Assassins arrives at DramaTech

John Wilkes Booth, Charles Guiteau, Lynette Fromme, and Samuel Byck — these people, along with others, are assassins and would-be assassins to the Presidents of the United States of America. Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman tell the stories of these people who are few and far between, through song in Assassins. DramaTech Theater will be performing the famous production tonight at 8 p.m. and tomorrow at 8 p.m., as well as several days next week. For more information, visit www.dramatech.org.

Award application due Thursday

Applications for the Alvin M. Ferst Leadership and Entrepreneur Award for 2007 are due March 1. This $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. Applications can be picked up from the Ferst family’s long tradition at Tech Foundation for decades. Alumnus Board and Administration and Ann Ferst, who has been director of the HSI since it opened in 2005 by the

Tech signs health initiative

By Craig Tabita

Tech was host to an influential crowd Feb. 12 that included Governor Sonny Perdue, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt as they signed an initiative to promote transparency in health care. Francois Sainfort, director of the Health Systems Institute (HSI) and associate dean of the College of Engineering, signed it on behalf of Tech, while the governor signed on behalf of the state government.

In addition to the aforementioned guests, representatives from many Georgia companies, among them AT&T, Xerox, the Coca-Cola Company, Piedmont Health Care, UPS and WellStar Health System, also were on hand to pledge their support, as well as organizations including the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Hospital Association, the Georgia Medical Care Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Biomedical Engineering, a partnership between Tech and Emory University.

The health reform initiative outlines, in what it calls cornerstones, the goals it is trying to reach. The signatories commit to supporting these goals when it comes to the services such as health insurance and health care that they contract with third parties to provide.

The first of these cornerstones is to ensure patients have access to accurate information regarding the quality of health care that is available to them. This is done by consistent measurement and reporting of the quality of health care providers according to standards established by national organizations such as the National Quality Forum and the

CoC creates two schools

By Vivas Kaul

The College of Computing recently announced that it would be splitting into two different schools both under the original college umbrella. There will now be a School of Computer Science and a School of Interactive Computing. It was determined that the continuing growth of the program and its research facilitated a change at this time. Dean Ellen Zagura, the head of the School of Computer Science, said, “The College of Computing was created with the intention that at some point it would contain schools.”

The College of Computing, which was created in 1991, has always operated under the idea that they would follow the traditional route of creating multiple schools within a given college.

That was part of the vision from when the College of Computing was created,” Zagura said.

However, the current point in time was one of the primary motivators for the college.

“The primary motivator is to recognize that the College of Computing and computing as a field has grown to the point that it makes sense to divide it up into separate intellectual disciplines,” Zagura said.

Each school will deal with a different aspect of the field of computing. Zagura notes the differences between each side.

“The School of Computer Science contains the roots of computing and the topics like computer theory and computer systems with a broad definition,” She said.

She went on to say “Interactive computing has a focus on the ways in which computing interacts with the rest of the world. That encompasses human computer interaction, graphics, and robotics,” Zagura said.

Zagura goes on to comment on how this will affect the day to day activities of the college. “I don’t think it will change on a pragmatic level. Students will still take classes with the same sorts

Sorority Expansion

XΩT intends to go national

Tech’s only local social sorority, Chi Omega Tau (pictured here at their Spring 2007 Bid Day dinner), presented a letter of intent to the Collegiate Panhellenic Council Monday announcing their intent to pursue affiliation with a national sorority.
This week’s question:
I don’t have an opinion either way - 17%

It’s about time another sorority came to campus - 29%

I just wish there were more females on campus - 32%

There are enough sororities on campus - 22%

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Motor Vehicle Theft
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Location: Love Manufacturing Building Lot
Incident: Report of stolen Pontiac Sunfire.

Criminal Trespass
2/16/2007 15:00:00 hrs.
Location: College of Computing
Incident: Report of broken toilet lid and damaged paper dispensers.

2/16/2007 16:16:00 hrs.
Location: Barnes and Nobles Bookstore
Incident: Report of suspicious person.

Assault
2/16/2007 16:00:00 hrs.
Location: Global Learning Center
Incident: Report of simple assault.

Drug
2/17/2007 4:18:00 hrs.
Location: Graduate Living Center
Incident: Offender arrest for possession of marijuana, possession of amphetamine and wanted out of Whitfield County and was transported to the Fulton County Jail.

Health and Safety
2/16/2007 15:08:00 hrs.
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what percent of Georgia Tech students do you think are getting laid on a regular basis?

I think everyone in this country should be required by law to read the book Affluenza. It sickens me, the amount of waste and mass consumption we have.

thank you for reading the slivers Paul. it makes me want to think of clever things to tell you.

sometimes I like to suck out the seeds and spit them at people boy who sits to my right in calc-- i wish that sliver had been about me.

To Hemphill 406: It’s 1:30 in the morning... some of us have early classes, jerk.

jdl i just want to be your girl... but you already have someone else *tear*

i need to get some- that’s my problem. help!

i am awesome and yet alone i hate valentine’s day

I know there’s someone out there for me but where is he?

JUST DO IT!

your mom’s a notebook I’d give anything to hear you call me darlin again

Awesome, funny, attractive girl in search of scruffy, awesome, party boy- find me!

What does a pig put on a rash?

OINKMENT!

What does a bird put on a rash?

TWEETMENT!

Say it if its worth savin’ me!
ChBE2120 - Numerical Methods... more like sticky meBALLS You’d think after 4+ years of college, one would be able to write at a semi-decent level The honor code should instill of level of trust between profs and students. There is no such relationship at Tech: if my professors were armed I wouldn’t turn my back, unless I wanted a knife in it. emo, spoiled kids with everyday problems religion is to blame for all human deaths in this century for holding back the progress of science. TX’s make the sweetest Val- entines!

Paul’s graduation countdown knocks my socks off!

See page 3 for more Slivers!
Senate discusses no shows

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday. Five bills were passed, two bills failed, one bill was postponed and one was withdrawn.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Rugby Football Club. The organization was asking for $3,980 for two rugby goalposts and padding for the poles. The shipping fee was not included in the bill, which the undergraduates added to the bill last week.

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“Why not?” not “why?”

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Fisher House charities. Claudia Byrd, the honors society for ROTC, was present to present the bill, it was tabled. The third bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the AIAA. As no representative was present to present the bill, it was tabled. The third bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the National Society of Scabbard and Blade. The honors society for ROTC. They were requesting funding to put on a 5K run to support the Fresh Formal event. The bill was tabled.

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However, because the undergraduates passed the bill overwhelmingly last week, the bill did not need any positive votes in the senate to pass by the enactment ratio. Despite that fact, the bill passed the senate.
The main focus of the split is the graduate student population. Zagura states that the reason for this is because of the nature of most of the emerging degree programs. “The new degree programs that come through the schools are most likely to be graduate degree programs,” she said.

According to Zagura, graduates would be most likely to be affected on a day-to-day basis than undergraduates by the formation of two schools. She says that this is because of the Threads Program.

Zagura said “We want the undergraduates to be affected by the Threads Program. The Threads Program is the big deal with respect to the undergraduate experience.”

Despite the fact that undergraduates are not affected by the split they are still exposed to both schools within the college due to the threads program. However, she did say that undergraduates will be exposed to the threads through undergraduate research and symposiums. In addition she also points out the Computational Media major offered by the college.

“The Computational Media degree programs are going to be housed in the School of Interactive Computing and I.C.C. So those undergraduates will feel their home as the School of Interactive Computing,” Zagura said.

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With the passing of the vote by the College Panhellenic Council (CPC) to begin looking into expanding the number of National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) sororities on campus, one candidate has already made their intentions known. Chi Omega Tau, whose nickname is Coyote, went public Monday with their objective to pursue national affiliation within the NPC.

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A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

**USC Hockey goaltender moons opposing fans**

Fans in North Logan, Utah who came to see an ice hockey game between University of Southern California and Brigham Young University saw a little more than they had bargained for when the USC goaltender mooned the crowd.

Disputed with the officiating, USC’s Mickey Meyer dropped his pants, rode his stick like a horse, and slapped his buttocks during a stoppage in play when the referees were issuing penalties, according to ESPn.com.

In addition to being ejected from the game, Meyer was issued a citation for lewdness, a misdemeanor, by an officer who was working security at the game.

Under Utah law Meyer could face up to a maximum of six months in jail if prosecutors decide to press charges. Prosecutor Scott Wyatt said he had not yet decided what his course of action would be.

**World’s tiniest baby able to return home**

Amilia Taylor’s doctors are calling her survival a miracle as the four and a half month old baby left the hospital for the first time after being born after just 21 weeks and 6 days in the womb. She weighed under 10 ounces at birth and was only 9.5 inches in length.

Amilia was delivered via Caesarian section after doctors’ attempts to delay a premature delivery failed, according to ABC-News.com. Normal pregnancies last 37 to 40 weeks, and babies as premature as Amilia are not considered viable, yet she was reportedly crying and breathing on her own at birth.

Prior to Amilia, the earliest a premature baby was born that ended up surviving was 23 weeks. Yet after four months in intensive care, she has grown to over four pounds and although she will require an oxygen tank when she is at home, the hospital described her as “healthy and thriving.”

**IEKA starts charging for plastic bags**

Shoppers at IKEA will now be charged a nickel for every plastic bag they use to carry out their purchases in a move that is designed to cut down on environmental waste caused by the bags.

IKEA joins companies such as the Aldi supermarket chain and Costco in charging for disposable bags. According to USA Today, IKEA went through 70 million plastic bags last year and they hope that the new program will halve that figure. In some countries the use of disposable plastic bags is subject to a mandatory surcharge or in other cases even prohibited by law.

Ireland has become an example of the former with their “plastax” of 20 cents per bag, which has raise millions of dollars since 2002 for environmental programs.

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