Clough shaves beard

Campus reacts to President’s shocking new look; factions stage violent protests, call for regrowth

By Hugh Diddit
Non-quiet news

After years of taking a back seat to more colorful racial heritages, white people are finally getting the recognition that many believe they have coming to them with the announcement today that there will be a Caucasian Awareness Week at Tech the first week of April.

"It’s really been too long in coming," said Chip Whittingham, head of the local chapter of Whites Against Social Prejudices (WASP). According to Whittingham, it is essential to offer this awareness week because it increases understanding of Caucasian achievements.

"In all of my years at Tech I have never seen anything cause such a commotion. I don’t know how Tech will go on." George P. Burdell Senior

Facilities plans Shaft increase

By Moshun N. Ocean
Chief Expander

The department of Facilities announced today its intention to enlarge the Campanile, known as the Shaft by many students, in the center of campus. The reason behind the move is to create a balance on campus. The Student Athletic Complex (SAC) received an enlargement as did the College of Computing (CoC), explained N. Zyte, the project manager.

With a larger SAC and CoC on campus, it is necessary to enlarge the Shaft to create a better fit. "Right now it just doesn’t feel right," N. Zyte said. "Our Shaft is simply too small when compared to our SAC and our CoC." The timing for the enlargement coincides with an overall expansion of campus.

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Caucasian Awareness Week starts this April

By Razor Burn
Four-blade runner

In the nearly two weeks since Institute President Wayne Clough announced he was going to shave off his trademark and meticuously groomed beard, the student body is still in shock and much of the campus remains a war-zone helter-skelter dominated by rival factions and utterly bereft of the rule of law. Currently the campus is split between two warring gangs. The first, the Sons of Beard, are a group of students who, in their grief over the loss of Clough’s beloved whiskers, became almost immediately violent at the news and gained an early advantage over other factions. The Sons of Beard demand that Clough re-grow the whiskers and only then will they cease the bloodshed.

The second major faction goes by the name of Beard Rising. They are a group of conspiracy theorists who saw the chaos as an opportunity to seize control over east campus. They appear to have no actual love of beards, just wanting violence against college students. Their leader is a man that goes by the name Crazy Larry, who in certain beard shaving is some sort of government conspiracy related to the Kennedy assassination.

Though most of the looting has tapered off, the administration strongly advises against students leaving their dorms, attending classes, or generally being on campus if they can at all help it.

Despite still maintaining a presence on campus, the Tech police have become a practical non-entity in the power struggle. The only remaining contingent of officers is currently holed up in Center Street Apartments trying to hold off assaults from an inexplicably militant Parking Department, as well as deranged students using rotten meat from the dining halls as a form of chemical warfare.

Though he hasn’t been heard from in nearly a week, when last we spoke to him, Clough could only express surprise and disappointment at the reaction to his shave. "Fine, I get it. You don’t like the new look, I am considering a grow back of the beard, but no promises. It is hard to be that handsome all the time," he said.

Although none have been confirmed, several rumors are circulating as to why he shaved in including that Mrs. Clough issued an ultimatum, he contracted lice, or that he was disguising himself for a sneak attack on UGA.
Chocolate helps treat TBS virus

By Willy Wonka
King of the chocolate

Researchers at the Health Center have made an astounding discovery in the past week, although the news may be unsurprising to Tech students. “This research will change the way we treat students, especially women, at the Health Center,” said Gene Pepper, director of the Health Center.

Medical researchers have isolated and identified the virus responsible for TBS, a disease often observed in female students at Tech. Once they have contracted TBS, most women find themselves in an unofficial quarantine state, avoided like the plague by male students. By identifying the TBS-causing virus, Health Services hopes to restore normal levels of inter-gender socialization to the Tech community.

The virus has been classified as harpivirus by Health Center staff. It germinates especially well in those who interact infrequently with their peers of the opposite sex because of a psychologically based feeling of superiority. Because Tech is composed of a majority of men, Tech women are more susceptible to TBS, which is why it was initially named after the Institute. Not only that, but it appears frequently in over-competitive CS majors, has reached epidemic proportions this year. Self-imposed isolation from the female sex in favor of solo video gaming, the most common symptom in men with reclusivirus, significantly contributes to the effects of harpivirus in women, and vice versa.

In the meantime, women who keep eating chocolate to balance their hormones and keep the harpivirus in check. Hopefully, by reaching a better understanding of the sources of TBS, Health Center staff will be able to find cures for harpivirus and reclusivirus, restoring inter-gender relationships on campus.

New policy bans headphones at Tech

By B. Boppin
Not so hoppy

Campus Police has teamed up with Tech ForSE (Forced Social Engagement) to implement a headphone ban on campus. The new policy will be known as BAD (Banning All Distractions). All headphones from music players to cell phones will be banned on campus and anyone violating this policy will be fined immediately. The overall goal of this initiative is to have students engage each other rather than walking around aimlessly from class to class.

Members of ForSE hope this new policy will make campus a brighter and happier place. With students not having any distractions, they may be able to carry on conversations with people they may or may not know.

“We feel it is a negative impact to have students walking around all day with wires coming out of their heads. It makes them look and act like robots,” said iPod E.Vil, president of Tech ForSE.

Campus police have also agreed to help enforce this new Institute policy. All officers have the authority to fine those with headphones in use, up to $100. After three violations, the offender will have to begin serving jail time. The new policy has received a mixed reception among students.

“I think it’s a great idea. I could use a couple more friends outside World of Warcraft,” said Whatta Noob, a second-year CS major.

“Well I guess I can wait until I get back to my room to listen to some DMB and Jack Johnson. I will really miss Fall Out Boy on the way to class,” said Timmy Generic, fourth-year Management and Anti-Social major.

Happy April Fools Day from the Technique
Ask Dr. Clough

Institute President Wayne Clough is more than happy to let students get to know their president just a little better. Clough answers any and all questions from students in this week’s segment of Ask Dr. Clough.

Mr. Johnny Cosine, fifth-year Sine Wave major asks:

Dr. Clough, as a student, I am urged to have recreational activities outside of school, to help keep me from becoming burned out. I was wondering what sort of things you did in your free time. Maybe finding out what you did to relax and enjoy yourself, I myself may become less stressed about the rigors I experience at Tech.

Dr. Clough’s response:

Well, Johnny, I’m glad you asked that. I feel it is very important for everyone to have some sort of a hobby. You know, even as a young student, I tended to get stressed and sometimes just needed a little distraction to help refocus my energy. I enjoy numerous activities other than my job at Tech. It ranges from flexing my athletic ability to showing off my nerdy side, and all other things in between. To let you get a better feel for my life outside of Tech, I have included some photos of recent activities I have enjoyed.

Here is a picture of me enjoying a nice game of Ultimate Frisbee. It got kinda hot that day, so I had to shed the shirt to stay cool.

Pads? Only UGA students need pads. I like sports where you can feel the pain and rugby gives me that joy. Everyone should try it once.

Well, this is me at last year’s DragonCon. I know, it’s the last place you would suspect to find me at, but I enjoy dressing as a Klingon.

This skydiving trip was my first. As you can tell I was a little nervous, but managed to jump with a little coaxing (pushing) from a buddy.
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Election season kicks off

By Corbin Pon

The campaigning period for positions within the Student Government Association (SGA) began last Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Lasting until the polls close on April 11, the campaigning period is the time for potential candidates to become known to the general Tech population in hopes of being elected to the positions of SGA Executive President, Vice-President or one of the 57 open seats in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHHR) that are up for grabs.

Candidates for President are Ann Patravai, the SGA Chief-of-Staff and Biomedical Engineering major; Alex Wang, SGA Academic Affairs Chair and a Chemistry major; Bob Worral, an Industrial Engineering major; and Mark Youngblood, a Computer Engineering major.

Candidates for Vice-President are Kyle Dreyer, an Aerospace Engineering major; George Ray, a Public Policy major; and Nion Peoples, an Economics and International Affairs major.

The Election Committee headed by Will Welch, SGA Elections Chair, oversees both the run up to the elections and the coordination of the elections themselves. “The Election Committee’s primary goal is to see that the elections are both fair and smooth.”

Will Welch
SGA Elections Committee Chair

they voted for without too much distraction for issues of cheating,” Welch said.

“During the run up to the election, the responsibilities of the Election Committee involve modifying the election code that governs the conduct of the candidates during the election. Although not a new addition to the election code, Welch noted that an emphasis had been placed this year on strengthening the rule for those convicted of election tampering. It is one of the ways that a student can find themselves permanently barred from participating in SGA. Not every rule violation will find the candidates barred from SGA, but the rules and requirements in the Election Committee’s primary goal is to see that the candidates barred from SGA, but the rules and requirements in the Student Center Programs Council, and Panhellenic Council, and various other sources.

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The fourth annual Auto Show will be taking place tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Instructional Center parking lot. More vehicles of all types owned by students, former students, faculty, staff, alumni, fans, and corporate sponsors will be on display. Classic antique cars, late model modified cars, 4x4 off road trucks, hot rods, cars modified with alternative power delivery (electric, fuel cell), daily-driven transportation, kits cars, race cars, concept cars, prototype cars, and all kinds of monocycles are all encouraged to participate.

CRC hiring expo

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The Campus Recreation Center is hiring for summer and fall positions. Learn more and apply at the Expo April 2-3. There will be six, 45 minute information sessions. Those interested must attend one session to be employed.

Committee secures TI for Sting Break

By Emily Chambers

The Student Center Programs Council recently released the performance line up for this year’s Sting Break. This years headlining performer will be Charles Joseph Harris Jr., more commonly known as the two-time Grammy winner and Atlanta native TI whose album “King” was released to huge success last year.

The big show is April 20 at 3 p.m. in Yellow Jacket Park. In keeping with TI’s Atlanta influence, the concert will be hosted by Atlanta comedian Louis Ramey. Ramey has performed on Night and Comedy Central. The opening act is the Georgia Tech pop group J.O.B. and NuvaRing, a contraceptive ring, are the trademarks Desogen and Ortho Tri-Cyclen, which are taken orally, have already risen in cost from $10 to $40 for a monthly supply. Approved users of NuvaRing will experience the greatest jump in price, as it has taken eff ect to cost 70,000 dollars, but the price was lowered; said Scott Bancroft, Concerts Committee Chair.

The funding for TI’s final $60,000 price tag came not only from the Student Center Programs Funds, but also from SGA, IFC, the Alumni Association, Panhellenic Council, and various other sources.

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This week’s question:
How do you feel about the rising cost of birth control?

I think there is enough housing on campus - 12%
I am not going to live on campus even with the new apartments - 15%
I think it is great - 61%
I don’t have an opinion either way - 12%

Last issue’s question received 54 responses.

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3/21/2007 6:49:00 hrs.
Location: College of Architecture
Incident: Report of stolen currency from a vending machine.

Health-Safety
3/20/2007 8:36:00 hrs.
Location: Montgomery-Knight Building
Incident: Report of a sick person transported by ambulance to Grady Hospital.

Traffic Accident
3/27/2007 17:20:00 hrs.
Location: Ferst Drive at Cherry Street
Incident: Report of a one vehicle accident. No injuries reported.

Location: Fourth Street at Bobby Dodd Way
Incident: Report of a hit and run vehicle accident.

Criminal Trespass
3/27/2007 19:00:00 hrs.
Location: Sixth Street
Incident: Report of a silver Mitsubishi Mirage entered.

Alarm
Location: Office of Information Technology
Incident: Report of an intrusion alarm.

3/22/2007 5:18:00 hrs.
Location: Institute of Paper Technology
Incident: Report of an intrusion alarm.

Information
3/20/2007 18:02:00 hrs.
Location: Techwood Drive

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twins?! Natty squared?
skeet=whore. get over yourself
lol
nobody likes andrew. why doesn't he get that through his thick skull?
im glad to see the technique has such a hard-on for women
there's a place, on Earth, where animals live. It is called our massive planet.
another screwed up crossword puzzle, another ruined Friday.
really, how hard is it to not screw it up?
why are GT Rugby players so hot?
crikey!
arrrrrrgh! me leverage!!
yes flame war via sliver!
dangst I don't care about your english usage bull
flame WAR
Notice that little -n? That means noun. You might notice that the OED doesn't have an entry for quality as an adjective.
dude, album guy is too scared to write another review!
the nique needs rss
that chick is fat
you should go have sex with a dictionary or somthing
all I want is someone to touch my pee pee
listen to WREK radio every day
"Tech women are very ... attractive" bull
attention mongering ladies
"I think it’s easier for a girl to succeed at Tech" THAT’S BECAUSE YOU HAVE BOO-BIES
I think there are messages encrypted in the random chalkings around campus
really?
"mag" - "breeder"
slivers are like the vent only cooler
why the heck do we need a mic man?
I bub you my boo (L)
Dear Mr. Jack, Why are you such a player hater? Why can't you simply pass/fail me on the down low so that I can graduate by tommorow?
The idiots are taking over?
I hate you Paul

See page 6 for more Slivers!
House debates 2008 FY budget proposal

By Emily Chambers
Contributing Writer

This week’s council clippings is a double header, covering both this Tuesday’s meeting, as well as the meeting on Tuesday March 13, just before break.

The meeting on the 13th started with the joint allocation to GT Ice Hockey Club to help pay for travel to a tournament. The bill passed unanimously with a vote of 35 in favor. The second bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to GT Club Tennis. The group was requesting 35 women’s and 25 men’s uniforms to replace the tee shirts currently worn by the players. The bill was passed by a unanimous vote of 32 in favor.

The third bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to Students for Justice in Palestine. The group was asking for $3,000 for the organization at Kennesaw State to present their cause. The bill passed by a unanimous vote of 32 in favor, but the bill was tabled to due the absence of a member of the group to present their cause.

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Greek Week Results

Fraternities
1. Theta Chi 305
2. Sigma Phi Epsilon 247.5
3. Delta Upsilon 230.2
4. Tau Kappa Epsilon 225.5
5. Pi Kappa Phi 223.2
6. Alpha Epsilon Pi 193
7. Theta Xi 186

Sororities
1. Alpha Chi Omega 269
2. Alpha Gamma Delta 259.5
3. Alpha Xi Delta 242.2
4. Phi Mu 190
5. Alpha Delta Chi 157
6. Zeta Tau Alpha 150
7. Chi Omega Tau 120.5

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two years have been rap or hip-hop artists, and the committee wanted to appeal to the musical preferences of all Tech students.

Bancroft revealed that the committee was originally interested in getting a rock group such as the Killers, who were ranked second in the polls, but they were unable to do so due to scheduling conflicts. Other rock groups considered were 511 and Weezer, but neither group was available.

The committee also looked into Kanye West, but he was ruled out due to a high price in the interest of providing a free concert.

Based on the results of the poll, the prices of the artists, and their availability to perform, the committee voted in favor of a free concert with TI, the “King of the South”.

Professor wins fellowship award

The names of the recipients of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation’s (ASF) Research Fellowship have been announced for 2007, and for this year, one of the winners is a Tech professor, Soojin Yi, assistant professor with the School of Biology, is one of the new Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellows and will receive a two-year grant amounting to a value of $45,000.

“The new Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellows are engaged in research at the frontiers of physics, chemistry, computational and evolutionary molecular biology, computer science, economics, mathematics and neuroscience and are faculty members at 52 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada,” stated the ASF in the award press release.

Yi’s general research direction is in the field of evolutionary genetics with concentrations in the areas of comparative genomics, molecular evolution and population genetics.

“It’s nice to get the fellowship. My understanding is that the [ASF committee] looks for originality in the research, it seeks to have some confirmation that people find my work interesting and original.”

“Since coming to [Tech], I have been working a lot on several problems in genome evolution... These problems that my group and I work on are traditional problems in the field of [evolutionary genetics]. What’s nice is that we now have a lot of other data from [other fields of study]... and when you combine this data with the thinking of evolutionary genetics, you see a lot of new insights,” Yi said.

One of the important distinguishing features about the ASF fellowship is that the award grant contains no restrictions. The fellows are free to pursue any research direction they choose and are allowed to apply the funds toward the purchase of equipment, professional travel expenses, technical assistance, trainee support and other expenses related to the fellow’s research.

“It’s nice that the money comes with no strings attached, allowing me to do whatever I want. I have been dreaming about doing some risky experiments that I couldn’t afford to do before. I’m going to test regions of the genome that have been traditionally considered junk. I will work to statistically test whether these junk regions actually have some functions or not,” Yi said.

Nominations for the ASF fellowship are submitted by the candidate’s department chair or other senior researchers.

The candidate’s qualifications, letters of recommendation and a summary of their significant scientific work are sent to the fellowship program committee. Over 500 applications are received each year with 118 fellowships being awarded this year. 35 fellows have even gone on to receive the Nobel Prize.

“I’m very grateful to [John McDonald, Chair of the School of Biology] for nominating me. There are a lot of great people at Tech, a lot of great young scientists. Maybe in the future, others will hopefully be nominated,” Yi said.

What's happening at Tech in the field of biology is really exciting and there are a lot of people coming who are broadly associated with my field of study.”

Soojin Yi
Assistant Professor in School of Biology

The 35 fellows are all categorized as young scientists under the age of 35 who are in the mid-career stage of their professional development and have already demonstrated an exceptional record of accomplishment.

The names of the recipients of the fellowships are as follows:

- Alpha Chi Omega 269
- Alpha Gamma Delta 259.5
- Alpha Xi Delta 242.2
- Phi Mu 190
- Alpha Delta Chi 157
- Zeta Tau Alpha 150
- Chi Omega Tau 120.5

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Summer reading selection begins

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Summer Reading Program will return for its second year with some major structural changes, the most prominent of which may be a name change. While the new name of the program has not yet been decided, one thing is for sure, it will not have the word ‘summer’ in it.

The program debuted last year with Jared Diamond’s Guns, Germs, and Steel, a book that examines the role of technology in the rise of civilizations. The program was focused toward incoming freshmen as a way to enhance their educational experience. It sought to increase student-faculty interaction and hosted panel discussions about the book.

This year, students on the program planning committee will restructure the program, based on feedback received from the freshman class. Surveys were sent to all freshmen who participated, and 650 students responded.

“The most common thing that students told us was that they did not like being forced to read a book in the summer,” Patrick Odneal, a member of the planning committee said. “Many of them looked forward to the summer before college as an escape from the summer reading programs of their high schools.”

This year, Odneal said, the book will still be available for purchase when students attend FASET, but programming will start a couple weeks later into the school year, so that students have the option of reading the book once on campus.

The planning committee is currently in the process of selecting the book and has narrowed down to nine finalist books. On Tuesday, the committee will choose the final three books and then during the following week will open up an online poll where each undergraduate can pick their top choice.

“The student voice is key on the book selection process. That’s why the program is here in the first place—for students. That’s why we want everyone to vote online next week.”

Of the nine books that are finalists, all are under 340 pages in length. The list includes a biography, a play, a collection of essays, and works of non-fiction.

Odneal said that no matter what book is chosen, there will be a big-name speaker coming to speak on campus. “Whether it’s the author or other noteworthy speaker, we want the speech to be the culminating event for the program, something students will remember for a long time,” Odneal said.

Last year, Diamond was supposed to speak on campus, but scheduling conflicts prevented him from visiting Atlanta. “That was a big let down last year. This year, we won’t choose a book without a confirmed speaker, and the event will be open to all students, not just to freshmen.”

Book selection timeline

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Design is expected to jump from $10 per month to about $20 sometime in the near future, although it is the only one of the three for which a generic version is available.

Ortho Tri-Cyclen, on the other hand, should remain at its current price until the end of the year since the pharmacy was able to secure a large supply at the original price. The pharmacy attempted to do the same with the other medications upon learning of the price jumps but was unsuccessful.

“Doctors determine which form of birth control a woman can take. They can’t just switch pills,” Brown said.

The price increases came as a result of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The act was signed into law by President Bush on February 8, 2006 but didn’t take effect until January of this year. Its intention was to reduce federal spending by cutting a number of growing costs in programs including Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

Before the act, pharmaceutical companies supplied the medications to certain health care providers such as universities and public clinics at a heavily discounted price. Now, the incentives for the companies to offer the drugs at the lower prices have been eliminated and without them the companies have removed the discounts rather than maintaining the lower price and taking the loss.

Besides switching in a form of the medication that costs less, students have the option of finding it from a different source. For instance, health clinics such as Planned Parenthood and health centers will offer free or at a low cost; however, there are typically certain income-level restrictions that vary based on several factors.

The pharmacy buys its medications through a variety of methods to attempt to get the lowest prices for students, including through group purchasing organizations such as the Minnesota Multi-State Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy, which is operated by the state of Minnesota but has thousands of participants all over the country. Groups are currently lobbying for college health centers to exempt from the Deficit Reduction Act.

Predictably, students have expressed displeasure at the price increase to which they or their peers will be subjected.

“I think it is terrible that the prices have gone up, because birth control is an important thing for college students to think about. There are a lot of students who are sexually active and pregnancy could obviously change a college student’s life,” said a female student who asked not to be identified.

“I think that if you are taking birth control because you are sexually active then they can’t complain because it is your choice. But for those who take it for other medical problems it is unfair to pay the extra cost,” said Georgia Davis, a third-year management major.

Summer reading selection begins
The fifth bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to GT Motor sports. A bill actually voted on in the Senate was the joint allocation to African Studies. The bill was written in response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster, and could go to the Gulf Coast to help with Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. The JFC recommended striking van rental and U-Haul rental and reducing travel expenses to $1,310.40. The Senate did strike the van rental from the bill, but left the U-Haul rental in the bill. The new total of the bill was $2,409.40. The bill passed the Senate.

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The final bill was the joint resolution FY2008 SAF Budget tier I, II, & III. The bill was postponed until next week.
SGA Elections Committee. Exceeding the five percent boundary results in an automatic disqualification from the election process.

"Any undergraduate student can turn in a violation form if they think the election code has been violated. The violation goes to the Election Committee... and we make a decision on whether we think the code has been violated and to what level was the code violated," Welch said.

Solutions to minor violations can involve the Election Committee asking the candidate to fix the problem and more severe violations can carry the punishment of disqualification or being barred from SGA.

"If someone who works for a candidate violates the code, the candidate will be held responsible for that person's actions. In extreme cases the actual violator would be held accountable for their actions, but in all cases the candidate will be held responsible," Welch said.

Other major issues that candidates must deal with are the areas of communications through email and in the residence halls. The distribution of election messages through email lists that any student is required to be a part of for academic purposes is prohibited. The policies for campaigning in residence halls are up by the Department of Housing. If a candidate does have an issue with a violation, they can be appealed to the Undergraduate Judiciary Committee. All information about the election process and its rules can be found at http://sga.gatech.edu/files/ElectionsCode_App.pdf.

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OUR VIEWS

CONSENSUS OPINION
Sting bling

Every spring semester, students look forward to Sting Break as an opportunity to enjoy fun, and often free, events on campus. For the past several years, Sting Break has included a concert as the central highlight of the week.

Many students, especially graduating seniors, will be disappointed to hear that the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) has booked a rapper for the fourth year in a row. T.I. will perform this year, succeeding acts that have included Bubba Sparxx, Ludacris and Big Boi. Though students have enjoyed these concerts, there is always something to be said for variety. We would love to hear someone in a different genre than rap for a change.

SCPC claims to want and value student input for Sting Break, which is supposed to be for the students, even making a poll available online several months ago for students to rate which bands they would like to see and what they would be willing to pay if necessary. However, the final choice, T.I., was not even on the original list. SCPC should get students’ opinions for Sting Break, but they should then also utilize those opinions.

SCPC should make sure they only include viable choices on the poll they present to students. They could also start the process earlier, as most artists have their schedules set long in advance and become more difficult to book closer to the date.

If SCPC cannot get any of the students’ choices for a Sting Break band, they could easily put together a concert of smaller bands from different genres, which would therefore appeal to a greater percentage of students on campus. Ideally, a concert with three or four bands would have at least one band to appeal to each student.

A Sting Break concert with smaller bands would work much more smoothly than the current setup. Not only that, but SCPC would have the option of using Yellow Jacket Park as the concert venue like they did for Sting Break 2004, since smaller bands would not have the security issues that performers such as Ludacris have with Yellow Jacket Park.

Also, Yellow Jacket Park has much more intimate, outdoor feel compared to the Coliseum, where the Sting Break concert is currently held. The Coliseum is difficult to fill anywhere near capacity for the concert and subsequently feels empty and far from festive. It is also much less central to campus so students are less likely to just drop by and stay for the event.

SCPC is on the right track for Sting Break, but it seems they have gotten stuck in a rut. In the future they should add variety, and become more difficult to book closer to the date.

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It would be too much of an understatement to simply say that community service is a good thing. The power of individual civic action, undertaken in the spirit of philanthropy and in the hope of improving some part of the world, is inestimable.

Nowhere has this been more apparent than in past and current Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, a FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency, or “Failure to Effectively Manage Anything” as it has been nicknamed by the disillusioned, has proven inefficient at best and useless at worst, and government aid has largely petered out into broken promises and lethargic bureaucracy.

Ask anyone in New Orleans or Biloxi, and they will tell you that volunteers are the main force of outside support behind community reconstruction. The disaster seemed to especially touch a nerve in the younger generation—ours. At the time of the report, 18 million 18- to 28-year-olds had donated time volunteering in Katrina relief and recovery, and over 10,000 college students had sacrificed their spring breaks to volunteer in the Gulf region.

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This week’s Focus section highlights community service on campus and spring break trips that students have taken all over the country and all over the world to help the less fortunate. That, combined with the plethora of volunteer opportunities available on campus, makes it clear that the spirit of service is alive and well among Tech students. Interest and action in service has generally increased in America, with the number of recorded volunteers jumping from 59.8 million in 2002 to 65.4 million in 2005, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service. However, awards and impressive statistics aside, it is still action that comes from the heart that matters, and increasingly, that is just what seems to be missing from service—heart.

Last week, the New York Times published the community service article “A better society? Or a better resume?” the title of which seems to perfectly capture the possible drying up of a true humanitarian impulse and the movement towards a more compulsory service. The article focused on the unspoken mandate that high school students need to show community service on their college applications, and some philanthropic endeavors have become window-dressing for resumes rather than real efforts to improve and build a community.

It would probably not be too much of a stretch to see this trend extending beyond the realm of high school applications. How often have a celebrity’s philanthropic actions been suspected of having less than the best intentions and being more of a publicity stunt? Or a business giant’s much-touted commitment to service been called a public relations ploy to woo more investors into its pocket and to quiet community outcry against another commercial eyesore? It seems that public image and self-promotion are the real concerns, and service is only a convenient means to those ends.

Some would undoubtedly argue that any service, even if undertaken for the wrong reasons, is still a step in the right direction. That may be true, but I am of the mind that any act of voluntarism, if missing true passion and dedication, will not make much of a difference in the end.

This is not to say that there are not people out there, as well as students on campus, who genuinely care about and become committed to any number of good causes. The tremendous support that volunteers are bringing to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts is one example of where heartfelt service is having an impact—nobody doubts face masks and hazmat suits for hours of exhausting work in smelly, water-logged enclosures if they’re not dedicated, and the results of their service can be seen most clearly in annual reports, but in the grateful faces of Katrina victims.

However, I have little patience or sympathy for anyone trying to polish up a resume with a few lines of empty service. In an interview for the aforementioned New York Times article, a guidance counselor named Scott White described the most giv ing man he knew: “He devoted his life to others and demanded no at tention. That’s community service.” And that’s the kind of service I hope to see more of.

Jenny Zhang
Focus Editor

Community service requires heart

“Sting bling” by Hillary Lipko, Managing Editor

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Quote of the week:
“No man need a vacation so much as the man who has just had one.”
—Elbert Hubbard

Sting Break 2007 - Party with your 99

By David Chen, STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Legislation births control users

Two years ago or so, Congress devised the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. It was meant to reduce the government’s spending, primarily by cutting funding for programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Bush finally signed the Act in February, but it didn’t take effect until this January.

Personally, I’m not going to go on an überpolitical rant about how this country’s government could better spend (or save) their dollars. Instead I will touch on a part of this act that is most likely to directly impact college students.

In the past, drug companies have basically given away their products to college clinics knowing that, through government incentives, they would recoup much of this cost. Through this act the government is essentially penalizing pharmaceutical companies for offering their products to low-cost health centers. In doing so, the Act makes it highly improbable that any college health center will receive drugs at discounted prices. Now that the government-funded incentives have been removed, drug companies are no longer going to continue offering their products at little or no cost. Though the Act eliminates the incentives for all types of medication, the prices of oral contraceptives, or birth control pills (BCPs), have undergone the most drastic increases.

The drug companies’ decision to no longer offer greatly discounted drugs to college campuses is very short-sighted. We all know that college students tend to live on a budget. Often a very tight budget. (Think of those friends who, despite all odds, have thus far consumed only ramen noodles and Dr. Thunder soda since stepping on campus and have miraculously avoided any vitamin deficiency-related complications, at least thus far.) Students like these may not be from low-income families, but their parents are likely not paying for much more than the basic room and board fees associated with a dorm. Their funds are limited, and the increase is likely to really hurt them.

One can see how increased drug costs could easily dissuade potential BCP users. Instead of purchasing the pricier pills they will likely choose condoms or other less costly alternatives (pill & pry, cycle beads, to name a few). I mean do you really think Ramen Noodle Girl is going to fork out another $20 bucks a month to stay on the same pill? That’s like six weeks worth of dinner! And even if she could, would she?

Those currently on the pill will likely switch to the less expensive generic forms (when available), and in an ironic twist, the drug companies, in their attempt to be spending-savy, will lose more money.

By drastically increasing the out-of-pocket expense for oral contraceptives, drug companies are alienating customers who would likely purchase the products for years to come. Because college is the first time that many women go on the pill, it is during this time that they are most likely to find the pill that best suits their body chemistry and then stay with that brand until they’re ready to pop out some pups. The pharmaceutical companies seem to be short-sighted in their assessment of the situation, calculating only the immediate costs associated with providing reduced-cost pills to students.

If, instead, major drug companies would look into the long-term financial implications of providing their products at lower prices, they would likely find that the cost of providing these women with low-cost pills during college would create loyal customers who would continue to use their drug after graduation. Local paying customers.

There is a rumor circulating that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are considering revising the law to exempt college health centers. I think such a move would be mutually beneficial for both the pharmaceutical companies and college females, and I hope to see it go into effect.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Asian community should contribute to society

Having chaired and been president of over 16 non-profit organizations in my lifetime and being Chinese, I can proudly say I paid my dues to society without any Asian organization affiliation. Asian awareness promotes division, not unity. All the Asians that live in America are part of the American environment, and though they should not forget their heritage, they certainly should not flaunt it either.

I made a conscious choice early in my lifetime that I would not be a part of any Asian-oriented group. Asian events are rarely well-publicized in the general populace and rarely attract anything other than minimal diversity.

If you had a better understanding of the politics behind Asian organizations, you will find a level of greed unparalleled in the Caucasian community.

The Vietnamese community

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Lindsay Deal Entertainment Editor

RETURN TO CONTENT
CultureFest’s focus on fashion disparities

The CultureFest last year was beautiful—a great way to learn about campus. I took my seven-month-old daughter with me and she enjoyed it. This year I took my 18-month-old niece, who loves music and dancing. I told her all day that we were going to see people dancing and hear a lot of music. I even invited my sister and her boyfriend. I told them that we would see folk dancing from many different cultures.

I was completely disappointed, even offended. I knew that there was going to be a fashion show, but since I was a part of Tech’s CultureFest I just assumed it was going to show traditional outfits of different countries or customs. But none of the two cultures (with Hindi and African-American influence) were okay, although too lenient on Fiji’s style. If she knew we were going to have to sit through so many designers, each lasting around 15 minutes, I don’t think we were going to see too little traditional dancing, I would have never gone.

In the first half I saw other models coming out with clothing that were there to show their children something that you can hardly see anywhere else during the year—a mixture of the different cultures on campus showing their grace and diverse styles.

Some of us left after the introduction. I wanted my daughter to see the people dancing, because I’m Nepalese. I thought it was a great idea, but she didn’t leave before. After that performance came another designer, I was just mad, so I left the show and shut the door, and to my amazement the last model I saw had her behind pretty much naked. I just stepped back and invited my sister and her boyfriend, and for them to have that seeing.

We left after two hours, and my daughter had only seen two groups dancing. If the reason behind these things is that there were too few performers, I don’t have anything against fashion, but not if it showed into my child’s mind badly. I couldn’t find a 45-minute show, rather than three hours something that you are not expecting. I don’t have anything against music, but not if it showed into my child’s mind badly. I couldn’t find a 45-minute show, rather than three hours something that you are not expecting. I don’t have anything against articles, but not if it showed into my child’s mind badly. I couldn’t find a 45-minute show, rather than three hours something that you are not expecting. I don’t have anything against fashion, but not if it showed into my child’s mind badly. I couldn’t find a 45-minute show, rather than three hours something that you are not expecting. I don’t have anything against music, but not if it showed into my child’s mind badly. I couldn’t find a 45-minute show, rather than three hours something that you are not expecting. I don’t have anything against articles, but not if it showed into my child’s mind badly. I couldn’t find a 45-minute show, rather than three hours something that you are not expecting.
Serving it up

Tech students may be known for their strengths in solving complex differential equations and coding in obscure computer languages, but they are also active in their communities and dedicated to giving back. From tutoring elementary school children in Atlanta to rebuilding Gulf Coast communities that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina to volunteering in health clinics in the slums of Costa Rica, Tech students are making an impact locally, nationally and globally. The following is a closer look at volunteerism on campus and across America.

National

Community service has become something of a national trend in the last few years, not just on Tech’s campus. Volunteers in the U.S.

The above graph from the Corporation for National and Community Service shows how the number of reported volunteers in America jumped from 59.8 million to 65.4 million between 2002 and 2005.

Campus

Tech offers a number of service organizations for people to get involved in, a sampling of which is listed below.

- [Alpha Phi Omega](#) Co-ed service fraternity that hosts weekly service projects.
- [Circle K](#) Service and leadership development organization for college students.
- [Dance Marathon](#) Annual overnight philanthropy and fundraising event.
- [Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB)](#) Assists developing countries.
- [Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC)](#) Works to improve children’s health.
- [H.E.R.O (Hearts Everywhere Reaching Out)](#) For children. Improves life for kids with AIDS.
- [Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience (MOVE)](#) Organizes local service projects.
- [TEAM (Tech Enhancing Atlanta Metropolitan) Buzz](#) Sponsors TEAM Buzz service day.
- [Tech Beautification Day](#) Aims to beautify campus and the surrounding community.
- [Unites for Sight](#) Administers eye exams to and collects glasses for those in need.

Healthy solutions in Costa Rica

Student volunteers work to improve health in poor community overseas

Costa Rica is well known for its beautiful beaches, fun Latin atmosphere, vibrant nightlife and popular spring break destination status. However, for ten members of the Tech chapter of the Foundation for International Medical Relief for Children (FIMRC), Costa Rica also means dire poverty, poor sanitation and inadequate healthcare.

Students from FIMRC-GT spent their weeklong spring break in Alajuelita, Costa Rica, a slum community just outside the capital city of San Jose. They worked at the local health clinic, volunteered with the residents there and supported several healthcare initiatives.

Among other things, the group prepared and performed informational skits in Spanish for local children, educating them about the human body and its organs as well as how to avoid disease and injury within the community. Additionally, volunteers conducted door-to-door surveys in Alajuelita to determine water sanitation practices in each home, as well as a mini-history of the health of each child in the community for the local doctors to refer to in dispensing treatment.

“Students were also able to shadow Dr. Christian Elizondo (a local doctor) as he did his rounds providing medical care to sick and injured children. We (also) added a local doctor to the child-friendly décor by painting a great big Buzz on one of the doors along with the GT logo,” said Justin Bucbolz, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major and leader of the trip.

Outside of the service portion of the trip, participants also had opportunities to interact with people in the community and enjoy the local sights.

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Students blaze service trail on Appalachian

By Manu Raghavan
Staff Writer

While most college students do- ing any traveling were southbound towards the beaches of Florida or the streets of Savannah for St. Patrick’s Day this spring break, some chose to take the road less traveled by exploring the Appalachian Trail as part of GT Trailblazers.

The group, which was composed of a team of nine participants and three student leaders, chose to combine an outdoor adventure with a service project focused on environmental awareness to create an alternative spring break plan that involved nine days of trekking, rock drilling to create a slope and sharing stories of their experiences.

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The trip was funded in part by the GT Honors Program Student Challenge Fund, REI Atlanta, the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the participants themselves.

Boyd explained how he got started with the idea of planning an alternative spring break this year. “Over the previous Christmas break, my friends and I spent a week backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. Enthusiastic about tacking to the road less traveled by, we wished to become a chartered organization on Tech campus,” Boyd said.

According to Boyd, the purpose of the trip was to not only backpack on the trail but to also serve the community. For the service part of the trip, the Trailblazers helped to build a side trail on the Appalachian Trail.

“By building the side trail, we hoped students would better appreciate the hard work put into building and maintaining the Appalachian Trail, as well as the hiker camaraderie surrounding the trail and its community,” Boyd said.

Apparently, an exposed portion of the Appalachian Trail’s hillside was prone to severe erosion. Apart from being an environmental hazard in itself, the erosion also proved to be an inconvenience to hikers.

“Prior to this project, hikers had to stumble and slip on a steep hill to reach the ATC [Appalachian Trail Conservancy] Visitor Center within the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park,” Boyd said.

Alleviating the erosion was the goal of the service project. To do so, students assisted the ATC and Potomac Appalachian Trail Club by cutting steps out of sandstone along the hillside.

“[We had to] use steel hand tools and gas-powered rock drills, transport (the cut steps) via an overhead cable system, and lay the steps on the slippery slope,” Boyd said.

Led by two Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) volunteer guides, the Trailblazers worked and played hard, even when things looked difficult. “Backpacking in the rain for two days made for muddy trails and wet gear, but our spirits remained high,” Boyd said.

“As Chris, one of the PATC members, said during a toast on our last day of trail work, it was the Appalachian Trail that brought together a diverse group of students and volunteers who would not have met otherwise,” Boyd said.

“Since the first day of trail work, we noticed a sense of camaraderie and a love for the Appalachian Trail among the volunteers. While eating dinner together after a full day’s work, the [PATC] volunteers entertained us with anecdotes from their hikes and advised us on our future hiking endeavors,” Boyd said.

The trip leaders are looking forward to expanding GT Trailblazers. “Currently, we are an independent and student-led alternative spring break program. After the trip, we will look into applying to become a chartered organization on Tech campus,” Boyd said.

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Engineering hope in Honduras
ESWB members travel to La Lima to solve water distribution problems

The Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB) group checks the water level at the well in La Lima, Honduras during spring break.

By Aileen Li
Staff Writer

For the average college student, spring break usually means parties, beaches, sunsets, no work and more parties. When it comes to finding a place to go for spring break, popular destinations like Panama City, Destin and Cancun come immediately to mind. While that may be true for some students, spring break 2007 was something different for the team of six Tech students affiliated with Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB), who traveled abroad to Honduras in order to save the community of Colonia Los Angeles in La Lima, one drop of water at a time.

ESWB is an organization of dedicated students whose mission is to design and implement sustainable solutions to improve the quality of life in developing nations. The organization was initiated in February 2004 when the pumps failed. After its first site assessment in 2005, ESWB went back to Honduras again to do a second assessment last week.

“Carrying out a project with a serious distribution problem. The water tower has poor structural stability and the distribution pipes are badly maintained and repaired, and therefore unable to provide water to some areas of the community. Also, water quality is of serious concern,” Pagnon said. “During the course of the trip, the team surveyed the whole community and performed tests on the well to determine discharge rate, recovery rate and other important information to determine the sustainability of the well. Furthermore, water quality tests were conducted to determine total coliform content, iron and pH levels. Lastly, a public health campaign was introduced along with conducting a structural analysis of La Lima’s water tank and geotechnical work.”

“This work was needed in order to save the community from the tragedy of water distribution problems, which would improve [La Lima residents’] quality of life by providing them safe water,” Pagnon said.

For the dedicated team who willingly gave up spring break for service, site assessment was no easy task. The work conducted in Honduras involved time coordination, organization as well as much physical labor. The team worked from 6 a.m. and sometimes 4 a.m., to at least 10 p.m. every day. However, team members claimed they very much enjoyed every aspect of the trip. “My favorite part was seeing the impact of our work. The people of the community have been waiting for us to complete the project for years. It was truly a life changing experience for me,” said David C.

The ESWB team hopes to have the well fixed by the end of the year. They are currently looking for a long-term solution to the water quality issues that the community is facing. With the support of the community, the group is confident that they will be able to continue their work and bring much-needed change to La Lima.

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MOVE offers alternative spring break opportunity

By Swan Liu
Contributing Writer

For most students, spring break generally consists of lounging around the house, relaxing and perhaps the occasional road trip to the beach. However, for some Tech students, spring break is the perfect opportunity to do something active as well as beneficial for the community while, of course, having fun doing it.

About two years ago, Tech student Colleen Gootee, who had heard about alternative break programs at other campuses, decided to try and bring more of this type of volunteerism to Tech through the implementation of Alternative Spring Breaks, which involve spending the week helping the community instead of partying.

Now these service-oriented spring break programs are steadily gaining popularity on campus.

For this year’s Alternative Spring Break, which was facilitated by MOVE (Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience), a group of 17 student volunteers journeyed to Pearlington, Miss., where they helped a local community by building and painting transitional shelters, called shotgun houses, as well as other necessary structures such as sheds.

The trip was led by student leader Whitney Rudin, a third-year Biology major, and is the second one that the group has made, the first one having occurred during last December’s Alternative Winter Break.

“One just love giving back. Normally I would be sitting around my house doing nothing and thinking about it, so this is really something fun and interesting for me to do. It’s a way to meet new people at Tech, and it’s a way for me to give back to the community and make a difference,” Rudin said.

Other than Rudin, four out of the 17 participants who went to Pearlington were also veterans of the Alternative Break programs, and two others had previously gone on similar volunteer trips.

Their community partner is a Pearlington grassroots organization called One House At A Time, which works in conjunction with community volunteers and other local organizations to raise funds in order to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.

“One House At A Time goes and builds these shotgun houses to get victims out of the FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] trailers until they can rebuild their own houses. Getting out of those small, dingy trailers, which are often times smaller than Tech dorms, really is one step up and offers hope to individuals,” Rudin said.

The MOVE group left Sunday, March 18 for Pearlington. The volunteers built a watershed for a family that was living without a place to dry laundry, wash dishes or even take clean showers. The students also worked on other projects, like painting houses, and were able to build temporary storage sheds, where belongings could be stored while the remnants of damaged houses could be torn down and readied for rebuilding.

“Some may wonder where the glory in lies in these seemingly small volunteer projects. However, the truth remains that two years after the hurricane, people are still trying to get back on their feet, and there are still those who need first-step assistance such as having their houses gutted, which is fundamental to rebuilding. “There was food dropped to [the 2004 Indian Ocean] tsunami victims literally a day and a half after it hit. It was really weird, because we were in America, and with New Orleans and Mississippi, it took the Coast Guard weeks to get in,” Rudin said.

Rudin is already looking ahead to future alternative breaks.

“I think we’re probably going to be doing a book drive or a book-sell soon in order to raise money for the next winter break program. Our real goal is to have enough sponsors and raise enough funds to do two trips next spring break,” Rudin said.

For spring break 2008, the group hopes to have both an international trip as well as a domestic trip. The international trip would take at least a year to plan out and execute, and the project itself might involved anything from building houses to helping school kids.

“Alternative breaks is an awesome program. Everyone should do one at least once in their Tech careers, because it’s not only just a lot of fun, but it really helps you learn about giving back within the community as a whole. You don’t just give back to impoverished communities far away from you, but it’s really about learning how to help everyone around you. I want everyone to come back and feel that within a community setting, everyone is helping each other, and that’s how strong communities are built,” Rudin said.

Kristina Alemany and Ashley Korzun work to help in Pearlington reconstruction efforts as part of a recent alternative break trip.
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everyone working diligently and knowing that we were gathering all the necessary data to be able to make a big difference in this community. Seeing us accomplish so many things in such a small amount of time was incredible and just (shows), what can be accomplished when you combine skill and passion,” Pagnon said.

“The only complaint may be that the [Colonia] kids had absolutely no mercy on us when we played soccer with them one evening,” Pagnon added.

“I really was able to use the engineering experience I have and feel as if I am helping other people,”

Diana Sosa
First-year CEE

I was also able to learn a lot from the other people on the trip who have a lot more experience than me,” said Diana Sosa, a first-year Civil and Environmental Engineering major and vice president of ESWB.

Although the trip had to come to an end, ESWB members say that they will go back to Honduras as soon as they receive enough funding.

In addition to working with the water system in Honduras, ESWB has also been involved with service projects in Atlanta, taking part in many Habitat for Humanity projects, organizing a Home Park cleanup and participating in various Tech service projects.

For more information, see www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ESWB.

A community meeting explains the water situation to residents of Colonia Los Angeles in the City of La Lima, Honduras. Colonia has been having problems with water distribution and poor water quality.
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles return to big screen

By Joseph Caubo
Contributing Writer

It has been a long time since we’ve seen our favorite half-shelled heroes. After failed attempts to bring the Turtles to a newer generation with a live-action show and a cartoon series, Warner Brothers decided to display them on a medium that brought about their original success: the silver screen.

TMNT, directed by Kevin Munroe, brings about the next installment of a generation classic in CGI form. Stylistically drawing from the dark nature of the original comics, Imagio Animation Studios really captured the essence of the Turtles while giving it a great, fresh spin.

It wouldn’t be much of a stretch to say that the level of detail and look of this movie rivals the work done by the handhelds, which were also in 1001 Arabian Nights. She explains that the Erazor Djinn is destroying the world one page at a time and that the Erazor Djinn is destroying the world one page at a time.

Although Leonardo and Raphael were very well-developed, the rest of the characters were flat in comparison. With the absence of screen time of Donatello and Michelangelo, the movie did not have the same comedic relief that we came to expect from the original series.

Also, April O’Neil mastering martial arts and Casey Jones losing some of his edginess leave huge holes that are in desperate need of attention.

When going to see this film, I suggest that you try to find your inner 10-year-old and relive your youthful days when you used to watch the original Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

The film aims towards bridging the nostalgia of our generation with the newer generation. It wouldn’t be much of a stretch to say that the level of detail and look of this movie rivals the work done by the handhelds, which were also in 1001 Arabian Nights.

Besides, I can’t wait until the hinted next installment of the saga, which foreshadowed the return of some of the older foes.

Lovable blue hedgehog now on Wii

By Nathan Garcia
Staff Writer

Sega’s mascot, Sonic the Hedgehog, seems to have fallen on hard times. Ever since the Dreamcast days, Sonic’s games seem to be changing too much, and not in a good way. Adding superhuman characters and insipid stories while ignoring what made the games enjoyable in the first place, developers Sonic Team have failed to impress.

This Sonic game controls differently from past games. Sonic accelerates automatically down a set path while the player steers Sonic by tilting the Wii Remote. Jumping involves holding down and releasing a button, and holding the button down longer makes Sonic jump higher. Pushing the Remote forward quickly in the air makes Sonic dash, which homes on silhouettes of enemies and targets. Collecting rings allows Sonic to take hits without dying, and the only loss 20 rings when hit. Collecting pearls allows Sonic to perform Speed and Time Breaks, which gives him a boost of speed or slow down respectively. Some RPG elements are also added to the game. Clearing stages awards experience points which unlock additional abilities that Sonic can use.

The controls sound like fun at first, but controlling Sonic is more awkward than it should be. Sonic accelerates slowly and controls sluggishly without using unlockable abilities, which creates unnecessary difficulty. Also, the fact that Sonic down after jumping breaks the flow of the game.

Each stage is one massive level that gets divided into smaller parts. The flow of the game.

Great American Trailer Park Musical

Actor’s Express will be performing the Great American Trailer Park Musical, directed by Freddie Ashley. The setting is Armadillo Acres, which claims to be Florida’s most exclusive trailer park. Shows will open at 8:30 on Fridays and Saturdays. More information is at www.actorsexpress.com.
Band releases live Atlanta album

By Jonathan Saethang
Staff Writer

It is typically very difficult for a "has-been" to make a comeback into the mainstream (Come on, just take a look at the shameless plugs in VH1’s The Surreal Life). Many artists take a hiatus to reinvent themselves before re-emerging into music scene while others stick to their guns. Flickerstick, an indie rock band from Dallas, is definitely attempting the latter.

Flickerstick is no newcomer to the indie rock scene, having been featured at the winning band on VH1’s hit reality series Bands on the Run in 2001. The publicity from the show increased the breadth of Flickerstick’s fan base, and the passionate vocals all blended together very nicely.

"Whatever Gets You Off" sounded like a throwback to 60’s era rock in the tradition of The Eagles. The slow tempo and mournful, caterwauling vocals blend nicely with the classic guitar solos.

A surprise comes four minutes into the song when the tempo picks up abruptly. The last minute of the song sounds like the earlier three minutes in fast forward, but somehow, it closes the song in an excellent way.

Helicopter" turns up the speed to liquidity right from the start with a very fast-paced drum and guitar combo behind the catchy, heavily-enunciated vocals. "Oh I / oh I gotta think it over / get on the dance floor..." The fast tempo, however, gets a little tiring about halfway through the song.

"Chloroform" is attention-catch- ing because of the morbid lyrics. The chorus gets a little tiring about halfway through the song.

The slow tempo and mournful, caterwauling vocals blend nicely with the classic guitar solos.

Perhaps the most impressive thing about the track is the balance each of the elements had—the variance in pitch between the three electric guitars, the low strumming of the bass, and the passionate vocals all blended together very nicely.

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Not for Tourists Guide revises Atlanta edition

By Kenneth Baskett
Senior Staff Writer

Like many of us here at Tech, I'm a Georgia native. But I can sympathize with the huge population of students here who know nothing of Atlanta beyond the boundaries of 1-75, Tenth St, Marietta St and North Ave. Born without any real sense of direction, I rarely venture off our lovely campus without the aid of a trustworthy friend to navigate. So, when I came across the Not For Tourists Guide to Atlanta, I jumped at the chance to review it.

The book also eschews the approach of traditional tour guides for a format that is highly portable, extremely informative and more useful to denizens of a city. Rather than simply informing the reader of landmarks and special points of interest, the NFT Guide gives details on the things students here need to know about: where to eat, government infrastructure, how to get around and what to do on the weekends. The NFT Guide to Atlanta, now in its second edition, weighs in at over 350 pages of maps and information about the city. Although it won't fit in a jeans pocket, it is definitely small enough for a briefcase, purse or backpack.

The book also features a handy elastic strap that you can use to keep it closed or hold a specific page. After all the necessary publishing information and a note from the editors is a map of the entire Atlanta area broken up into 51 neighborhood zones. On the following pages are detailed maps of each zone marked with various points of interest, like banks, pharmacies, liquor stores and clubs.

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Third annual MomoCon draws 2,600 gaming fans

By Andrew Guyton
Copia Editor

Some students decide to spend their life savings over spring break, taking trips to Maui or Cancun, where their pants are the next morning. For the few students who stayed at Tech over the break, the Student Center was the place to be on the weekend of March 17-18.

There, one could find Tech’s very own anime and gaming convention, MomoCon, founded and coordinated by Jessica Merriman in Management 95. In its third year, MomoCon is free to attend, a far cry from the large membership fees associated with more established conventions.

This year’s MomoCon had its highest attendance to date with approximately 2,600 people attending on both days, about 800 more than last year. By the time the convention was over, the Student Center food court was open both days, a huge boon to hungry con-goers.

The student center was absolutely packed with con attendees who dressed as pretty much anything imaginable. During the costume contest Saturday afternoon, I remember seeing characters from most popular anime series (Naruto, Trigun...), pretty much anything and everything that’s ever been on Cartoon Network, and then some.

Other cosplay staples were represented as well: a few Links, Klingons, Final Fantasy and Kingdom Hearts characters (including a Nobuo and creepy fury could be found in the mix of people. The costume contest on Saturday was held outside due to the somewhat limited seating available in the Student Center. The weather was unreasonably cold, an unpleasant surprise after excellent weather before and after the con.

The pace of the contest felt rather slow, probably because I so desperately wanted to get back inside and warm up. The costume contest ended up being about an hour shorter than scheduled, for which I am thankful. Despite the poor weather, the costumes themselves were fascinating.

Amongst the most impressive and memorable costumes that could be found were panels that investigated certain aspects of golemplay; examples of the 23 panels and 17 workshops scheduled were “Constructing 101” and Brent Allisson’s “Anime in Academia.” Also available were anime music Charity Auctions. An even better draw than the panels, though, is the dealer’s room. A Mecca for gamers, the dealer’s room draws you in and tempts you with rare items only found at conventions. Inside the Student Center...

“...we will do whatever it takes to make our next MomoCon the best one to date.”

Jessica Merriman
MomoCon founder

Ballroom, one could find wiry shutters, rare game soundtracks, games, art and for those such as myself who played Ragnarok, adorable plush Pomings.

Alongside of the dealer’s room, the third floor rooms were filled with tables, gaming consoles and excited gamers. Popular choices were perennial favorites Super Smash Brothers Melee and Soul Calibur 3, along with relative newcomer Gears of War.

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Two Bits recalls the exciting complications of sleep deprivation

To begin: I’ve pulled all-nighters before. Dear God, have I pulled all-nighters. I know the ghoul- late-night thirst for caffeine to keep you coding for just one more hour. (It always feels like it’ll take just one more hour, doesn’t it?) I’ve felt the 4:00 a.m. blood sugar crash.

And I know the subtle beauty of walking home in the pre-dawn light with morning birds greeting one another and the new day starting all around full with bursting with terrible knowledge that you’re only going to get a couple of hours sleep before you have to get up and demo the sad, cobbled together monster you just spent 36 straight hours working on. So, when I talk about all-nighters, let’s not get me confused with some wet-behind-the-ears sophomore taking 2:35 for the first time. I’ve been there, man. This isn’t a novelty act for me. I’ve stared into the face of hell and seen only Emacs staring back at me.

I know what I’m freaking talking about. So you can just take your “Dude, I was up until three last night,” and shove it where the C doesn’t shine.

Anyway, last week, I had the occasion to spend my first night in my new lab at the Klaus Building trying to get a demo ready for a professor I’d been studiously lying to about my progress for the past six weeks. It really wasn’t supposed to be an all-nighter, but then again, are they ever? As most of these things are prone to start out, I thought I had a plan. I was going to do A, B, and C and be home in time for House, but then things started to go wrong. Packets wouldn’t send, payloads would be empty for no reason, and so help me God I have no idea why, but when I turned off the debug print statements, the whole thing just blew up.

Eight o’clock became midnight. Midnight became two. Nothing worked. It never does, and to top things off, I ran out of money for caffeine early in the night, so after about ten o’clock, I was running entirely on my own steam, a terrifying prospect for any CS major.

It was some time around three [am] when I started losing it. I jumped at sounds, ducked under my chair when the A/C came on, and seriously considered how secure my lab would be in the case of a zombie attack (I gave it a C+).

In fairness, though, that A- sounds like a freaking jet engine, and I worry about zombie attack even when I’m not half awake and staring down a deadline with a mountain of half-working code to the front of me. In the end, however, I managed totally just enough to have a halfway decent demo ready by morning and still have enough time left over to get a few hours sleep, not that any of it mattered. The professor had another meeting and forgot to email me. She never saw a damned thing.

But that’s not even the worst of it. The worst part, the most degrading, put me in my place, smack me right in the fella’s offense of the whole experience was limp out of the building, feeling pretty good about myself and my ability to cobbled together something from essentially nothing. 

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72. Flintstones' pet
73. Milkshake ingredient
74. Yield
75. Part 4 of quip: 3 wds.
78. Egyptian deity
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80. Upright in carpentry
81. Fish sauce
82. The quince, e.g.
83. Birthplace of Marco Polo
84. Attention
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86. Car of a kind
87. Column molding
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95. Leave unmentioned
96. Beige
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98. Horned viper
102. Doze

There is nothing that can replace the joy that a loved one or cherished friend brings to our lives. Each year the Georgia Tech community is deeply saddened by the loss of members of our own community. This spring we will honor the memory of each student, faculty, and staff member who passed away in the last year. Join us as we pay tribute to these individuals who have touched our lives and contributed to our community.

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a little creepy. The rest of the song was not particularly impressive, but not bad either.

Looking at the album from a wider perspective, Flickertick slips into the indie rock genre with hints of pop and punk.

Flickertick sounds like U2 mixed with Coldplay, although far more generic than either of the two aforementioned bands.

The band does a fine job in most songs of blending the guitar melodies with the accompanying drums, but many of the rhythms and beats sound similar from song to song.

Yes, Flickertick is indeed a “good” band, they undoubtedly possess great skill in their instrumentation and excellent vocals.

However, the band is not as original as they could be with skill of their caliber. It would be nice to see them step further out of the box to come up with a new, novel sound.

visiting, with vital information like pricing and transportation. The “Colleges & Universities” section features a detailed map of the Tech campus, containing everything but the recently acquired North Avenue Apartments. The “Parks & Places” section even extends outside of Atlanta, covering as far north as the North Georgia Mountains.

If you would prefer to search by topic rather than location, the back half of the book is divided into arts and entertainment, sports, transit and general information.

The sports section provides locations to participate in just about any sport you might want to, as well as all the venues around to watch professional events. In the transit section, you can find information on every type of transportation in Atlanta (besides the Stinger), from driving to the free Buckhead shuttle.

If you haven’t spent your entire life in Georgia, the general information section offers up vital data that people living here need to know, like essential Atlanta songs and local landmarks.

Even if you have lived here since birth, you can use the list of hotels and Fed-Ex locations. Of special interest to Tech students are the lists of 24-hour services, wi-fi hotspots, and self-storage centers.

If you’re looking for a night out on the town or a place to take a date, the arts and entertainment section has everything you could want to do. In addition to the lists of venues around the city, the book also highlights trendy or landmark locations.

This book is great for new Tech arrivals as well as seasoned veterans. And, at only $16.95, almost everyone needs to know, like essential Atlanta songs and local landmarks.

Despite the supposed setting, it shows off the Wii’s graphical abilities and the camera, which has been problematic in past Sonic games, actually keeps up with the action and transitions nicely. The music is a little less exciting, it is good for what it is, but it quickly becomes tiresome.

Overall, Sonic and the Secret Rings fails to capture what made the series so popular in the first place. It is a step in the right direction, and certainly better than the PS3 and Xbox 360 Sonic titles, but by artificially creating challenges Sonic Team shot themselves in the foot. Fans of Sonic will likely enjoy it, but otherwise there is nothing that truly makes it feel like a Sonic game other than the fact that he is in it.

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I love my little Koko No Means No…. Why can’t you accept that???

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Tech wins first ever NCAAT game

By Michael Clarke
Sports Editor

The seventh-seeded women's basketball team entered the NCAA Tournament without a tournament win in school history. That changed as the Jackets defeated the Blue Demons of DePaul 55-54 in the first round. The team would not advance past the second round as they fell to the second-seeded Purdue Boilermakers 76-63.

Jacqua Williams led the Jackets past the Blue Demons with 10 points, six steals and a career-high three blocks. She added four more steals against Purdue to bring her season total to a school record 95 steals. Williams passed current season total to a school record 92 that was set during the 1993-94 season.

Chioma Nnamaka hit a jump shot with 26 seconds remaining in the game to bring the Jackets to within one point. After DePaul's Jenna Rubino stepped out of bounds, the Jackets had one final possession. After Jill Ingram missed a jump shot, Williams was there for the rebound and put the back to give the Jackets the 55-54 victory and the first NCAA Tournament win in school history.

Nnamaka and Janie Mitchell had identical double-doubles as both scored 14 points to go along with 11 rebounds. Stephanie Higgis was there to get just two points after missing all eight of her shots from the field. As a team, the Jackets struggled from three-point range. Tech shot just 4-for-22 from behind the arc.

The Jackets were unable to recover from their thrilling victory two nights earlier as Purdue led Tech from start to finish in a 76-63 Boilermaker victory. Purdue led by as many as 24 points in the first half. In the first half, Purdue shot 19-for-24 from the field to open up a 49-29 halftime lead. The Jackets outscored the Boilermaker's 54-27 in the second half, but the deficit was too large to overcome.

Higgs led the Jackets with 27 points and seven rebounds. Mitch-Hamilton had another 16 points and 6 rebounds before fouling out of the game.

Coach McChelle Joseph said, "We are excited and thrilled that she has earned this recognition. She's played a huge role for us this season."
Jackets win two in routs of the Eagles

By Asif Heegui  
Senior Staff Writer

Tech, who was ranked as high as No. 11 in the national polls to start the season, is not ranked by any publication with a 9-9 (1-2) start.

The Jackets looked to get back into the mix when they faced three games against visiting Boston College.

Sophomore David Duncan (4-2, 1.30) started of the weekend with a complete game shutout of the Eagles, leading Tech (10-9, 2-2 ACC) to a 10-0 victory over Boston College (9-7, 1-1 ACC).

The sophomore was dominant as he struck out a career-high 10 batters and retired the first 12 batters he faced.

"Coming into the ballpark I felt bad today and usually when that happens, something good is going to happen," Duncan said. "I just went out there and battled.

The feat was the first since 2003 when Chris Goodman shutout Virginia on three hits in Charlottesville on March 11 in a 1-0 victory.

Junior outfielder Danny Payne led the Tech offense with a 3-for-4 day with two runs and two runs batted in while Michael Fisher and Wally Crancer each dropped in two hits.

Tech scored six runs in the third inning to break the game open and featured on Eagles' starter Kevin Boggs.

"I think we are coming along and we're getting better every day. We might be losing some games, but we are really competitive in the games we lose," Crancer said.

In the second game of the series, Tech received another great pitching performance. This time, John Goodman pitched a career-high six innings to lead the Jackets to a 5-2 victory over Boston College.

Goodman (1-0, 1.30) allowed just one run on six hits in six innings to pick up his first win of the season.

Danny Payne came on to close out the game to notch his first save of the year.

Even though the Jackets were held to four hits, an opposite field hitting in the first inning staked Tech to a 5-0 lead which held up in the end.

Tech could not complete a sweep of Boston College as the Jackets fell two games to the Eagles in the finale, 9-2.

Tony Sanchez of Boston College drove in three runs while going 3-for-4 to pace the Eagles.

Senior Ryan Turner (1-3, .432) started and went 2/3 innings and allowed just two earned runs on two solo home runs, but was the tough luck loser.

Cranmer, Fisher and Brad Feltes each had two hits on the afternoon as Fisher and Wally Crancer paced Tech with two hits each. Payne and Patrick Long each

The Jackets scored 17 runs against the Golden Eagles while allowing just 11, including a shutout of Boston College in the first game.

The ACC conference is regularly considered one of the top in the nation, with arguably the most talent in the conference.

Playing in college has been a different experience for all three, with different fans and larger environments.

"In high school, everyone was smaller and weaker than you. In college, you really have to use your mind," Peacock said.

While all three differ in the way that college and the conference have changed the way they play, they are unanimous on the hardest place to play.

"Duke is the hardest court to play on. The Cameron Crazies are pretty crazy," Young said.

"Duke lost at Cameron Indoor Stadium this season, 71-62. The team lost in 2004 and has won just five times over.

"Their fans are right there on the court. They get out there an hour and a half early and they try and mess with your mind and get into your head," Crittenton said.

The Jackets' ACC road schedule included wins to Duke, Florida State, Clemson, Virginia and UNC.

All of them hope to apply all that they have learned in the season to a successful sophomore season.

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The Jackets were probably happy to win that match as quickly as they had because the team had to turn around and play 15th ranked Florida State the next morning. Tech had a more dominant game against FSU than Miami. The 15th ranked team in the nation had trouble keeping up with the Jackets as they dropped just one point to the Seminoles.

The Jackets’ Kristi Miller and Whitney McCray quickly beat Nicole Slater and Carolin Walter, 8-3. Taking the deciding point was Alison Silverio and Amanda Craddock, who defeated Lauren Macfarlane and Ana Rynarzewska (8-5).

For good measure, Tarryn Rudman and Kirsten Flower finished the sweep of the doubles matches with an 8-4 win over Miranda Foley and Jessica Wente. The Jackets also had little trouble in singles.

Christy Striplin gave Tech a 2-0 lead with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Carolin Walter. Craddock pushed Tech to within one point of the win with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Rynarzewska. Kristi Miller faithfully clinched the match with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Nicola Slater.

As far as the rest of the matches go, Rudman beat Miranda Foley 6-3, 6-1 for Tech's fifth point. Tech's only hiccup came against Lauren Macfarlane when she beat Silverio 6-4, 6-4.

Tech’s Amanda McDowell cemented the match when she beat Jessica Wente 6-3, 2-6, 10-7. With the win, Tech moved to 4-1 in the conference with FSU falling to 2-5.

Tech played a non-conference game at the University of South Florida last week. No. 8 Kristi Miller and Whitney McCray beat Shadisha Robinson and Courtney Vernon 8-4.

The Jackets clinched the doubles point when Kirsten Flower and Tarrren Rudman beat Liz Cruz and Icin Rak 8-5.

They swept the doubles matches when Amanda Craddock and Alison Silverio beat Gabriela Duch and Jessica Sweeting, 8-4.

After the doubles matches, Miller easily beat No. 27 Robinson 6-1, 6-1. Christy Striplin followed suit with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Icin Rak.

Freshman Amanda McDowell clinched the match for the Jackets with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Liz Cruz. After Tech had already won the match, Gabriela Duch defeated No. 21 Kirsten Flower 7-5, 7-5.

The Bulls continued to play competitive even with the match was out of their hands; Amanda Craddock beat Jessica Sweeting 7-5, 7-6 (2-0) in the ACC. Courtney Vernon closed out the match with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Alison Silverio.

Tech looked to continue their torrid winning streak as they take on No. 12 Duke Blue Devils.

The next days saw fewer points as the No. 17 Duke Blue Devils. Duke's Peter Rodrigues eased edged 7-6, 6-4 by Joey Atas. Jordan Delass fell in another tough battle to Kiril Dimitrov 7-5, 6-2.

Tech dropped its third straight conference match to drop to 2-3. Prior to the weekend, Tech lost at Miami, at No. 5 Baylor and at Furman.

Tech returns to the court this Friday in Blacksburg against Virginia Tech.
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Baseball shuts out Ga. State

Burns threw the second complete on the season. The Panthers were held to just five hits and Tech was victorious against Georgia State, notching their 12th victory.

Red-shirt sophomore Eddie Burns threw the second complete game shutout in four games for Tech as the Jackets (12-10) picked up a 3-0 midweek victory over neighbors Georgia State (11-12) on March 21.

Tech only had one hit on the evening while scoring three runs, all on RBI walks in the third inning, to pick up the victory.

Danny Payne led off the inning with a double into the right center field gap. Michael Fisher was then hit by a pitch when the walk parade began.

Georgia State’s Bobby Bennett walked Matt Witters to load the bases and then walked Luke Murton and Brad Feltes to drive in Payne and Fisher before Bennett was pulled.

Robert Hasenfelf then came on in relief of Bennett and promptly walked Patrick Long, the first batter he faced before retiring the side.

That was more than enough for Tech starter Burns as he scattered five hits and allowed no runs in nine solid innings of work. Burns was very economical as well, as he completed the feat in just 91 pitches, 62 of which were strikes.

“I felt great today, finally after coming off of surgeries during my freshman year,” Burns said. “We looked at their hitters again and where we got hurt last game and came back and tried to exploit what we saw their weaknesses were.”

Along the way, Burns picked up his first collegiate win and tallied a career-high four strikeouts in the longest outing of his career.

The Jackets drew eight walks on the evening despite picking up just one hit in the win.

The last time Tech was one-hit was on Feb. 18, 1992 when Jamon Deal of UNC-Ashville accomplished the feat at Russ Chandler Stadium in a 2-1 Jacket victory.

The singles play did not start off any better than the doubles ended. Tech’s Rassow-Kantos lost handily to Taylor Fogleman, 6-2, 6-2. That point gave Carolina a 6-2 lead before Bennett was pulled.

Fisher before Bennett was pulled. The Jackets did take one match as Eric Molnar and Luke Rassow-Kantor, 8-5, to clinch the doubles point.

The men’s tennis team continued their skid, losing both games against their conference opponents. Tech has now lost five in a row and 11 of 13.

Tennis continues struggles in ACC play

By Akshay Amarani
Contributing Writer

Ever since the men’s tennis team started 2-0 in team play, the Jackets have struggled to find a way to beat any team. After winning at Clemson on March 7th, Tech has dropped five straight matches, including three straight conference losses. Last weekend, Tech took on North Carolina and Duke in Atlanta.

In the first match against UNC, Tech struggled to close out the Tarheels. The Heels won the first point by taking the doubles matches. Duke’s Taylor Fogleman and Chris Kearney beat the Jacket’s Jordan DeLass and George Gvelesiani in a close match (9-7). Carolina’s Lenny Gullan and David Stone defeated Eric Molnar and Luke Rassow-Kantor, 8-5, to clinch the doubles point.

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Jackets lose to Deacons 114-112 in 2OT

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Tech lost in the opening round of the ACC tournament to Wake Forest in a double-overtime thriller, 114-112.

In a game that saw offensive explosions by both teams, 12 players combined to score in double figures. Thaddius Young led the Jackets with a career-high 30 points and Harvey Hale scored 22 for the Deacons, including 21 in the two overtime periods.

The game had 23 ties and 14 lead changes in all, with no team extending their lead to double digits at any time in the game.

Wake Forest shot an astounding 69.6 percent on three-point shots, sinking 16 of 23. They converted five of seven shots in the overtime periods.

Tech also shot well from beyond the arc, hitting four of five in the extra time.

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Tech ended the game on an 8-3 run extending the Jackets' lead scorer Hale hit two free throws with 12 seconds left to extend the Jackets' lead to double digits at any time. Thaddius Young led all players with 30 points.

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The Deacons' lead scorer Hale hit consecutive threes at the end of the second overtime, lifting the game at 111-111 and then hitting a three to give Wake Forest the lead at 114-111.
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Eggs in the Easy

Next week’s CCF Eggs in the Easy event will include an Easter egg hunt as well as services. Page 11

Mutant Turtles Top Box

After a 14-year absence from the big screen, TMNT introduces a new generation to our favorite turtles. Page 17

Women’s Tennis beats ’Canes

By Alkshay Amaraneni
Contributing Writer

Since losing to arch rival Georgia on the last day of February, the women’s tennis team has won five of six. Their only loss was a close 4-3 game at No. 15 Clemson. After that loss, the Jackets have been on a streak. They have not lost more than two points in any match, including matches against four ranked teams.

This past weekend, the Jackets faced probably their toughest test of the season since their indoor championship run. On Saturday, Tech took on the No. 9 Hurricanes of Miami. The match was headlined by No. 1 Audra Cohen versus No. 7 Kristi Miller. Unfortunately, Miller was unable to take Cohen and Tech dropped that singles point. The only point Tech lost before the top-10 match up was the doubles point. Miller and Whitney McCravy easily beat the duo of Audrey Banada and Romy Farah 8-5.

Amanda Craddock and Alison Silverio were unable to close the point as Audrey Cohen and Caron Seenaith edged them 9-7. Miami clinched the doubles point when Laura Vallverdu and Kirsten Flower 8-4.

Tech did not drop another singles point as they won the other five matches. Before the headline match, Tech’s Amanda Craddock beat Romy Farah in a quick 6-3, 6-1 match. Gina Sabatino dropped another singles match for the Hurricanes when Amanda McDowell beat her 6-2, 6-2. Taryn Rudman continued the Tech onslaught as she ran by Claudia Wastlowski 6-3, 6-2. That point put Tech up 5-1.

Cristy Striplin clinched match point after that with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Seenaith which made the top-10 match up meaningless. Alison Silverio also beat her opponent, Audrey Banada, in a touch match.

They split the first two sets, Silverio was able to pull out the win with a 14-12 super tie breaker win for the third set.

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Baseball goes bald for good cause: The baseball team shaved their heads as part of a campaign that raised $8500 for the St. Baldricks Foundation to use toward children’s cancer research.

Baseball sweeps Ga. Southern

By Michael Clarke
Sports Editor

The baseball team returned the favor after being swept by Georgia Southern in the season opener. The Jackets defeated the Eagles 10-2 on Tuesday and 6-2 on Wednesday.

In the first game, Eddie Burns struck out a career-high 10 hitters to pick up his second consecutive win. He held the eagles to just two runs on seven hits in eight solid innings. Danny Payne and Michael Fisher each had three hits. Luke Mumton and Patrick Long went 2-for-4 from the plate and scored two runs for the Jackets.

On Wednesday, the Jackets used nine pitchers that combined to hold the Eagles to just two runs on 6 hits. Payne and Fisher each had two additional hits for the series. The Jackets will resume ACC play this weekend against the Maryland Terrapins as part of a six-game home stand.

Men’s season ends against UNLV 67-63

By Michael Clarke
Sports Editor

The Tech men’s basketball team’s stay in the NCAA tournament was short-lived as UNLV knocked off the Jackets 67-63.

In the first half, UNLV jumped out to an 11-3 lead with the help of three consecutive three-point shots by Michael Umeh. He ended the game with 19 points after shooting 5-for-12 from the field and 4-for-8 from behind the three-point line.

Kevin Kruger got me some open looks on some drives and kick outs. He found me, and I was able to knock down the shots. The Running Rebels increased their lead to 14 with three and a half minutes to go at 29-15. The Jackets rallied to close the half to a 33-26 UNLV lead at the break.

The Jackets shot just 9-for-28 from the field and 7-for-13 from the free throw line in the first half. In the first two minutes of the second half, the Jackets cut the UNLV lead to two at 35-33, and they played the Running Rebels close until they tied the score at 46 all with 11 minutes left to go in the game.

Over the next four minutes UNLV went on a 9-2 run to open up a lead. The Jackets did not take their first lead until Anthony Morrow hit two foul shots with 3:32 to play to give the Jackets the 58-57 lead.

The Jackets were unable to get several key rebounds down the stretch and UNLV eventually won 67-63.

Rebounding was the turning point of the game. I think there were several opportunities with 1:11 to go. They missed three or four shots, and we just couldn’t get our hands on the ball,” said Tech Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

For the game, UNLV out-rebounded Tech 44-41 with both teams having 20 defensive boards.

Rebounding is all about will. You have to have the will and heart to rebound out there. They had a lot more will than we did under the glass,” said Junior Jerome Smith. D’Andrew Bell and Alade Aminu led the Tech offense after they each scored 11 points.

For the game, the Jackets shot 25-for-61 from the field while UNLV shot only 19-60 from the field, but the Running Rebels also shot 8-30 from three-point range to advance to the second round of the tournament.

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Junior - Forward