Tragedy awakens best of Tech community

Tuesday, campus came together to express condolences and remember those who were lost during the tragedy at Virginia Tech. The ceremony was a fitting close to a year that was marked by controversy, and for those who are about to graduate, a college career marked by tragedy.

In two weeks, graduating students will walk across a stage bringing to a close the past few years of their life that were overshadowed by tragedy and controversy. During the past four years, students have experienced Katrina and the relief efforts, the tsunami in the Pacific, the Bluffton Baseball team accident, and now, most striking, the deaths of 32 collegiate colleagues at a sister university in the ACC.

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Best Off-Campus Hangouts: Moon Dog's
Student Pick: Someone’s House
A popular Tech hangout in the Buckhead area, Moon Dogs caters to the college crowd and is one of the only places around that can provide entertainment nearly every night of the week. With nightly contests, live music, plasma TVs and four bars, Moon Dogs is sure to keep any college student entertained.

Best Trivia: Rocky Mountain Pizza
Student Pick: Rocky Mountain Pizza
Rocky Mountain Pizza offers some of the best trivia for Tech students to enjoy. Within walking distance of campus, Rocky Mountain caters to a mostly Tech crowd. The questions are challenging enough for any of the most pop culture-savvy students. Rocky Mountain is a long-standing Tech tradition that every student should try. Plus, there’s free beer for each week’s winners.

Best Concert Venue: Tabernacle
Student Pick: Tabernacle
The Tabernacle is the best concert venue in the area for Tech students, for many reasons. It within walking distance from Tech, and it also boasts some of the best bookings in town. The seats are cheap, usually less than $30. Because of the small size, those seats also come with a great view and good acoustics, no matter where you are. A church converted into a music venue—genius.

Best Off-Campus Restaurant: Figo
Student Pick: The Vortex
Located just a short distance from Tech, Figo offers some of the best meals for a remarkably cheap price. Nestled in a small building on Howell Mill Road, Figo boasts crowd-pleasing food, trying to taste their excellent selection of Italian food. If you are ever tired of cooking, Boyardee, and need real Italian food, then Figo is the place to go.

Best Tech Tradition: When the Whistle Blows
Student Pick: Ramblin’ Wreck
When the Whistle Blows is a fairly new tradition, having only been around for about a decade. It is a memorial service that gives everyone on campus a chance to reflect and pay respects to those who passed over the past year. This ceremony gives us a chance to come together to celebrate and remember their lives.

Worst Tech Tradition: Stealing the ‘T’s
Student Pick: Construction
Stealing ‘T’s off campus or on other people’s campuses is perfectly fine and acceptable and actually pretty funny, but when all of the ‘T’s on campus are missing, it gives the campus a semi-decree look that does not do us justice. By breaking ‘T’s off of every facade and sign around campus, it makes us look shoddy and run down, as if we would prefer to be living just southwest of campus.

Worst Dorms: Tripples
Student Pick: Tripples
Anyone who experienced the triples this year knows why they won worst dorm. Traditional housing is already cramped as it is. Two’s company, but three’s a crowd. Congrats to those who kept their sanity in those dorms.

Best Green Space: Skiles Walkway
Skiles Walkway is the main artery on campus that connects the student center to the classroom buildings around Tech Tower. This space allows student organizations to publicize their existence to the campus as well as to come together for special events—or even have camels graze.

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The Best (and Worst) around Campus

Best Place to Study: Flag Building
Student Pick: Library
A nice, quiet place to study without the traffic of the student center or the library. What more could one want in a study space?

Worst Place to Study: Stinger
Student Pick: Stinger
The worst place to study has to be standing in a moving vehicle jammed full of people being pushed and poked every inch of the journey. If you are so desperate about a test that you are resorting to cramming on the Stinger, you might as well just put the book away and enjoy the ride, because you have already failed the test.

Best Coffee on Campus: Einstein’s
Student Pick: Einstein’s
Einstein’s is perfectly situated in the heart of campus in the Student Center Commons, and it has the added benefit of not having non-students complaining about their non-fat, non-dairy lattes.

Best Campus Restaurant: Junior’s
Student Pick: Junior’s
Junior’s, an old classic, served up delicious burgers, chicken wings and fries this year, earning it our coveted award. Besides, nothing brightens a stressful day more than a smile from Tommy.

Worst Campus Restaurant: Jackets
Student Pick: Dining Halls
Jackets is a newer restaurant to campus, and although it has great ambiance, the quality of the pub-style food does not correlate to the prices. Not only that, but the service is often slow.

Best Dining Hall Meal: First day of school
Student Pick: Connect with Tech meals
The dining halls always treat the students to a delicious feast the first day before starting the tasteless monotony that the students will experience for the rest of the semester. Students should take advantage of the first meal while they can.

Worst Dining Hall Meal: Any Saturday
Student Pick: Any Saturday
While normal meals in the dining halls are nothing to cheer about, the meals on the weekends are particularly distasteful. The main dining hall staff have gone home for the weekend, leaving the students to pick at the leftovers—or worse—left behind from the previous week.

Best New Construction on Campus: Klaus Building
Student Pick: Klaus Building
It took a long time to complete, but the prime example of sustainable design in the center of campus is finally complete. Although there was a minor fire earlier this year, the Klaus Building is still the shining beacon of an ever-expanding and improving campus. Everyone is a little envious of the C5 department’s new home.

Best Looking Major: Architecture
Student Pick: Management
Architecture, also dubbed Archi-torture and “Arts and Crafts for Adults,” has one of the best male/female ratios on campus. Several studio sections, in fact, have more females than males. In and of itself, the Architecture ratio does not make the major the most attractive. However, the quality of people in that major speaks for itself. Architecture is a very artsy major that attracts a certain type of people. These people, while sometimes hindered because of long nights in the studio, like to go out and have social lives and mingle with the mainstream crowd.

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The Best (and Worst) of Sports

Rookie of the Year: Javarris Crittenton
Student Pick: Javarris Crittenton

A product of local powerhouse Southwestern Atlanta Christian Academy—the school also responsible for producing Dwight Howard—Javarris Crittenton headlined one of the three most heralded recruiting classes in Tech history. Crittenton did not disappoint in his freshman year, leading the Yellow Jackets to 21 wins and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. He also finished second in the ACC in assists, while co-leading the team in scoring at 14.4 points per game. Along with fellow freshman, Memphis product Thaddeus Young, Crittenton helped bring the “thrill” back to the Thrillerdome.

Best sports story: Calvin Johnson enters the NFL draft
Student Pick: Calvin Johnson enters NFL draft

Although he will be missed, Calvin Johnson declaring for the NFL Draft was the biggest news in Tech athletics this year. Our very own All-American will continue his career of mind-blowing catches in the NFL. Wherever Johnson goes, he will be sure to have quite a few Jackets cheering him on.

Best Female Athlete: Kristi Miller
Student Pick: Kristi Miller

For the second year in a row, tennis star Kristi Millerearns this award. Miller has remained in the top 10 of the FILA Collegiate Tennis Rankings since Feb. 21. She helped the Jackets to victory in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

Most underrated sport:
Women’s Tennis
Student Pick: Women’s Tennis

With big, money-making sports such as football and basketball, the smaller sports tend to be overlooked. But don’t let that stop you from cheering on the women’s tennis team. This past February, they captured the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship, while holding a top 10 ranking all season. The Lady Jackets also head into the ACC tournament with a No. 2 ranking, led by their star Kristi Miller.

Biggest sports letdown:
ACC football Championship
Student Pick: ACC football championship

The 2006 football season had its high points and concluded with the Jackets capturing the ACC Coastal Division title with a 9-3 record. With high hopes, the ACC Championship saw the Jackets take on Wake Forest. In a game that was dominated by low scoring, and inefficient offense, the Jackets could never overcome the Deacons, losing the game 9-6.

By Scott Medwody / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

sliver

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them are doing busy work 9-5...

A.J. Smith is a beast!

Barack Obama stole my heart and ruined my week.

gg housing sucks. Do they mean 3pm in PST or something?

The sub lady in Woody’s is a total nazi.

sophomores ALWAYS get shafted by GT. gg.

Is it possible for GT freakin’ housing to create a website that doesn’t crash all the time?

I saw SAM ELBROD scoping for poon.

A pretty girl said that guys at Tech need to have the brass to ask the girl out because the [few available] girls won’t “do it.” Ladies, show obvious interest and wait."I’ll do the rest, marry moo cow and muffins twistedsticks

Facebook didn’t actually change anything, it just looks different and there isn’t that creepy guy in the corner anymore

I can’t believe the college democrats got barrack obama...all the republicans ever do is sue the school

damn manatees won’t stop watching comedy central

mood swings stoped watching comedy central or gently caressing each other with their fins in public

you don’t have to always be in physical contact!!!

i can’t believe you printed my sliver last week, it was SO offensive, but i’ll try to beat it this week

sponsored by the AASU, i guess obama’s decided

despite the constant barrage of emails from barack

Greyhound

kristi miller

calvin calvin

i applauded those who can at lease decide if they want to be a nun or a slut… these in-betweener are totally lame...

i’m glad to see the college republicans are so concerned about the war against gays

those islamofascists are stepping on their turf

Erna - What do we all think about breast implants! definitely!

Hey Newbery, want to hit the club up tonight?!?

College Republicans are racist, ignorant and retarded!

Can we stop having awareness weeks? They piss me off.

I’m sick of the religious groups around here trying to cram it down everyone’s throat. You can’t prove your religion’s right, so STFU.

To my friends, professors and advisors...thank you for 5 excellent years!

See page 7 for more Slivers!
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Obama, Gore

speeches draw large crowds

By Craig Tabita
Assistant News Editor

The middle of campus is typically tranquil during weekend mornings, but it was a very different site this past Saturday when Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama held an Atlanta rally for his campaign at Yellow Jacket Park. Obama’s visit was not the only political actor on campus this week as former Vice President Al Gore spoke at the Ferst Center on Wednesday night. Both events drew large crowds from the Tech community.

An estimated total of 20,000 people came to listen to the senator from Illinois. The event was coordinated by the College Democrats and the African American Student Union in conjunction with the Obama campaign and emceed by Jessie Brenton, a fourth year Public Policy major and Obama campaign volunteer.

Although he was originally scheduled to speak at 11 a.m., it wasn’t until noon that Obama finally took the stage following an invocation by the Rev. Joseph Lowery and the singing of the national anthem by Alexandra Jackson, daughter of former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson. The Clark Atlanta University pep band was on hand to entertain the crowd during the delay, but they were clearly growing restless in their impatience until Obama finally appeared to thundering cheers.

Obama began by speaking about his background and early life. Born to a Kenyan father and a mother from Kansas, he graduated from Columbia University and worked as a community organizer before enrolling at Harvard Law School. He then practiced as a civil rights lawyer and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago before his election to the Illinois State Senate in 1996.

Both events were held in the middle of campus, which is typically tranquil during weekend mornings. Both leaders spoke about their backgrounds and early lives. Barack Obama began by speaking about his background and early life. Born to a Kenyan father and a mother from Kansas, he graduated from Columbia University and worked as a community organizer before enrolling at Harvard Law School. He then practiced as a civil rights lawyer and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago before his election to the Illinois State Senate in 1996.
Campus mourns Va. Tech tragedy at ceremony

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

Under a clear blue afternoon sky, students, faculty and administrators gathered around the Campanile Tuesday to commemorate those who lost their lives in the shooting at Virginia Tech Monday. Hundreds of students gathered to hear what Institute President Wayne Clough and Alison Graab, the undergraduat- e student body president, had to say on the issue, as well as to pay their respects to the students of a sister school in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Our prayers go out to the families of those who lost their loved ones in the events of yesterday. Many of us have friends at Virginia Tech and have heard from them through emails and phone calls, and my fam- ily and I are very close to Virginia Tech and my family lived in Blacksburg during that time,” Clough said.

Clough was dean of the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. While he was there, his office was in Norris Hall, the scene of the worst of the shootings.

“My office was located on the third floor of Norris Hall, just one floor above where yesterday, unbe- lievably, 30 people were killed in a classroom. I remember Norris Hall as a place of learning, where talented students and faculty met to share their joy for their teachers and for learning. It’s so incomprehensible how so many innocent people lost their lives doing what comes so naturally on a college campus, to fulfill a mission and purpose for which universities like Virginia Tech or Georgia Tech was created,” Clough said.

Graab also had a direct con- nection with the Virginia Tech community.

“Having grown up in Roanoke, Virginia and watching many of my high school friends go on to Virginia Tech and having seen how impor- tant Virginia Tech is to Roanoke, Blacksburg and all the surrounding areas, I want to say on behalf of my friends that I can’t imagine what they must be feeling right now,” Graab said.

Graab went on to say that she knows that all of our hearts go out to those at Virginia Tech, but none of us can imagine what they must be going through at this time.

“I know that all of the students here have them in their hearts and are thinking of them constantly. When we leave here today, I think the most important thing is to remember those who lost their lives yesterday, their friends, family and loved ones as we walk around campus tomorrow, not take for granted the relationships we have and things we have here,” Graab said.

Clough encouraged the crowd to learn from the tragedy to embrace life. “For those who lost their lives yesterday and for their friends and family, we must know that there is no other better to be privileged to use the opportunities that we have to make life better for other people. And even with the tragedies of Virginia Tech remind us that our lives are precious, they should be spent with a life well spent,” Clough said.

The words of both Clough and Graab rang clear because they had such a close connection with those directly involved in the tragedy at Virginia Tech. They spoke of their personal relationships with those affected by the events. One example of how they were directly affected was Clough speaking about hiring one of the professors who was killed during the shootings.

The shootings also struck a chord with Georgia Tech students because of the similarities between Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech.
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1996, where he served until running for U.S. Senate in 2004. During his Senate campaign he achieved national attention with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

He has received some criticism during his campaign due to his relative lack of political experience at the national level, but he turned that around to use it to his advantage.

“I haven’t been in Washington that long, but as I’m going around the country I’m hearing that people aren’t sure that’s a problem,” Obama said, in keeping with the general theme of his speech that America needs to “turn the page” on a political system he says is out of touch with American citizens who have grown cynical and disillusioned with their government.

He continued to describe various elements of his campaign platform in detail, focusing mainly on his opposition to the war in Iraq, his vision for universal health care, improving public schools, and his belief that America needs to work towards energy independence.

Having such a famous figure right on campus was a big attraction for many Tech students, even if they weren’t necessarily supporters of Obama’s campaign.

“I don’t feel like I have a top choice yet, but I had recently heard more about Obama, so I just came out to hear what he is for and what he is against, and didn’t want to hear the same thing,” said Stephanie Garner, a third year Industrial Engineering major.

Among the thousands of visitors to campus were students from other local institutions, Alisha Jones-Caldwell, a student at Spelman College, came with Richard McDaniel, who attends Morehouse College.

They said they have been Obama supporters ever since he first tossed his hat into the presidential ring and were excited to learn that he was coming to Atlanta.

“I like how he is straightforward. He lets you know what he is for and what he is against, and doesn’t beat around the bush,” McDaniel said.

“I appreciate his honesty. I think that is lacking in our political system today,” Jones-Caldwell said.

Only days after the appearance, Barack Obama greets supporters in Yellow Jacket Park Saturday before giving his speech to the crowd of approximately 20,000.

“Have adopted a short-term way of thinking,” Gore said, criticizing CEOs who are too concerned with their quarterly earnings to consider the long-term direction of their company, particularly when they could actually benefit by focusing on environmental responsibility.

He said the problem also rests in the American people, who know all about unimportant things like celebrity gossip, but remain less informed about matters much more significant and pressing to their lives and the lives of their children.

He said that the reason climate change has begun happening stems from the fact that “the relationship between humankind and planet Earth has been transformed” as a result of factors ranging from the explosive population growth, with the number of Earth’s inhabitants quadrupling in the past century, to the technological progress which he said has been a tremendous benefit to humanity but at the same time has caused people to abuse the planet like a “bull in a china shop”.

Gore said that manufacturers, in striving to minimize waste and emissions, should look at it as an opportunity to improve their business rather than as a liability upon it.

His speech was followed by a short question and answer session. Among other things he addressed the fact that climate change should be considered an issue of national security and that like businesses, governments should also strive to be carbon neutral.

As an example he cited the prime minister of New Zealand who, after seeing his film, placed a greater priority on countering climate change and decided that her country needed to work towards carbon neutrality and sustainability.
**Student Government**

**UHR stops SAF policy short**

By James Stephenson

The Student Activity Fee (SAF), the replacement of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy, passed the student senate in May. Its only setback came when it failed in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR). In the senate, the bill passed by a vote of 26-2, but the bill only received three positive votes in the house, making it impossible for the bill to go into effect.

The SAF policy has been a hot button issue between the senate and the house. This year, it was renewed the time in a conference committee to come up with a compromise that would make both chambers of the Student Government happy. The bill resolving to enact the SAF policy left the conference committee last week and was placed on the agenda of both houses to be voted on.

The mirror opposites of the vote totals tell the story: the differences between the two chambers of the SGA. Last year, the budget dispute was not as big as the SAF policy nearly not passing a budget which would have meant that no organization on campus would have gotten the funding that they deserved. While both chambers of the SGA passed the budget, the SAF policy renewed the arguments between the two chambers at the close of the school year.

“I am obviously disappointed that the UHR chose to reject nearly a year and a half worth of work on the part of many individuals on our campus,” said Mitch Keller, graduate SGA president.

The reasons are complicated. It seems that some members of the UHR felt that the new policy would force them to give up authority, while the intent of the policy’s standards for allocations that did not follow the policy was simply to require a higher standard than usual for making exceptions,” Keller said.

According to Brock Wester, coordinating officer and graduate SGA president-elect, the reason that the bill failed the house was because of the language used to establish the new enactment ratio.

The point of contention in the enactment ratio was that the ratio was being raised to prevent the house from being able to pass a bill on no matter what happened in the senate. Currently, a bill can fail in the senate and then pass the house, and if this happens a majority of the time, the bill will pass overall if the two versions of the bill are exactly the same. If they are not exactly the same, the bill goes to a conference committee.

The SAF policy was sparked by the Georgia Tech Defense (SAF) lawsuit against Tech. SGA felt that it was necessary to change the JFC policy to make the funding process clearer to organizations requesting money.

With the failure of the SAF policy, the JFC policy stays in effect until the JFC meets in the fall to revise its policy. Until then, organizations have to take the same policy to determine whether or not they can request certain moneys or not.

SGA president Mitch Keller said, “I am confident that we will come to a done deal.”

Keller made it one of his priorities this year. “I don’t know if it will be implemented in the fall, but if it is not, I will make it one of my priorities,” Keller said.

According to Wester, getting a new SAF policy introduced and passed will be one of his top priorities in the fall.

**Wester, Yerger win grad election**

By James Stephenson

The graduate student government elections ended Thursday morning with the confirmation of three positions: both Brock Wester and Karl Yerger as graduate president and graduate executive vice president respectively.

Both races were officially unopposed, though the executive vice president position received some contention by a possible write-in candidate in Giant Farmer, who was dropped. The billKill was adopted by the Graduate Senate last week.

The presidential race, though, was always uncontented and Wester has been using the past few weeks to learn about his new position so his transition time can be shorter.

“Recently, I have been transition into the job. Mitch Keller, current graduate president, has done a good job getting me involved in a variety of committees to help me learn the position,” Wester said.

While Wester is happy about winning, he knows that there are several issues awaiting him once he officially takes office.

“On thing is that I do not have as much experience within the SGA as [Keller] did when he became president,” Wester said.

The four main issues are graduate stipends, payroll deductions, and graduate health insurance.

“The ticketing issues is in a way resolved. The current executive vice president Ryan Bechtel met with Bobby Beaudieu, [the undergraduate vice president of campus affairs], and determined how tickers would be distributed next year. There will be a thousand tickets allocated specifically for graduate students, but it will be fair for undergraduates, as well.”

Wester said.

Payroll deductions is also close to a done deal.

“[Keller] made it one of his priorities this year. I don’t know if it will be implemented in the fall, but if it is not, I will make it one of my priorities,” Wester said.

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Brock Wester

Graduate President-elect

The other two issues still have a long way to go before they are resolved.

“With the health insurance, the recent re-bid was unexpected.” Keller will stay involved next year and I am confident that we will come up with a good plan for the graduate,” Wester said.

With stipends, currently some departments do not pay masters and Ph.D. students enough to have a livable wage.

“In some cases, the stipend does not even cover rent. We are looking for a centralized policy and will be meeting in May to discuss possible steps.”

Wester said.

Yerger will be the executive vice president next year despite some changes. The presidential race, though, was a difficult task for Giant Farmer in the election. Yerger’s biggest challenge will be running the weekly Graduate Student Senate meetings.

“I think running meetings can be a difficult task, but I am confident in [Yerger’s] ability to run it effectively,” Wester said.

According to Wester, he and Yerger will have the time of their lives in the fall to do a lot of things together.”

Wester is looking to get Yerger involved in many activities outside the weekly senate meetings.

“I am looking to put [Yerger] in a couple committees where I cannot be present,” Wester said.

Wester feels that he is the right person for the job moving forward with everything that has been happening in the SGA during the past year between the graduates and the undergraduates.

“I’ve been working with the house this year as the coordinating officer, so I have a relationship with them. We are both able to do a lot of things next year by working together,” Wester said.

According to Wester, he looks forward to working with Anu Parvartiy, undergraduate student body president-elect. Next year, “I am happy about [Parvartiy] winning. She wants to work with graduates. [Parvartiy] and I already have a good relationship and I am happy to be part of the position,” Wester said.
Undergraduate House of Representatives

This Tuesday was the year’s final meeting for the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The first bill voted on by the house was the joint allocation to the GT chapter of the American Medical Students Association, which had been in conference committee. The bill passed with 28 votes in favor and one vote against.

The second bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Leadershape conference. The conference was asking for $15,500 to help cover “A six-day program that goes on yearly at Tech, as well as other campuses around the nation”, said Danielle McDonald, Assistant Dean of Students. The bill passed unanimously with 29 votes in favor.

The third bill presented to the house was the joint allocation to the GT triathlon club. The bill was originally postponed, as there was no organizational representative, but it was brought back under consideration, as it was the last meeting of the year. It passed with 28 votes in favor, no votes against and one abstention.

The fourth bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Ferst Center. The funding requested was for painting, as well as reimbursement for earlier events. There was some debate over whether or not the Ferst Center was conducive to Tech Student Organizations, as they “legislate how people should run their events,” noted Tim Gallagher, RHA president. After discussion the bill passed with 22 yays, four nays and one abstention.

The fifth bill presented was the resolution approving the Interfraternity Council (CPC) bylaws changes. The Interfraternity Council passed amendments April 10 dealing with their Judicial Branch to help form a joint judicial board between IFC and the other Greek organizations on campus to deal with institutional issues. The bill passed with 28 votes in favor, no votes against and one abstention.

The sixth bill was the Resolution Approving the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) bylaws changes. The council had made various updates in their bylaws to correlate them with national standards, as well as dividing their philanthropy chair into two positions. The bill was amended to also approve the changes to the CPC constitution, and it passed unanimously with 29 votes in favor.

Thim Gallagher discusses a bill during the UHR meeting Tuesday. The house failed the SAF policy bill with only three votes in favor.
**Memorial**

Both universities have a heavy focus on engineering and with Georgia Tech’s entrance into the ACC, the two schools play each other in sports every year.

Reverend Al LaCour of the Reformed University Fellowship also spoke at the ceremony. “I’ve been a minister for about 30 years, and the times that I am asked the most difficult question are times just like this: hurricanes, 9/11, highway fatalities. What’s the meaning of this entire massacre?” LaCour said. LaCour directed those present to a poem for Ecclesiastes in the Bible and emphasized that everything is not meaningless.

The Georgia Tech Chamber Choir sang “I Did Not Die” by Mary Frye to conclude the event, although a statement by Clough summarizes the reaction on campus to the horrible shoot- ing of Georgia Tech.

“I know that we will always be forever saddened in fact of what happened, and we need to do all we can to assist.”

Wayne Clough Institute President

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**Traffic accident**

4/16/2007 16:27:00 hrs.

Location: 600 Block Cherry Street/ Guggenheim Building Lot Incident: Report of a hit and run vehicle accident (no reported injuries).

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4/16/2007 10:15:00 hrs.

Location: Whittaker Building Incident: Report of a sick person, transported by ambulance to Grady Hospital

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**Criminal trespass**

4/16/2007 12:00:00 hrs.

Location: Eighth Street Apartments Incident: Report of a damaged wall and fire exit sign

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**Motor vehicle theft**

4/16/2007 17:00:00 hrs.

Location: Whittaker Building Incident: Report of a stolen dark blue ‘01 Club Car Carry All 2

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**Traffic violation**

4/16/2007 13:15:00 hrs.

Location: First Drive between Sixth Street and Regents Drive Incident: Offender arrested for operating vehicle without a valid test operating vehicle with improperly transferred plates, and no insurance

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**Wanted person**

4/17/2007 3:17:00 hrs.

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No offence to anyone reading my slivers!!! I intend to open your eyes, not to create a sliver-style flamewar. I should study... but I am going to play super smash instead... GT Mmmm... Podʒington Bear... how do you always know how I am feeling? gumball AND a flyer! thanks for giving me something to throw teh gum away in, nothin but treble!!!

i am not surprised by the VT shooting. i’m not saying it’s not sad. it is, very. I’m just not surprised at all.

i’m in the library and the glee club or something is performing in LBC. awesome?!


You wanna know what’s sad? it’s expensive 2 run 4 office. I thought a reason why HoR could be held by 25yos is that the US could have new blood & ideas could bring some fresh perspective in policy. People nowadays in GA have to have money or some crazy connections to get the sigs for qualifying. I need to clean my room On the way to class today I passed 2 girls I’d sleep with, all time high. I’m really sad at the horrible crimes. Those young lives were more precious than some stupid class!!

You’ll never walk alone Nervin ‘Rando’ Samuel Peace up A- Town! I freaking hate finals For a conservative, Ruth is doing a great job as professional victim.

Bahrain!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LEBANON!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

but Bahrain is better :D I want ana to lose so that the tools at this school realize that they really don’t run every-thing
**Runoff from page 1**

“...you put yourself out for judgment by 1,250 people and hope they’ll go along with you. I don’t do that. I’m excused for what the year will bring and for the potential that we have,” Parvatiyar said.

Parvatiyar is currently the chief of staff in current undergraduate student body president Allison Graab’s executive cabinet. Graab believes having this position will help Parvatiyar adjust to her new role.

“She has great experience and I think she’ll be able to come in and take over very quickly. I think she will face the challenges that all presidents face in trying to bear the learning curve in the position, and completing everything she needs to do to begin it really difficult too, but I’m sure Anu will do a great job,” Graab said.

According to Parvatiyar, her first priority as president will be to fill out her executive cabinet, which includes the positions of Chief of Staff and Vice Presidents of Administrative Affairs, Campus Affairs, Campus Operations, and the School of Business. She said she will work with Graab to make sure the applications for those positions go out as soon as possible.

Parvatiyar said she encourages anyone interested in an executive board position to apply and that applications will be due Friday, April 27. “I’m a believer in making sure you get the right people on board first, so there will have to be a very quick turnover on any positions,” Parvatiyar said.

Peeples, like Parvatiyar, was relieved to have finally extended the campaign to come to a close and set his sights on the upcoming year in his new position. “It feels really great to have it all over with. The race was really close all the way and I want to commend the other candidates for running a good campaign and raising some important issues. I hope to work to implement the PRS system and we still have to do a little bit of work on our Finance Committee policy; since it failed at the last meeting,” Peeples said.

The results were announced in the Student Center Commons by Will Welch, elections committee chair, and fourth-year International Affairs major Jake Schabel, elections committee vice chair. However the time was moved up from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in order to not overlap with a sorority event that was scheduled in the First Center, which ran until approximately 6 p.m.

The results came as a surprise to many who had followed the election as Parvatiyar made up such a large vote deficit. However, with two less candidates in the race they were able to reach a large number of voters who had previously supported one of the other candidates.

Another aspect of note with the run-off elections is the high voter turnout for a two week election. The presidential runoff received 3,354 votes, 76% of the voter turnout from the initial SGA election and the runoff from last year and then recorded in previous years.

According to Welch, the high voter turnout for the runoff was not surprising and was the result of an overall successful campaign and election cycle on campus.

“...I want to commend the other candidates for running a good campaign.” Matt Peeples

Undergraduate Executive Vice President-elect

**GSS from page 5**

“A six-day program that goes on every year at Georgia Tech, as well as other camps around the nation,” said Danielle McDowell. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation before the senate was the joint allocation to the triathlon club. The bill was originally postponed, as there was no organizational representative, but it was brought back under consideration, as it was the last meeting of the year. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to the AIESEC Sustainability Series. The bill was withdrawn by the author.

The next bill was the joint allocation to the Fiscal Center. The organization was asking for funds for painting, as well as reimbursement for earlier events. There was some debate over whether or not the Fiscal Center was conducing to Tech Student Organizations. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to the Hellenic Society. The organization was asking for funds for a summer job, the bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to RHA. The organization was seeking funds for the senate.

The joint allocation to Wreck Racing was the next bill on the agenda. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to the National Republican Students Club. The club President, Stacey Mahlimohes, has qualified for nationals, and the group was requesting travel and coaching funds. The bill was amended to strike the coaching funds, and lower the travel costs. The bill passed the senate.

The next bill was the joint allocation to AASU. The organization was asking for funds for its end of year conference and received $755 for publicity funding. The bill passed. The last bill was the joint resolution expressing condolences to Virginia Tech. The bill passed unanimously.

The graduate student elections also took place this week. Brock Wicker won the position of Graduate Student Body president. The next graduate SGA president and gradu- ate SGA executive vice president respectively. Grant Farmer, an Earth and Atmospheric Science graduate student, challenged the election code to try and run for the executive vice president position. The GJC ruled against him last week and, while he tried to run as a write-in candidate, he failed to win the election.

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The seventh bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Hellenic society, which had been moved up from new business. The culturally based club was requesting funding to purchase new flags, and the bill passed unanimously with 29 votes.

The eighth bill presented to the house was the joint allocation to the African American Students Union. The group is holding an end of year conference, and received $75 for publicity funding. The bill passed unanimously with 28 votes.

The ninth bill presented was the joint allocation to the Equestrian Club. The club’s president, Stacey Mahlmeister, has qualified for nationals, and the group was requesting travel and coaching funds. The bill was amended to strike the coaching funds, and lower the travel costs. The final bill passed the house with 28 votes in favor.

The tenth bill presented to the house was the joint resolution expressing condolences to the Virginia Tech community. The bill passed unanimously with 28 votes in favor.

The twelfth bill presented was the joint allocation to Wreck Racing. The bill was amended down to a joint allocation to Equestrian Club. The club's president, Stacey Mahlmeister, has qualified for nationals, and the group was requesting travel and coaching funds. The bill was amended to strike the coaching funds, and lower the travel costs. The final bill passed the house with 28 votes in favor.

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The fourteenth bill brought before the house was the joint resolution on the fiscal year 2008 budget for Tier I, II, and III organizations. The bill had been in conference committee since last week, and was changed slightly from the version passed in the house. The aquatic center received four more paid weeks of operations, as well as various small changes throughout the budget. The budget passed the house with 28 votes in favor, one vote against and no abstentions.

The fifteenth and final bill presented to the house this semester was the joint resolution regarding the Student Activity Fee Allocation Policy. The bill dealt with the enactment ratio between the undergraduate house of representatives and the graduate student senate. The bill failed the house with only 3 votes in favor, 26 votes against and no abstentions.

The budget passed the house with 28 votes in favor, one vote against and two abstentions.

The amendment to the bylaws of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. The amendment was to help establish a new governing board within student organizations, and it passed unanimously with 29 votes in favor.
CPC fails to grant local, associates voting rights

By Vivian Kaul
Staff Writer

The Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) was recently presented with new amendments to their constitution that would allow local sororities and associate member committees some voting rights within CPC. This is part of several changes that have been made to streamline the current CPC constitution. However, the amendments failed to pass CPC after a tied vote Monday night.

Jenn Tanner, CPC Executive Vice President, was one of the first to bring the issue to the floor. "There are six students on the [Honors Program] committee, and we plan out what programs the Honors Program is coming to an end, and this first class has seen its shares of ups and downs that inevitably appear with the beginning of the semester. This year was a trial run for the committee... as we looked forward to preparing for your future. Call MAJ Haynes at 478-972-8337.

Industrial Engineering major and member of the committee, in addition to Garcia, the other five students that make up the Honors Program committee are Rachael Kartmali, Ricardo Ibarria, Emily Chambers, Nellie Benzen, and Will Marshall. The activity that the students decided to undertake this year was conducting book drives at Tech and at some high schools in the local area. Some books are then donated to Sheltering Arms, a non-profit early childhood education program. During the summer they will participate in a program called "Reading Pals" where they will go read to kids once a week.

"They are a true group of go-getters. They have found ways to get through the obstacles. They have found ways to get behind a proposal to create new special topics classes that they need to take for their curriculum. The new center classed around music is a popular example of the Honors Program students proposing new ideas. "We really try to encourage them to have ideas for classes, especially if the ideas are interdisciplinary and group focused in nature. We would love to accommodate the students for these courses that are part of their requirements," Leonard said.

There are also additional benefits for local sororities beyond voting rights. Under the new amendments they will also gain the ability to hold positions as committee chairs. Despite apparent support from the national sororities on campus during discussion about the amendments before the vote, the amendments still ultimately failed. "It seems, to me and I believe to most of the leaders in the council, that it is unfair for them to pay dues, come to events, and yet they don't have a vote. They should have a vote for the issues that pertain to them," Tanner said.

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Tech tragedy

As colleges across the nation reach the most stressful part of the semester, the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Va. was ravaged by the worst shooting spree in U.S. history. In what will be remembered as a national tragedy, 32 people were killed this Monday morning in a seemingly random act of horrific violence.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the Virginia Tech community, sympathies that are felt across the Georgia Tech campus as well as the nation. As a sister school in the ACC and a fellow “Tech” school, Virginia Tech has always had close ties to our school. Notwithstanding these personal ties, as an entire college community we still feel the loss experienced by the Virginia Tech community.

There has been a great surge of support from the national collegiate community following Monday’s shooting. Here at Georgia Tech there has been an admirable outpouring of support on our campus. The memorial held at the Campanile Tuesday afternoon was quickly and efficiently organized for students, faculty and other members of the Tech community as an outlet for their grief and to show their respects.

However, this demonstration of solidarity has been inconsistent. For instance, the College of Management canceled the scheduled filming of the television show Mad Money on Tuesday, citing that it would be “incongruous with the pain of our peers and colleagues at Virginia Tech and their families are experiencing.” On the other hand, the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) held Sting Break Student Appreciation Day as planned—demonstrating that Georgia Tech cannot stop because of a tragedy outside of both our campus and human control.

Though we have heard so often in the past few days that this tragedy could just as easily have happened here, it is important to remember that it did not. The tragedy in Virginia seems to have called attention to the lack of emergency response systems in place on college campuses across the nation.

In light of this realization, it is natural for students to begin to worry about safety on our own campus, but Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech, while similar institutions, have different campuses. Blacksburg is a college town with a vast campus. If a similar event were to happen at Georgia Tech, this campus is far smaller and would be easier to secure, and GTPD would be able to rely on the assistance of the Atlanta Police Department.

While we sympathize with the Virginia Tech community, we must realize that life goes on. We will keep them in our memories, but we cannot let thoughts of the tragedy overwhelm us.

Thanks for great year, Technique

They didn’t throw me in the fountain. That was all I could think of as I went home from my last Tech- nique meeting last year. It certainly wasn’t normal to be upset at not being thrown into a very shallow area of water, but it had become a tradition at the Technique to surprise and dunk the incoming Editor-in-Chief at one of the last few meetings. I’m not quite sure why, but I care a lot about traditions and I likeness I’d been shafted. There I was, excited about the editorial board had just chosen and feeling anxious about where to take the Technique next, but all I could think about was that fountain.

Astonishing irrational thoughts around in my head for a few hours of what message the previous editor was trying to send. I got a phone call from him. Of course the explanation was simple: be forget and didn’t really understand why anyone would want to be dunked in the fountain to begin with, but he said not to worry—it would happen sometime. I didn’t understand why anyone could be consumed to the point they forget such an exciting tradition, at least not until the week when it dawned on me as I left the office after my last Technique staff meeting ever that I had just forgotten to throw my successor into the fountain.

Luckily it turns out my successor is more sane than I am and was not affected by my mistake (although no doubt, it will be corrected in the near future). Still, as the fountain story illustrates, leading the “South’s Liveliest” this year has changed me—and not just to the point that I have so much going through my head that I forget traditions. Serving as News Editor last year taught me a lot about campus politics, AP style, student government budgets and campus crime, but nothing compares to my experience this year heading a staff that earnestly tried to represent your student voice every week.

I started out the year with ambitious goals, as every leader should, and laid them out in my editorial in the freshman issue: “Even more than just continuing to provide a distraction from your Friday lectures as much as always, I hope you see innovation in the paper, and I hope that the Technique always contains information you want to read.”

I am proud to say that there was innovation in the Technique this year, as editors experimented with new layouts and the first issue of spring introduced a new, centered flag on the front page that highlighted the paper’s long history at Tech.

By no means were we perfect, and believe me I still remember every time the crossword puzzle has been messed up this year, as well as hundreds of other little errors. However, looking back it isn’t the product that we put out each week that I remember, it is the amazing time that I had producing it with a staff that made my life crazy but also very rewarding. The dedication of this year’s staff has made my life easy but kept me sane.

The Technique came out every Friday afternoon only because of the dedication of this year’s staff. They are a diverse and incredibly talented group that gave the paper the spirit it had this year through their individuality.

To everyone involved with the newspaper this year, who accomplished amazing things by not only following my direction but by challenging me when necessary, I thank you.

To next year’s editors, I know you will continue many of the traditions of the Technique while at the same time innovating your own to take the paper to the next level. Always remember that first and foremost the Technique is a student newspaper. The only way we can keep the Technique lively is to infuse it with student life.

To my successor, I know that you will make significant progress next year as you continue the tradition that started in 1911. Remember to not be afraid to ask the hard questions and defy traditions when necessary. Also, it doesn’t hurt to take a walk and then, either when you need perspective or just a break from deadline insanity.

To the readers, thank you for allowing us the privilege of representing your voice every week. I appreciate every email and letter that you sent this year whether it was praising the staff or condemning us. By the end of the week, every staff member spends hours working on the paper to entertain and inform you, so it is great to hear from you. I encourage you to continue giving the paper your feedback. Next year’s editors will value your comments and be better at their jobs because of them.

To Tech, thanks for three amazing years. I am leaving with a phenomenal education, but more importantly a better person full of memories of my time here—including that dunk in the fountain.

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**Imus incident highlights double standard**

When news of the Don Imus debacle broke last week, I had to go check it out for myself. I very well know that anything you get secondhand—even from the news media—is going to have spin on it. So I went straight to Youtube and watched the original, undated audio clip so I could understand what was said—and in what context. My initial reaction is that I thought it was funny. The actual words in and of themselves really were not that funny, but the context they were used in was. Here we have two elite collegiate basketball teams competing for a national title, and he calls one team a bunch of nappy-headed hos. Note that this is a college team and that it’s likely at least half the girls on the team had at least as much education or intelligence as Imus himself. All of this made the context of his words so outrageous and so over the top that I couldn’t help but find humor in it. It’s obvious not everyone saw the humor. Due to the internet-driven amplification machine, which includes pretty much all video and media websites, this was all over the news in less than two days. Shortly thereafter, the vultures of political correctness swooped in and picked Imus’s bones clean of any sort of career he could have hoped to have after that point. Now before I go off about how incredibly stupid and hypocritical this is, let me just say I thought his remarks were rude and certainly uncalled for. That’s it. Not racist, but rude and uncalled for. But also keep in mind that Imus is paid to be offensive. He’s been paid to be offensive for many years. If he’s not clean-cut and middle-of-the-road, no one would know his name.

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**Jamie Howell**

Photography Editor

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**Our views**

**HOT or NOT**

**Remarkable Relay**

Tech has a strong tradition of community service, and the annual campus Relay for Life event is an important part of this tradition. This year, Yellow Jacket Park used to be through the trees.

**Dead week**

It seems as if we were just thinking this time last months ago, but dead week sucks. It’s about that time we stopped calling the more than just guidance counselors, making it the busiest week of the semester. Professors can’t enjoy frantically grading assignments any more than we enjoy completing them. Sorry busters! With tests, papers and group projects galore, nothing will run a student ragged quite like next week will.

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**While Malhotra continues her quest for “intellectual diversity,” it becomes clearer and clearer that she is more interested in advancing her own political aspirations than she is in neutralizing what she calls a “toxic environment” here in terms of the bias Malhotra claims to be prevalent.**

There is the problem with Al Sharpton (and to be fair, many others) is that he’s fighting the wrong fight.

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I remember my first Technique meeting like it was yesterday. I walked into the office with a (cute) friend, who had brought me along with her on that spring day. And it was terrifyingly empty. Only one person from the staff was around. It just happened to be the one Tuesday that I decided to skip the regular meeting in lieu of attending a basketball game as a group.

The girl that drug me along never went to another meeting. I, on the other hand, never missed another one and ended up serving as Sports Editor my sophomore year and Editor-in-Chief last year. In two weeks, I graduate. This is supposed to be my space to give grand advice and spectacular reflections about the Institute, but instead I leave this paper telling a very familiar story—mine. And there is a point at the end, maybe.

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I, myself, am guilty of this on many occasions. I never wanted to come to Tech. I refused to visit it before I decided to attend. But the HOPE Scholarship was to be a part of such a great institution. We are fortunate enough to attend one of the best (in my opinion, the best) universities in the country. The opportunities and experiences that are laid in our laps are truly remarkable.

If I were to consider how lucky we are to have such opportunities, I would have been in a new place the next day. Then, on a whim (well, I had a bunch of free time at this point), I started reading about graduate school and realized I needed to acquire some extracurricular activities to fill in all of the boxes on the applications. I closed my eyes and picked a few organizations that sounded fun. I ended up tutoring in local middle and high schools, and I absolutely loved it. I started writing for the newspaper, and I finally felt a bit invested in the campus.

At the start of my sophomore year, luck struck twice. I received an email just a few days before classes started that a professor with whom I had taken two classes the previous year needed a teaching assistant. His original TA had problems getting into the country. Three years later, I have been a TA for nearly a dozen classes, written a supplement for an Economics textbook, assisted with published Economics research and worked as a consultant.

I had also registered for a class called “Mock Trial.” I thought it would be an easy “A” without much work. Instead, I ended up hooked into a ridiculously competitive activity—one in which I am proud to say that Tech just finished tied for 11th in the country and is one of a small number of teams to make it to the National Championship Tournament of all of the past four years. And I got the “A.” (If anyone’s wondering—Mock Trial will once again be a class in the fall—look it up under Public Policy.)

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TV violence affects reality

My wife asked me how someone could even think of performing the atrocities of April 16 at Virginia Tech. Without a clue how someone thinks, I didn’t answer. Instead, I turned on TV, which happened to be on that same evening. Though I canceled on the 24th, I was hooked into a ridiculously competitive activity—one in which I am proud to say that Tech just finished tied for 11th in the country and is one of a small number of teams to make it to the National Championship Tournament of all of the past four years. And I got the “A.” (If anyone’s wondering—Mock Trial will once again be a class in the fall—look it up under Public Policy.)

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Stress levels rise on campus

By Sarah Turner

With dead week and finals coming around the corner, student stress levels are on the rise.

“This time of year is always extremely stressful as students begin to worry about exams, projects and other end-of-year concerns. Students are already stressed about a spectrum of issues (during the year), including dealing with social relationships (and) deciding on a profession to pursue. Finally exams and projects create more pressure and worry,” said Rupert Perez, director of the Counseling Center.

Students all over campus seemed to confirm this professional assessment.

“Often feel stressed late at night when I think about the tasks that I did not get around to completing during the day. Just thinking about the amount of work to be done tomorrow is enough to make me stressed,” said Juliann Lewis, a second-year Industrial Engineering major who helped plan Tech Beautification Day.

“With the year winding down and finals just around the corner, many students are battling large amounts of stress as they ready themselves to push through the last rounds of studying, exams and projects.”

The important thing is to recognize when a student’s ability to cope is being tested. When this threshold is reached, then the stress being experienced has become a negative situation,” Perez said.

When this happens over and over again, students may experience physical as well as mental problems.

“Stress causes high blood pressure, headaches, muscle tension, difficulty breathing and serious feelings of anxiety,” Perez explained. Students experiencing large amounts of stress may also begin to exhibit a lack of motivation and depression, feel trapped or confused and avoid socializing altogether by withdrawing or avoiding family and friends.

So how can Tech students cope with the stress they may experience during these last two weeks of school?

“I enjoy running around campus when I am feeling overwhelmed. I also allot time to rest in my bed, read my Bible and watch some anime on television, all of which are activities that I really enjoy,” Lewis said.

Lewis also schedules his day hour-by-hour to track the tasks that need to be completed. “When I accomplish the things on my to-do list, my stress level goes down. Then, I usually take a break and relax with friends,” he said.

“I de-stress by taking a break from work to clean and organize my things. It helps me to relax because they are productive activities that are relatively easy, versus watching television which doesn’t accomplish anything. I also like to drink tea while I am working—it allows me to quit worrying and relaxes me but does not take too much time away from my studies,” Schneider said.

Shaikh relieves stress by hanging out with friends and going to the CRC. “It’s important to take a break every now and then and talk with friends, whether it’s by hanging out after class or talking on the phone. I also make sure to eat and get an appropriate amount of sleep,” Shaikh said.

Perez suggested that students should manage their time, maintain beneficial study habits, eat healthily, exercise, get six to eight hours of sleep and avoid the use of alcohol or illegal substances. “If a student is feeling overwhelmed or stressed and needs help or support, he or she can always visit the Counseling Center,” Perez said.

The Counseling Center also hosts many workshops throughout the year called “StressBusters” that teach students about the basics of stress, how it affects the body and ways to develop coping mechanisms.

“It is important to remember that this will all be over in two weeks. We all just have to avoid worrying and relax. With friends, whether it’s by hanging out after class or talking on the phone. I also make sure to eat and get an appropriate amount of sleep,” Shaikh said.

To find more information on stress, visit the Counseling Center in the Student Services building or check out www.counseling.gatech.edu.

Take a break from school and de-stress

Are you stressed? Check out the following information from the Counseling Center about what problems stress causes and tips for avoiding it.

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- High blood pressure
- Headaches
- Muscle tension
- Difficulty breathing
- Serious feelings of anxiety
- Lack of motivation
- Depression

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- Exercise
- Sleep 6-8 hrs/night
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Students share studying tips

By Phoebe Rawson
Contributing Writer

With dead week and finals coming up, Tech students undoubtedly have studying on their minds. But where are some of the best places to study on campus and what are some of the things that students do to prepare for exams? Many students agree that simply studying in their rooms works best.

“I like to study in my room because there are less distractions,” said Jared Ray, a first-year Mechanical Engineering major. All of the freshman dorms have lounges of some sort with tables that can be used for doing homework and studying, and many other residences on campus have good places to study within the buildings. Freshman Experience dorms even have free tutoring for some classes located in the lounges or basements.

“I generally study in my room but I also study in the Montag/Freeman lobby,” said Shruti Gupta, a first-year Computer Engineering major. The library is obviously another popular location for students to hit the books. Many believe that it is an ideal place to study, considering that each floor has a different environment. From individual, quiet cubicles to group work areas, there is something to suit everyone’s learning needs. “They have a spot for everything in the library. I can go in there for an hour in between classes and do anything from sleeping to checking email to doing homework,” said Trish Collins, a first-year Architecture major.

What keeps students motivated to study? GPAs, group studying and good music are all popular motivators.

“I see my F from [my] last test and know that I have to pull up my grade,” Collins said. “If I am doing something like calculus, I generally do it while listening to music, but if it is more theoretical then I go to a surrounding that is quiet or with a group that is studying the same thing,” Gupta said.

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Amid the fever-pitch excitement of last Saturday’s rally at Tech for presidential contender Barack Obama, one face stood out from the cheering crowd—Jessie Brenton, a fourth-year Public Policy major and self-proclaimed political enthusiast who emceed the event (pictured at right).

“Politics is the driving force of everything we get to do on a daily basis. It determines everything; I believe that anyone who feels strongly about an issue should get involved in politics,” Brenton said.

A long-time Obama supporter, Brenton started following the Illinois native’s career when he won a seat in the U.S. Senate in 2004 and talk began to circulate about an exciting new senator on a meteoric rise in American politics. The more she learned, the more she liked.

“There isn’t a single issue that I don’t agree with him about, whether it’s national healthcare or stem cell research or education policy. But I didn’t choose to support him just because of the issues, because everyone addresses the same issues. I chose to support him because of his approach to politics. He has a ‘yes, we can’ attitude and actually makes us feel that we as a country can and will overcome the problems we’re dealing with right now.”

Brenton was likewise impressed by Obama’s firm stance on the Iraq war.

“He stands up for what he believes in. He voted against going into Iraq from the very beginning, even though he was just a junior senator and so many senior politicians were voting for it. Not many people did that. I think that’s brave and noteworthy,” Brenton said.

She signed up on www.mybarackobama.com to volunteer for his campaign when Obama announced he was running for the White House, but what happened afterwards was beyond even her wildest dreams.

“I got an email Sunday night about an organizational meeting (for his campaign) that Tuesday. I went to the meeting, introduced myself as a Tech student to the campaign staff and told them that I would be happy to help in any way possible, not knowing anything would actually come of that. I was thrilled when they asked me to be a part of the program [at the Saturday rally],” Brenton said.

Appearingly, the decision to have Brenton emcee the rally came as a completely unexpected surprise.

“It was such an honor. I had no idea it was even a possibility—I went into it just wanting to help,” Brenton said.

In the hectic few days leading up to the political rally, Brenton helped with assorted odds and ends, posting flyers on campus, handing out tickets to the event, making posters, putting up traffic signs and setting up barricades around Yellow Jacket Park, where Obama was to speak.

The rally itself was an enormous success, boasting a turnout of over 20,000 people by fire marshal estimates.

Brenton introduced all the speakers and performances, and finally Obama himself. She was also responsible for getting the crowd hyped up and excited, calling out a number of campaign slogans and questions.

“This was the coolest thing I’ve ever gotten to do. It’s still so surreal to me. I’m not a professional. I’m just a student, a volunteer, an amateur public speaker at best,” Brenton said.

As for the future, Brenton is optimistic about Obama’s chances.

“Right now, there’s a huge disconnect between the average citizen and the American government. Only big lobbyists and rich organizations have a voice in politics, but it [should be] ‘for the people, by the people’ and I think that’s what Obama’s about…individual people and community problems. He wants to turn a new page in politics that is about individuals,” Brenton said.

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Moments 2007 provides art break

By Swian Liu
Contributing Writer

Once again, it’s that time of the semester—the time to cram, to spend sleepless nights poring over illegibly scribbled notes and preparing last-minute projects. Indeed, finals week is right around the corner, as evidenced by the more-than-usual appearance of stark faces and stiffened yawns.

Soon another Wednesday, the Moments 2007 Art Show was a much-needed breath of fresh air for the general student populace, which turned out in droves to view their peers’ work.

Set outside, the artwork was hung on clotheslines with clothespins or propped on easels in a gallery as natural as.

Organized and sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Student Programs Council, the art show is a traditional Tech event that has in the past featured hundreds of pieces of student-created art from six categories: Photography, Graphic Design, Sculpture/Models, Painting, Drawing/Sketching and Mixed Media.

“Having the art show at Tech is important, because at a school like this, particularly since everyone’s so technically and scientifically focused, it’s good to have other outlets, especially artistic ones,” said Lanelle Ezzard, a second-year Civil Engineering major and chairperson of the Arts Committee.

Only the second year to have the show take center stage on the grassy bank of Skiles Walkway, Ezzard was extremely enthused about having the show be outside rather than in its traditional location, the Ferst Center.

“We had such good feedback about the art show being outside for the first time last year so we’re doing it again. I think a huge part of that is it’s a beautiful day, people are in a good mood and there’s artwork on display,” Ezzard said.

To Nathan Johansen, a fourth-year Material Science and Engineering major, a regular photography submitter to the event and leader of the Photography Club, the choice to exchange the Ferst Center for Skiles was also a good decision.

“When the show was at the Ferst Center, it just seemed to me that people only saw the pieces if they were already there for something else like a performance. I don’t really care about selling my photos or anything, but I want more feedback, so to me, it’s important that people get to see my work,” Johansen said.

In planning the show outside, the Arts Committee had to contend with difficult weather conditions. Committee members were at first concerned with the high pollen count, a few weeks prior and then with the blast of chilly winds and rain that followed.

They finally decided to move the show to Wednesday, April 18 from its original date of April 11, which gave would-be submitters a weeklong extension to complete their pieces.

To the submitters, Tech’s annual art event was a valuable chance to demonstrate their talents and hobbies outside academic concentrations.

“I think having the art show is vital. As Tech students, we don’t really get much exposure to art and culture...,” said Brien Applegate, a fifth-year Computational Media major who entered two graphic design pieces.

The show not only presented a valuable opportunity for those who have recently become interested in the realms of photography, graphic design, modeling and other traditional mediums, it also lent a friendly hand to those Tech students who came to this school with a propensity for creativity but have not had the chance to deliver.

“Art is an essential part of the arts.”

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This is my last sliver in college.

[ ] Engineer are people who weren’t good enough at math to be physicists.

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Congrats to everyone graduating! We’ll miss you lots

The office will be so empty next year, everyone’s going to be gone online.

Staff: Istanbul cafe, i am so there

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Art

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my life [and it’s] been lacking since I arrived here at Tech. I needed my fix,” said Victoria Ibarra, a first-year Biomedical Engineering major, who submitted a haunting watercolor landscape piece and plans to submit many more works in the future.

“I like to see how people express ideas through art,” said David Chen, a first-year Industrial Engineering major who submitted three pieces.

“All my pieces are inspired by the idea that someone can use something as simple as graphite or colored oils and apply it in such a way as to grab someone’s attention,” Chen said.

One of his pieces, a colored pencil drawing of a violin on paper, was as realistic as a photograph while consisting of a bright palette of colors that would have been hard pressed to come from a camera.

Another Tech student with an artistic background who submitted work is Nick Grivas, a third-year Industrial Engineering major.

“When I was carrying the piece to the show, my friends kept asking me who drew it. They were surprised to learn that I had done it myself,” Grivas said.

He submitted a pen and ink piece entitled “Louis Armstrong,” which is just one out of a series of works he started in high school that featured famous Armstrongs. However, like many aspiring artists that come to Tech, college life has not left much room for Grivas to continue his artistic endeavors.

The art show ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and was followed by a reception and an awards ceremony for the best submissions.

First-year Industrial Design major Logan Vickery won first place in Photography for his “Mechanized 1,” which captured the Decatur courthouse’s canon in many variegated hues, ranging from turquoise to amber, in a detail shot.

“I wanted to convey a highly industrialized and mechanized feeling, while also capturing a sort of surreal aspect with all the colors,” Vickery said.

Vickery also won an honorable mention for a photograph entitled “Car 2.”

“It was a good, classy car, and I wanted to really play into the era that the car came from,” Vickery said. Both photographs were taken on an outing with Tech’s Photog- raphy Club.

Mollie Taylor, an INTA graduate student, won an honorable mention for her photographic piece, “One Way,” which captured a one-way sign and lampost combination with an intense sense of chiaroscuro.

“The light was right, and I like black and white high contrast shoes, so I decided to go with it,” Taylor said.

Winner of first place as well as honorable mention in the Sculpture/Models category, Trip Walters, a sixth-year Mechanical Engineering major, presented a moosey table of his original pottery works, which ranged from sea set pieces to assortments of stunningly glazed ceramic jars. His first place piece, a cute creamer entitled “Tea Time,” was glazed and fired in unpredictable high heat, and it caught the giggles and croos of many a pleased viewer.

“Pottery’s a great way to release frustration and tension, especially after a big test or something like that. It’s just really fun,” Walters said.

Another of his pieces and winner of an honorable mention, was a glossy glazed jar of sorts, which Walters decided was for dark chocolate and entitled on the spot, “The Brazen Snowcap of Thunder.”

“I like the shape. It reminds me of antique cooking or tea sets. The glaze was really more of an accidental creation that just came out,” Walters said.

So, come and gone, the Moments 2007 Art Show was a great success, full of fun and awe. The only thing left to be said is that perhaps in coming years, the show can run for a little longer for those who might not have had a chance to wholly enjoy the event.

For more information about future arts events, check out the Student Center Programs Council at www.fun.gatech.edu.
Peach weds Bowser in Super Paper Mario
New game for the Wii keeps old school characters alive

By Nathan Garcia
Staff Writer

It’s a tale as old as time itself: evil monster kidnaps the princess, until someone brave comes and everyone lives happily ever after. However, that last part does not lend itself well to setting up sequels, so Nintendo has disregarded it for the past 20 years.

Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach and Bowser have all been through a lot during this time, with little change in their relationships. That is why it is particularly strange to see the opening scene of Nintendo’s Super Paper Mario (SPM) involving Peach getting married. It is even stranger to see that the groom is Bowser. Of course, all is not as it seems. The evil and mysterious Count Bleck has taken the arrangement in order to give rise to the Chaos Heart, capable of destroying all of the worlds. Now, it is up to Mario and co. to find a way to stop Bleck’s sinister plot.

Like all of the other Paper Mario games, SPM for the Wii has a highly distinctive art style consisting of simple 2-D sprites in a 3-D environment. They also use the paper aspect in game mechanics and sight gags. SPM is no different in that regard, but Nintendo has reworked it to add a whole new dimension to the game.

Taking stages from Super Mario Bros. 2, players can switch out and control one of four different characters throughout the game, all with unique abilities. Mario’s ability is probably the most important of the game, with the ability to shift from a 2-D perspective to a 3-D perspective. This allows Mario to find hidden objects and locate navigable paths that would be impassable in 2-D.

Princess Peach has her parasol which is used to deflect attacks and float over long distances. Bowser has more power in his stomp attack and can breathe fire. Luigi can jump extremely high and use a rocket attack.

The game play is unlike the previous games in the series. While the other Paper Mario games were RPGs, this one combines elements from RPGs and classic platforms. However, instead of a system of power-ups, there is a HP meter and usable items. The one exception is the return of the Star, which turns the character into an invincible eight-bit behemoth for a limited time.

The story is not only exciting, but each world has its own unique look. The music is very enjoyable, employing a mix of familiar favorites with newer tunes that fit the surroundings.

Anyone with a Wii will be doing themselves a favor by playing this game. It is easily the most enjoyable experience I’ve had recently, and the added nostalgia factor increases it even more. Super Paper Mario is an excellent example of taking fun, familiar gameplay and adding whole new dimensions of enjoyment.

The Wind That Shakes the Barley tells of war

By Daniel Griffin
Staff Writer

A film wins the top prize at the Cannes Film Festival for the third time since the first one was awarded in 1959 (or Golden Palm), for the greatest display of what the jurors call “meaning.” Now, what that term exactly means is up to much interpretation, owing to the obvious discrepancies in one’s own judgment of aesthetic value.

Yet, as the jury is typically made up of internationally prestigious, still-working filmmakers, I will submit that this award should bear more weight than almost any other. Last year’s winner, The Wind That Shakes the Barley, is definitely one of the more lackluster victors on the list of previous winners, which consists of films made by the Coen brothers, Steven Soderbergh, David Lynch and a host of other headliners. Taking a page from the Barley takes place in Ireland in the 1920s, as Ireland is violently trying to gain sovereignty from Great Britain.

The violence that ensues pits the their home and murder one of their friends. Damien, who is due to leave for medical school, joins his brother in the IRA instead, and their small group of friends coalesce to fight a dirty war against the British. In the short future, owing to the IRA’s constant raids on British troops and stockpiles, the British government agrees to grant the Irish semi-independence,” with local courts and local police under Irish control but the entire region still under the British government.

This event naturally divides the Irish between those who support the new semi-autonomy they’ve gained and those who don’t think the treaty has gone far enough to secure the rights of the Irish. And in the film’s major conflict, this treaty also splits the two brothers, each choosing, both with good reason, a different side of allegiance. Violence ensues between the two factions with Irish killing other Irish.

The reason that the plot gets so involved is that it ultimately takes over the film completely. The beautiful Irish backdrop ironically serves as a solemn war ground for a very solemn film. It’s often plated with a dim natural light that bends the focus more towards the characters than the full landscape.

The film seems to be shot almost entirely in natural light, and, unlike a film such as The New World where the natural light is used to create awe and transcendence, The Wind That Shakes the Barley somehow uses it to create a more dark and earthy tone.

The film is stuck in plot and character development, which means that the camera eye and cinematic awareness go out the window. What is left is a story that is told over and over again.

The film That Shakes the Barley centers on two brothers torn apart by Ireland’s fight for independence from Britain.

The Men’s tennis team beat Maryland and Boston College, snapping a nine-match losing streak. Page 35

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The Wind That Shakes the Barley opens tomorrow

Sponsored by DragonCon, the Atlanta Comics Expo is scheduled for this weekend on April 21-22 at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Atlanta. Famous illustrators, such as David Mack, the man behind Kabuki and Daredevil, will be featured at this year’s convention. A dealer/ exhibition hall will also be present. Tickets are $10 per day. More information is available at www.atlantacomicsexpo.com.

Pauly D signs memoir

The famous Food Network personality Paula Deen returns to her home state of Georgia to gear fans and sign copies of her newest book, It Ain’t All About the Cookin’. The event is free and takes place at Glenn Memorial Auditorium at Emory University in Decatur on Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

Film Festival opens this week

Over 10 days from April 19-28, 350 films will be shown at the Landmark Midtown Art Cinema. Film genres ranging from features, documentaries, shorts, independent student films and teen-produced works will be showcased. To buy tickets or learn more, visit www.atlantafilmfestival.com.
DramaTech performs Ibsen’s An Enemy of the People

By Jonathan Saethang
Staff Writer

Coming right off the heels of the production of the play Assassins, the DramaTech Theatre continues its spring performance schedule with Arthur Miller’s adaptation of Henrik Ibsen’s An Enemy of the People. Ibsen’s original play was written in 1882, and Miller adapted it in the 1950s.

The play has obviously withstood the test of time. Now, over a century after it was originally written, Ibsen’s play is brought back to life by the deft hands of the DramaTech cast and crew. An Enemy of the People was Ibsen’s social criticism of the Victorian era and the prece- dence of social decorum over concepts like freedom and the truth.

The play highlights the terrible power of the uneducated masses, a concept that was indeed relevant to the political climate in Miller’s era. Miller was most prominent in the time of the Red Scare, when the paranoia related to Communism made his view on society unpopular to the government in power. The subject of An Enemy of the People is also related to this dilemma, which seems to have arisen quite often throughout the course of history.

The most remarkable part about the play is not the historical or societal connections that Ibsen and Miller bring to light. Rather, it is the sheer intensity behind the well-written script—the fiery clash of personalities that bring a resilient quality that has allowed the play to withstand the test of time.

An Enemy of the People is set in Norway in the small fictional town of Kiersten Springs. The protagonist, Dr. Stockmann (Aditya Madhavan) and his brother, the Mayor (Laura Cayzwerks) have just developed the hot springs in the town. The springs have brought the town lots of attention, as they seem to be of medicinal value.

Just as the baths grow more prominent and the small town begins to attract tourists, Dr. Stockmann finds that there is a contaminant in the water from the springs that is detrimental to the health of the many tourists who visit the springs. Although the short-term effects are not immediately evident, Dr. Stockmann concludes that some action must be taken, or the town will be slowly poisoned from the inside out.

And that’s where things get interesting. The audience soon realizes that the situation is not as black and white as reporting on the contaminated water and treating it. The situation is complicated by the economic benefit the town reaps from the springs, as well as the added political intrigue of the Mayor.

It is this “pressure cooker” of a situation that builds tension and suspense in the plot, leaving the audience unsure of a resolution. The characters become involved in a circumstance where there is no right answer, as Dr. Stockmann finds himself caught between his personal integrity and the wishes of the majority.

The characters are portrayed by the actors with well-versed in their roles. The actors seem very natural and well-versed in their roles.

An Enemy of the People is a tale of betrayal, morality and loaded questions with no clear answers. The Drama Tech cast does an excellent job of portraying the complex characters, many of which have multiple motivations and reasons for their actions.

Even the most seemingly insigni- ficant subplots are tended to in the play. The Mayor’s rigid posture, Petra’s ever so slight smile and Hovstad’s whimsical style of speech all add to rounding out what would otherwise be minor characters.

It is this attention to detail that DramaTech has always excelled in, and this play is no exception. It is also notable that many of the male characters are portrayed by the predominantly female cast.

Upon first glance it seems a little strange, but as soon as the play begins the actors seem very natural and well-versed in their roles.

The interaction between Dr. Stockmann and the Mayor is defi- nitely one of the high points of the performance. The stark contrast between the honest, passionate Dr. Stockmann and the icy, cunning Mayor makes a splendid scene to watch.

With each twist and turn, the lively cast of characters ropes the audience in bit by bit, eliciting genuine interest and suspense. An Enemy of the People will continue to play this Friday and Saturday, April 20-21 at 8 p.m.

DramaTech is performing An Enemy of the People, this Friday and Saturday night. The play, originally written by Henrik Ibsen, follows a family from Norway and highlights the danger in uneducated masses.
Texas-based Burden Brothers nearly bomb sophomore album

By Mallory Velten
Contribution Writer

After listening to the first track on the Burden Brothers' sophomore album, 
Mercy, I wondered to myself if this band was of the Christian/religious genre—it certainly had me praying that the whole album wouldn’t be as bad.

Despite that rather inauspicious start, Mercy, which was released on Halloween of 2006, soon shaped up to be a borderline acceptable rock album.

The Dallas, Texas-based Burden Brothers band is actually comprised solely of musicians who all started out in separate bands, then came together after they broke up. So far the band has released two CDs and a DVD.

The Burden Brothers produce a sound vaguely reminiscent of Nickelback, although the band lacks a lead singer with strong vocals. They also sound somewhat like a mellow My Chemical Romance.

The album's first song, “It's Time,” consists solely of five different words, played again and again for the entirety of the song's duration: “It’s time... it’s time... it’s time... it’s time... to meet you.” It becomes obvious quickly that for the most part, lyrics are not this band's strong point.

This song is really, really creepy—it would be the perfect background music for a part in an R-rated movie in which a disturbed psychopath is obsessively stalking/watching someone without that person knowing it. Fortunately, the rest of the album, while not stellar, greatly exceeds the quality of “It's Time”—which really isn’t difficult, seeing as it would be high impossible to produce anything worse.

The title track, “Mercy,” is a short, uneventful instrumental. It seems quite out of place amidst the rest of the songs—my theory is that first the band decided they wanted to name the album Mercy, and just before the CD's release, they decided that maybe they ought to write a song with the same name. That, or maybe they decided that after the first song, the rest of the album showed a lot of mercy to the poor listeners.

Most of the songs are okay, but few are really memorable. A curious characteristic present in many of the songs is this: a song starts off normally, but after about a minute and a half, the music completely changes, as though it’s a whole different song: after a while, it reverts back to the original song.

It's like a song inside a song. There are only two songs on Mercy that sound like they could be played on the radio—“Trick of Logic” and the album’s best track, titled “Good Night from Chicago.”

As both the best song and the one with the most interesting name, “Good Night from Chicago” should have been the title track for this album.

It’s obvious that the band is comprised of musicians with talent; what’s more obvious is that the band members aren’t really in sync with one another. Perhaps the Burden Brothers are still burdened by their tagging name from their previous bands.

I’d advise passing on this album, but still heading over to iTunes to purchase “Good Night from Chicago.”

She's Your Sister’s still good the second time

By Andrew Guyton
Copy Editor

Every week, the Nique receives a few CDs, some of which are reviewed. Some are admittedly best suited for the trash; however, there are occasionally gems such as She's Your Sister’s second release, one twothreefour.

The four-member group was formed in Chicago in 2004, and their first album, In Between, was released in July 2005.

Sincere, then, they have moved away from the straight-through rock and a half to something quite out of place in an R-rated movie in which a disturbed psychopath is obsessively stalking/watching someone without that person knowing it. Fortunately, the rest of the album, while not stellar, greatly exceeds the quality of “It's Time”—which really isn’t difficult, seeing as it would be high impossible to produce anything worse.

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See Sister, page 27
Ladies and Gentlemen, Two Bits Man is back and ready for action. I was away on sabbatical training Jack Bauer to fight terrorism (because anything is more relaxing when compared to Tech). But have no fear; I am here once again to grace the pages of this paper with my glorious presence.

With this wonderful aroma of the season come the sights and sounds of students pulling their hair out as LED lamps shine late into the night while another period of tests rolls around.

We all must suffer the wrath of The Shaft**, but at least we all have the joys of summer to look forward to! Finally we can escape this place and experience something we rarely have: fun! With the onset of this wondrous vacation the young ladies of our school don their skirts and swimsuits, and then realize they need to begin honoring their New Year’s Resolution of losing weight.

Unfortunately, the boyfriends of these lovely ladies now have to endure the most torturous phrase known to mankind: “Does this [insert article of clothing] make me look fat?”

To be honest, I would much rather spend my time taking a physics test or finding an Euler brick whose space diagonal is also an integer* than answer this deadly question. Why? Because I know that any answer I give to the test or the math problem is infinitely more correct than what I will probably say to my girlfriend. Instead of being a thoughtful boyfriend responding with “I love you” or “You look beautiful,” I say things that are probably better kept to myself. Seriously... I probably could have prolonged many relationships by just not talking or, at least, giving safe, cliche answers.

I just can’t keep my mouth shut in this situation - I blurt out gems like”, “Well not really, just certain parts of you,” “The visible light spectrum makes you look fat,” “No, no, no, turn around. There. Now you look fat,” or “No, but just in case we should ask a salesperson about the tensile strength of that fabric.”

Apparently these kinds of honest statements do not warrant the warm embrace one would expect. Anyway, such questioning from your girlfriend signals the sad truth that you probably need to shave a few of those pounds and expose your rock hard abs for your week at the beach.

We all know that men are like bears, and we just gain weight in those cold winters. While it is tough to motivate yourself as a guy to go to the CRC, finding inspiration while there takes nothing more than a glance at the aerobics area.

That’s right, all those lovely ladies who asked their significant others and/or close guy friends if they look fat are the ones on those machines getting in shape for the break and for summer.

Hardly anything is more inspirational to get in shape mode than looking at all the ladies you hope your muscles will impress when you’re out in the sun.

Fortunately for me, I’m always in top physical form. When flexing my muscles while working out, a cornucopia of women flocks around me, kind of like a Tag commercial. It’s not as hard as it looks to be the most irresistible man on the planet.***

Well, that’s all I have for this week. Keep your eyes peeled for my next article... and the plethora of women at the CRC.

*Wikipedia is your friend.

**Be advised, I am not liable for the results of you getting smacked, thrashed, pillaged, or otherwise beaten to a pulp by your significant other for responding to her with the following statements.

***I’ll be amazed if I still have a girlfriend by the time she finishes reading this piece.
ACROSS
1. Thrust
5. May honorees
9. Code originator
14. Model-building wood
19. Lay asphalt
20. Over again
21. Advantageous position
22. Zones
23. “Roast Pig” essayist
24. Shuttle inits.
25. Tennis pro’s income?: 2 wds.
27. Sherlock’s strong suit?
29. Recipe instruction
30. Presidential nickname
31. First president of Sierra Club
32. Mrs. Cruise
34. Handsome guys
38. Shady retreats
41. Diamond, perhaps
42. Observed
43. Calif. neighbor
44. Not anybody
45. Subject of Friday night warning to teens?: 2 wds.
49. Conjunctions
50. 1970 Beatles tune “___ It a Pity?”
51. Venus de ___
52. Degradable lead-in
53. Sired, biblical style
54. Day or term preceder
55. City and river in Illinois
57. Take down on paper
58. Wodehouse’s Wooster
59. Licorice-flavored liqueur
61. Sierra ___
63. Get one’s bearings
64. Egg containers
65. Actress Foster
66. German pistol
67. Will’s concern
69. Rapid shooters!
70. Rep
73. Ancient city on the Nile
74. Cruel shelter
75. DJ’s most-played tunes: 2 wds.
76. Student’s performance: abbr.
78. Start of a toast
79. Golf’s Venturi
80. Tries for a homer
81. Early talk-show host
82. Poverty
83. Derriere silhouette?: 2 wds.
84. Handsome guys
85. Result of between-meal noshing?: 2 wds.
86. Issue an order
87. Vincent of the horror flicks
88. Office-holders
89. Datum
90. Sock’s extremity
91. Identical creatures
92. ___ Row (“Porgy and Bess”)”
94. Sen. Thurmond
96. Warp’s complement
97. Conjunctions
98. Famous cookie-maker
99. Use portage techniques?: 2 wds.
100. Non-slip application
101. Curiosity about 007?: 2 wds.
102. Like the Mojave
103. Traitors
104. Literary monogram
105. Outback jumper
106. Rower’s burden
107. Turned down

DOWN
1. Raced
2. Story
3. Gung-ho
4. Japanese stew
5. Quickness to pray
6. Broadcasting
7. Middle: prefeX
8. Best actress, 1999 and 2004
9. Karloff’s “Frankenstein” role
10. Former
11. Make a new bow
12. Plaintiff
13. plush
14. Trust in
15. “Tempest” role
16. Hall-of-Famer Dawson
17. Droop
18. Pompous person
20. Over again
21. Advantageous position
22. Zones
23. “Roast Pig” essayist
24. Shuttle inits.
25. Tennis pro’s income?: 2 wds.
27. Sherlock’s strong suit?
29. Recipe instruction
30. Presidential nickname
31. First president of Sierra Club
32. Mrs. Cruise
34. Handsome guys
38. Shady retreats
41. Diamond, perhaps
42. Observed
43. Calif. neighbor
44. Not anybody
45. Subject of Friday night warning to teens?: 2 wds.
49. Conjunctions
50. 1970 Beatles tune “___ It a Pity?”
51. Venus de ___
52. Degradable lead-in
53. Sired, biblical style
54. Day or term preceder
55. City and river in Illinois
57. Take down on paper
58. Wodehouse’s Wooster
59. Licorice-flavored liqueur
61. Sierra ___
63. Get one’s bearings
64. Egg containers
65. Actress Foster
66. German pistol
67. Will’s concern
69. Rapid shooters!
70. Rep
73. Ancient city on the Nile
74. Cruel shelter
75. DJ’s most-played tunes: 2 wds.
76. Student’s performance: abbr.
78. Start of a toast
79. Golf’s Venturi
80. Tries for a homer
81. Early talk-show host
82. Poverty
83. Derriere silhouette?: 2 wds.
84. Handsome guys
85. Result of between-meal noshing?: 2 wds.
86. Issue an order
87. Vincent of the horror flicks
88. Office-holders
89. Datum
90. Sock’s extremity
91. Identical creatures
92. ___ Row (“Porgy and Bess”)”
94. Sen. Thurmond
96. Warp’s complement
97. Conjunctions
98. Famous cookie-maker
99. Use portage techniques?: 2 wds.
100. Non-slip application
101. Curiosity about 007?: 2 wds.
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103. Traitors
104. Literary monogram
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107. Turned down

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5:30 Poetry at Tech
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 Flags Of Our Fathers
12:30 Running With Scissors
2:30 Casino Royale

Sat. 4.21
12:00 Babel
2:30 Flags Of Our Fathers
5:00 School For Scoundrels
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 Running With Scissors
12:30 School For Scoundrels
2:30 Babel

Sun. 4.22
12:00 Running With Scissors
2:00 Flags Of Our Fathers
4:30 Babel
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 School For Scoundrels
12:00 Babel
2:30 Running With Scissors
12:00 School For Scoundrels
2:00 Babel
4:30 The Baseball Documentary
6:30 Campus Calendar
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 Running With Scissors
12:30 Flags Of Our Fathers
3:00 Casino Royale

Mon. 4.23
12:00 Classic GTCN
2:00 Running With Scissors
4:30 Campus Calendar
5:00 Poetry at Tech
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 Casino Royale
1:00 Running With Scissors
3:00 The Good Shepherd

Tues. 4.24
12:00 The Good Shepherd
3:00 Flags Of Our Fathers
6:00 Campus Calendar
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 School For Scoundrels
12:30 Running With Scissors
2:30 Casino Royale

Wed. 4.25
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2:00 School For Scoundrels
4:30 Sandwiches You Will Like
6:00 Campus Calendar
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 Flags Of Our Fathers
12:30 Babel
3:00 School For Scoundrels

Thurs. 4.26
12:00 School For Scoundrels
4:30 The Baseball Documentary
6:00 Campus Calendar
7:00 The Good Shepherd
10:00 Flags Of Our Fathers
12:30 Babel
3:00 School For Scoundrels
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**Sister** from page 23

... and aren’t quite as strong as their lead. “Doll” and “Sweet Sorrow” both display good work on the guitar and drums, and both songs occasionally use silence to good effect, a mark of a more mature band.

The worst song on the disk is without a doubt “Greener,” which is mercifully (and coincidentally) the second-shortest track. It has relatively poor vocals, and is mixed entirely too loud. While mixing songs to be “loud” is an industry trend, smaller bands shouldn’t need to fall into that trap. It is with regret that I report She’s Your Sister has tracks that are just as loud as any these days, something that is especially audible in “Greener” and to a lesser extent in “Take.”

As any good audiophile will tell you, “loud” tracks such as this one are difficult to listen to for extended periods of time, and have a lower dynamic range.

As if to apologize for that monstrosity, the next song (“Mirror Mirror”) has a very good volume, and a more somber tone. “Of Hate and Stormy Weather” also follows that path with an interesting touch.

Other particularly worthwhile tracks include “Bleached,” “One” and “Kick You Out.”

After “Greener,” the band’s songs all have a very similar sound, although the tracks do vary somewhat in the balance of pop and rock.

She’s Your Sister still has some work to do, but their CD is generally strong, especially since the majority of the tracks are enjoyable.

It’s definitely worth a listen, and probably worth the buy.

The album will be released in June and will coincide with the group’s first nationwide tour. An Atlanta performance is planned but not confirmed.

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**Wind** from page 21

... results plays more like a well-crafted historical interpretation with higher production values.

The essence of “meaning” in film certainly bares different connotations for many people, and this past year, the Cannes jurors chose a safe and adequate film to showcase a rather recent historical event that holds meaning in an extremely temporal sense.

Is this great cinema? Absolutely not. There’s no self-awareness here, no sense of cinematic context or reference to its affect on our very thought and philosophy. Great films do that. Their cinema lies in an infinite timeline, crafting a way of seeping into our vast thought processes and changing the way we perceive our own world.

Maybe that’s a tall order from a small film about the birth of the IRA. Yet it never hurts to try.

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Men end season on high note

By Hannah Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech men’s tennis team won its first match in over a month with a close victory over Maryland at College Park this past weekend.

The Jackets, No. 52 in the nation, took the lead early against the No. 57 Terrapins team. Despite Tech’s No. 1 doubles team, made up of David North and George Gvelesiani losing in doubles play, the Jackets were still able to capture the doubles point to go ahead 1-0 with victories from the teams of Eric Molnar and Luke Raaasow-Kantor and Zach Rath and Scott Blackmon.

The two teams exchanged the lead for much of the game until Maryland pulled ahead to 3-2 after Jose Muguruza fell to Maryland’s Nicholas Frayssinoux, 2-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-3).

Despite facing the possibility of their tenth straight loss, the Jackets pulled off two come-from-behind victories to pull ahead and capture just its third ACC win for the season.

Molnar, Raaasow-Kantor and Rath also scored victories in singles to capture Tech’s three singles points.

The 4-3 victory ended Tech’s woeful nine-game losing streak that stretched back to a March 7th match against Clemson. During the skid, the team lost three matches 6-1 and were shut out twice.

The Jackets fell behind after failing to capture the doubles point. They responded with three straight singles victory to put them in position for a win.

The same three players that captured Tech’s three points in the victory over Maryland, Rath, Raaasow-Kantor and Molnar were also the winners here.

The match-up saw two of the Atlantic Coast Conference’s lowest teams facing off against each other, with just four ACC victories and 11 total wins between the two teams.

The Jackets will next travel to Cary, N.C. to play in the ACC Tournament. They are ranked as a nine seed and will take on the Miami Hurricanes. Earlier in the season, Miami routed Tech in Miami, beating the Jackets 7-0 and handing the team their second shutout of the season.

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Softball sweeps Maryland, Kennesaw State

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

Over this past weekend, the Jackets' No. 22 ranked softball team took on the Maryland Terrapins in College Park. In the weather-shortened series, the Jackets were able to win the only two games that were played by the final scores of 7-3 and 7-2. In Wednesday's games against the Kennesaw State Owls back at historic Glenn Field, the Jackets blanked the Owls 5-0 and 8-0 in the doubleheader.

In Saturday's doubleheader, Tech starter Whitney Humphreys set the stage for the Jackets victory in game one by hurling a complete game from the circle. She allowed two earned runs, six hits, while striking out three and allowing one walk. At the plate, catcher Savannah Brown and third baseman Brittany Barnes contributed by each hitting a home run and driving in four of the Jackets' seven runs in their 7-3 victory.

In game two, Tech received another complete game performance, coming from Sarah Wood this time. In those seven innings that she tossed, the Terps were only allowed two earned runs, seven hits and four walks, while Wood fanned five. Her performance allowed the Jackets to win 7-2 and guarantee that Tech would win the series, and ultimately sweep due to weather conditions.

Catcher Savannah Brown knocked out a grand slam in the top of the fifth to give her two home runs for the day, and six runs driven in. Brown may have been helped by having first baseman Whitney Haller on base in front of her, who had was walked three times in game two.

In Wednesday's twin bill, the Jackets saw pitchers Whitney Humphreys, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Wood and Lacey Richardson combine to shut out the Owls over the twelve innings in two games that they pitched.

In game one's 5-0 win, Tech got two more home runs from Kristina Hull and Brittany Barnes. They combined for three RBI's, and it was all the offensive support that the Jackets would need.

In game two's 8-0 victory, the Jackets also saw third baseman Brittan Barnes and second baseman Jennifer Yee have a home run each. First baseman Whitney Haller also went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBI. Most of the damage done in the game came when Tech put up a six spot on the scoreboard in the bottom half of the third.

With the four victories, the Jackets record moves to 41-13 for the season and 8-6 in ACC play. Wednesday's games against Kennesaw State were their last at home for the season. Tomorrow, the Jackets will go on the road to play Boston College for a three game set before returning home to play at Georgia State next Wednesday.

Entering the final two weeks of ACC play, Tech will need to play well against the bottom two teams in the conference, Boston College and Virginia, on the road.

With the seemingly weak scheduled for the stretch run, the team will be able to improve on their seeding for the ACC Tournament. The team is currently tied with Florida State for fourth place in the conference.
Women end season 2nd in ACC

By Hangming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

The women’s tennis team won their 12th straight match to wrap up the regular season, defeating the Virginia Cavaliers 7-2 in Charlo-
tenue, Va. last weekend.
With the win, the Jackets clinched at least a share of the regular season ACC Championship for the third straight year.

Playing singles matches first, the Jackets took a 3-0 lead heading into doubles play.

Kristi Miller, Allison Silverio and Amanda McDowell easily won their matches in straight sets to help give the Jackets the early lead.
The Jackets, on the verge of winning match point, saw its chances for a clean sweep of all the matches fall away with Taryn Rudman’s loss to Carolina Hammond.

Amanda Craddock took the fourth singles match and the match point with her win over Kristen McVitty, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.
With the match already decided, Tech still won two of three in doubles play. Tech’s No. 1 team, Craddock and Silverio took down their oppo-
nent 8-5. Miller and Striplin added to Tech’s large margin of victory with a 8-4 win.
The day before saw Georgia Tech dominate Virginia Tech, easily winning 7-0 over the Hokies in Blacksburg.
The team, in both doubles and singles matches, did not drop a single match. The whole day was highlighted by Craddock’s performance, dominating Virginia Tech’s Ashley James and cruising to a straight sets victory. Craddock dropped only four games on the day and did not lose a single one in her singles match.
The closest the Hokies came to even stealing a set was in Taryn Rudman’s match, where Virginia Tech’s Natalie Kretez pushed Rud-
man in the second set of the match after Rudman had won the first 6-1, Rudman eventually went on to win the set, 7-5.

After winning the ITA National Team indoors Championship to start off the season, the Jackets have had arguably their most successful season ever.

They reached No. 1 for the first time in the school’s history. Tech climbed to the top of the rankings shortly after capturing the national championship.
The Jackets lost just four matches this year, all to ranked teams. While they lost to some of the lower ranked teams, they also defeated numerous ranked teams, including top-10 teams Northwestern and Auburn earlier in the season.
The team is currently ranked No. 5 in the nation and has been among the nation’s elite teams.
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Tech will visit Indiana next season for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Hoosiers join UCONN and Vanderbilt as early season road trips for Tech.

Tech visits Indiana for ACC/Big Ten Challenge

By Michael Clarke
Sports Editor

Tech head coach Paul Hewitt’s men’s basketball team will visit Kel-
vin Sampson’s Indiana for the Big Ten/ACC Challenge on Nov. 27.
The Jackets are 4-4 in the previous eight Big Ten/ACC Challenges.
Tech’s only road win in the Challenge was a 73-53 win at Ohio State in 2003.
The team has lost on the road at 88-66 in 2005 at Michigan State, 64-63 at Minnesota in 2002 and 85-67 at Iowa in 2000.

Tech’s only meeting with Indiana ended in an 87-65 loss at the Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles at the Bruin Classic on Dec. 29, 1969.
The ACC has won all eight of the previous challenges and hold a 48-27 record in the games.

In other match ups that will highlight the three day event, Wis-
consin will visit Cameron Indoor to take on Duke, Illinois will visit Maryland and North Carolina will play at Ohio State.
Baseball splits rain-shortened series with Cavs

The Jackets split two games in an abbreviated conference series with the Virginia Cavaliers. The series finale was canceled due to rain, wet field conditions and a Tech travel curfew.

The opener of the three-game series on paper looked to be a stellar pitching match up and the game lived up to the billing.

In a battle of sophomore sensations, Virginia’s right-hander Jacob Thompson through the first seven innings while Tech’s southpaw David Duncan allowed just one run through seven innings.

With the Jackets trailing 1-0 in the eighth, sophomore Chris House led off the top half of the inning with a single, putting runners on the corners with one out.

This set the table for freshman second baseman Jeff Ussery. On an 0-1 pitch, Ussery took a pitch that was high and away and executed a suicide squeeze bunt allowing Long, who was charging down the third base line, to score the eventual winning run.

“I had it on my mind on the first pitch and when I saw him almost foul out I said, ‘What the heck, I am going to try it.’” said Coach Hall.

Senior Staff Writer
By Asif Heerji

“Danny Hall made a gutsy call. The game was rained out.”

Michael Fisher (above) went 3-for-5 with a RBI in Friday’s 11 inning marathon over Virginia. The Jackets won the game 2-1, but lost 7-6 in Saturday’s contest. Sunday’s rubber match was suspended due to rain.

“Tech responded with two runs in the third inning to take a 2-1 lead. Brad Feltes led off the inning with a triple into the right center field gap and scored on a Fisher RBI single.”

Senior Staff Writer
By Asif Heerji

“Tech wasted no time in reclaiming a 3-2 lead on a sacrifice fly and an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth to propel the Cavaliers to a 7-6 victory over the Jackets.”

Senior Staff Writer
By Asif Heerji

“Red-shirt senior Jared Hyatt pitched four scoreless and hitless innings in relief of Duncan to pick up his sixth win on the year without a loss.”

Senior Staff Writer
By Asif Heerji

“Fisher paced the offense for Tech, collecting three singles on the evening.”

Jackets beat rival Georgia

In the 339th meeting between bitter rivals, Tech came out on top over Georgia 8-2 on the diamond on Wednesday night.

Senior Ryan Turner made the start for the Jackets to lead a staff pitching evening and threw two scoreless innings while inducing two ground ball double plays. Turner was scheduled to pitch last Sunday against Virginia but the game was rained out.

Turner was named as one of 30 candidates for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award, which honors a senior baseball player that excels both on and off the baseball field and has chosen to remain in school for his senior season, earlier in the week.

Tech started off the scoring in the third inning when freshman Jeff Ussery led off with a walk, moved to second on a Danny Payne single and scored on an RBI single from Michael Fisher.

Matt Wieters followed with a sacrifice fly, scoring Payne from third and giving Tech 2-0 lead after three innings.

Fisher extended his team and season-high hitting streak to 15 games with the base hit.

Tech added four more runs in the fourth inning of which scored on two Georgia fielding errors.

Freshman Andrew Robinson pitched the third, fourth and fifth innings and allowed no runs on one hit while walking one and striking out two to pick up his first career win.

Luke Murray added his sixth homerun on the season to give Tech a 7-2 lead to begin the seventh inning and Patrick Long singled home Tony Plagman to make the score 8-2.

Tech beat instate-rival Georgia 8-2 on Wednesday night in the first of three regular season games against the Bulldogs.

The Jackets used six pitchers who combined to give up just six hits.

Senior Staff Writer
By Asif Heerji

“Virginia’s sophomore David Adams delivered a walk-off three run home run in the bottom of the ninth to propel the Cavaliers to a 7-6 victory over the Jackets.”

Senior Staff Writer
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