the award in 2000.

“I have seen 20 years of change in the last five years. Never have I worked where something like this has happened.”

**Professor named IEEE Fellow**

Tech professors Abhijit Chatterjee and Joseph L.A. Hughes have been named Fellows by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the world’s leading professional association for the advancement of technology.

Chatterjee, a professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Tech, was recognized for his contributions to testing analog and mixed signal circuits.

Hughes, professor and senior associate chair in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was recognized for his contributions to engineering education program development, assessment and accreditation activities.

The IEEE grade of Fellow is conferred by the board of directors upon a person with an extraordinary record of accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest.

**Slavery panel discussion Tues.**

University of Pennsylvania Professor Stephanie McCurry and members of Tech’s School of History, Technology and Society faculty will lead a panel discussion on the Slavery and Justice Report of the Brown University Steering Committee.

The HTS faculty members are Gregory Nobles, Eleanor Alexander and William Winders. This event is co-sponsored by the Tech Honors Program and is open to all.

The event will be held Tuesday Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in Press Room A on the second floor of the Student Success Center.

More information can be found at www.brown.edu/Research/SlaveryJustice/docum ents/SlaveryAndJustice.pdf.
From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

February 28, 2007
GTRI Conference Center
6 - 8:30 p.m.
Registration: $15 per person, $10 per student
Parking: Complimentary

The collaboration of engineering, science and business makes Georgia Tech the leader in the innovation race. Join us as we host a panel of Georgia Tech's most distinguished and accomplished faculty as they present some of the remarkable innovations taking place at Tech.

AGENDA
6:00 p.m. Welcome/Panel Discussion
7:30 p.m. Reception with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

TOPICS
A Holistic Approach to Personal Robotics
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Kuka Chair of Robotics,
Director of Robotics & Intelligent Machines

Carbon Motors: World's First Purpose-Built Law Enforcement Patrol Vehicle
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Chairman and CEO of Carbon Motors

Using Supercomputers to Break Down Information on the Genetic Code
JEFFREY SKOLNICK
Director of Center for the Study of Systems Biology
The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday. Four bills were passed, two bills were failed and two bills were postponed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the African American Student Union. The bill had returned from conference committee since last week, the undergraduates and the graduates passed different versions of the bill. The bill failed the senate by a vote of 10-5. 2 votes against, and no abstentions.

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to African American Student Union, asking for funding to print training information for members in the program. The organization was asking for funds for materials for a large display board. The bill was amended to withdraw funds from the Capital Outlay Account instead of the Prior Year Account to the Capital Outlay Account. The bill passed.

The third bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to Safe Space. The organization was asking for funds to print training information for members in the program. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended reducing the bill to $400.50, the rate of printing at the Art Center, and the bill passed.

The next bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Pride Alliance. The organization, asking for funding to print training information from members in the program. The bill was amended to withdraw funds from the Capital Outlay Account instead of Prior year, and passed.

The fourth bill presented was funding for the African American Student Union, which passed with 31 votes for, 2 votes against, and no abstentions.

The fifth bill brought before the house was a joint allocation to the Muslim Student Association to supply the Art Center, and the bill passed.

The sixth bill was presented to the house was a $55,000 bill to pay for two new boats. The team had negotiated a deal with a local boat building company at $2,500 award goes to a junior or senior with at least a 2.5 GPA who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and/or entrepreneurial skills while at Tech.

The ideal candidate would be a person of vision; a driving force to create a business or organization; an inspiration to others to reach their potential; a leader with the ability to anticipate future needs; an optimist about finding solutions; and a man or woman of character who says, “why not?” not “why?”

The seventh bill of the evening was submitted by the Ice Hockey club as a request for funding to attend the National tournament, an honor the team had earned not only by beating UGA in the past season, but by achieving a third place rank in the Southeast. The bill was to cover travel and tournament registration fees.

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AASU creates new annual publication

By James Stephenson

The black organizations on campus, headed by the African American Student Union (AASU), are moving towards creating an annual publication to commemorate the events on campus that impacted the Black community. This “yearbook” will be a combination of a yearbook and a thought-book and bring together historical and current publications.

“Every year, AASU used to produce the ‘Heritage Unbounded’ which was a compilation of stories and poems submitted by students to remember the year,” said James Holder, AASU president.

The yearbook will not follow the portrait style of yearbook that is common in schools and universities. It will consist of about 150 pages and consist of student profiles, as well as recaps of significant events on campus.

Support was derived from alumni, who were enthusiastic about the thought of creating a yearbook. AASU currently produces a monthly newsletter called the “Hue-man Press.” The organizations will use the resources from that program towards the effort to create the yearbook.

“We budgeted the project at less than 10 dollars per book. We expect to produce less than 500 copies of the book. We did not expect to get much campus support for the project so we are not going to SGA to seek funding,” Holder said.

The books will be sold below cost to AASU members and at-cost to non-AASU members.

“The reason for this is to encourage members of AASU to get a copy of the book,” Holder said.

According to Holder, the focus of the yearbook is different.

“There is a much smaller circulation. We are focusing on the major events and major contributors within the Black community,” Holder said.

The main motivation for creating a yearbook is not the lack of coverage of the Black community within the Blueprint, but the lack of representation of the committees that make the decisions within the publications.

“There is no one there to voice an opinion,” Holder said.

This is the first year of the revived yearbook and there is no guarantee that the publication will be produced according to planned.

“It will probably happen. If we can’t produce it exactly as we planned, we will produce some year-end record,” Holder said.

AASU is also open to having their publication put into the archives to maintain a documentation of the Black community on campus for future generations.

The organizations may be working with the Living History Center in the future to create an archive of the publication.

The Diversity Forum

Be a part of Tech’s first student-led diversity initiative

Seeking Chair and Vice-Chair Candidates

Applications available in the Student Services (Flag) Building, Suite 210
Or email crystal@gatech.edu

Applications due February 16, 2007 at Noon.

Chair Responsibilities

1. Responsible for providing diversity updates to the student body
2. Represents the Diversity Forum by taking part in meetings of several organizations
3. Responsible for being liaison to the Student Organizations Office
4. Responsible for acquiring funding for meetings
5. Plan annual retreat and plan Town Hall meetings
6. Meet with different campus leaders (President Clough, Student Org. Presidents, Deans, etc.) to discuss Diversity Forum’s role on campus

Vice-Chair Responsibilities

1. Assist the Chair in all matters regarding the Forum
2. Responsible for assisting in the planning of events (Townhall meetings, etc)
3. Maintains Diversity Webpage
4. Takes minutes at meetings
5. Responsible for notifying members of meetings and securing meeting locations
6. Organizes refreshments for meetings

If you have questions, please contact Crystal Mayberry at crystal@gatech.edu

Corrections

The article, “Monthly executive forums advise future entrepreneurs”, on page 14 of last week’s issue incorrectly listed the number of people attending the GSS forum as 25 when actual attendance was close to 100.

silver

www.nique.net/silver

MLK would be sad about how this holiday is celebrated.

MLK did not see any color at all, meaning, no Black pride.

Talk about yourself in the slivers.

I’m not the guy who writes the slivers.

Don’t raise the athletic fee.

Will we win away basketball games now that Athletics got their fee increase?

I hate this school and all that it stands for.

Coming to Tech was the worst decision of my life.....

this school blows up the ass

Laz Janitor-Get off your fat ass!

my socks have penguins on them

fuzzy!

why is the physics department so incompetent?

my penguins have socks on them

I swear my roommate eats the toilet paper!

why is digley always down when I try to use it?

I wish I could play basketball

I need tech digley to keep your EYE, on your Lug-

This isAthleticism honoring 8 mil a year because of Enron style accounting. Can we trust them?

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WREK Radio

RCB meets with GPB representative

By Craig Tabita  Assistant News Editor

The Radio Communications Board (RCB), the overseer of the WREK student radio station, met with representatives from Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) on Wednesday, Feb. 7, to discuss the possibility of some degree of cooperation between the two entities.

No concrete proposals were offered by either side during the meeting, according to Bradford Petrick, WREK’s general manager, who was in attendance at the meeting.

According to Petrick, GPB wants to work with WREK in any way possible to turn WREK-FM (91.1 MHz) into a vehicle for GPB’s programming, which would mostly consist of content from National Public Radio (NPR).

Among its 15 member stations, GPB blankets the vast majority of the state of Georgia with its radio coverage that often remains curiously absent from the Atlanta area.

“The RCB wanted to sit down and talk to GPB and see where they stood,” Petrick said. He said that from the perspective of the RCB staff, they did not seek out GPB but were willing to at least listen to whatever ideas they might have.

“The group from GPB basically came in and asked what WREK wanted from them, as far as things they can offer us and different shows they have or something along those lines,” Petrick said. According to Petrick, they said they would prefer to have the drive times, from 6 a.m. till 9 a.m. and later in the day from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., to put their programming on WREK.

Petrick said that a monetary incentive for WREK to start carrying GPB’s programming was not proposed or discussed; all communications centered on the content and the partnership itself.

In the near future RCB and WREK will meet with Public Broadcasting of Atlanta (PBA), a separate organization who currently does have a radio presence in the city with WABE-FM (90.1 MHz) broadcasting classical music and NPR news, but who has expressed interest in using WREK’s signal.

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represented on campus. Any of the sororities interested in extending their membership to Tech will send their information to the CPC. The committee formed to forward Tech’s information to the NPC will be tasked with narrowing down the field of candidate sororities to a set of three finalists. These three finalists will come to campus and make a presentation about their sororities. A vote will then be held to decide the finalist from the top three candidates.

Once the finalist is decided, another vote will be held to either approve the new chapter, approve but defer the chapter’s expansion on campus, or to deny the chapter. “Expansion is a very intense process,” said Anne Hewitt, the president of the Panhellenic Council. According to Hewitt, some of the members of the Greek community do not fully understand everything that goes into the expansion process. Currently, Tech is on step one of a several step process that could take several months.

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the undergraduate executive vice-president.

The second aspect of the revisions to the bylaws was the addition of the JFC policy to the bylaws. It used to be that the JFC would make a recommendation to the SGA and the grad and undergrad chapters could choose to follow or not to follow the recommendation arbitrarily.

“[By adding the JFC policy to the bylaws], it maintains the integrity of the process. It shows that we are following our own rules and that we are not making it up as we go along,” Byrne said.

The new bylaws will be voted on at the student government meeting on Tuesday. If the bylaws are approved by the UHR, then the conference committee looking at the SAF policy will be able to move forward in their debates.

“The debate over the two forms of the bill was postponed until both the grad and undergrad chapters had a chance to go through their bylaws and make the appropriate changes,” Byrne said. According to Byrne, the conference committee will reconvene in a week or two and continue their debate on the SAF policy.

“I don’t expect a whole lot of debate after the bylaws are passed,” Byrne said.

After the conference committee reconvene their debate on the SAF policy, the conference committee version of the bill will be resubmitted to both chambers of SGA. The chambers will then debate on the conference committee version of the bill and then bring the bill to an up or down vote. Once the bill has been passed by both houses, the SAF policy will be ratified in SGA.

The process has taken a year to get to this point and has gone through many steps during that time. Back in February 2006, the first discussions were made to possibly overhaul the financial process.

After the initial talks, a formalized committee was created to draft a proposed revision for the JFC policy. At this point, it was decided that an entirely new policy would be created and not just amendments to the existing policy.

After the new policy was created, it was put into bill form and submitted to both chambers of SGA. Both chambers made their own amendments to the bill and passed the bill in their own forms. Because the bill was passed in different forms, the policy was sent to conference committee so the gradu-"
and our name recognition has gone skyward,” said Rich Meyer, Dean and Director of Libraries.

“Tangibly, the award is really going to help us in recruitment, attracting bright, innovative and creative thinking people to come work here. It identifies us as an innovative place, where you can test out your ideas and have colleagues who will bounce their feedback to you,” said Tyler Walters, Associate Director for Technology and Resource Services.

The East and West Commons were emphasized in the ACRL award notice as two areas where the library “made imaginative use of public space.” Jazzman’s Café, the presentations rooms and the multimedia center were also areas of interest highlighted by the ACRL.

The ACRL also made note of programs like CeLIBration, held during RATS Week, and Tuesday Talks, a showcase for faculty research, as positive efforts by the library to invite and engage the campus community. Less obvious from the physical renovations in the library were the changes that the library made to its digital services.

“Students and faculty told library staff to move swiftly to deliver digital content in evident and relevant ways. Staff responded with SMARTech and IPACE to produce, disseminate and archive research created at Tech and are participating in national digital archive initiatives. Tech staff also created award winning software to improve access to and usability of electronic resources and web-based services,” said Frances Maloy, chair of the 2007 Excellence in Academic Libraries Selection Committee and Division Leader of Access Services at Emory University.

“[The ACRL award] recognizes that Tech’s library has become a model for the twenty-first century,” said Andy Smith, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. Understanding the role of the twenty-first century library has been one of the most important questions, Meyer and his staff at the library have been asking.

“We think ‘library’ is still an important word, but we have to find a way to communicate to people that it is more than a place for books,” Meyer said.

“We’re very interested in how to brand the library. We think a large aspect of it has to do with community space, blending academic and social space. We have to understand what the reality of student life is. Therefore, we provide refreshment, stimulation, study points, breakout points and an opportunity to meet your friends. Students tell us, ‘I study where I’m likely to meet people, who are influential in my life,’” said Crit Stuart, Associate Director of Public Services for the Library.

According to Meyer, by attempting to comprehend the academic life of a student, the library has focused on becoming the engagement space for where learning can occur. From stationing information and technology people in the same space to reorganizing their physical layout, the library believes they have increased the success rates of the students.

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The house was the Elections Schedule for spring 2007, presented by representative Will Welch. This bill passed.

The 11th bill presented to the house Tuesday was the Appointment of members to the Institute Committee, which passed by unanimous acclamation.

The 12th bill brought before the house was a joint allocation to the newly founded Table Tennis Association. The team was requesting eight competition grade tables and 16 paddles. The bill was amended down to four tables and to include the paddles in the prior year account. The bill passed with 50 votes in favor.

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**Binding policies**

An Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) committee has finally finished drafting proposals to amend the UHR bylaws. Although the proposals should not have taken this long to create, the Student Government Association (SGA) is in dire need of updated bylaws; this is a step in the right direction, no matter how late it is.

The most important proposal for the student body at large is to write Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policies into the UHR bylaws. Making JFC’s policies binding would prevent UHR from arbitrarily passing and failing bills while ignoring JFC recommendations. Overriding JFC would require a two-thirds vote, which is highly preferable to a simple majority. Since the general idea of SGA’s Student Activity Fee allocations is equity and fairness to all students, it makes sense that any deviation from JFC policy, whether it be to give an organization more or less money than recommended, would require a two-thirds vote. In fact, SGA should have to follow JFC recommendations to fail bills as well so that all groups are given equity.

Having guidelines to follow written in the bylaws will make the policy a binding document and save much of the debate during the SGA meetings as to whether or not to amend the bills to comply with the policy. It is also important that it is still possible to get around JFC policy if an organization has a legitimate need.

**Exploring expansion**

While female enrollment has continued to increase at Tech over the last few years, the number of sororities on campus has remained the same. However, several national sororities are looking to redress that matter and are interested in starting new chapters at Tech, and the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) is seriously looking into the possibility of expanding.

A new sorority would be a great move for the Greek community. Sororities have had to increase each of the current chapter’s membership quota significantly in a short period of time, and many members feel this prevents them from getting to know all of their sisters. Additionally, for the past two years a large number of girls who participated in rush did not receive a bid. A new sorority could help both of these problems, decreasing sorority size while at the same time enabling more girls that are interested to receive bids.

It is important that Tech attract a quality national name if they decide to expand, to uphold the standards currently held by the Greek community. We look forward to further diversification of Tech’s Greek population.

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**Language education benefits all**

**Hablas español? Or perhaps parlez-vous français?** According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2005 Community Survey, 80.6% of the population over the age of five speaks only English. That’s said, if you ask me, considering that a majority of the other 19.4% are foreign-born, language is an important skill in an increasingly global world, and assuming that the rest of the world will speak English is just plain lazy. After all, only 4.84% of the world’s people speak English as their first language.

In Europe, kids are learning foreign languages at the same time as their native tongues. In fact, the European Commission has said that “upon completing initial training, everyone should be proficient in two Community foreign languages.”

At the lower secondary level, 97.5% of students learn English, 33% learn French and 13% learn German. An even greater percentage of schoolchildren learn English and German in the upper secondary level. So what makes American children exempt from an equivalent multi-lingual education?

According to François Thibaud, who runs the Language Workshop for Children in New York, children learn foreign languages best when they are preverbal. “Understanding comes long before speaking, and speaking before reading and writing,” he said. “That’s the way you learn your own language.”

In an ideal world, every American baby would have a bilingual family or babysitter or perhaps access to a program like Thibaud’s in order to learn an additional language when they were still preverbal. However, this is not that ideal world, and language instruction rarely starts at that age.

“I hate to say it, but the alternative for foreign language education is the public school system, which rarely offers language courses before high school, when students are (hopefully) long past the preverbal stage of babychatter,” said President Bush, though arguably less proficient in English, launched the impressive National Security Language Initiative last year. The initiative has three main goals: to increase the number of foreign language speakers, to increase the number and resources of foreign language teachers and, most importantly, to begin instruction at an earlier age. “These goals will require a lot of money from the budget,” a proposed $14 million for FY 2007, and I believe our government is truly supporting this agenda when I see the results.

Still, it’s a great idea, and though it may take awhile for this program to catch on, if it does it will mean a country of multilingual citizens emerging through early language education. In the long term, it could help the government find suitable translators, health workers and to engage with foreign peoples, a skill that the Secretary of State’s office calls an “essential component of U.S. national security in the post-9/11 world.”

There are other personal advantages for those raised with a multilingual education. Studying a language enables children to practice key skills they will use daily in the real world—speaking, listening, reading and writing. Developing these skills at a young age could be key to the future success of these young scholars, the future of our global world.

So do the advantages stop at effective communication skills? Research shows that multilingual students may do better than their peers on standardized tests and possess superior math skills. Apparently, knowing multiple words for one object causes the speaker to treat the object as a symbol, and language becomes mathematical. This mathematical reasoning of the brain seems like a great reason for engineers, computer scientists and others—not just liberal arts majors—to learn a foreign language.

That being said, it seems like American engineers, at least the ones graduating from Tech, are seriously lacking in the language department. Although Tech offers courses in eight languages—Spanish, French, German, Russian, Korean, Japanese, Chinese and Arabic—only a few Ivan Allen majors require language electives in their degree requirements. Perhaps this is why the resources of Tech’s School of Modern Languages seems insufficient. Many of the teachers are part-time instructors rather than professors, indicating...
Media investigates celebrities, not politics

Say it ain’t so! It sounds like Britt Brit has been dumped by her latest beau, Isaac Cohen. K-Fed would be celebrating, but he’s too busy firing up his Grammy-prospective music career.

Each time I wrap up my bi-weekly trip to Publib, standing in line to add my frozen dinner to the checkout conveyer, innumerable tabloid screams in my direction with the latest happenings of the Hollywood universe. “North Jones: I Was Told to Lose Weight for Movie,” says People magazine, and “Jamie Hyneman and the Go-wardrobeblow.”

Rarely do I fail to chuckle at the absurdity of the bold, capitalized text, but not because the content itself is humorous. Instead, I ponder why people lend that sort of “investigative journalism” any value.

While some people may find it fascinating that Lea Leinett was caught wearing conflicting colors while filling up her car, I can only wonder how there was no other news of greater importance. Why do people trouble themselves with the intimate details of complete strangers? Perhaps they do not consider such celebrities to be strangers; after watching Geraldo Rivera’s E! True Hollywood Story, I would probably know more about his past and present than I know about my lab partner.

I would guess that this in- fascination is not the fault of the general populace. With such a huge media machine covering the news of the rich and famous, it takes an active effort not to keep up with the latest status of Brangelina’s relationship. When Anna Nicole Smith’s death was covered in excruciating detail nonstop this past weekend, Congress could have declared war on Switzerland and we would all be none the wiser.

Sometimes I wonder if celebrities deserve the sort of treatment they get from the press. Most actors and musicians make an active decision to enter a world that has no secrets. They must know to expect a bit of stalking and candid photography once they reach a certain level of fame. It seems that the most extensively covered celebrities actively pursue their place in the news, either by bringing attention to themselves or by associating with other people who do. In that case, they must realize that there is no on/off switch within the press.

I’d ad that not all celebrity news is worthless. It matters when music artists announce a tour schedule, or when a new movie trailer is released. This is information that has the potential to affect me directly, whether it means suggesting the search for concert tickets or making movie-watching plans. On the other hand, if Scatlin Johnson starts dater Justin Timberlake, does that mean I should change some aspect of my life? Should I start dressing differently to get her to notice me?

Perhaps we lend more credence to this sort of news because it truly does represent some of our media’s best efforts to produce investigative journalism. While many bash the media (and rightfully so) for covering stories based purely on sound bites and buzzwords without getting to the meat of a story, celebrity news proves to be an exception.

How else would we know that Julia Roberts has given birth to twins but for the relentless pursuits of People magazine, who were likely stalking around every nearby hospital for weeks in advance, waiting for any sign of such vital “breaking news.”

What offends me is not the fact that celebrities are stalked for tabloid headlines, but that we are also bothered about being given more information about the world in general. What offends me is how many man-hours and other resources are wasted to bring me information like this.

For the most part, the articles that appear in such tabloids provide no beneft to humanity except to keep curious minds busy while much more important information goes unrecognized and unheard by the masses.

What if the checkout lines displayed headlines like “Bush’s Koreta Plan Is Surprisingly Clintonian,” as Slate recently put it? How much more effective would our democracy be if all those muckrakers spent their time studying policy and translating it into terms that we can all understand? We’d certainly be more educated voters.

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The answer is not AirTran Airways. The answer is and should always be Delta Air Lines.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Delta deserves praise
I was disappointed in the “Breaking the Bubble” coverage of Delta Air Lines (Feb. 2, 2007). Instead of recognizing and highlighting Delta’s victory in fighting off a hostile takeover attempt by US Airways, the Technique chose to instead report that Delta cancelled flights in anticipation of winter weather in the Atlanta area. Proactive cancellation of flights due to forecasting of bad weather is a common practice among all major airlines who seek to minimize delays and customer service disruption. You didn’t even choose to cite Delta as your source in the article, instead quoting CNN.com. By the way, all affected passengers were re-accommodated on other flights.

What I would like to have seen in that section was a headline congratulating Delta on its victory in fighting off a hostile takeover bid. I’m sure the question would then be “Why does Tech care what happens to Delta?” My answer would be that Delta is a major economic engine in the state of Georgia and Atlanta while also serving as sponsor for Tech. Who would fly the Men’s Glee Club to Hawaii each year? Who would fly professors, students and researchers to 295 cities in 46 countries? Who would fly the Jackets football team to their bowl game each year?

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Letters from page 8 announced TECH Fund program. Except for a one-year lapse when my twins were born, I’ve been a football season ticket holder since 1999. I remember well the excitement of that first season when Tech averaged more than 44 points a game and won every home game (including the 51-48 OT win over Georgia). We’ve purchased four season tickets for each of the past four seasons and love dressing the kids in White and Gold.

I can appreciate that the athletic department may have ongoing budget problems. (Expanding a football stadium that rarely sells out was a bold, optimistic move on the part of Dan Radakovich I presume.) It’s a known fact at every college that the football program is the cash cow that’s expected to fund the less profitable sports on campus, but there is a limit to how much I’m able to shell out to support the Jackets.

I’ve watched the steady rise in ticket prices and have accepted this as standard practice across the nation. I was greatly disappointed during the 2003 re-seating of the stadium to discover that the faculty sections had been eliminated. No longer could I sit and cheer the Brave and Bold with my co-workers and their families.

So you can imagine my dismay when I opened my mail yesterday to discover that the seats that cost me almost $700 in 2006 will likely cost over $1300 in 2007 (including a mandatory $1000 “donation” to the TECH Fund). That’s an increase of over 110 percent. Tech can’t afford to give its faculty that sort of raise.

Radakovich is quoted by the AJC as stating that the TECH Fund is similar to programs at schools such as Georgia, Auburn, LSU, Tennessee and FSU. With all due respect, that’s like saying that my Chevy is similar to a Mercedes or Porsche. Those other schools sell out humongous stadiums every year, so their fans are willing to pay enormous premiums for their tickets. I’m sure that Radakovich is painfully aware of how many empty seats Bobby Dodd Stadium has had in recent years. The TECH Fund can’t bring in an extra $2.5 million if it results in fewer season tickets being sold. I can’t speak for everyone, but they’ll be selling fewer season tickets in 2007 (unless some sort of Fund waiver or special program for faculty is implemented).

My wife and I did a hand, Buzzflag-on-the-car, stand-and-scream, don’t leave-until-the-Tech-Band-plays “The Horse” fans. But we’ll be cheering the Jackets on TV in 2007. Even if I requested relocation to a “NO contribution” zone, there’s no guarantee that I won’t end up in the upper North stands. I’d rather take my chances picking up cheaper tickets on eBay.

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Help protect HOPE

Since its inception the Georgia Lottery has raised approximately $88.8 billion. Of this amount, $3.58 billion has gone to HOPE Scholarship recipients, $3 billion to Pre-K programs and more than $1.8 billion to Capital Outlay and Technology Grants. This money could be better spent to make sure HOPE is adequately funded.

Governor Sonny Perdue has proposed amending Georgia’s constitution to specify that lottery revenues are only spent on HOPE Scholarships and Pre-K. Senate Resolution 25 calls for this to be accomplished via an amendment to Georgia’s constitution.

Given recent fee and textbook increases, the possibility of further cutbacks to either the HOPE textbook or fee allotment would be detrimental. Lottery revenues should prioritize HOPE. Excess Lottery revenues that are not spent on HOPE or Pre-K should be put into a reserve fund that the state can use to adequately fund HOPE when state legislators are expecting shortfall in revenues. Having a reserve fund will ensure that HOPE can continue to pay tuition, not reduce the current fee or textbook allotment, and enroll new recipients in the HOPE program even if lottery funds are not robust.

HOPE delivers increased dividends to the academic standing of Georgia’s public universities as well as economic benefits to both in-state and out-of-state students when they go out to find a job. Our out-of-state students who work in Georgia to work would also like to have children receive HOPE.

Tech students can actively get involved in preserving the HOPE Scholarship. Members of the Student Lobby Board have created a web form on www.hopeforstudents.com. The website allows students to look up their state representatives and senators and provides a forum for students to urge their representatives and senators to support the HOPE amendment. Every student that provides feedback will have their comments merged into a letter and sent to their legislators via mail.

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Language from page 8 that the department has a shortage of professors that is being addressed with a temporary solution. On the other hand, the fact that we require Spanish as a state-of-the-art language education facility.

I took Spanish in high school and I enjoyed it more than most of my classes. It always came fairly easy to me, and I liked that. Looking back, of course, I realize that’s probably because I was taking elementary Spanish and advanced levels of everything else, but let’s ignore that small detail.

I took Spanish again at Tech partially because it was a degree requirement and partially because I really wanted to be a proficient speaker. It was a huge disappointment with the instruction I received, though my professors were not at fault.

Though I skipped the 1001 and 1002 courses, I spent the 1101 and 1102 courses reviewing material I had learned in my first couple of years at Tech. Not until 2001 did I get into material that I learned in my third year of high school and only at the very end of the semester did I learn anything new. Spanish was still the easy A that I had expected it to be, but for all the wrong reasons.

Even if the classes remained on the same elementary level, it would be easy to fix the repetitiveness of the classes. In each course, we used a textbook from a different line of books, which resulted in an overlap of grammar and vocabulary from year to year.

By simply standardizing the textbook used, the Spanish classes would be improved infinitely and students, already behind the rest of the world in language education, could learn so much more.

As for me, I gave up on learning a new language in school. I feel inadequate compared to those like my roommates, a native Spanish-speaker and a native Russian-speaker who are both as fluent in English as I am. I guess that’s the price I pay for being American-born. Maybe some day I’ll learn another language—hopefully through complete immersion—but until then, I’ll keep hoping for a bilingual or multilingual education for America’s children.
2007 CMF showcases Tech’s best filmmakers

By Jonathan Saethang and Manu Baghawan
Staff Writers

The film industry’s awards season is a time of anticipation, glitter and excitement as the best movies and television shows of the year receive prestigious awards. The awards are often based on entertainment value, artistic merit and many other factors. Coveted awards like the Oscars or the Golden Globes are goals that many directors and moviemakers work toward, putting huge amounts of time and effort into producing top-notch cinema.

Tech added its own awards show to the list with the Campus MovieFest (CMF) Finale Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007. Lights beamed through the sky, emanating from the Frist Center, where hundreds of students lined up early in order to get good seats for the ceremony. Complete with a red carpet and velvet rope, the event felt just a few steps shy of the Oscars.

Founded in 2000 by a small group of Emory students, CMF continues to flourish and grow. Members of the team 1.619 Films accept the CMF Best Picture Award for their historically themed short movie Fanya Kaplan.

CMF is the largest student-produced film festival in the world. A total of 75,000 students have participated in the competition since its inception. Since then, CMF has expanded to college campuses all over the country, and has since expanded over the pond to Scotland and the United Kingdom.

In the Atlanta region, UGA, Emory, Georgia State, Tech, Spelman, Clark Atlanta and Morehouse participate in the event. Students are given a mere week to script, direct and produce a short film lasting about five minutes. CMF provides all the equipment: an Apple laptop computer, a camera, movie editing software and more. Teams are allowed to use the equipment free of charge thanks to sponsorships from companies like TBS and Turner Classic Movies (TCM). Finally, judges evaluate the submitted films and 16 are chosen from different categories to be showcased to the campus public.

A variety of students ranging from amateur to very advanced filmmakers entered the competition this year. “I’ve never made a film before. But if the equipment and tools are free, then why not? It was definitely a fun experience,” said Chris Dale, a first-year Undecided Engineering major.

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Semi-annual poker tournament draws students

By Aileen Li
Staff Writer

According to Mark Twain, poker is one of the few things that are so undeniably neglected in our country. However, Twain’s time has long since passed and poker is a different game now, rising in popularity. Hundreds of internet sites offer game rooms for poker players. ESPN has covered numerous poker tournaments across the country, and Celebrity Poker Shutdown has become almost a staple stop for Hollywood’s gambling best as well as a television show phenomenon.

Last Thursday, poker lovers on campus showed off their skills at the semi-annual poker tournament hosted by the Resident Housing Association (RHA) in the newly furnished and freshly shellacked Student Center Ballroom.

Players squared off against each other beginning at 6 p.m. several of them settling in for a long and challenging night of card playing against fellow students.

“Poker playing in the past few years has just exploded. We just capitalized on its popularity and have had a very successful series of events over the past several years because of it,” said Tim Gallagher, president of RHA.

Some Tech students say they play poker because they need to have fun, some say they play for money, but the majority claims to enjoy poker because there is some kind of “thrill” in the game. "I enjoy poker because it is the most fun card game and fuses luck, skill and trickery together," said Andrew Miller, a first-year Electrical Engineering major.

"I think poker is all about faking other people out. You have to be able to make them think you have something when you don’t have it,“ said Randall Wilson, a third-year Architecture major.

"It’s a game of chance and strategy," said Ben Kaye, a first-year Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major.

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The last players left in the competition pause to check their cards and study each other’s moves in a tense final tournament round.
Although the topics for filming were open-ended this year, the TCM Classic Short Film Award required a consideration of theme. Teams were challenged to pick a scene from a classic movie and recreate it with a modern twist.

The winning film was a Japanese-themed recreation of the 1958 epic spaghetti western Once Upon a Time in the East, appropriately titled Once Upon a Time in the East. Lecture Crashers II (LC II) was a Tech-specific movie that was very well received, winning the TBS Very Funny Film Award.

Titled as Wedding Crashers meets Bonart, LC II tells the story of two students who crash lectures at Tech and perform riotous acts on each occasion, all while filming their hijinks. One occurrence, in which a character walks into a chemistry lecture in a bathtub and brushes his teeth using the sink near the front of the hall, had both audiences—the original audience in the lecture hall and the audience for CMF—rolling on the floor.

Evan Wimpey, a third-year Management major and one of the principal characters in LC II, said that he was inspired by the Hollywood hit Wedding Crashers and decided to spoof the concept of gate-crashing in a context that was relevant to the Tech experience.

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“The guy I was playing laid down a flush, and I laid my cards down too. Everyone at the table sat there silently for a few moments to put two and two together. Then the whole table erupted, ‘Wow, that’s a royal flush!’” Wang said.

Today, Wang is a much improved poker player, with several years of experience and skill behind him. His playing merited him first place in Thursday’s tournament.

The competition ended promptly at 11 p.m., with prizes going to the top 10 players.

The grand prize, a Game Boy Advance, went home with Wang, and second prize, an MP3 player, went to Miller.

The names of the winners of the semi-annual tournament are engraved on a plaque and put in the RHA office.

“It doesn’t feel that special to be a champion because I just went and played poker the same way I always do, I guess the cards were just on my side,” Miller said.

Whether it was luck or skill, Miller found himself with a seat in the championship round of the tournament.

“I went into the final table as the dominating chip leader, so I laid low for the remaining time and then Hsin-Chih doubled up on the last hand to beat me,” Miller said.

Because of high demands from students, aside from the semi-annual tournaments, RHA typically hosts two or three other tournaments every year.

“We will have our traditional tournaments next year. We are also teaming up with the Women’s Resource Center and Women’s Awareness Month to host a women’s poker night in the first week of March. Our executive board worked very hard to make events happen, I think we are all quite pleased with the turnout,” Gallagher said.

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GT should let us download Vista Ultimate, this Business crap is use-
less to me

RHA sucks
Go off-campus then. There’s still some in triples

Dear Skiles walkway: I don’t want to buy a date, run a 5k, become a
vegan, spread atheism, learn yoga, be hugged or whatever other crap
you’re pushing. Leave me the hell alone.

Um, just about everybody is funnier that Dane Cook... Louis CK, Red
Skelton, Jerry Seinfeld, Victor Borge, Rodney Dangerfeld, Chevy
Chase, Steve Martin... you know, real talent not this fat buy crap

Every Thursday the BCM serves good home-cooked southern food for
Among students, what seems to be the most popular poker variant is
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The BCM is pretty much amazing.

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Students speak out about presidential race

By Giles Santomauro

Nearly two years remain until the next presidential inauguration, yet popular media outlets have been heavily focused on the upcoming primaries and caucuses. With seasoned veterans like Hillary Clinton and John McCain and the inexperienced but powerfully run by Barack Obama either considering or already contending for the highest office in the land, the political landscape is heating up in anticipation of the 2008 presidential race.

The upcoming election draws special appeal in that it is the first election since 1924 to have neither an incumbent president nor vice president in the running.

Also, this race is expected to cost the two majority party candidates more than one billion dollars combined in campaign spending, according to The Washington Times. If this estimate holds true, it will more than double the combined spending of the 2000 election.

"As long as the Supreme Court continues to support its decision in Buckley vs. Valeo that campaign contributions are a form of free speech, the best remedy for this problem is considerably shortening the lengths of campaigns," said Richard Bok, an associate professor in the School of Public Policy.

Of course, in order to win a majority party nomination and run a campaign in the first place, candidates must navigate the tricky political waters of primaries and caucuses, the two ways that a state can nominate a party candidate for the presidency.

The difference is that while primaries are a direct election of a state’s delegates to the National Convention held by each party to select a presidential candidate, caucuses determine those delegates in a county town hall setting. Modern town halls take the shape of huge, interactive conventions where members of a given party come together to hear speeches and ask questions.

The original purpose in using caucuses was to reduce the number of candidates running, based on the assumption that the voters could better familiarize themselves with and differentiate between two candidates than contend with many political faces and platforms.

However, the current system of caucuses and primaries has faced some opposition. Critics say that because caucuses and primaries are formed of smaller groups of state party voters that have more extreme ideals than average voters, political candidates are often forced to adopt more extreme positions on critical issues like abortion, health care and foreign policy to cater to these voters so they can win their party’s presidential nomination.

“Oh, our process endorses polariza- tion, discourages those who straddle party lines and ultimately forces a man like John Kerry to go duck hunting a month before an election,” said Andrew Rodrigues, a third-year engineering major, who is hunting a month before an election,” said Andrew Rodrigues, a third-year engineering major, wants candidates to adopt raising graduate research grants as a platform.

“They should rotate which states have their primaries first so that occasionally presidential hopefuls have to weigh in on local Georgia issues like keeping the HOPE scholarship, rather than always trying to win in Iowa and New Hampshire,” Kistler said.

There are two politicians from Georgia that are speculated to make a run for the White House in 2008. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has expressed serious interest in running for the Republican Party nomination. Former House Representative Cynthia McKinney from Georgia’s fourth district has been rumored to be a candidate for the Green Party nomination.

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Changes in latitude, changes in attitude

The most popular spring break destinations continue to be the beach, but other locations are also popular

By Matthew Winkler
Managing Editor

Spring break was originally designed to give students a break during the first few months of winter to catch up on their studies. Now it is seen as a small vacation for students to go enjoy activities that cannot be had at their respective schools.

This spring semester is no different as students choose more and more exciting places to venture for the break.

Many travel agencies, including STA travel, offer student packages for spring breakers.

The most popular idea is still finding a beach. In 2006, the most popular spring break destinations were Acapulco, Cancun and Cabo San Lucas, respectively.

A seven-day student package for any of these particular destinations will cost the student around $1,000 and includes hotel accommodations as well as airfare. Some other popular beaches include Costa Rica and Jamaica. These student packages are in the $500 range.

Staying in the states, students can visit spring break hot spots such as Panama City, Daytona or Miami Beach. Hotels in these areas range anywhere from $70 a night to nearly $200 a night.

The west coast is also not short of the spring break experience. There are student specials for trips to Hawaii and southern California, but these trips can be as expensive as traveling out of the country.

Expect to pay around $1,000 for roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations. If you are looking for a cheap trip with some enjoyable experiences, Las Vegas may be your next logical choice.

Popular Spring Break Destinations

- Acapulco, Mexico
- Breckenridge, Colo.
- Panama City Beach, Fla.
- Killington, Vt.
- Cancun, Mexico
- London
- Amsterdam

Rooms at local hotels start from as low as $18 a night. All these destinations are geared toward the college crowd, so finding any form of entertainment will not be hard.

Also gaining popularity are students seeking colder weather. Ski trips are gaining more and more popularity for students on break.

Two of the most popular skiing destinations are Killington, Vt. and Breckenridge, Colo.

There is currently a spring break special on www.statravel.com, that offers five days of skiing and lodging for $340.

Breckenridge also has some student specials ranging from $370-$380, which include five days of lodging and four days of skiing.

Other major ski destinations are Copper, Colo., Mont Sutton, Quebec and Mt. Snow, Vt. European locations are currently the most chosen European locations.

Current student packages on www.statravel.com have prices to London and Paris around $600, which includes roundtrip airfare as well as a hotel. The Madrid and Amsterdam specials lack roundtrip airfare, but do include lodging from $30 a night.

Whether your destination is only a few hours away or completely across an ocean there are many deals that cater to the college student.

Check out such websites as www.statravel.com, www.studentuniverse.com, www.travelocity or www.statravel.com to find out more deals that fit into the student budget.

Local options provide break alternatives

By Evan Zasoski
Senior Staff Writer

Stuck in Atlanta over spring break? Of course you are. You’re a broke college kid.

But fear not. We here at the Nexus feel your pain and have lovingly crafted for you this list of activities that can keep you busy in Atlanta over the break.

March 17
St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Downtown
What could possibly make spring break quite a holiday and its ensuing parade practically dedicated to beer? It’s all the fun of the traditional spring break locale but for a mere fraction of the price. Think of all the Killians those savings could buy.

Price: Free

March 19 - March 25
14th Annual Downtown Dash for Diabetes
If you are looking for some exercise, then this race might be the ticket. The race starts at 9 a.m. in Hunt Park located near Georgia State. The race takes place in the streets surrounding Hunt Park. Proceeds benefit the Diabetes Association of Atlanta

Price: Registration fee of $20

March 20 – March 25
Sweet Charity – Fox Theatre
The classic play comes to the Fox with Molly Ringwald in the leading role. Check it out.

Price: $19 - $46

March 22 – March 24
Atlanta Ballet: An Evening of New Works and American Classics – Fox Center
So tired of Tech that you can’t even be bothered to leave campus? Well, you’re in luck, because the Atlanta Ballet is coming right to you with some of the finest dancing this side of the former Iron Curtain.

Price: $15 - $80

March 22 – March 24
High Museum Atlanta Wine Auction – High Museum
Granted, it’s not quite as proletariat friendly as the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, but it still involves drinking, and really, isn’t that what really matters when we’re talking about what to do over spring break? Plus, when else are you going to have the opportunity to wander around the High totally sloshed?

Price: $15 ($12 with Student ID)

March 23
Wynon Martsalis – Symphony Hall
For those of you out there who enjoy a bit of the old jazz music, Wynon Martsalis is one of the biggest names in the business these days. Barring Miles Davis rising from the dead as a trumpet-playing zombie, you’re not gonna do much better than that.

Price: $37.80 - $81.00

March 24
Pete Yorn – Earthlink Live
Everyone’s favorite indie rock singer/songwriter is coming to town, and you, the lucky few stuck in Atlanta over the break, get to check him out.

Price: $25

March 25
ING Georgia Marathon
Participate in the inaugural ING Georgia Marathon. All runners receive a medal, a shirt, a commemorative poster as well as other free prizes. Race starts at 9 a.m.

Price: $95 (Registration due by March 19)
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Proper prior planning key to successful spring break

By Craig Tabita
Assistant News Editor

With spring break only a few weeks away, take the time now to be aware of everything you will need to ensure that you will have a fun and safe week away and avoid some headaches down the road.

After all, spring break is about relaxing and not having to worry; the last thing you want to happen during your vacation is to be bogged down with undue stress. When it comes time to leave, take a good look around your dorm, apartment or house. Go ahead and turn off anything that might overheat and explode, such as your computer or appliances.

On a somewhat related note, be respectful of your neighbors and check that any alarm clocks aren’t still set to go off in your absence. Think carefully about everything you will need during your trip, and don’t pack anything more than that. Heavy bags are a pain to lug around and it gives you more stuff to worry about keeping track of.

Some things are essential, though. Your cell phone charger falls into this category. So do, unfortunately, whatever textbooks and other school materials you’ll need to read and re-read because every one of your professors decided to schedule an exam for the week when you come back. Check your class schedules if you haven’t already, but try to find a balance and see if you can avoid both being overly distracted while you’re out having fun, and coming home unprepared.

Some other essentials are deodorant, a toothbrush, sufficient socks and underwear, and your house or dorm keys.

Failure to have any of these with you is going to cause a lot of problems. Use your judgment to figure out what else you have to pack, and have it all done the day before you leave, because rushing around at the last minute is going to cause said judgment to be a lot off.

Hopefully as you walk out the door you have some idea of where you’re going and what you’ll be doing. Maybe you don’t. If not, then you’re not out of luck, although your options are going to be a lot more limited as you get closer to the date of departure.

Consider taking advantage of AirTran’s X-fares program that lets travelers between the ages of 18 and 22 grab a cheap seat on one of their flights, with no reservation required, if there is an empty seat.

The only problem with doing so is that you might find that hotels aren’t quite so accommodating to your last-minute planning. If that’s the case, you can shave a day off your expensive stay by sleeping at the airport in a sleeping bag. Trust me from experience, Los Angeles International Airport can be a comfortable enough place to snooze.

Some people are traveling close enough to home that the mode of transportation will be driving. If you are driving, be sure to have a full tank of gas. Also make sure your car is not low on fluids or oil, or is in need of major repair. The last thing you want to be doing on break is catching a ride with a tow truck.

If your vacation destination requires you to get around with public transportation, make sure you pay attention to exactly which bus, train or plane that you are about to board. In 1982 a Thai woman went to Malaysia on a shopping trip, hopped on the wrong bus to return home, and only made it back this month after being lost for 25 years.

Finally, when it comes down to actually enjoying whatever possibilities your destination has to offer, try to spend some time seeing the real heart and soul of the place. Tourist traps are abundant and give you a pretty empty feeling after you are done with them.

It’s an unwritten rule that the best and most fun things to do in a city never get well-publicized. Take a chance on finding some of them, like all other things in this world, a little bit of risk can go a long way.
Short road trips provide cheap, exciting journeys

By Matthew Winkler
Managing Editor

Spring break is a coveted time to any college student. The beach is usually the only criteria for a spring break destination, but also a roadtrip can make a break very satisfying. Not every student can afford to find a party and a beach, so staying near campus and taking a short adventure may be the best option for some.

These road trips are cheap and can be done alone or in large groups. So, for those who are staying in the Atlanta area, there are plenty of destinations that can satisfy the need to escape.

Some of these road trips are short and could easily be done in a day while others are meant to keep you for several days. All offer a unique experience while being enjoyable at the same time.

Cumberland Island (St. Mary's, Ga.)

Driving Time: 5 hours
How to get there: Take I-75 south to I-16 to Savannah, then take I-95 south.
Reason to go: Cumberland Island is part of Georgia’s barrier islands and part of the Cumberland Island National Seashore. The island is very secluded and contains protected forests and beaches.

Only 300 visitors a day are allowed on the island. Cumberland Island has everything from hiking and swimming to shark tooth hunting and camping. Also, one can visit the 1900 Greenfield Mansion which was originally built for a Carnegie heiress. To escape the grind of the urban lifestyle, Cumberland Island is the place to go.

The Lost Sea (Sweetwater, Tenn.)

Driving Time: 2.5 hours
How to get there: Take I-75 north to exit 60 in Tennessee.
Reason to go: According to Guinness Book of World Records, Sweetwater contains the largest underground lake in the world. Designated as a Registered National Landmark, the cave maintains a constant temperature of 58 F and is part of a large historic cave system known as the Craighead Caverns.

So far, roughly 13 acres have been mapped out, but the exact size of the Lost Sea is still not known. Tours are given in glass-bottom boats, where visitors can see the largest rainbow trout in North America. Tours are given every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the tour only costs $12.

Dahlonega Gold Museum (Dahlonega, Ga.)

Driving Time: One hour
How to get there: Take GA-400 north.
Reason to go: Visit the site of America’s first gold rush. When gold was first discovered in North Georgia in 1828, thousands flocked to the Cherokee land to try to stake their claim to the riches years before the famous California gold rush.

The rush was so successful that a U.S. branch mint was built in 1838, and produced over $6 million in gold in its 23 years of operation. The museum is housed inside the Lumpkin County Courthouse, the oldest courthouse in Georgia. Inside the museum one can see coins, a gold nugget, some minted coins and tools used during the mining operations.

A road trip to northern Georgia is a great idea for those not travelling far for spring break. In the Blue Ridge Mountains, there is camping, hiking, fishing and sightseeing that can be enjoyed at a low cost.

Athens, Ga.

Driving Time: One hour
How to get there: Take I-85 north, then take US-29 north.
Reason to go: Athens has much to offer anyone who is looking for entertainment during the break. Rolling Stone ranked Athens as the number one college music scene in America. Every week, plenty of bands perform in the numerous clubs and bars that dot the Athens landscape. Also while in Athens, one can visit such weird landmarks as the world’s only double-barreled cannon or the tree that owns itself.

If you’re looking for some quick entertainment geared toward the college crowd then Athens may be a quick trip to take.

Blue Ridge Mountains (North Georgia)

Driving Time: One hour
How to get there: North on I-75, I-85 or GA-400.
Reason to go: With over a dozen state parks dotted around the northern region of the state, the outdoors can be an exciting detour from the grind of the semester. All state parks offer camping grounds as well as lodges for guests to stay. During the day, hiking, fishing and sightseeing can be enjoyed through one of the most scenic regions of the state, while having the benefit of a campfire can be enjoyed at night.
**ATL offers free entertainment**

During spring break, if you're not already committed to plans, take a moment to take advantage of the free activities in and around campus.

One of the more interesting free activities is taking a tour of the State Capitol Building. Tours are free and given every Monday through Friday. The tour gives an inside glimpse of lawmaking in Georgia.

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The tour concludes at the Georgia Capitol Museum, which contains the Hall of Valor, Georgia’s valuable collection of historic battle flags. Just a short distance away from the Capitol is Centennial Olympic Park. This park is an excellent place to go to unwind and relax. The park also has free wireless internet.

The land contains small peaks, numerous hiking trails as well as markers indicating important points on the battlefield.

The battlefield is 2,884 acres of protected land that marks one of the historic battles of the Atlanta campaign led by Union Gen. William T. Sherman in the summer of 1864.

The battlefield is open to the public and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If history is not your interest then perhaps you will want to visit the Atlanta History Center. The Atlanta History Center has displayed art not typically seen in the more mainstream, commercial galleries. The gallery is also included.

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All these activities are free and offer an enjoyable experience to all.

Whether your interest is art, history or politics, Atlanta can accommodate those that are on a tight budget.

**Local community service options supply fun, rewarding experiences**

While others decide to take vacations to beaches and mountains for spring break, others choose to help those most in need. If you did not get a chance to sign up for the Alternative Spring Break Trip and feel you don’t have the time to travel and help at the same time, then there are plenty of community service opportunities that can be taken advantage of in the Atlanta area during the break.

**Atlanta Humane Society**

The Humane Society is great way to help the community, by helping animals in the local area. Volunteers must be 18 years old and can help with things such as assisting staff with animal placement, handling lost and found calls or assisting in the front office.

The Humane Society is located at the corner of Howell Mill Road and 18th Street. Further information can be found at www.atlantahuman.org or by calling 404-875-5331.

**Atlanta Children’s Shelter**

Atlanta Children’s Shelter helps provide child development and support services for homeless families. Volunteers are needed to read to children ages 3-5. The project will be conducted on Thursday, March 22, from 3-4 p.m. If interested, contact Atlanta Children’s Shelter at info@atlantachildrenshelter.com or by phone at 404-892-3713.

**Atlanta Community Food Bank Food for Thought**

The Atlanta Community Food Bank helps fight hunger in Atlanta through engaging, educating and empowering the community. Volunteers are needed to help sort and inspect food, beverages and medical supplies that are donated. One can volunteer on Wednesday, March 21, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the food bank located at 732 Joseph Lowery Blvd. For more information contact the Atlanta Food Bank by phone at 404-492-5982.

**Hands on Atlanta**

If you did not quite find the project you are looking for then contact Hands on Atlanta. This non-profit helps coordinate volunteers for over 500 community-based agencies. A wide variety of volunteer projects in the Atlanta area are provided by Hands on Atlanta. For more information contact Hands on Atlanta at 404-979-2800.

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Athens’ Tishamingo releases album
The Point shows what southern rock is all about

By Kenneth Baskett
Senior Staff Writer

Listening to Athens-based band Tishamingo’s latest album, The Point is like a history lesson in southern rock. They have certainly done their homework, touring extensively both in the states and in Europe. They even appeared on the Gimme Three Days cruise show alongside Lynyrd Skynyrd.

From the moment you hear the first song, you know you have found something special. The driving guitars that tear open the album make it clear this is a rock record, not just a bluesy vocal and poetic lyrics. The opening of Gregg Allman feel to them. But if all the band could do is play a grinding guitar riff, you could not really call them a southern rock band. The next song, “Are We Rollin’?”, makes it clear that they are, in fact, a true southern rock band. The track has a great funky guitar groove reminiscent of Lynyrd Skynyrd’s “Gimme Three Steps” along with the requisite guitar solo that anything compared to a Skynyrd tune should have.

The band channeled Joe Walsh, both in guitar and vocally, on “Chest Fever”, a cover of a song done by The Band on Music from Big Pink. Tishamingo ventures into country rock on a couple of tracks, like the steel guitar-heavy “Travel On.” The song is anchored by a pounding bass drum on every beat and makes an amazing driving song. But, all this aside, everyone knows that you cannot really be a southern rock group without a trademark epic jam song.

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The Point is a great album, but it is not going to win any fans for the genre. Though Tishamingo is good, maybe even great, they fail to compare with the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Allman Brothers or the Marshall Tucker Band. Still, those bands have long been gone, at least in their original forms, and Tishamingo is here, recording new music. The band did a lot like eating at Taco Bell—sure, they may have discontinued the Chicken Enchilada Grilled Stuffed Burrito, the best thing on the menu, but, they still have the Double Decker Tacos and the Cheesy Gordita Crunch, so it is still worth going.

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Taking Back Sunday begins North American tour

By Abhinav Bhatnagar
Staff Writer

Taking Back Sunday, the rock band whose album Loud Now has been voted “Album Of The Year” by the prominent Kerrang! Magazine, will begin 2007 with their tour of North America. Beginning February 22nd in Pennsylvania, the band’s tour will lead them through many venues they have missed on previous tours, including an extended foray into Canada.

Taking Back Sunday came into the mainstream in August of last year with its third album and first major label release, Louder Now. The album landed Number Two on Billboard’s Top 200 chart only a week after its release. The 157,000 sold copies of the album sent it to RIAA gold-certified status.

The band released their first DVD titled “Louder Now: Part One”. The band will also be releasing a second, and possibly a third DVD to follow up live tour coverage. Louder Now, Taking Back Sunday’s third album, contains an intensity unheard in the band’s previous albums.

Louder Now, Louder New. The band’s faster, harder paced sounds of the new album.

The band’s five of us knew what we meant. In preparation, the band has rid of our current live playlist and have re-written some things we haven’t played before. We’re trying to make the band, hopefully fans will hear something of our current live playlist and play some things we haven’t played in a long time,” Rubano said.

Fans can look forward to songs from the band’s early stages, including old EPs. On their upcoming tour, look to see Taking Back Sunday drawing attention to the prevention of global warming.

In preparation, the band has re-fitted their tour buses with bio-diesel engines, and linking fans to the issue and how to help. Rubano states “The main thing we’ve been doing is to try to use our website and any opportunities we have available to us to direct people to the issue. It’s a bit of giving back to the global community.”

Fans obviously have much to look forward to in the upcoming tour, which, unfortunately, will not be covering Georgia. As for new music from the band, hopefully fans will hear something in the next year or so. “I think we’ll probably be going into the studio maybe some point in the end of 2007,” Rubano said.

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And as for new music from the band, hopefully fans will hear something in the next year or so. “I think we’ll probably be going into the studio maybe some point in the end of 2007.”

But we would tour on Louder Now for as long as we possibly can,” Rubano said.

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Variations of the Slug are also

been previously released

in the U.S. at one point or another

for the most recent game, Metal Slug 6.

This game offers a number of new

features, such as new Slug types and

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game can usually be finished in the

space of 30 minutes.

This game also takes advantages of

the Wii’s unique controller and offers alternate control schemes,

even being able to use the remote in

a fashion similar to a joystick.

Bullet shooting bright colors may

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of the boss fights are also quite

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sions and yells. Overall, however, this game is

best played in short sessions; just

enough to be able experience each game.

Metal Slug Anthology is a great example of taking an old formula

and tweaking it just enough to excite

new generations while still staying

loyal to its original fans.

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old-school gaming should definitely

check out this blast from the past.

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Upcoming Atlanta shows
Two Bits Woman explains the Tech tradition of Campus MovieFest

In the spirit of fairness and gender equality, I, Two Bits Woman, have usurped the Two Bits Man column. Actually, I researched him with my eyelash curler and agreed we could split it 50/50.

Since the number of men and women in the world is roughly equal, this seemed like a good idea.

Now, for the second week in a row, we present the world of saccharic, vaguely satirical, Dave Barry-esque writing.

And in our view, I'd like to begin my subject for this week…Campus MovieFest.

That's right, I, Two Bits Woman, participated in Campus MovieFest (CMF, as we kids in the know) like to call it.

For those you who aren't aware, CMF is an annual event where over a hundred teams of Tech students sign up to make a five-minute movie in one week.

The kindly CMF folks give you a digital camera and a Mac laptop for your week, and send you on your merry way.

After an exhausting week, you turn in your movie and attend the big CMH bash, where you hope that your movie will be one of the 15 or so shown and even perhaps win something.

This, of course, is unlikely, but you keep trying anyway. The CMF kids move onto the next college campus, giving more students the opportunity to waste a week of their lives and an entire hour of DV tape.

It seems to me that the majority of Tech submissions involve ninjas, zombies, pirates, robots, 135c speak or squirls. (Or a combination thereof) But we generally have a fun time making these movies and end up with hilarious, if slightly incoherent, results.

The Georgia State kids, on the other hand, have a "serious" film program and make movies in French about the Quebecois.

Don't me wrong, I like Canadians as much as the next gal, I've just never had particular hallucinations about the type of French they speak.

Anyway, back to my week of movie making. As usually happens at Tech, I was on a team with A LOT OF GUYS. I'm a big fan of boys, but an entire week of being the only source of estrogen was a bit trying. (I'm sure they would have appreciated the steroid I was on.)

But I digress.

Movie making can be a source of much frustration, because you have to think about stuff that ordinarily doesn't matter. Like how a room that seems perfectly private to you shows up as pitch-black on a camera.

Or how the guy upstairs flashing his toilet ruins otherwise perfect audio.

Or how hard it is to actually capture a squirrel.

Now, I dare not tell you the plot of our movie, for fear of ruining my anonymity.

However, let me say that the whole thing turned out to be an enjoyable experience.

We're even going to have a party for our team, in which we'll drink until our movie seems much better than it actually is. (I'm strongly urging to make this movie-related. I'm thinking we should try Marlon Brando, Miss Moneypennies, and Hollywood. For those of you of my age, we are these real actors.)

At any rate, CMF is over now and I can go back to my normal daily routine of cursing the physics gods and hoping that the world will end before I have to study for my next exam.

I wish everyone who participated in CMF good luck, but worse luck than my team.

"What can I say? I like last year's "Zobots." That is, Zombies plus Robots."

"Bareknaked Ladies, anyone?"

"Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt, my God."

"I'd go with him in a bath with music on the speakers."
Have Some Fun

What’s On?
WEEK OF 2.16 - 2.22

Have Some Fun

Fri. 2.16
12:00 National Lampoon
2:00 World Trade Center
4:30 Phat Literature
5:00 UVA Newsmakers
5:30 Campus Calendar
6:00 In Remembrance of Martin
7:00 Scoop
9:00 Lady in the Water
11:00 Accepted
1:00 The Lake House

Sat. 2.17
12:00 Nacho Libre
2:00 The Lake House
4:00 Accepted
7:00 Scoop
9:00 World Trade Center
11:30 Nacho Libre
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Sun. 2.18
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6:00 Underground Railroad
7:00 Scoop
9:00 The Lake House
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Tue. 2.20
12:00 Zilo Network
2:00 World Trade Center
4:30 Campus Calendar
5:00 Citizen King
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9:00 The Lake House
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Wed. 2.21
12:00 National Lampoon
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5:00 UVA Newsmakers
5:30 Campus Calendar
6:00 Nightfighters
7:00 Scoop
9:00 World Trade Center
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12:00 Zilo Network
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3:30 Underground Railroad
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8:00 ME 6602
9:00 Tutor-Vision
11:00 Poetry at Tech

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Wed. & Fri.
12:00 Citizen King
2:00 Nightfighters
3:00 Maya Angelou
4:00 SGA Today (Wednesday Only)
6:00 Math 4305
7:30 AE 6042
9:00 Tutor-Vision (Sunday and Wednesday)
11:00 Poetry at Tech

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down and Crittenton sat most of the second half, but Mario West came in and did a good job. So we had confidence that even though Javaris had two fouls, we could still play well," Hewitt said.

The offensive turnaround has sparked the team and allowed Crittenton to lead Tech to its third straight victory.

"After the four game losing streak, we all came together and talked and we knew what we had to do. I think everybody just stepped it up," Crittenton said.

The Jackets played well in areas where the team has struggled this season. The team shot well from the free throw line, making 17 shots on 18 attempts. Throughout the season, Tech has failed to win when it did not score more than 70 points. The game marked the first time Tech accomplished the feat.

"We’re a good defensive team. The two bad stretches of basketball we’ve had this season were because we didn’t guard. When we defend, we’ve played with the some of the best teams in the country. We’ve got to make sure we’re consistent with all our defensive fundamentals," Hewitt said.

The Huskies shot poorly throughout the game and finished with a 30.9 shooting percentage. The team finished just 12 of 21 on free throw shots. The Jackets also out-rebounded the Huskies, grabbing 29 rebounds to UConn’s 21.

"If you match both interior defenses, it would probably be a wash. But what they did was lock us up and ball pressure," said UConn head coach, Jim Calhoun.

The 52 points scored by the Huskies mark its lowest point total of the season.

"It was a hard-fought game, a defensive struggle. We made some mental mistakes in our pressure and they capitalized. But we didn’t think we could score consistently in a half-court setting. I thought the run in the second half that we had was more about our defense, our rebounding and getting in transition to get some easy baskets," Hewitt said.

With identical 15-8 records and 4-6 conference records entering the game, both teams faced a must-win situation in order to keep their NCAA Tournament hopes alive. The Jackets hope to further improve their position to make it to the final 65 with the win on a nationally televised game. Tech now faces only conference opponents for the rest of the season. The team finished with a 12-2 non-conference record for the season, losing only to then #5 UCLA and Vanderbilt.

Both were played away from Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Jackets can now only hope to return to play at the Georgia Dome come early April for another National Championship shot.

Tech next faces Duke at Durham on Sunday. The Blue Devils were on a four game losing streak before beating Boston College on Wednesday night, 78-70.

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tech trolley is crazy slow

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Georgia Tech colors are WHITE & OLD GOLD, there is no black or blue! Makes us look like those Notre Dame bastards!

See page 28 for more Slivers!
Jackets knock off Wolfpack

The Jackets beat N.C. State at the Coliseum, 69-62. The win snapped a two game losing streak where both losses came on the road.

By Jason Boral
Contributing Writer

While playing at home on Sunday, the Lady Jackets showed their ability to hang with the ACC’s best. The team has a different mindset when they are playing at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

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Wieters walk off homer gives Tech first win

After struggling through most of the first three games of the season and blowing the save in the eighth inning against Kennesaw State, Matt Wieters hit a walk off home run in the bottom of the 10th inning.

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Tech’s attempt to win their first game of the season was delayed due to rain as they were attempting to get their home opener under way against the Kennesaw State Owls.

When the game finally began, the Jackets survived 11-8 against the Owls in a 10 inning affair that required Tech to make a comeback. Early in Tuesday’s game, Tech starter Chris Hicks was knocked out before the end of the first inning by giving up five runs and six hits in just two-thirds of an inning pitched.

Tech responded in the next two innings with four runs to close the gap to 5-4.

However, the Owls responded with two more of their own in the fifth to put themselves back up 7-4.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Jackets loaded the bases for freshman right fielder Curtis Dupart.

He delivered in a big way hitting a double into the right field corner to clear the bases and give the Jackets their first lead of the game at 8-7.

For the game, Dupart went 1-for-3 at the plate, scored once and drove in four runs.

Unfortunately, the Owls would not go away quietly in the ninth. With a runner on second base and Matt Wieters on the hill trying to close the game for Tech, Kennesaw State left fielder Jay Morrow hit a single back up the middle to tie the game at eight and send it to extra innings.

In the extra frame, Matt shined as he shut down all three of the batters from the mound in the top half of the inning and finished off the game by hitting a three run home run with runners on first and second to win the game.

While Tech has given up 28 runs through the first three games this season, last year’s team gave up 25 through the first three games and still made it to the College World Series.

The Jackets will play a three game series against Illinois-Chicago this weekend at Russ Chandler Stadium.

First pitch for Friday is scheduled for 4 p.m., and the rest of the start times are scheduled at 1 p.m.
This troupe will astound and turn to go on a 13-point scoring seven possessions. The ball over on five of their next definition of futility. Tech turned and went on a 13-0 run, while turnovers and jump out to a 4-2 was able to force seven quick encce play.

Her performance helped Florida from the field and scoring 14 den shined, shooting 75 percent from the seemingly impossible. Florida Tech's scoring drought with two free throws. Higgs took control of the game for the Seminoles and scored seven of the team's 13 points during the run. "It's my senior year, so it takes me about two seconds to realize, 'Okay, this is it, you only have a couple more games left, you can't waste any time," Higgs said.

Higgs was helped by sloppy ball handling by the Seminoles. Florida State had four layoffs on their final possessions and headed to the locker room with a 25-19 final possessions and headed to State had four layups on their nine times during the run. Florida State turned the ball over ball handling by the Seminoles. The woman's basketball team is now 6-5 in the ACC and will finish conference play against three teams that have sub .500 conference records. The jackets will play against the Clemson Tigers at Alexander Memorial Coliseum on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The women's basketball team kept their hopes alive of becoming the first team to finish above .500 in conference play after beating N.C. State 69-62.

The Peking Acrobats defy virtually unbelievable. "The Peking Acrobats regularly passed from the seemingly impossible to the totally unbelievable," - Los Angeles Times. The Peking Acrobats defy gravity with amazing displays of contortion, flexibility and control with astonishing juggling dexterity and incredible balancing feats. This troupe will astound and inspire with their wire-walking, feats.

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They managed to hit only nine out of 38 field goal attempts in the half. On the other side, Shante Williams scored 11 points in the second half, mostly from the line. She took advantage of her ability to beat her defender off the dribble, and forced Higgs to foul out. With Higgs out and the field goal shooting at a season low, the Jackets were never able to recover her ability to beat her defender off the dribble, and forced Higgs to foul out. After the Jackets' horrendous shooting did them in.
Basketball beats UConn at Dome

Tech defeated UConn in a game played at the Georgia Dome, 65-52.

In a rematch of the two teams that met in the 2004 National Championship game, the two played to a different outcome this time, with Tech taking the decisive victory. "Slowly but surely I think we're maturing. We're really growing up. Our perimeter again was very strong, and the bench also helped us," said basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

Tech led for most of the game, stretching its lead to double digits before ending the first half with the score at 33-25.

The Jackets extended their lead after Thaddeus Young scored on a three point shot that went in at the buzzer.

Tech never trailed for the rest of the game and led by as much as 20 points late into the second half and UConn never came as close as 10 points the rest of the game.

Thaddeus Young scored 14 points to lead the Jackets. Javaris Crittenton, Anthony Morrow, and Mario West all reached double figures.

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Paul Hewitt
Men's Head Coach

Morrow anchored Tech's offense for much of the first half, scoring 10 points during a 13-2 run.

The junior guard bounced back after failing to score during the NC State game.

During the game, Tech had 18 points off the bench. D'Andre Bell, the sophomore forward, has scored 13 points in his last two games after scoring 15 in the first 22 games. "Our freshmen and sophomores in particular have really stepped up. Al Ameen didn't score today but he made some important contributions. And of course the freshmen are playing very well," Hewitt said.

Crittenton continued his offensive resurgence after being limited during the Jackets’ four game losing streak.

The star freshman point guard struggled early on in the game, accumulating two fouls, two turnovers in just nine minutes into the game.

He picked it up in the second half, scoring nine straight points to extend Tech’s lead.

"In the Memphis game, we were..."
Basketball ends road losing streak

By Hahmmin Lee Assistant Sports Editor

Tech ended its long road-losing streak with a victory over Florida State last Tuesday, 63-57.

While Tech went ahead three times during the first half, they entered the locker room trailing 55-30. The Jackets opened the second half with a 20-7 run that gave Tech a lead it would never give up.

Javarris Crittenton scored a career-high 29 points and led all scorers in the game. He scored only 32 points, making only 11 shots on 46 attempts during the losing streak. In the last four games, Crittenton scored 89 points on 53 percent shooting and set career highs in points on two different nights.

“I was trying to execute the offense too perfectly [before]. I just came out and played my game.”

Javarris Crittenton Freshman Guard

State’s Isaiah Swann also scored a career high with 23 points. Alex Thornton, the Seminoles’ leading scorer on the season, was the only other player from Florida State to get into double figures.

As a team, Tech has shown its commitment to defense in the past four games, holding Florida State to 45 percent shooting and forcing 22 turnovers. Tech committed 30 of the 51 turnovers, but Tech was only able to score 11 points off of the turnovers.

Tech was led by Jacqua Williams. Williams scored 15 points and had six steals for the Jackets. As a team, the Jackets were able to snag 18 offensive rebounds, but that number was inflated due to the number of foul calls against the Huskies.

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Baseball swept by Georgia Southern

By William Bretheron Senior Staff Writer

The No. 14 Jackets started their 2007 campaign this past weekend in Statesboro on a sour note as they swept two games in a row by the Georgia Southern Eagles 11-4 on Saturday and 9-6 on Sunday.

Tourney The tournament takes place in Fort Wayne, Ind. starting on Feb. 28 and lasting through March 3.

Northern Illinois coach hired as O.C.

On Friday, Tech football Head Coach Chan Gailey announced that Northern Illinois offensive coordinator John Bond would join the Tech coaching staff in the same position.

Bond has 24 years of coaching experience with stops at Arkansas, Southeast Missouri State, University of Texas—El Paso, Delta State, Illinois State, Army and Northern Illinois.

He ran a single back offense with the Northern Illinois Huskies. The offense saw Garrett Wolfe finish fifth in the NCAA in rushing as a sophomore, second as a junior and last season he led the nation as a senior.

While the offensive coordinator with Army, his offense broke 35 school records.

In his final two seasons with the Illinois State Redbirds, he was the offensive coordinator that had the two highest scoring outputs in school history.

Bond replaces former Tech offensive coordinator Patrick Nix. Nix left to take the offensive coordinator position at the University of Miami.

Jackets struggle against Seminoles

By Jason Boral Contributing Writer

In Friday’s game, the calendar read Feb. 9th, but it might as well have been Friday the 13th. Tech and Florida State turned in a horrific, even sometimes terrifying, performance. The two teams combined for more than 50 turnovers and Tech shot just 26 percent from the field.

Tech’s offensive horrors were too much for the team to overcome as they lost their second straight game on the road 65-52.

Even though the game was characterized by turnovers and extensive scoring runs, the Jackets can look to their ineffectiveness in turning their opponent’s turnovers into points as the cause for the loss. The Seminoles committed 30 of the 51 turnovers, but Tech was only able to score 11 points off of the turnovers.

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