Full House star speaks Monday

Jodie Sweetin of “Full House” fame has rescheduled the visit to Tech which was canceled when she became ill while touring. She will speak on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom about her experiences, including her battles with alcohol and meth addiction, followed by an autograph session with audience members. This is a free event sponsored by the Student Center Programs Council, Auxiliary Services, and GT SMART.

Tug starts Greek Week Sunday

GreekWeek 2007 begins this Sunday with the Tug competition. The event will last the entire week of March 4 through March 12, finishing up with the Greek Sing event. For more information or scheduling on Greek Week 2007, contact Ross Mackowski and Christina Morton.

Professor wins Cancer Scholar

Ravi Bellamkonda, a professor in The Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University, is one of 13 scientists named as a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar for 2007. He will receive $150,000 in Dr. Nagel's research.

Tech faces security breach

By Vivian Kaul

On Feb. 21, 3000 letters and notices were sent to several former and current Tech employees. The notices warned that a massive security breach had taken place, and that sensitive data including social security information could have been compromised.

Much of the information that is known about the incident was within a press release issued by Tech’s Public Affairs Office. Currently, the investigation is ongoing and as a result much of what is known about the case is not being talked about. However, there are a few specifics that are known in addition to the information present in the press briefing.

The breach was first noticed by OIT on Feb. 13, but this was before the true scope of the security violation was known. Matt Nagel, media relations specialist for ICPA, said, “Basically the reason that the information was released when it was, instead of late Feb. 13, is because it was an ongoing investigation and Tech had to determine the scope of the information in the computer account that had been breached.”

On Feb. 21 in addition to sending out those notices Tech also contacted the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Nagel stated that a breach of Tech’s computer system occurred from off campus. The thieves managed to gain access to names, address, social security numbers of what is known about the

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CSA creates new Asian Awareness Week

By Dhanaya Eedo

Asian Awareness Week has come to Tech. The event was created to promote an understanding and a dialogue between various ethnic groups on campus and to create an awareness about how many Asians are on campus and the fact that there are different types of Asians. The event is designed to bring people past the stereotypes and learn about the realities of Asian culture.

The event started with Culture Night, which took place Wednesday night in the Student Services Building. Several other events will be taking place during this next week.

The event was created when Stephanie Ray, associate dean of students, approached Daran Hun, president of the Chinese Student Association (CSA), about creating such an event. The event was planned to foster understanding between the student body and the various cultural communities on campus.

Initially, the event was supposed to be held in January, not February. The event was postponed when a guest speaker had to cancel due to the birth of a child.

The new date was chosen to associate the event with the Chinese New Year, which fell on Feb. 18. Another setback occurred when the funding bill presented before the Student Government Association (SGA) was postponed from Nov. to Jan. The postponement created a delay in the entire elections process. "Elections are a good way for students to get involved and find out what is going on around campus. It is a good time for people to hear from who is going to be their leaders and find out how they plan to make things better,” said Will Welch, a fourth-year International Affairs major and this year’s elections committee chair.

SGA applications available online

By Amanda Dugan

Students interested in representing their peers as part of the 84th Student Government Association (SGA) next year must turn in their candidate application by March 16 at 5 p.m. There are 57 representative positions available in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) as well as executive vice president and under graduate student body president up for grabs, but the only way to be considered for any one of those positions is to fill out an application.

Allison Graab, undergraduate student body president, said she encourages each and every student to run for a SGA position and to promote the opportunity to friends. “The best way you can impact the future of your university is to run for office. It is important to keep in mind that every office in SGA, from the President to the Freshman Representative, is an important one,” Graab said.

Candidate applications are due in the SGA office, across from Einstein’s Bagels, on Friday, March 16 at 5 p.m., and can be found on the SGA website at sga.gatech.edu.

The UHR meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building during the fall and spring terms. All students are welcome to attend, but only representatives may vote.

“SGA works all year to represent the student voice whether it is hosting the GT Night at Six Flags or bringing Maya Angelou to campus for Finding Common Ground. The greatest strength of SGA is our ability to truly debate the issues that matter to everyone using input from many sectors of campus,” Graab said. "SGA looks for their leaders and find out how they plan to make things better,” said Will Welch, a fourth-year International Affairs major and this year’s elections committee chair.

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Costume of a dragon highlights the Asian Awareness Culture night that took place Wednesday. This is the first annual Asian Awareness Week at Tech.
Tell us at www.nique.net

This week’s question:

What do you think about the upcoming SGA elections?

I don't know what to think - 19%

They are great - 25%

There's no reason to divide up the college - 31%

They need to add more schools - 25%
Senate funds six bills, postpones two

By James Stephenson  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday. Six bills were passed and two were postponed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Table Tennis Association. The bill was brought from conference committee where the differences between the senate and the house versions of the bill were settled. The bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

The second bill brought before the senate was the Joint allocation to Culture Tech. This bill was also returning from conference committee and it, too, passed by unanimous acclamation.

The third bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to Culture Tech. They were requesting money to help fund a National event in Savannah. The bill was amended down to $695.95 as the JFC policy would not allow any funding because it was not an emergency expense and could not be paid for in a budget. The bill was postponed for one week so the senators could get more information about the bill.

The fourth bill was the joint allocation to the Student Center. The group was requesting $70,683.00 to purchase tables for the conference rooms on the third floor. Claudia Jones, JFC Chair, informed the group that JFC policy would not allow any funding for this, as “Non-emergency capital expenditures are things that can be planned for in advance and paid for with budgetary rollover time.”

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The Office of Human Resources (OHR) has begun a restructuring process to improve their efficiency and to develop a better understanding about the ways to serve Tech’s employee base. The restructuring will focus on adding critical talents and skills to OHR that will allow them to implement the professional level services under their strategic plan.

“We needed to change our focus from a transactional organization to one that is a proactive organization,” said Chuck Donbaugh, associate vice-president of human resources.

As part of a series of retreats over the last three to four years, OHR, with the Division of Administration and Finance, identified the areas where OHR performed well and the areas where improvement was warranted. The context under which these conversations were held focused on transforming OHR from a “good” organization to a “great” organization, said Donbaugh. The use of an industrial models and also the model being used by Duke. The source organization said Donbaugh. OHR is raising questions about how to recruit in the 21st century, how to maintain a presence in China, South Korea, Singapore, Ireland, etc. Understanding different employment rules and conditions become vitally important as the need to work with these countries increases.

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As part of becoming a more proactive organization, we needed to recognize that foreign nationals, both employees and students, were a desirable and important part of our workforce. We needed to be more experienced and more efficient in how we assist those people,” Donbaugh said.

One of the visible changes to come out of the restructuring that intends to improve services for all employees will be the creation of a customer service center to become the one-stop-shop to handle all work-related problems.

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IFC wins eight regional awards

By James Stephenson
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The Interfraternity Council (IFC) was impressive during the South- eastern Interfraternity Conference winning eight awards, more than double of any other college attending the conference.

The eight awards were the Frater- nal Excellence Award, the Out- standing Academic Achievement and Scholarship Award, the Outstanding Campus & Community Relations Award, the Outstanding Commu- nity Service & Philanthropy Award, the Outstanding Website Award, the Outstanding Publications Award, the Outstanding Service Project Award and the Outstanding Educa- tional Programming Award.

“These merits mark Tech’s IFC as the best in the Southeast, taking home more awards than any other IFC. In announcing each award, the SEIFC executive board mentioned several of our projects initiated last year that earned these awards,” said Jonathan Sangster, IFC president.

The main project mentioned at the conference was the Habitat for Humanity house that was built in the fall. The magnitude and the scope of the project was mentioned during the presentation of four of the awards the IFC won.

Winning this number of awards is unusual for the IFC, who has seen some dry spells over the past few years.

“Never has IFC won this many awards and hasn’t won any at the past several conferences. This truly marks an era of change, and we want to say thanks to all of you who have had a part in helping us succeed in all of our endeavors,” Sangster said.

According to Sangster, the IFC plans to set up an advertisement in an upcoming issue of the newspaper to publicly thank everyone who helped the IFC achieve the awards.

Breaking the Bubble

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.

Sunglassed women rob Bank of America

Georgia authorities Wednesday were searching for two young women, possibly teenagers, who robbed a supermarket bank branch, laughing as they held up a teller with nothing but sunglasses to disguise their faces.

According to CNN.com, the two handed a Bank of America branch teller a note demanding cash, smiled as they waited and then walked out with stolen money Tuesday, police said.

It wasn’t clear if they had a weapon, police said. Their images, captured on bank surveillance video during the 12:15 p.m. robbery Tuesday, were released by police and “led to several tips,” Cobb County police spokesman officer Wayne Delk said.

Authorities have not said how much money was taken, but Delk said it is “considerable.”

Police said the two could be as young as 16. Witnesses were unable to tell investigators whether they left in a car.

The store is in a strip mall in an upscale west Cobb residential neighborhood, about 28 miles north of Atlanta.

Delk said one of the girls appears to be laughing in a bank surveillance camera image -- as though “it’s all fun and games to them.”

By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

“One of the most interesting stunts, such as: “Pirates of the Caribbean,” “Star Wars,” “The Da Vinci Code.”

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Weekly Activities

OPTIONS MINI SERIES

Bellydancing & Cooking
Tuesday, March 6
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Commons Stage

Enjoy two free “mini” classes as two Options instructors spend 45 min-
utes each teaching you how to belly-
dance like the best, or cook a healthy 
meal in less than 30 minutes.

FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL

Wednesday, March 7 - Friday, March 9

March 7 - Maria Full of Grace
March 8 - Life is Beautiful
March 9 - Volver

All shows start @ 8:00 p.m.
Student Center Theater

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Breaking the Bubble

Mc Cain announces entry into campaign

Republican Sen. John McCain will officially enter the presidential race with a formal announcement in early April.

The Arizona senator disclosed the timing of the long-awaited announcement in a taping for the “Late Show with David Letter-
man” on CBS for airing Wednesday night.

I am announcing that I will be a candidate for president of the United States,” the senator told the talk show host and then added he would give a formal speech to that effect in early April.

According to ABC News.com. There was no doubt that McCain would eventually become a full-

fledged White House candidate, and he had been expected to make his candidacy official in the spring.

Iran joins in Iraq security conference

The top Iranian national secu-

rity official, Ali Larijani, indicated Wednesday that Iranian officials would probably take part in a re-
gional security conference on Iraq next month, which would include the first high-level diplomatic contacts between American and Iranian officials in two years, ac-

cording to the Times.com.

The Iraqi prime minister, Nuri Kamal al-Maliki, set a date on Wednesday for the conference. It is
to be held March 10 in Baghdad.

By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Commercial show

Lewis Black
Opening Act: John Bowman
Tuesday, March 27
Doors Open 8:00 p.m., Show Starts 8:30 p.m. Ferst Center
Tickets on sale February 27th for Tech students, 4 tickets per person with BuzzCard.

JOIN IN THE FUN!!!

Help plan events including concerts, lectures, art shows, comedians, movies and more.
Past events include Sting Break, Mythbusters, Paul Rusesabagina, Take A Prof To Lunch, Murder Mystery Dinners, and great movies such as: “Pirates of the Caribbean,” & “The Da Vinci Code.”

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Security from page 1

The 3000 people affected by the breach are predominantly from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He does however state that some students may also have been affected. "It’s not that we’ve audited down to involve if they were employees of the department," Nagel said. The 3000 people affected have been told to take the proper precautions with their credit reporting agencies to make sure that it is known. The 3000 people affected have been told to take the proper precautions with their credit reporting agencies to make sure that it is known if they have been compromised and could be used in a fraudulent fashion. Currently, the FBI is in charge of the investigation and details are not forthcoming at the investigation is ongoing. Despite the change in jurisdiction over the case, Tech is doing all that it can to aid the federal investigation into the matter. James Fetig, associate vice president of Instruc- tions Communications and Public Affairs, stated in the press release, "Tech regrets that this potential loss of data security and will work with the affected individuals to mitigate their exposure." He then went on to say "Our investigation is continuing, and we apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause." ICPA was reluctant to give any more information because the matter is an ongoing investigation with the FBI.

Elections from page 1

The elections code, which contains all of the rules governing this year’s elections, is included in the Elections Packet, available on the SGA website. The elections committee will hear any violations cases filed against candidates and ensure that the elections process runs smoothly. Campaigning begins March 26 and ends April 11. Students can vote online once elections open April 9 until they close April 11 at 4 p.m. Grab said it is important for all students to be involved in the elections process, whether they run or not. Tech is fortunate to have exceptional students with innovative ideas. If you are passionate about Tech, care about the students around you, and want to make a difference with your time at Tech, run for office in SGA. If you choose not to run for office, make the most of your vote, by being educated about the candidates running and their strengths," Grab said. In addition to the elected positions there are many other options available to students after the elections who still want to be in SCA. Students can apply to be committee chairs, an appointed Vice President, run for the board at large in the fall, serve on a committee or apply to be on the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet.

The Diversity Forum

Great opportunity to gain valuable leadership and diversity management skills!

Seeking Chair and Vice-Chair Candidates

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

Deadline Extended: Applications are now due MARCH 16, 2007 at 5pm.

Chair Responsibilities
- Responsible for providing diversity updates to the student body
- Represents the Diversity Forum by taking part in meetings of several organizations
- Responsible for being a liaison to the Student Organizations Office
- Responsible for acquiring funding for meetings
- Plans annual retreat and Townhall meetings
- Meets with different campus leaders (President Clough, Student Org. Presidents, Deans, etc.) to discuss Diversity Forum’s role on campus

Vice-Chair Responsibilities
- Assists the Chair in all matters regarding the Forum
- Responsible for assisting in the planning of events (Townhall meetings, etc.)
- Maintains Diversity webpage
- Takes minutes at meetings
- Responsible for notifying members of meetings and securing locations
- Organizes refreshments for meetings

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

The African American Student Union in collaboration with DramaTech put on a performance of Ms. Ever’s Boys in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night for a full house.
 Theta Xi wins 50,000 dollars
By Randy Darnowski Contributing Writer

The coin was located in the Dobbs Plaza in the historic Sweet Auburn District. John Wesley Dobbs was the mayor of the Auburn District of Atlanta. The Dobbs Memorial is located at the corner of Auburn Avenue and Fort Street. The puzzle hunters had earlier tried to find the coin in the Historic Oakland Cemetery.

The gold coin was being hunted by other parties on the same night. John was looking at one point in the distribution, but the clue was looking at the other side. So, John found the coin around 30 seconds before the other guy would have.

Parker Hancock, a brother of Theta Xi, had brought the coin to the house, but was “essentially the arraign of the bill, several representatives had already been to the table. In the face of potential failure of the bill, several representatives threatened to stage a walk-out of the meeting in order to intention- ally lose quorum and delay a vote on the bill. A vote was finally passed to table the bill.

The ninth bill presented was the resolution on the Articles of Impeachment for Steven Hardy, a Senior IE representative. As put by Vice President Paul Byrne, this bill was not the actual impeachment, but was “essentially the arraign- ment,” of Hardy, a decision by the house as to whether or not to begin impeachment proceedings.

The bill had to pass by a 2/3 vote of the House. A vote of 29 votes, two nays and three abstentions, it passed.

The final bill of the night, the resolution approving the creation of Student Center Positions, was withdrawn.

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The members plan on investing some of their earnings and paying student debts. Danny Ritchie de- nies that he plans on taking part-time special for his special someone.

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Delaying bylaws

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) has once again postponed the vote on amending the UHR bylaws. With all the discussion surrounding the proposed changes, it is obvious that some sort of amendment is necessary, and UHR needs to move forward with the process. If UHR expects the bill to be failed, they should go ahead and fail it instead of continually postponing the vote. This way, they would be able to introduce a new version and restart the process.

Unfortunately, postponing the vote is not the only way in which UHR has been wasting time with the bill to amend the bylaws. They have also made several amendments to the bill throughout the process; if UHR will ultimately fail the bill, the amendments are a waste of time.

Considering that part of the reason the bill has been postponed is to ensure that enough representatives in favor of the bill will be present to vote, it is evident that some representatives should be taking their jobs more seriously. As obvious as it may seem, the student body elects its representatives to represent them in UHR sessions. Representatives need to attend meetings for this to happen.

Not only that, but the younger students should find their voices and stop allowing a smaller number of upperclassmen to dominate UHR. It seems that just a few seniors are standing in the way of amending the bylaws; they should not be able to use their seniority to sway younger representatives, who should instead make their own decisions so that the student body as a whole is better represented.

As students continue to watch UHR deliberating over the amendments, they should keep the upcoming Student Government Association (SGA) application deadline, March 16, in mind. SGA can always use new members with fresh ideas and dedication to the process. Every semester, there are majors with representative seats still open and others for which the same representative runs uncontested term after term.

Getting involved with SGA is a great way for any student to get involved on campus and make a positive impact. While voting to pass the bill to amend the UHR bylaws may not seem like a huge change for the Institute, but these changes will affect things like the mandatory Student Activity Fee allocation policies. Tech needs those changes to ensure fairness for all organizations requesting money from SGA.

Not only that, SGA also sponsors events such as GT Night at Six Flags, Finding Common Ground, and One Night Stand. Through funding decisions and programs, SGA affects every student.

Do your parents know what you do on weekends? For a fairly large proportion of the student body, the answer to this question is “No, and thank God they don’t.” As college students, we’ve honed our skills at avoiding certain lines of questioning, thereby hiding the myriad activities our parents would not approve of.

Still, one would think that most students’ parents aren’t utterly clueless enough to not be able to figure out something they’ve not been told when their son or daughter shows up at home at 3 a.m. and staggers to bed every night. How is it, then, that students are able to continue their decimation for years, even though in many cases they don’t hide it well at all?

In my experience, students have an unexpected ally in keeping parents uninformed about the poor decisions they may be making: the parents themselves. Parental naiveté has become a bulwark of life both for American college students and, increasingly, younger people as well.

The parental insistence on ignoring the pot smoking, binge drinking, free love bacchanalia of their little angels has led to a variety of repercussions. Luckily, most of these do not have wider societal implications; rather, these include parents being comically surprised by unwanted pregnancies or by having to pick up their son or daughter up from the hospital after an emergency medical intervention.

One particular result of this parental naiveté has had wide-ranging effects on almost all aspects of an American child’s upbringing, however: abstinence-only sex education.

Abstinence-only sex education is essentially the teaching of refraining from sex as the only method for avoiding pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), while explicitly not instructing students on safe sex and the use of contraceptives. It is a major issue because a vast proportion of federal education funding is tied to the teaching of this castrated version of sex ed.

The most fascinating aspect of the tie of money for education to abstinence programs is that these programs have been repeatedly shown to fail at their stated goals. The government explicitly funds programs that advocate saving sex for marriage, and despite their increasing prevalence the average age at which Americans first have sex has held steady at 17.

The average age for marriage, on the other hand, remains at 25 years old for women and 27 years old for men, according to information from the Guttmacher Institute. Indeed, according to a 2003 study presented at the American Psychological Society’s annual meeting, over 60 percent of students who had pledged virginity in middle or high school failed to keep their vow to remain sex-free until marriage.

Furthermore, there are increasing concerns that abstinence-only sex education programs leave teenagers more, not less, vulnerable to STDs. Because they do not teach about the use of condoms or other methods for having safe sex, and because the teenagers are having sex anyway, they can find themselves more at risk.

The issue is complicated even further by the fact that the American insistence on abstinence has created a massive false dichotomy between venereal reproduction and other sexual acts like oral or anal sex. A survey conducted by Seventeen magazine in 2003 found that more than half of 15- to 17-year-olds believed that having oral sex did not mean breaking a vow of abstinence, and the APS study reported that students who pledged abstinence were no more likely to refrain from types of sex other than vaginal.

And these programs have resulted in disturbing statistics, such as 62 percent of males having sex before they were ever shown how to use a condom, according to a 2002 study.

The body of evidence supporting the contrary: comprehensive sex education that includes a thorough explanation of contraceptives and their effectiveness is extensive. So why is it that the president, a fair proportion of the Senate, and vast numbers of parents support the less effective programs?

The only explanation I can come up with is that despite all the evidence to the contrary, parents continue to blindly believe their own children remain daisy-fresh while their neighbors raise...trollops.

Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Editor

Abstain from abstinence-only sex ed

"[P]arents continue to believe their own children remain daisy-fresh while their neighbors raise...trollops."

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Quote of the week: “Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.” — G. M. Trevelyan

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As any typical student does, I tend to cruise through Facebook from time to time when I should really be doing my homework. The other day as I was doing my usual round, I noticed a group that is political in nature. I won’t say which side it supported, but either way the group was extreme in its views. The creation of the group is not what disturbed me. Rather, I was disturbed by how wrong they had gotten the facts. It was not even close. So I began to think of all the students that might jump on, not just on Facebook, but on the internet and in our daily lives. It’s all around us, and more and more of this information is being forced into our lives. The scariest part of all is that most of this misinformation is geared toward the college crowd. We are young and impressionable with a new right to vote. Each side sees this as an opportunity to make us commit to their side, so that they can garner votes for the next few elections. All parties know that the college campus is sometimes the battlefront in elections. Plus, they feel if they sway one, then maybe their fellow students will follow suit and their popularity will grow exponentially.

So as intelligent twenty-somethings, we need to know that sometimes everything we read and everything we hear is not for our own benefit but rather for the benefit of a particular party. I believe the right to vote is one of the most significant ways the common man can contribute to his government. Everyone has something at stake when it comes to picking his or her government, and even as a vote at the 2000 election showed. This year is not an election year, but many candidates are already jockeying for position in the upcoming presidential race. So prepare yourself for a plethora of information and misinformation that is about to flood your consciousness. Each side will praise one while condemning the other and the young voter will have to decide “Whose is the best choice for me?”

And if your principles swing toward one party more than the other, it is perfectly acceptable. Just be informed as much as possible and don’t go blindly into the voting booth. The worst-case scenario is supporting a candidate and their platform just because he or she has an R or D beside the name, not because you agree with his or her ideals.

The best way to ensure you’re voting for who you want to is to educate yourself. Research the candidates and check out their voting records. Watch C-SPAN if you can manage it awake. Watch multiple news affiliates. Listen to both sides, not just one lambasting the other. If your most reliable source is Michael Moore or Rush Limbaugh, then you probably need to investigate why. It’s dangerous to listen to one argument while not presenting yourself with a counter argument.

The greatest trick any politician ever pulled was convincing anyone that not agreeing with him or her made you a bad person. And if your principles swing toward one party more than the other, it is perfectly acceptable. Just be informed as much as possible and don’t go blindly into the voting booth. The worst-case scenario is supporting a candidate and their platform just because he or she has an R or D beside the name, not because you agree with his or her ideals.

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Options abound for filling dropped class time this spring

Drop day is today. If you want to drop any classes, then you should stop reading this column and get rid of any classes you no longer want immediately. Please come back and finish it though.

Now that most of you have a few extra hours of free time every week since you got rid of half of your schedule on whim, it’s time to look around Tech and find out how else you can spend your time.

If you want to run for student body president, now is your time. If you want to be in Student Government at all, the time to fill out your application is now, or at least some time between now and the deadline of March 16.

This past weekend, I was in Tallahassee at Florida A&M University for a mock trial invitational (Tech won) and realized just how crazy student government elections can be. Candidates for class representative positions had advertisements on major radio stations. People had their friends holding up signs on every corner. Billboards of the candidates stood on the side of the road. One candidate had even acquired a massive, flashing sign generally reserved for DOT work to spread the word about his candidacy.

I’m not going to lie; I’m pretty jealous about that last one. I mean, who knew that you could actually do that?

Anyway, at Tech, there are all sorts of rules with elections that you do not have to spend a billion dollars to win, like they do at FAMU.

Of course, they could have a spending limit as well, and if this is the case, I need to start going to buy everything I want now in Tallahassee at ridiculously low prices. But I digress.

SGA is a great way to know what is going on, and it can always benefit from students who simply care about the school and care about how all of the money in student activity fees is spent. Of course, you can also enjoy ironical things, as well; for example, this Tuesday night, the SGA tabled a bill about tables. If you laughed at that, you really should run for office.

One of the topics SGA has been debating—the student athletic fee—helps provide another great way to stay away from homeworking when it’s just too nice out to be anywhere else. In fact, Tech has four spring sports teams ranked in the Top 25 in the country.

If you mentally went through women’s tennis, baseball, softball and golf when trying to figure that out, good job. Now, you should go put your athletic fees to good use and watch them play.

While everyone seems to be fairly aware of the basketball team’s un-even play this year, and most of the world seems to be in tune with the football team (which does practice a few weeks in the spring if you just can’t get enough), it is impressive how strong of an overall athletic program that Tech is building.

However, the times I have dropped by with a tennis match or a softball game, there never seem to be nearly enough fans present for the top-flight teams we field.

The softball team has made it to the NCAA Tournament for five consecutive years, yet I know few students that could tell me where to go for a game—it’s over at the intersection of 14th and Mecaslin, in case you were curious.

Women’s tennis is currently ranked No. 6 in the entire country, and they have been ranked No. 1 this year. To win the National Indoor Championship, the team defeated Stanford, a team that had won 89 matches in a row prior to Tech’s big win.

These are exceptionally good teams that provide great entertainment. Go watch a game or two.

Even the golf team, who often plays in faraway locales, will be in Alpharetta for the United States Collegiate Championship in April and the NCAA East Regional in May.

The other three ranked teams that don Yellow Jacket gear—baseball, softball and tennis—are right on or next to campus, and if you schedule it right, you can even catch all three in one day; I actually did this last year, and it was an incredibly good time.

Give it a try on March 31; there’s a women’s tennis match against North Carolina at noon, the second game of a softball doubleheader against UNC at 3 p.m. and after dinner, there’s a baseball game against Maryland at 7.

So remember, check to make sure you aren’t registered for any classes you have never actually attended, and then enjoy the opportunities the spring brings.

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Kyle Thomason
Columnist

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accurate discussion of the political situation in Afghanistan, it could make the difference in halting the ongoing war there or preventing another 9/11.

A poem by the Pakistani poet Iqbal sums up the situation: “If Asia

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having sex regardless, aren’t they better off if schools educate them on all of the possible ways they can protect themselves, rather than making sex ed the religious or morality section of health class? I think if parents could get over the initial mental block of believing, they would agree that they want their children to know about all the different ways to keep themselves safe.

So what can be done to convince parents that they are wearing blinders? Well, as long as it’s left up to us college students, nothing at all will be done, because we happen to like

our parents assuming we’re exemplary little humans. Perhaps, however, we should be altruistic and, for the benefit of future generations, have that belated conversation about the birds and the bees.

After all, it seems that our parents are really the ones in need of “sex education.”

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Missing a step: DanceTech faces troubles

By Alleen Li
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Tech has a reputation for being one of the most challenging engineering schools in the nation, but its students can bust a move as well as solve differential equations.

There are currently several dance-oriented clubs on campus, such as the Ballroom Dance Club, the Salsa Club and DanceTech.

Unfortunately, DanceTech is currently facing serious troubles due to various problems, including a lack of student participation.

Founded in 2008, DanceTech is a group of students-organized dance group that seeks to bring dance and movement to Tech.

It is composed of an executive board and an ensemble, which includes dancers and choreographers.

DanceTech offers weekly dance workshops in ballet, jazz, modern dance and hip hop and produces a show every semester. There are no limits to how many classes a member can take, and all shows are open to Tech students, faculty and family.

“DanceTech is a performing dance organization. We focus more on choreography and production, and each semester choreographers announce what skill level their dance is,” said Kristie DeLiso, second-year CBHE.

Chemical Engineering major and vice president of DanceTech, DeLiso said, “DanceTech brought in a few very talented ballet-trained freshmen, but we also have an older-time shimm shamb dance and capoiera [a Brazilian martial arts style that is centered around dance].”

Athough DanceTech has planned a bright future for Tech’s dancers, it is now facing significant problems in making that future a reality.

“Our main challenge right now is building a strong core of choreographers, dancers and leaders that are committed to putting on a great show and ensuring the financial and membership aspects of DanceTech,” DeLiso said.

One of the major issues DanceTech is facing is the lack of a dedicated team and financial support.

“The members we have right now are great. But most club members just want to dance and not lend a hand in helping to run the club (or do things) like fundraising. Since the CRC started charging for studio space, we are at a loss for good practice rooms,” DeLiso said.

However, the DanceTech team is working together to find solutions to these problems so the club can continue on campus.

“We are holding more regular teaching workshops to try to increase the diversity of our dancers and interest DanceTech from beginner dancers,” DeLiso said.

DeLiso outlined other plans to improve the organization’s situation.

“To raise money and increase attendance at our shows, we plan on holding raffles at our shows and better publicizing our club,” she said.

Many DanceTech members think it is absolutely crucial to ensure the organization around on campus. They say that dancing is not only fun, but it is a great way to relax and get away from books and labs.

“I think that creativity is the basis for innovation, so why not start with the most creative outlets there are? [Being creative] helps build rounded and cultured people who are aware of the importance of every aspect of life,” said Joanna Futral, a second-year Applied Mathematics major.

Students work on Blue Planet Run for clean water

By Siwan Liu
Contributing Writer

For every problem there is a solution, and in a world where problems seem to increase exponentially, solutions are hard to come by. So what if someone told you that a cure for the world’s single largest cause of human sickness and death had been discovered, and that 25,000 people a day, 400 children an hour, could be saved?

The problem: water is essential to life and supply is scarce. The solution here is the Blue Planet Run, an international relay event developed by the Blue Planet Foundation.

“Awareness is the biggest problem with this issue right now, because we have a solution.”

Patricia Breed
Communications Coordinator, Ignition Inc.

The Blue Planet Foundation is a non-profit whose main goal is to provide clean, sustainable water to third-world countries. It transports drinking water to areas in need through a structure called the Pure Water Exchange, which works with small, local non-governmental organizations as well as larger ones.

These organizations facilitate getting the water out to villages that pass the application process and are then reviewed on a yearly basis.

Math contest recruits for future

By Giles Santomauro
Contributing Writer

Find the units digit of the following expression: $2007^{2007^{2007}}$.

Finalists had two minutes to solve this problem in the decisive tiebreaker round of the 2007 Tech High School Math Competition, which was held this past Saturday in the Instructional Center (for the mathematically-minded, the answer to the tiebreaker is seven).

More than 270 talented high school and eighth grade students from seven states competed in a series of math tests for trophies, bragging rights and, most notably, a total of $10,000 in scholarships to Tech.

This year’s event was hosted by Pi Mu Epsilon, Club Math and the School of Mathematics, and was meant in part as a recruitment tool to attract high-quality students to Tech and its math department.

Besides the stipulation that the awarded scholarships can only be used if the recipient matriculates at Tech, the event organizers also offered campus tours and admissions information for students who were not yet convinced that Tech is the right school for them.

First held in the fifties, the competition has changed significantly. Back then, the top prize was a brand new television set; last week, it was $2,500 in individual scholarships.

What has stayed constant over the years, however, has been the caliber of the contestants.

Harrison Brown, a junior at Centennial High School, won the top individual prize for the variability competition, but only after grueling practice and preparation for the long day of testing.

Brown had to arrive at eight in the morning, take two-hour- and-a-half-long exams before being posted as a semifinalist and endure another rigorous, two-hour, proof-based exam afterwards to be declared the winner.

“However, it was well worth the experience and the scholarship,” Brown said.

Not surprisingly, Brown’s high school also won the first place team award, besting the efforts of top contenders Rockdale Magnet and Chamblee.

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Kristie DeLiso
Second-year CBHE

DanceTech members perform a fun, vibrant Latin dance at the Student Center ballroom.

For more on show choreography and production, and each semester choreographers announce what skill level their dance is, please see Dance, page 12.
Tech celebrates Chinese New Year with gala

By Shikha Choudhury
Contributing Writer

Although New Year’s celebrations may be over in the Western world, the parties are just beginning in much of the Eastern hemisphere. Chinese New Year, which is based on the lunar calendar, started Feb. 18 this year and lasts until the Lantern Festival two weeks after.

Also called the Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, it is also celebrated in Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Nepal, Bhutan, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Tech students took a break from their rigorous coursework to usher in the new year, Asian-style, at the celebratory gala held in the Student Center Theater last Saturday evening.

Center Theater last Saturday. “For the Chinese, the celebration is as extravagant and important as Christmas is to Christians,” said Changshii Liao, a fifth-year Materials Science Engineering graduate student and current president of the Chinese Friendship Association, which organized the gala.

According to the Chinese festival this year marks the Year of the Pig, which means that it will be a year of business, wealth and prosperity. Lao vividly described how in China, the streets are adorned with lanterns of exotic shapes and paraded by lion dancers while the skies are set ablaze with firecrackers during the New Year.

Tech’s gala was meant to bring a taste of this celebratory flavor to campus. The gala featured a number of traditional Chinese dance and musical performances.

Dancers perform at the Chinese New Year gala.

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Athens Academy.

Professors and students from the School of Mathematics volunteered for the event, helping to grade the proof-based exams.

In addition, Club Math’s Brian Benson, a second-year Applied Math major, put on a special presentation about collegiate-level math for the contestants while they anxiously awaited competition results.

Benson discovered his passion for mathematics while finishing his first bachelor’s degree at Kent State University. He drew from personal experience as he stressed the importance of considering a math degree to the competition’s high schoolers.

“The idea is to get [these kids] to think about a major in math because so many of them gloss over it and don’t realize its opportunities,” Benson said.

Throughout the presentation, students were shown examples of graph theory, topics of current research and the broad range of career paths a math major has to choose from.

“A lot of students who excel in math see engineering as the only practical outlet of their ability,” Benson said.

He encouraged the students to explore the many opportunities that a degree in mathematics provides, such as pathways to graduate studies in law, finance and other sciences as well as engineering.

Has Tech’s recruitment efforts toward these students paid off?

In some cases, that seems so. Jonathan Joe, a senior at Mount de Sales Academy, will be attending Tech next fall.

“The undergraduate discrete mathematics ranking of seventh in the nation made my decision especially easy since I plan on that being one of my dual majors,” Joe said.

Participants spoke of other things that attracted them to Tech.

“I like the atmosphere, the people and its academics,” said Emilio Saladar, a Centennial High School junior, as he balanced a trophy in one hand and a notebook full of math work in the other.

Saladar was impressed by the event and now plans on joining Club Math. Other students said they are looking for a college that has a large diversity of organizations and clubs that can meet all of their individual interests.

At Tech, which offers more than 550 organizations, that should not be a problem, especially those related to math.

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Futral joined DanceTech not long ago. Before coming to Tech, she was a part of Augusta Ballet’s second company.

“(Dance) can be used simply to keep in shape in an interesting way, or it can be used to create something to express meaning,” Futral said of her love for dance.

“I was a part of a dance team last year, but didn’t find as fulfilling as using dance to create an emotion... I think [DanceTech] has amazing potential, but it is hard to get people who want to commit time and effort to a dance group,” Futral said.

DanceTech’s upcoming spring performance, themed “A Blast from the Past,” is free of charge to all Tech students and will be held April 20 in the Ferst Center for the Arts.

“I think the best thing that the student body can do to help is to show up to the performance and participate in the raffles. More than 80 percent of campus doesn’t even know we exist,” Futral said.

“If we can get over 500 people at our show in the Ferst Center we have a better chance of getting future SGA funding for renting out the Ferst Center. We just want the student body to know that we welcome everybody’s membership, and it is never too late to join,” DeLiso said.

To find out more about DanceTech, visit www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/dancetech or e-mail Kristie DeLiso at k.deliso@gatech.edu.

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The Blue Planet Foundation is an organization that works to provide safe drinking water for people around the world. Millions of people lack access to this simple resource, a situation that causes many physical, social and economic hardships.

Specifically, the Blue Planet Foundation seeks to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the allocation and distribution of funds to programs that target rural and semi-rural communities that are otherwise overlooked by large drinking water projects.

To raise more awareness and money for its cause, the Foundation is hosting the first ever global relay, the Blue Planet Run, this June with 20 runners.

Just how dire is the global water situation? Check out the facts in the water glass pictured at left. All statistics come from www.blueplanetrun.org

"The Blue Planet Run is something that’s never been done before, and it sets the stage for events in the future."
MATT SWANBURG
Fifth-year Management

The Blue Planet Foundation is looking into global expansion. With 23 water projects already underway in the foundation is trying to set up more programs.

Although the Blue Planet Run itself does not track into Georgia, the foundation is looking for ways to engage the people in the state, especially on college campuses, and it also looking for people who want to contribute or maybe even start their own local relay for the cause.

The reality of the matter is that thousands of people die every day for lack of something as simple as clean water.

Also because of this, women are locked into roles that require them to walk up to six hours a day to find food and fresh water.

"It's very dangerous. Sometimes these women have to leave late at night or early in the morning, these women have to leave late for lack of something as simple as clean water.

The water might run out," Swanburg because they can't afford to be late.

American religion is poisoning the world.
Yesterday I remembered why back in high school people used to think I ate souls.

"I ate souls."

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They will run through countries that are in need of water as well as countries that are not. According to Breed, the relay will essentially include five teams of four runners, and it will operate in an almost leapfrog-like system.

When one team is running, another team will be helping, and there will be an entire support force that travels alongside the runners.

The daily routine of the relay will vary slightly. Typically, the runners will get up, have breakfast and run. Each participant must run for 90 minutes and then will ride in the van for four and a half hours. After the group runs, they will return to the hotel, rest and eat, and by the time they are finished running, the other team will start.

The Blue Planet Foundation is planning to hold the relay every other year for the next 20 years, so this upcoming 2007 Blue Planet Run will be the first of many to come.

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Civil Engineering major who is originally from Cambodia, compared the celebrations here to those at home.

“Obviously, one of the major differences is that back in Cambodia, everyone celebrates the Chinese New Year and it’s a holiday. To try and keep that spirit alive in a country which is many miles away from there becomes a challenge, especially in the absence of most of our family during this special festival,” Hun said.

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Color and music swirl together in a traditional Chinese folk dance that was performed by a young woman at the Chinese New Year gala.

A group of young ballerinas link hands to dance in a special performance for Tech’s Chinese New Year celebration gala, which was sponsored by the Chinese Friendship Association last Saturday afternoon.
Gyllenhaal returns to big screen in Zodiac

By Daniel Griffin
Staff Writer

In my opinion, there have only been three music video directors in the last decade who have successfully made the transition to making interesting feature films: Michel Gondry, Spike Jonze and David Fincher.

The former two have since focused their features on dream worlds and bizarre comedies, with both directing Charlie Kaufman-penned films in the recent past.

But Fincher has strayed from the dreamland of music videos and explored the ugly underbelly of human existence with Se7en, The Game, Fight Club and Panic Room.

Zodiac is Fincher’s latest film, and it revisits the genre of one of his most popular films, Se7en: the crime drama.

However, Zodiac is developed through the use of not one approach to the overworked genre, but three.

There is an expansive cast here that Fincher takes advantage of by switching the focus of his film multiple times.

The story focuses on the real-life serial killer in San Francisco who named himself Zodiac, but we see the progression of the story through different character angles.

The film jumps along its long running time by skipping chunks of time that are seemingly irrelevant to the story about the Zodiac.

Here the narrative is fixed in a progressive timeline of Zodiac activity, yet the timeline is developed through the use of three connected films.

ZODIAC
Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Robert Downey Jr.
Director: David Fincher
Running time: 160 min.
Rating: R

The first is the story of a newspaper, the San Francisco Chronicle, that receives Zodiac’s first encoded letter explaining the details of his first murders.

The second is the detective story.

These are two partners in a rapid attempt to track down Zodiac, much like in Se7en. Yet despite their obsession over the case, it seemingly falls through their fingers multiple times. And again, in this film, this happens from the lack of physical evidence.

The third is the noir story, Jake Gyllenhaal becomes the noir protagonist.

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By Santiago Hässig
Contributing Writer

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At the opening of the concert, Béla Fleck admitted with a tone of admiration, “How can I describe Chick...intimidating?”

In fact, Corea’s career precedes Fleck’s by approximately two decades.

No summary of Corea’s accomplishments can capture how great and influential he has been in the music scene for the last four decades.

He has played and collaborated with several big names such as John Williams, Victor Wooten and Evelyn Glennie and has produced music ranging from classical to jazz to bluegrass.

Fleck’s ability to cross over stylistic barriers is not surprising considering Corea is one of his main musical influences along with other great names like Charlie Parker and Earl Scruggs (another prominent banjo player).

But it was the combination of both musical geniuses, Corea and Fleck, that lent itself to an exceptionally pleasing result.

Corea and Fleck gave the audience a taste of a wide array of composition, style, and most certainly delivery.

Their tour’s repertoire spans music from Corea’s traditional and mellow compositions from the 80s such as “Children’s Songs” to the more recent jazz fusion of Brazil in the style of Bossa Nova.

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Despite the aforementioned lack of instrumental accompaniment, the audience is given an entertaining first look at Zodiac’s first string of murders.

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WAM opens with Monologues

Women’s Awareness Month kicks off this week, and many events are planned to celebrate. Mar. 8 and 10 the Vagina Monologues will be showing in the Music Listening Room, located on the second floor of the Student Center. Tickets are $10 for students, $15 for faculty/staff and $20 for the community. More information is available at cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wam.

Autoshow gears up for next weekend

The 25th Annual Atlanta Journal-Constitution International Auto Show will open Mar. 10 at the Georgia World Congress Center. The show will continue to Mar. 18, and the Honda Accord Coupe concept vehicle and the Ford Shelby Cobra concept vehicle will both be on display at the show.

DramaTech’s Assassins opens

This morbidly humorous musical takes various presidential assassins and would-be assassins and throws them together in a rather humorous, rather dark arrangement of antinationalism at its most respectable. The show runs through Mar. 10, and student tickets are $5. Visit www.dramatech.org for more information.
I passed through the checkout with two polar opposite CDs this past weekend—Explosion in the Sky’s new album *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone* and Meshuggah’s 2005 release *Catch Thirty-three*. As expected, Meshuggah’s metal riffs proved to be brutal, but I found myself thinking that Explosions in the Sky’s post-rock orchestration and dynamic shifting would make the more intense live show out of the two. Their March 13th show at Lenny’s Bar is sold out, by the way. Too bad I only got the CD this past weekend, huh? Oops.

Post-rock is an interesting type of music that flies under a lot of peoples’ radars. But it can be kind of difficult to explain to someone who isn’t already grounded with something similar. I suppose, in looking for a more well-known band to compare them to, Radiohead works well enough:

> Post-rock is so concerned with the integrity of its sound that it has little respect for preconceived notions on even the most basic things. It tries to make a guitar sound like not a guitar, a bass like not a bass, drums that feel more percussory than drummy and keyboards that have lots of leeway for experimentation. That being the key word, experimentation. Even singing is recognized as just another sound to be toyed with. One band, Sigur Rós, famously created its own language to perform with.

Here, Explosions in the Sky doesn’t bother with a vocalist. Their sound is fine without it. On *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*, old fans will find more in the same vein as previous albums. Transitions between songs are smooth, reinforcing the idea of an album that ebbs and flows. Too much effort has been put into the smallest details of the sound to let arbitrary stops and starts between tracks ruin the mood.

Explosions in the Sky prefers to give the music complete control over such things. But giving the music so much command also means that the individual songs end only when the music deems it necessary. There are 43 minutes worth of music spanning just six songs, so expect lengthy tracks.

I firmly believe that the best music is more than just a collection of tunes to play in between trips to Wal-Mart. The greatest albums are experiences, and yes I know that phrase fills up my cliché quota. Unfortunately, those of us who enjoy taking the time to listen to music without

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*See Sky page 19*
By Nathan Garcia
Staff Writer

There seems to be a recent trend in increasing complexity in role-playing games (RPGs). Developers are eschewing simple battle systems in place of added gauges and all kinds of conditions. This is likely due to the fact that most people who play RPGs get bored by seeing the same old format repeated.

However, this does little to help anyone else get into the genre. Ar tonelico, Melody of Eternia attempts to bridge this experience.

This new game for the PlayStation 2, produced by Gust and Banpresto and published by Nippon Ichi Software America (NISA), is set in Earth’s far future, where civilization has risen and fallen twice. Now, only a floating continent supported by the massive Tower of Ar tonelico remains. Thanks to the remnants of the fallen civilization, life is able to continue and build itself back up.

At the upper level of the Tower, the city of Platina protects the continent from malevolent viruses that may attack at any time. This is where the main character, a knight named Lyner begins his adventure.

When an extremely dangerous virus attacks, Lyner is sent to the continent to find an important artifact to defeat it. Later he will meet two particular Reyvateils and song maidens, Aurica and Misha. Lyner and his company will have to get the artifact back to Platina and stop any further trouble along the way.

The battle system, as mentioned earlier, is a standard RPG mechanics with a few interesting differences to keep it fresh. There are random battles, but after each one, a gauge at the lower corner of the screen empties a bit. When it is completely drained, there will be no more encounters for that area. The party is arranged into three frontline attackers with a Reyvateil at the back. The party attacks in the usual turn-based fashion, while the player controls when to have the Reyvateil act.

The Reyvateils’ songs are like magic attacks, but they need to build in strength before they do any appreciable effects. Another usual element of RPGs are leveling up and gaining new skills. However, for a Reyvateil to gain new magic skills, the Dive system must be used. This involves exploring the subconscious of the Reyvateils, which is called their “Soulspace,” and playing off like an interactive novel. By using Dive Points gained in battle and helping the Reyvateil overcome her problems, she will learn new skills.

Ar tonelico’s aesthetics are very Japanese, but the artwork is very detailed and colorful. The music is excellent as well, marching the futuristic yet primal settings of the game. NISA did a great job of translating and throwing in a fair amount of wit in the script as well, never taking itself too seriously.

Voice acting does in job decently, too. Unfortunately, the game is a little short, but there are multiple endings to encourage multiple playings.

Anyone who is either too daunted by games like Final Fantasy XII or Rogue Galaxy, or has already beaten them, will likely enjoy this game.
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double-tasking (or triple- or quadruple-tasking), Tech kids are pretty damn good at that—are few and far between. So a lot of the better stuff out there, music that requires a bit of time, stands little chance to be appreciated by the general public who may happen to come across it. But in that respect, Explosions in the Sky has sort of a dual-natured potential.

In particular, All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone stands up to close criticism while still fitting in great as background music to the world (if the listener wants no more than that). This album contains surprisingly accessible material, which is probably why there is a decent sized indie-crowd following these guys. Because this CD has the potential for broad appeal, it is an especially good choice for those looking to branch out their tastes or for people simply seeking an album with great replay value.

Although it is a bit of a pain to find. Your best bet with this one is Borders, although I hear there is a few to find. Your best bet with this one is Borders, although I hear there is a few

LEON REDBONE

Friday, March 9 8 p.m.

Tony Award and Grammy Award-winning Broadway star Jennifer Holliday possesses an enormous contralto voice with great power and range. In this special appearance, she sings the songs of Dinah Washington, one of the most versatile and gifted vocalists in American popular music history.

JENNIFER HOLLIDAY

Saturday, March 10 8 p.m.

Enriching the Educational Experience

Sudoku puzzles

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits one through nine.

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duo managed to create and maintain a rhythmic and percussive foundation using any and every object at their disposal to create new and fresh sounds: the piano’s casing and glasses, and Groucho Marx moustache added to the day.

The two-minute standing ovation was greatly appreciated by the duo and they returned with a playful encore that required the audience’s participation.

Some might argue this last song was a parody of post-modern music, but in effect, the song put a nice conclusion to a great concert, a superb display of musicianship, and left an exceptionally enthusiastic and welcoming audience feeling like their ticket was very-well worth its price, and many times over.

sliver

www.nique.net/silver

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See page 24 for more Slivers!
### What's On?

#### WEEK OF 3.2 - 3.8

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**The Georgia Tech Cable Network**

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Tech swept Duquesne over the weekend. The Jackets outscored the Dukes 36-15. Tech will host Rutgers this weekend at Russ Chandler.

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The design team had to pay special attention to the Georgia Dome, the location where the Final Four will be played this year. "[The Georgia Dome] was a pretty significant model for us to make because it's so huge," Stalling said.

The team works year round with schools like Tech to create a more authentic experience within the game.

One aspect that is given more attention than others is the mascot, like the Jackets' own Buzz.

"We tried the Memphis Grizzlies mascot. We showed him a lot of Buzz's antics, like the ones he performs at half time. He puts those sensors on and captures that motion," Stalling said.

"We work with the publicity department of most of the schools and the NCAA, the collegiate licensing company. We go through reference materials. We have media guides for the past five years for 300 plus basketball teams and we go through those. We have research analysts to contact the school," Stalling said.

While Stalling has been able to live out many of Tech students' dream job by becoming a lead producer on a major video game, he began as just another basketball fan during his time at school.

"I was such a basketball nut at Tech. I was there during the Lethal Weapon 3 and the first Final Four."

Joe Stalling
Producer - EA Games

Tech. I was there during the Lethal Weapon 3 and the first Final Four round. I actually asked Brian Oliver if I could come to his dorm room and have him and Kenny Anderson and Dennis Scott sign a jersey for me.

It's one of my most prized possessions. I just ate and breathed college basketball while I was at Tech," said Stalling.

After graduating, Stalling went on to work for another company, but he was unable to stop thinking about pursuing one of his passions: video games.

"I was promoted to vice president of marketing but couldn't shake my love for video games. Much to my wife's chagrin, I left the company as vice president of marketing in 2002 and started my own video game company, an independent company that made sports simulations," Stalling said.

Stalling learned the video game industry and was soon on the EA Sports team helping produce other games like NFL Head Coach.

His opportunity to recreate the sport he loved in college came when he was assigned to work in Vancouver on NCAA March Madness 2007.

In the technical field of the video game industry, Stalling doesn't have something that many people think is a prerequisite to getting a job: an engineering or technology based degree. Stalling graduated from Tech with a degree in International Relations.

"I did not [graduate with an engineering degree]. You don't have to have an engineering degree to get a job in the video game industry," Stalling said.

Still, with the diverse background of people in the video game industry, Stalling stresses that the most important factor in pursuing a job is not the degree, but the motivation.

"For people who are interested in the computer science part of it, if you have any computer science or technology degree from Georgia Tech, you could probably walk right into the front door of EA. It's not just about having a 4.0 and being able to code in C++," Stalling said.

There are people here from all different backgrounds, design background, cinematography background, software engineering background. It's a really cool industry to work in,'" Stalling said.

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islamic awareness week and higher gas prices, coincidence, I think not... seriously, probably was a girl taking her frustrations out on that rioter seat in the Coliseum, enough with the sperm donor aids, we are supposed to have Tech women soliciting those donations... college devs, thanks for the balloons you gave out on valentine's day... I bet Two Bits Man is great it the sack so the chi omega chicks are expanding, what else is new? I for one hope that our sororities do not expand, most of them are fat enough as it is... Do not want! I thought Ali was a vegetable, not a goat... Steven Colbert on the 2nd Amendment: By well-regulated militia, the founders clearly meant for me to be able to hunt squirrels with Patriot missiles., Republican Response to Demo crats wanting their vagina's left alone: Ok, fine then leave our rights alone: Ok, fine then leave our downloads... I love the dude in Pink on last weeks cover photo... Damn you Newegg! Faster! Six Candidates for GA D-10 hmmm... SGA passing resolutions concerning games in GA politics -- GREAT!!! errrr...... Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? I think not.... I for one hope that our sororities do not expand, most of them are fat enough as it is... Do not want! I thought Ali was a vegetable, not a goat... Steven Colbert on the 2nd Amendment: By well-regulated militia, the founders clearly meant for me to be able to hunt squirrels with Patriot missiles., Republican Response to Demo crats wanting their vagina's left alone: Ok, fine then leave our Rights alone: Ok, fine then leave our downloads... I love the dude in Pink on last weeks cover photo... Damn you Newegg! Faster! Six Candidates for GA D-10 hmmm... SGA passing resolutions concerning games in GA politics -- GREAT!!! errrr...... Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? I think not.... I for one hope that our sororities do not expand, most of them are fat enough as it is... Do not want! I thought Ali was a vegetable, not a goat... Steven Colbert on the 2nd Amendment: By well-regulated militia, the founders clearly meant for me to be able to hunt squirrels with Patriot missiles., Republican Response to Demo crats wanting their vagina's left alone: Ok, fine then leave our rights alone: Ok, fine then leave our downloads... I love the dude in Pink on last weeks cover photo... Damn you Newegg! Faster! Six Candidates for GA D-10 hmmm... SGA passing resolutions concerning games in GA politics -- GREAT!!! errrr...... Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? I think not.... I for one hope that our sororities do not expand, most of them are fat enough as it is... Do not want! I thought Ali was a vegetable, not a goat... Steven Colbert on the 2nd Amendment: By well-regulated militia, the founders clearly meant for me to be able to hunt squirrels with Patriot missiles., Republican Response to Demo crats wanting their vagina's left alone: Ok, fine then leave our rights alone: Ok, fine then leave our downloads... I love the dude in Pink on last weeks cover photo... Damn you Newegg! Faster!
Women lose to UGA, beat Denver

Kirsten Flower, 6-4, 6-3 and Alison Silverio fell to Darya Ivanov, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

While the three remaining flights remained close, Georgia clinched the victory when Monika Danevich beat Christy Striplin in three sets.

In another one of the last three matches, No. 10 Kristi Miller played against No. 11 Natalie Frazier in a match that saw two sets go to tiebreaker.

While Miller took the first set, 6-4, Frazier won the next two, taking the second set after an 11-9 tiebreaker. Frazier won the next set and the match after a 10-9 tiebreaker.

Before dropping the match against Georgia, Tech had won the last two contests between the two teams. Last season, the Jackets beat the Bulldogs 6-1 at home. Georgia leads the overall series with 15 wins to the Jackets two.

Earlier in the week, Tech beat No. 51 Denver at the Bill Moore Tennis Center, 6-1. Tech won all but one singles match, with Flower falling to Ute Schnoy, 0-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Alison Silverio led the victory as a straight set shutout of Marisa Mechem, 6-0, 6-0.

Amanda McDowell, Christy Striplin, Whitney McCray and Kristi Miller all won their singles matches.

In doubles, the No. 18 Miller and McCray won their match, 8-3. Amanda Craddoc and Flower helped secure the doubles point with their victory, 8-4.

The Jackets will play the No. 13 Clemson Tigers on Saturday. The game will be at Clemson at 1:30 p.m.

By Hahnming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

No. 6 Tech lost to archival No. 12 Georgia in Athens on Wednesday, 5-2. The Jackets are just 8-3 on the season while the Bulldogs improve to 7-0.

Georgia swept all of the doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead. In singles play, Tech’s Amanda McDowell helped tie the score at one each with her straight sets victory over Naokoa Ueshima, 6-2, 6-2.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead again after Yvette Hydman beat No. 18

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Jackets blow out Lancers 75-46

Sunday’s game marked the end of the regular season for the women’s basketball team. They defeated Longwood 75-46 on senior day.

The two seniors, Stephanie Higgs and Kentrina Wilson, led their team and made their final game at Alexander Memorial Coliseum a memorable one. Both of them even came close to recording triple doubles by the end of the contest.

Higgs led with 17 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, while Wilson grabbed eight steals and added 11 points. It was also Wilson’s first game without a full cast on her wrist.

For Longwood, with an overall record of 8-20, the list of accolades was short.

Anna Steg managed a double-double, with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and was the Lancers’ most consistent performer.

The game was never in doubt for the Lady Jackets, as the team led from the opening tip and brought a 44-20 lead into the locker room.

The win gave the Jackets 19 for the season, the third most victories for the team at the Division I level. Both the 1992 and 2003 teams won 20 games, which Tech could surpass in the ACC and NCAA Tournaments.

By Jason Boral
Contributing Writer

By Robert Combs / Student Photographer

Tech closed out their regular season with a home victory over Longwood. They next play Miami in the ACC tournament on March 1st.

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performance for her, and a two RBI double by catcher Savannah Brown. The score stood at 3-1 in Tech's favor until Baylor tied the game in the fifth on a bunt single to third base by left fielder Tiffany Wesley and a sacrifice fly by first baseman Ashley Monceaux.

The game broke out in a big way when the Jackets put up seven in the sixth inning on the strength of a three run home run by Caitlin Lever and several RBI singles on their way to capitalizing on six hits and two errors to give Tech a 10-3 lead. Baylor did rally in the seventh to close the score to 10-7, but it would not be enough as pitcher Lacey Richardson came in to slam the door shut and record the final out with a pop out to the shortstop.

Fri: GT-8, Depaul-3

The Jackets took the lead early against the Blue Demons by putting up four runs in the first two innings, giving starter Sarah Wood a 4-2 lead up four runs in the first two innings, against the Blue Demons by putting shortstop. The final out with a pop out to the pitcher. Lacey Richardson came in to slam the door shut and record the final out with a pop out to the shortstop.

Sun: GT-4, Tenn. Tech-2

Tech went 3-1 in Friday and Saturday's action, which was good enough to put them into the gold bracket on the final day and in contention for the tournament championship. The Jackets beat the Golden Eagles 4-2, but there was nothing easy about it. Starter Tiffany Johnson threw another complete game, allowing no more DePaul batters to cross the plate. In fact, she was unable to get through her third inning even though she only gave up one earned run in her nearly three innings of work. Reliever Tiffany Johnson came in the third inning and stopped the bleeding for Tech, allowing no more DePaul batters to cross the plate. In fact, she went to pitch the remaining four innings and only gave up one hit. The game was sealed up for good in the fifth inning when the Jackets plated three runs to make the score 7-3 with the help of a Brittany Barnes three-run home run. Tech would score one more in the sixth to make the final score 8-5.

Sat: GT-3, UM-Ass-0

After going 2-2 for 2, on Friday, Tech started out their Saturday with a game against the No. 24 ranked Minutemen. In the 3-0 shutout victory, Tiffany Johnson tossed a two-hit complete game shutout from the circle, giving her a total of 12 innings of work with just three hits allowed for the season. All of Tech’s three runs came in the top of the first when catcher Savannah Brown hit a double to left center field to clear the bases.

Sun: UF-5, GT-1

The Jackets only loss of the weekend came against the Gators last Saturday afternoon. The game started out well for the Jackets when they struck first in the first inning with another RBI by Caitlin Lever on a single. However, Florida starter Stacey Nelson settled down and would only give up five more hits over the next six innings to throw a complete game while the Gators put up four runs in the next three innings to give Florida all the runs they needed to beat the Jackets.

The Jackets followed up their NFCA tournament championship game and continue the day by finishing the top 25, landing as the No. 21 team in the country.

The Jackets picked up another key performance from third baseman Brittany Barnes. In the first inning, she hit a three-run home run and continued the day by finishing 2-for-3 at the plate with two more RBIs to make five for the day. Right fielder Caityn Lever continued her hot streak by going a perfect 4-for-4, while scoring four times and driving in one.

Wed: GT-8, UT-Chatt-5

Tech shut down Chattanooga on Wednesday at home, 8-0. Whitney Humprey tossed her second complete game of the season, both shutout wins. For the game, the Lady Mocs only collected three hits while striking out three times. Leading the game by eight runs going into the sixth inning, the game ended after the mercy rule was invoked. Whiny Hallar had two hits in the game and 4 RBIs. She hit a home run in the first inning, bringing in her runs.

The Jackets won all but one of their games at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Their only loss came to the Florida Gators on Saturday.

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Jackets fail to hold off Cavs

The Jackets lost to the Cavaliers 75-69. Tech led for much of the second half, but allowed Virginia to end the game with a 13-0 run.

By Hahming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech lost its last road game of the season against then No. 24 Virginia on Sunday, 75-69. The win helped Virginia keep pace at No. 2 in the ACC conference standings and clinch a first round bye in the ACC tournament.

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Tech committed four turnovers during the second half, but battled back and took a four-point lead at the end of the first half.

Freshman Thaddeus Young led his team with 15 points. Javaris Crittenton and Ra'Sean Dickey were the other two Tech players to reach double figures.

As a team, Tech dominated the boards, snatching 35 rebounds to Virginia's 27 rebounds. The team also shot better overall from the field.

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Virginia's Mike Singletary shot just seven of 21 from the floor, but still scored 24 points.

Tech's defense allowed Singletary to score four of his points during the game-ending stretch.

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Tech behind EA’s March Madness 2007

By Hahnming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

While many students tirelessly pursue a degree at Tech, many graduates are putting the skills and knowledge they learned at Tech to good use out in the real world.

Joe Stalling, a graduate of Tech in 1992, has gone on to work for EA Sports and was a producer of the game NCAA March Madness 2007. He worked primarily on game design and project management.

The photorealistic game attempts to capture the small elements of Tech’s own Coliseum that only true fans would be able to recognize.

“We have recreated Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Tech fans will notice the student sections and where we place them in relation to the court. We usually check with not only Georgia Tech, but all schools for updated models and photos of the venue and then we use those as textures for the venues. The textures of the court will look authentic. We also have the Georgia Tech logos and the banners hanging from the stadium,” Stalling said.

Softball wins NFCA Leadoff Classic title

By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

The softball team was crowned co-champion of the NFCA Leadoff Classic Sunday. The tournament was held in Columbus, GA.

Baseball sweeps Dukes, loses to WCU

By Kafi Heegi
Staff Writer

The Tech baseball team, which dropped under .500 for the third time this season, looked to bounce back last week with a three-game series against the Duquesne Dukes of the Colonial Athletic Association.

Fri: GT-10, DU-2
Tech swung the bats early and often as they jumped out to a 7-1 lead after three innings. Junior catcher Matt Wieters hit a two-run home run, his third of the season, in the bottom of the first inning to give Tech a 2-0 lead. Senior co-captain, Wally Crancer, followed with his third home run to give the Jackets a 3-0 after the first.

In the third inning, the Jackets bats struck again, as sophomore first baseman Luke Murton smashed a two-run home run, his first dinger of the season. Then, junior Michael Fisher followed with a home run of his own, his second home run of the season, to give Tech a 7-1 lead after three innings.

There is no recollection of the last time Tech hit back-to-back home runs twice in one game.

Starting pitcher David Duncan (4.35, 2.1) used that offensive firepower to his advantage, giving up just seven hits over five innings and allowing two runs while walking one and striking out four.

Tech too simplistic?

Ar tonelico introduces a new battle system that attempts to improve upon previous conventions. Page 17

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
Tech celebrated the Chinese New Year with a gala of events at the Student Center last Saturday. Page 12

Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson pulled a play out of Deion Sanders’ playbook when he decided to run at the NFL combine in Indianapolis, Ind. this past weekend.

4.35
Tech was expected to take part in the official weigh-in and interviews, but surprised everyone in attendance when he decided to run.

After surprising everyone at the combine, Johnson made a trip down to Orlando, Fl. to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Tech-Bruces game on Wednesday.

While Johnson impressed attendees of the combine, teammate Reggie Ball disappointed them. Ball measured in at just over 5-foot-10. He was the shortest quarterback at the combine and ran a 4.8 40-yard dash.

Ball will have another chance to impress scouts when Tech holds Pro Day in the middle of March. The seniors will have an opportunity to showcase their abilities to prospective teams on those days. The event will not be open to the public.

209
Senior Roberto Castro won his first collegiate tournament in Puerto Rico after shooting a 209 in the 54 hole tournament. Castro finished the tournament tied with Stanford’s Joseph Bramlett at the top of the leaderboard. As a team, the Jackets finished in eighth place at one-over-par.